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Fire claims family's home

By Pagosa Fire Protection District
Special to The SUN

A Pagosa family lost their Highlands Avenue home to fire Sunday afternoon.

At 3:14 p.m. on Nov. 11, the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) responded to a call for a porch on fire. The call was initiated by the homeowner calling 911.

The first arriving units confirmed smoke and flames showing from the single-family residence. Upon arrival, firefighters confirmed that all residents were safely out of the structure.

Due to fire activity, an ag-

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Photo courtesy Pagosa Fire Protection District

A family's home on Highlands Avenue was lost to fire damage, along with smoke and water damage, on Sunday afternoon. There were no injuries to firefighters or civilians. Three pets that resided at the location were at home during the time of the fire; a cat and a dog were able to escape the fire, but one family dog is still missing.

What's next for the jail?

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

Following last week's loss at the polls where voters denied increasing sales tax to fund a new jail and sheriff's offices, Archuleta County is now looking at the next steps for building a new jail.

Steve Wadley, the chair of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), and Interim County Administrator Greg Schulte sat down with The SUN Tuesday to discuss future steps, cuts and costs of a new jail.

"You know, I'm just speaking for myself... we're mandated to have a jail and we're going to have to build what we can build with what we've got," he said.

When asked what would be affected the most by building a jail out of existing funds, Wadley explained it would be the places the county spends the most money. "Part of that's roads, part of it is

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Veterans Day

SUN photo/Randi Pierce

American Legion Post 108 held a ceremony Monday morning in observance of Veterans Day. The ceremony began with a flyover by the San Juan Flying Squadron and included the traditional pieces such as the playing of the national anthem and "Taps," the raising of the flag and lowering it to half mast, a rifle salute and more.



County administrator resigns

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

Peter Jankowski resigned his position as Archuleta County administrator on Nov. 9.

In a letter addressed to the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), Jankowski submitted his formal resignation "with a heavy heart."

"However, the distance from family and

knowledge that I will not be with them for quite a period of time has led me to this decision," Jankowski's letter reads.

Jankowski was named county administrator at a Sept. 18 meeting, with his employment agreement starting on Oct. 1.

"I guess I was surprised at Peter's decision," BoCC Chair Steve Wadley told The

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School board discusses potential bond issue

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

After the recent passing of Ballot Issue 5A, a debrief on the election, as well as possible next steps, were discussed by the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE).

During the regular meeting of the board on Nov. 13, BOE President Greg Schick began the discussion with a simple statement. "Well, we won," Schick said.

This "win" was due to the hard work of a lot of people, ASD Superintendent Linda Reed noted.

"I really felt confident that we could win this election. I was very pleasantly surprised that we won it by as much as we did," Schick added.

Through this successful ballot initiative, ASD has proved the advantage of being transparent, and getting community

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Council opts to rebuild at current shop site

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council opted on Nov. 6 to reuse the site of the town's existing maintenance facility for a new facility that could open in the winter of 2022.

The decision came in unanimous fashion among the six council members present

at the meeting, with council member David Schanzenbaker absent.

"First of all, everybody knows we need it," Mayor Don Volger said in beginning the discussion, adding that the facility is probably the biggest infrastructure project besides some roads and was one of the most

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

WHADDYA THINK?

Unspeakable tragedies

She held her brothers' hands as they crossed the street together to board the big yellow school bus with its stop arm extended and its lights flashing waiting for them on the other side of the street on the morning of Oct. 30.

She was just 9 years old. Her twin brothers were only 6. Seconds later, a pickup truck slammed into the children. They all died at the scene in rural Indiana.

The children's classmate and neighbor, an 11-year-old student, was also hit by the truck and suffered multiple broken bones and internal injuries.

The next day, a 9-year-old boy was killed in Pratts, Miss., after he was struck by a driver as he crossed a highway to catch a school bus that was properly stopped.

That same day, a kindergartner was injured when he was struck by a car in Tallahassee, Fla., while crossing a street to get on his school bus waiting with its crossing arm extended.

The following day, two adults and three children were hit by a car at a Tampa, Fla., school bus stop. One child was critically injured in the incident. The other four victims suffered serious injuries.

That same day in Pennsylvania, a school bus driver arrived at a bus stop to find a second-grade Tyrone Elementary student lying on the ground. The 7-year-old child had been waiting for his school bus when he was apparently struck by a passing vehicle and was fatally injured by a hit-and-run driver. Later, the driver of the vehicle claimed to be unaware that the vehicle had hit the boy.

On Monday morning of this week, five students were hospitalized after a driver rear-ended a stopped school bus near Richmond, Va. The bus had its hazard lights activated and was stopped to pick up students when the driver of a sport-utility vehicle crashed into the back of it.

In late October, a child in Mississippi was struck by a vehicle while he was trying to cross a street to board his school bus. He died after being flown to a hospital.

There have been so many unspeakable tragedies recently across our nation involving children who were simply attempting to get to school via a big yellow school bus. Their young lives were devastatingly cut short by people who weren't paying attention while driving.

In late October, we sat behind one of those big yellow school buses with its stop arm extended and its lights flashing on Lewis Street behind the Pagosa Springs Middle School when a woman driving a dark car flew past the bus while she talked on her cellphone. Unfortunately, we couldn't make out the plates to inform law enforcement. Fortunately, the driver didn't hit and kill a child that day. She certainly wasn't paying attention.

Please slow down. Pay attention. Put your phone away. Be aware. Don't become a party to one of these unspeakable tragedies. It can happen in an instant.

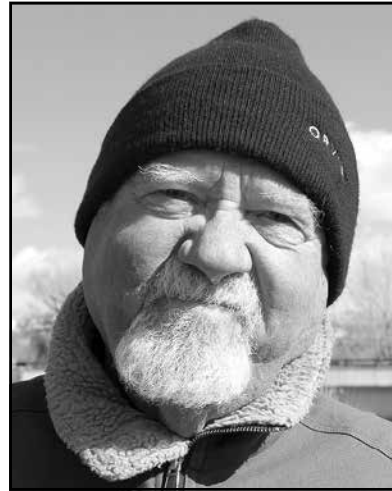
There is no text message, phone call or appointment that is worth a child losing their life because you weren't paying attention to the road and the big yellow school bus.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

What kind of trail surface do you prefer for multiuse trails in town?



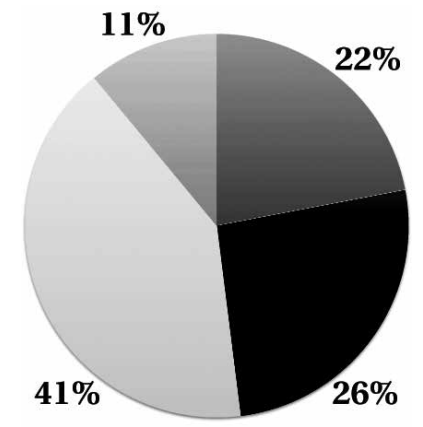
Jared O'Neill
"Shoot, I've never really thought about it."



Buddy Fletcher
"In Pagosa, asphalt or concrete."



Emilio Gonzales
"I would say something like what they have already. This is a nice trail."



Poll results (228 Votes)
Dirt — 22 percent
Gravel — 26 percent
Asphalt — 41 percent
Concrete — 11 percent

This week online: What are you most thankful for this Thanksgiving?
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LOOKING BACK



From the Dec. 18, 1975, Pagosa Springs SUN. BRASS QUARTET — Performing at the band concert last week was a popular brass group. They are, left to right, Jon Johnson, Leona Hise, Lance Lucas, and Raymond Taylor.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of November 16, 1928
The derailment of two cars of steel near Dyke Wednesday evening prevented the arrival of the local flyer from Pagosa Junction. The train returned to that point until a wrecker from Chama cleared the track, and resumed schedule time yesterday.

While cranking a Ford truck near Devil creek Saturday morning, Raemy Wylie had the misfortune to fracture his right arm. Having suffered considerable financial damage from fire and water in the Pagosa Bakery two weeks previous one would have thought that he had already experienced his share of ill luck for the time being.

Mrs. W.W. Mullins, Archuleta county chairman of the Christmas Seal sale this year, reports that the seals are now on hand.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of November 19, 1943
A business deal was completed last week, whereby Kos Harman purchased The Sun Building and corner property on Fourth Street between Pagosa and Lewis Streets, from Mr. and Mrs. Omar R. Henderson. Mr. Harman and his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harman, Sr., will occupy the apartment vacated by the Hendersons.

Warning Notice. Gas bombs are dangerous. The government trapper, Lloyd Anderson, is using gas bombs to combat coyotes. The location of each bomb is marked when they were scattered over the John R. Stevens ranch last week. Warning of this danger is hereby given. John R. Stevens.

Tire Inspection — Holders of "C" rations must have tires inspected by November 30.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of November 14, 1968
The installation of the new ski lift at Wolf Creek Pass is practically complete and it is estimated that all work will be done by the middle of next week. The new Poma lift will open up some unequalled skiing areas on the side of Alberta Peak. A giant powder snow ski basin will be part of the area that the new tow will serve. Gene White, manager at the ski area, said this week that construction work was also practically complete on a rope tow. This tow will serve beginners and learners and is at the bottom of the slope near the shelter house. These two tows, along with the two in operation last year, will give the area four tows with a capacity of between 1500 and 2000 persons per hour.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of November 18, 1993
An interim legislative committee has made a recommendation to the Colorado legislature concerning restructuring of state school finance, and while the future of the proposed legislation is uncertain, the proposal gives hope that School District 50 Joint might receive more, and more fair, consideration in fiscal year 1994-95. "Bill 3," was created following committee work last year that showed the current finance system — the "setting category" concept is inequitable. Under the proposed bill, each district in the state would receive a base per pupil funding amount of \$3,324 in fiscal year 1994-95. This amount would then be modified to account for differences among districts in cost of living, the percentage allocated for personnel, and enrollment size.

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WHAT'S THE WHOLE STORY ON LAST WEEK'S SMALL TOWN SPORTS?

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Business

CHAMBER NEWS

Community Award nomination forms now available

Mary Jo Coulehan
SUN Columnist

The 2018 Community Award nomination forms are now available on the Chamber website. There must be a lot of candidates out there this year, as we have been getting a lot of requests for the forms already.

The awards encompass the following categories: Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Small Business of the Year and Non-Profit of the Year. Every nominee is a winner due to their selfless giving to the community. However, one person or organization gets selected every year to be honored at the Chamber's annual gala in January.

Here are the criteria for the categories:

The Citizen of the Year nominee must have lived in the community for at least three years. They have impacted the community in at least one of the following ways: philanthropic, economic, cultural or lifestyle. The nominee can be an individual or couple. The nominee must be engaged in the activity not related to their work or business. Their contributions must have measurable results to the com-

munity.

The Volunteer of the Year is similar. The nominee(s) (individual or couple) must have lived in the community for at least three years. Their volunteerism can be related to one organization or many contributions to the community. Their contributions must also not be related to their work or business. They are giving of time, money or talent with humility, expecting nothing in return.

The Non-Profit of the Year must be a certified 501(c)(3) organization which has been in existence for at least three years. They must provide a necessary service and have served the community consistently with distinction and excellence. They must be a Chamber member and exude a positive image in the community.

And, lastly, the Small Business of the Year nominee also needs to have been in business for at least three years. They need to have less than 20 full-time equivalent employees. They need to have demonstrated a reputable business image, a consistent, friendly attitude to customers, clients, their own employees and other businesses. They should support the community with goods,

services or time and must be a Chamber member. They should exemplify organizational stability and improvement to the community.

Every year, great candidates come to the forefront of the nomination process. However, people can't be recognized if someone doesn't nominate them. The community is grateful to have so many generous, giving and hardworking people. Please take time out of your business schedule to thank them with even a nomination. Just saying a public thank you to these selfless individuals is recognizing them as leaders in our community.

To nominate someone for any of these categories, go to the Chamber website, www.pagosachamber.com, to access the correct form. You can also just write a narrative describing the successes of the nominee; however, the criteria of length of longevity in the community and other requirements must be noted in the body of the nomination. Should you have any questions about the nomination process, please contact Mary Jo Coulehan at 264-2360 or director@pagosachamber.com.

Nominations forms must be into the Chamber by 5 p.m. on Jan.

4, 2019, in time for the winners to be selected. The awards will be given out at the Chamber Gala on Jan. 25, 2019. The Chamber Gala will be incorporated into the 2019 WinterFest activities. Don't miss these WinterFest and Gala festivities and nominate your candidate now for one of these community awards.

Membership news

We welcome back renewing members Mountain Eye Care with Dr. Jon Zissman, Lindy Moore with Galles Properties and Lisa Saunders Music.

In the spirit of reducing paper and keeping up with technology, as one of your Chamber benefits, have you thought about recurring billing? As a business, you can set up quarterly, bi-annual or annual payment schedules to meet your cash flow needs and reduce the hassle of billing reminders. You can sign up for recurring billing through the membership coordinator. At the time of the billing cycle, you will receive confirmation of your renewal — it's that easy. To find out more about how we can help simplify your work and cash flow, contact the Chamber at 264-2360.

Tips for successful Small Business Saturday

Special to The SUN

Colorado's leading small-business association is spreading the word with its members and other entrepreneurs to prepare for Small Business Saturday, which this year is Nov. 24.

"Small Business Saturday is a great opportunity to show support for local, neighborhood businesses," said Tony Gagliardi, National Federation of Independent Business's (NFIB) Colorado state director. "I believe, given the opportunity, people would much rather shop locally rather than face the stress and anxiety of shopping at the super-

mall. Small businesses on Main Street are where customers find the unique and one-of-a-kind gifts that make someone feel special."

Last year, U.S. shoppers spent nearly \$13 billion at small, independent stores and restaurants the Saturday after Thanksgiving, according to a survey. Ninety percent of consumers surveyed said Small Business Saturday has a positive impact on their communities.

NFIB suggests ways shops and restaurants can make the most of Small Business Saturday:

- Showcase the merchandise that would make a great gift. Group items on a table with a sign saying it

would be the perfect gift for dad or a great gift for the grandparents. Restaurants can offer Small Business Saturday specials and gift cards.

- Steal a page from the Black Friday playbook and offer doorbusters. Chain stores know a great way to drive shoppers to their stores is by offering special deals at different times of the day. There's no reason a small business can't do the same thing.

- Partner with nearby businesses. Pool your resources to buy advertising promoting the neighborhood as a shopping destination or team up with other businesses on in-store promotions. For example, if they buy a pair of shoes here, let them

know they can save 10 percent on socks next door.

- Don't forget to tell your regular customers about Small Business Saturday. Put a sign in your shop and flyers in bags reminding folks to come back the Saturday after Thanksgiving for special deals. Download free "Shop Small" signs from www.americanexpress.com/us/small-business/shop-small/promote.

"Small businesses offer it all, fewer crowds, hidden away local restaurants, and shops of all kinds where you are greeted and treated like family, usually by the owners themselves," said Gagliardi.

Plan

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did seek diligence in case that situation changes.

"The Resort's proposed decree would grant diligence for the remaining conditional portion of the water right and includes all of the same terms and conditions to protect the Town's water rights as the prior decrees."

Kane informed council it would be in the town's interest to maintain the water rights and contractual interests.

- Approved two-year on-call

engineering agreements with four firms: Davis Engineering, RG and Associates LLC, Russell Planning and Engineering and Bohannan Huston Inc.

These firms would be used for engineering projects between \$5,000 and \$25,000.

Projects Manager Scott Lewandowski informed council that the firms have varying rates that will be looked at annually.

He also noted the town has a track record with two of the firms, while the other two come highly

recommended.

Council member Mat deGraaf commended Lewandowski for working to streamline efforts.

- Approved a cost increase of \$4,335.60 on the shade structure project at Yamaguchi Park and a budget amendment of \$800 to cover the increase.

The cost of the project increased when it was revealed the foundation for the shade structure needed to be 50 percent larger than originally anticipated after it was decided to locate the structure on

a hillside.

The project is anticipated to be completed this year.

- Approved the first reading of two ordinances regarding sidewalks and property along Eagle Drive, and an ordinance accepting a drainage easement along the Lewis Street alley that will facilitate town improvements to drainage in the area.

The second readings of those three ordinances are anticipated to be held on Nov. 20 at the 5 p.m. council meeting at Town Hall.

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How the failure of jail initiative could affect broadband effort

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Following the 2018 mid-term election results that saw Archuleta County voters vote down Ballot Issue 1A for a jail and sheriff's office, Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) board member Michael Whiting led an election debrief discussion to discuss how the initiative's failure could affect the broadband efforts of the CDC.

Whiting, who is also an Archuleta County commissioner, began the debrief by explaining that this agenda item was presented to the CDC board because 1A failing could have a "significant impact."

"It's plan B for the county. We have to build two of three things at some time in the nearest possible future. A jail, a sheriff's office and a court facility. Two of those entities can sue us if we don't do it at some point or aren't making good faith efforts in doing so," he said.

This plan B, according to Whit-

ing, might be a far smaller project, but it will take all of Archuleta County's available unrestricted fund balances and reserves.

In addition to that, the other commissioners have noted that looking into General Fund expenditures could be used as a way to internally finance a balance because, as Whiting described, "It's not going to be enough."

As a result of this, cuts will have to be made, Whiting added later.

"Everything is on the table, including cutting our road and bridge to the extent we can," Whiting said. "Literally everything is on the table."

However, Whiting offered the idea that some things, from a "political standpoint," are not on the chopping block, such as senior and veterans programs.

Because of this situation, from a fiscal point of view, things will have to be looked at from the standpoint of "needs" and "desires," according to Whiting.

"There's a bunch of other stuff that's desirable for us to do. Senior services is an example — not required, but desired," Whiting said.

If necessary, Whiting noted that his fellow commissioners have made it clear that they will eliminate all of the "desirable" funding items.

Those items include: housing, early childhood education and broadband, he noted.

Of the three strategic priorities, the likelihood of ongoing funding, in a financial situation such as this, is going to go to broadband, which is good news for the CDC, Whiting noted.

However, this is bad news for the other two strategic priorities which, as Whiting described, are being seen with a "different lens" by the other commissioners.

"Culturally, they see it differently than the other two strategic priorities," Whiting said in reference to broadband.

CDC funding and broadband

funding are less likely "to a high degree" to get cut, Whiting said.

"And if they did get cut, they get cut farther down the line after everything else gets cut," Whiting added.

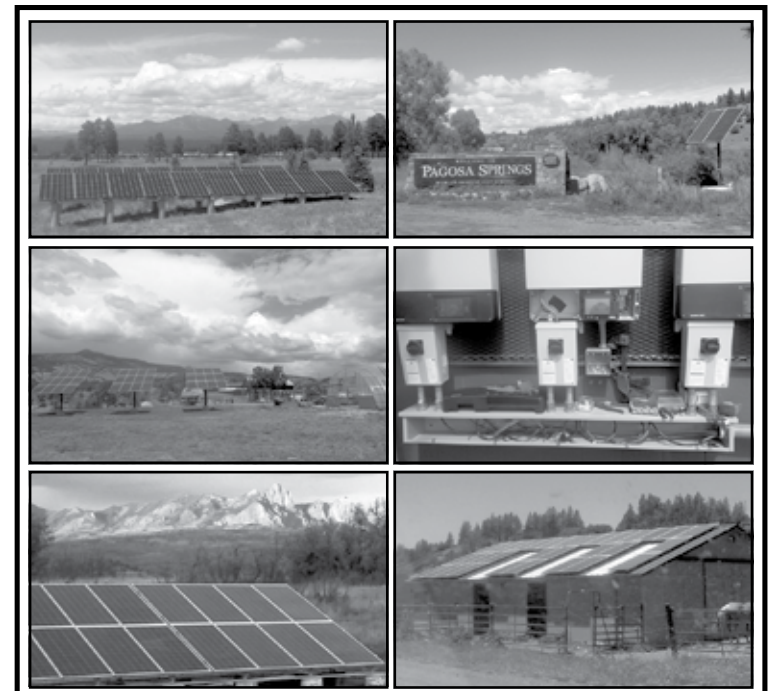
These ideas have been brought up to representatives for housing and early childhood education, Whiting noted.

"I'm going to be arguing that we be our word. And if these are our three strategic priorities, that we find somewhere else to cut," Whiting said.

Later, Whiting reiterated that cutting funding for senior programs and veterans services is not going to happen.

"There's some things that are discretionary that are going to stay on the 'no way' side," Whiting said, "but there are things like broadband, like early childhood and like housing that are still in play as we go forward, trying to figure out how to pay for all this stuff."

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CDC approves budget pending government funding of broadband

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The 2019 budget of the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) was approved at the board's regular meeting on Nov. 7.

The CDC has \$200,000 budgeted for governmental broadband project funding for 2019, while for 2018 only \$100,000 was budgeted. For 2018, from January through Oct. 18, \$67,827.25 was expended.

CDC Administrator Mary Jo Coulehan noted in an interview with The SUN that the broadband funding amounts within the income and expense sections of the CDC's 2019 budget are contingent upon the town and county approving their own budgets.

"If they don't approve their budget and they say, 'No we're only going to give the CDC \$100,000,' then we go back, amend the budget, and amend the priorities within the

project," Coulehan explained.

For 2019, total direct public support is budgeted at \$250,000, compared to the previous year's total of \$150,000. For 2018, from January through Oct. 18, \$102,606.24 was spent.

The direct public support line item is a total amount of the contributions made by both the town and county and the \$200,000 governmental broadband contribution, Coulehan explained.

Membership dues show an increase in the 2019 budget, with \$20,000 budgeted for the upcoming year, while for 2018 only \$5,000 was budgeted.

This has been increased due to internal CDC board conversations regarding hosting more events to get more members and investments, Coulehan explained. Actual totals for membership dues come in at just over \$5,000 so far in 2018.

In addition to that, total income will see an increase from 2018,

as \$274,600 has been budgeted for 2019 compared to the total of \$168,575 in 2018. For 2018, from January through Oct. 18, actual income was \$108,753.07.

Expenses

Along with increases in income for various line items within the CDC budget, there are also increases on the expense side of the equation.

Accounting fees show an increase from \$750 in 2018 to \$1,000 in 2019. For 2018, from January through Oct. 18, actual totals for accounting fees was \$590.

"We have our yearly accounting, which runs about \$600 to \$700, but we also put some money in there in case we need an audit or a review," Coulehan noted. "And that's what most nonprofits have to do."

That line item is also dependent on the activity that CDC has, Coulehan explained.

Broadband also shows an in-

crease in expenses with \$200,000 budgeted for 2019 with 2018's budget for this expense at \$100,000. Actual totals for the broadband project manager on the expense side of the budget were \$38,852.48.

Contract services has an increase from the 2018 budgeted amount of \$154,750 to \$249,000. For 2018, from January through Oct. 18, \$77,762.73 was spent.

"Part of that is the Chamber contract has gone up \$6,000, and that's for additional duties," Coulehan explained in regard to total contract services.

The CDC has also increased contributions from the Colorado Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to \$3,000, up from \$2,000 last year, Coulehan added.

"We're expecting them to be more engaged and we're hoping to get another consultant here in the community for business consultations," Coulehan explained.

Total expenses for the CDC for 2019 are budgeted at \$266,760 and in 2018 total expenses were listed at \$173,220, while actual totals through Oct. 18 were \$90,928.93.

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Water

PAWSD draft budget details increases for capital projects

By **Chris Mannara**
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) draft budget notes that the district, within its general fund, will see a 300 percent increase in expenditures for capital projects and contingency.

That budget is anticipated to be adopted during a meeting at 5 p.m. on Dec. 13 at the district's offices, located at 100 Lyn Ave.

Within the adopted 2018 budget, PAWSD only had \$3,700 allocated for the capital projects and contingency line item and only \$3,000 is expected to be expended by year-end.

Proposed for 2019, \$12,000 has been allocated potentially for this line item within the General Fund.

This increase consists of some IT work that PAWSD will be doing to its file server, PAWSD Comptroller Aaron Burns explained.

The reorganization of the file server will have to be contracted out, Burns explained.

"This actually will affect all three funds. The General Fund will take 50 percent of that expense, and the remaining 50 percent is split between the Water Fund and the Wastewater Fund," PAWSD Business Systems Manager Shellie Peterson added.

The 2019 draft budget shows the General Fund with a beginning balance of \$922,493, a 4 percent decrease from the 2018 budget.

The ending balance of the General Fund is anticipated to be \$912,489, a 1 percent decrease from the 2018 budget.

Also within the General Fund is a proposed 400 percent increase for "board expense" over what is anticipated to be spent this year.

Adopted in 2018, \$1,000 was allocated for the board expense line item, but the column showing anticipated 2018 expenditures only

notes \$100.

In the proposed 2019 budget, \$500 has been proposed for that line item.

"It's meant to allow for some training for our board members. There's some conferences and training in other towns that we'd like it to be available to them if they wish to go," Burns said.

No PAWSD board members went to trainings last year, but the district wanted to budget an amount just in case any board members were interested in attending, Burns explained.

For maintenance within the General Fund, a 39 percent decrease is noted with the proposed 2019 budget totaling \$13,587 compared to the adopted 2018 total of \$19,475 and an anticipated total of \$22,309 for 2018.

"That account is going to have some projects, some bigger ticket item projects in it from year to year," Burns explained, noting that last year, PAWSD had to replace some heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) units in its offices.

This coming year, PAWSD will have another HVAC item, but it will be of a smaller price tag, Burns noted.

The debt service fund for PAWSD has \$21,283 in its proposed beginning balance, a 1 percent decrease from last year.

That same fund has a projected ending balance of \$52,273, which is a 146 percent increase from the anticipated 2018 total of \$21,283.

Burns explained that this large jump was largely in part due to interest earned.

"With interest rates increasing, it's causing that balance to go up," Burns said.

Water fund

Collectively, the Water Enterprise Fund has a projected beginning fund balance of \$5,976,230, a

16 percent increase from last year.

However, when expenditures for the Water Enterprise Fund are taken into account, the ending balance is projected to be \$5,798,334, which is a 3 percent decrease from last year.

Specifically within the water enterprise fund, PAWSD also notes a projected 319 percent increase for capital projects, going up from the adopted 2018 total of \$282,140 and the anticipated 2018 total of \$266,071 to a proposed total in 2019 of \$1,114,999.

This increase is due to a UV light project at the San Juan water treatment plant, Burns explained.

A potential increase of 47 percent to capital investment fees (CIF) and raw water acquisition fees (RWAF) are due to the adopted rate increases the PAWSD board approved on Sept. 20.

These rate increases include a 6 percent increase to water rates, beginning in 2019 and ending in 2023, and a 3 percent increase to wastewater rates, which will start in 2024 and end in 2027.

A projected increase of 41 percent is also anticipated by PAWSD in regards to connections.

Proposed for 2019, PAWSD currently has \$212,159 budgeted for connections, when in the adopted 2018 budget it only had a total of \$158,950 and anticipated for 2018 that amount is listed at only \$150,324.

"There's an increase projected in our rate study for the number of connections, so if there's an increase in the amount of connections that we do, that would create an increased amount of revenue," Peterson explained. "That means, necessarily, that there's an increase in the amount of expense of the material that we're buying that goes in the ground to make a connection."

In the next draft budget, Peterson added, this line item will be one that will be looked at again to "fine-tune it."

PAWSD wanted to follow the rate study pretty precisely in terms of what it had projected for revenue, Peterson added later.

An increase in line maintenance and replacement is one of the main components behind the water distribution line item having a projected 57 percent increase from 2018 to 2019.

In the adopted 2018 budget, PAWSD had \$1,058,620 allocated for water distribution, while anticipated 2018 numbers only show that amount at \$828,013.

Within the proposed 2019 budget, \$1,297,084 has been allocated for water distribution.

Wastewater fund

The wastewater fund, according to the draft budget, has a proposed beginning fund balance of \$2,593,421 which is a 15 percent increase from last year.

Even with expenditures being accounted for, the ending fund balance of the Wastewater Enterprise Fund sits at \$2,879,304, an 11 percent increase from last year.

In the Wastewater Enterprise Fund, PAWSD also sees a percentage increase for capital projects and contingency, this time a jump of 58 percent.

That increase, according to Burns, has "a lot of different components."

One of them is the reconfiguration of the database mentioned earlier, as well as the purchase of a backhoe, the purchase of a truck and the replacement of an all-terrain vehicle, Burns added.

All of these items are spread between the water and wastewater funds, Burns explained.

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Lake levels show small changes, diversion flows up, water production down

By **Chris Mannara**
Staff Writer

Lake levels have shown marginal changes over the last week, according to a press release from Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Manager Justin Ramsey.

This week, Lake Hatcher is 65 inches from full, compared to last week's total of 67 inches from full.

Stevens Lake saw a slight change, as well, currently sitting at 138 inches from full, compared to last week when it was 135 inches from full.

Lake Pagosa is 29 inches from full, and last week it was 28 inches from full.

Village Lake is 9 inches from full when last week it was 12 inches from full. Lake Forest is 8 inches from full when last week it was 7 inches from full.

Ramsey noted in an email to The SUN on Nov. 13 that he was surprised that Hatcher only went up "a couple 10ths."

Diversion flows

In addition to the slight changes within lake levels, diversion flows have also seen a small shift.

Collective diversion flows are

currently totaled at 8 cubic feet per second (cfs) compared to last week's total of 7.5 cfs.

West Fork's diversion flow remains unchanged from last week, sitting at 3 cfs, while Four Mile's diversion flow has increased from 4.5 cfs to 5 cfs.

The San Juan River has no diversion flow, as that diversion has been closed.

Ramsey explained that the Four Mile diversion froze and he noted in his email that crews were trying to unfreeze it.

"That significantly reduced the diversion flow," Ramsey noted.

In a follow-up interview, Ramsey clarified that PAWSD does not know exactly when the Four Mile diversion froze.

Ramsey also added that the last time a PAWSD crew member was at the Four Mile diversion was on Nov. 8, and that was when they initially increased the diversion flow to 5 cfs.

"We weren't getting that full 5 cfs in, which doesn't surprise me because I was thinking it should have gone up more than that. So, my guess is it froze up, I bet it froze up Friday or Saturday," Ramsey said.

Water production

From Nov. 2 through Nov. 8 of this year, water production totaled 9.30 million gallons, down from last week's total of 10.01 million gallons.

Last year from Nov. 2 through Nov. 8, water production totaled 10.22 million gallons.

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Snowpack levels drop, but season is still early

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

With not much recent snow locally, snowpack levels for the San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River basins have seen a sharp drop, sitting now at 94 percent of median as of Nov. 14, according to data from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Last week, local basins posted totals of 144 percent of median.

The South Platte River Basin is currently 170 percent of median, compared to last week's total of 205 percent of median.

The Arkansas River Basin saw a

change from last week, now sitting at 163 percent of median, compared to last week when it was 201 percent of median.

Additionally, the Yampa and White River basins saw snowpack levels fall with a total of 113 percent of median, compared to last week's total of 180 percent of median.

The Upper Rio Grande Basin snowpack levels were reported at 115 percent of median, compared to last week's total of 156 percent of median.

The Gunnison River Basin sits at 96 percent of median, compared to last week's total of 146 percent of median.

The Laramie and North Platte basins are down to 120 percent of median, when last week they were 157 percent of median.

The Upper Colorado River Basin is 134 percent of median, a decent drop from last week's total of 189 percent of median.

Within the local and Upper Rio Grande basins, Wolf Creek Ski summit also saw a drop in snowpack levels. As of Nov. 14, totals sit at 111 percent of median and 18 percent of the Nov. 14 peak.

Last week, Wolf Creek Ski summit had 140 percent of median and 17 percent of last week's peak.

Mother Nature might not be too kind to snowpack levels in Pagosa

Springs and on Wolf Creek Pass as there is no snow in the forecast through Sunday.

"When they are early in the season, like they are right now, they can fluctuate quite a bit up or down," NRCS District Conservationist Jerry Archuleta explained of the snowpack levels.

At this point in the season, Archuleta reminds the general public, who might be concerned by these numbers, not to panic.

"Usually even this early in the year I don't really pay that much attention to it, honestly, because I know it will jump back and forth a lot," Archuleta said.

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San Juan Water Conservancy District invites public input on budget

By Renee Lewis and Al Pfister
Special to The SUN

The board of directors for the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) has been working to cut expenses for this year and 2019 in an effort to deliver a balanced budget.

To date, the board has expended significantly less in many areas than was originally budgeted

for this year (e.g., land acquisition, engineering surveys/studies).

Some of the reductions were made to enable the board to focus on development of a strategic plan that will set the future direction and how the board will meet the community's future water needs.

The board welcomes input on the 2019 draft budget. The public is invited to a hear-

ing on Nov. 19 at 5:30 p.m. in the SJWCD administrative office located at 46 Eaton Drive, Suite No. 5.

To view or obtain a copy of the 2019 draft budget, please contact Candice Kelly, interim treasurer, at ckelly.sjwcd@gmail.com; visit www.sjwcd.org, where it is posted; or you can pick up a copy outside the administrative office at the address listed above.

FSA county committee elections to begin: Farmers and ranchers have a voice in local farm program decisions

Special to The SUN

Colorado Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director Clarice Navarro announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) began mailing ballots to eligible agricultural producers for the 2018 FSA county committee elections on Monday. Producers must return ballots to their local FSA offices by Dec. 3 to ensure their

vote is counted.

"County committee members represent the farmers, ranchers and foresters in our Colorado communities," said Navarro. "Producers elected to these committees have always played a vital role in local agricultural decisions. It is a valued partnership that helps us better understand the needs of the farmers and ranchers we serve."

Nearly 7,700 FSA county com-

mittee members serve FSA offices nationwide. Each committee has three to 11 elected members who serve three-year terms of office. One-third of county committee seats are up for election each year. County committee members apply their knowledge and judgment to help FSA make important decisions on its commodity support programs; conservation programs; indemnity and disaster programs;

emergency programs and eligibility.

Navarro said producers must participate or cooperate in an FSA program to be eligible to vote in the county committee election. Farmers and ranchers who supervise and conduct the farming operations of an entire farm, but are not of legal voting age, may also be eligible to vote.

Ballots include the names of candidates running for the local committee election. Voters who did not receive a ballot can pick one up at their local FSA office. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked no later than Dec. 3. Newly elected committee members will take office Jan. 1.

For more information, visit the FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov/ elections.

IBEW members of LPEA organize 'Fill the Bucket' food drive Nov. 17

By Indiana Reed
Special to The SUN

Responding to community needs in advance of the holidays, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (Local IBEW 111 26A) of LaPlata Electric Association (LPEA) will host the 11th annual "Fill the Bucket" food drive Saturday, Nov. 17, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

LPEA personnel and the "bucket trucks" will be at both City Market and HomeTown Food Market in Pagosa Springs to collect non-

perishable food items (canned goods or boxed/bagged dry goods). Donated food will be distributed to community food banks in Archuleta County.

"We truly love doing this every year, helping support our community," said Pagosa Fleet Mechanic Jeremy Gurule, who annually coordinates the event. "The need continues to grow, so we want to help our friends and neighbors stock their pantries for this coming winter."

Cash donations for the food banks are also welcomed and do-

nors can make arrangements to give directly by calling Gurule at 317-0496, or bring a donation by the LPEA office in Pagosa Springs located at 603 S. 8th St. Checks can be made payable to the IBEW Local 111 Brotherhood Fund. All donated funds will be distributed directly to the food banks.

"We're very proud that LPEA's IBEW members are once again volunteering their time for this important effort," said Mike Dreyspring, LPEA CEO. "We hope many folks will bring their food or cash donations to help support their neighbors and those less fortunate in our area."

For further information regarding the "Fill the Bucket" food drive, contact Gurule at 317-0496.

The IBEW represents approximately 750,000 members who work in a wide variety of fields, including utilities, construction, telecommunications, broadcasting, manufacturing, railroads and government.

TEFAP food distribution set for Monday

By Scott Roddy
Special to The SUN

TEFAP food distribution will be held Monday, Nov. 19, at Restoration Fellowship Church, 264 Village Drive, behind City Market, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be an inventory clearance from 1 to 2 p.m. in which any remaining inventory will be distributed until gone.

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County declines action on clerk and recorder-elect's name

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

What's in a name? The interim county attorney asked that question on Nov. 8, when a special meeting was called to see what steps, if any, should be taken about the name of the recently elected county clerk and recorder.

Todd Starr, Archuleta County interim attorney, described a potential election issue surrounding Kristy Archuleta in the most recent election during a special meeting of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Nov. 8.

This issue revolved around the name "Kristy Archuleta" appearing on the ballot for the office of county clerk and recorder on Nov. 6.

According to Starr, the name of Archuleta on her voter registration is Melanie Kristy Arzu, not Kristy Archuleta, which appeared on the ballot.

"The reason we're here this

morning is a potential election issue," Starr said.

Starr explained that the commissioners should keep in mind the question, "How do we best protect the county from any ill effects of any irregularities, if there were any irregularities — and that's a big if."

According to Starr, in the Colorado Constitution, under Article 14, "No person shall be eligible to any county office unless he shall be a qualified elector."

Starr explained that under the Colorado Revised Statutes, "No person, except an eligible elector ... is eligible to hold county office."

However, before the BoCC was a candidate affidavit for the office of the clerk and recorder, with that candidate affidavit certifying Melanie Arzu as a member of the Republican party, Starr explained.

"There's no mention in that candidate affidavit anywhere of the name 'Kristy' or the name 'Archuleta,'" Starr said.

Another document was a candi-

dates' acceptance of designation. In that document, the full legal name is "Melanie Kristy Arzu," while on the next line for how the name as it will appear on the ballot, "and it says Kristy Archuleta," Starr explained.

Starr mentioned that somehow the document was notarized.

"However, it was signed, and somehow, I have no idea how this got notarized, but it was signed by a name that is not a legal name," Starr said.

Starr explained he had not done any fact investigation.

"But, I don't believe she could have presented an ID with that name," Starr said.

Starr explained that another document providing a copy of her voting registration shows the name Melanie Kristy Arzu as registered to vote, "but not any reference to Kristy Archuleta."

Starr noted another state statute in which use of a nickname is acceptable.

"The name may include one nickname, if the candidate regularly uses the nickname ..." Starr said.

Starr explained that there was little doubt that Arzu regularly goes by the name Kristy Archuleta.

"But, in this case, is that a nickname or not?" Starr asked. "Don't know, not prepared to opine on that at all."

However, he explained that there was case law about "variations in given name" not similar to the "true name."

Starr explained that no one else was prejudiced by the election, as Arzu/Archuleta was the only candidate.

He added that in speaking with a lawyer assigned to the Colorado secretary of state, he learned that "they simple do not care about this issue."

The fact that there was no other candidate made it a "non-issue" to them, according to Starr.

"I'm not here because of the politics, I'm not here to suggest that there is anything illegal about that election, what I'm here to do is to advise you that I think that there is some exposure for the county that you may need to act in order to limit that exposure moving forward," Starr said.

For 10 days after an election, an election can be challenged, according to Starr, and "then it's up to Judge (Jeffrey) Wilson to decide if that's a nickname, and if it even matters ..."

Starr explained his concern was that, "if our new clerk and recorder is seated in January, and there is an important official document that she signs, and somebody challenges that signature, by challenging her authority for office, I think

we have an issue."

An argument could be made that no one had challenged her election; however, "the point is, you're going to end up defending that action at some point," he explained.

This was a policy decision, according to Starr, for the BoCC to either step back and see what happens, or, "the better course of action," for the county to file a declaratory judgment.

A declaratory judgment is an action filed in district court that declares the rights and status of whether or not "further relief" can be claimed, he explained.

In short, it would be going to district court and having them declare that when "Ms. Archuleta is seated in the office of clerk and recorder, that you will recognize her official acts as being official acts, not subject to challenge," Starr explained.

He asked, "Do you want to instruct me to go ahead and file that action, or do you just want to wait, and deal with it if and when it ever comes up...?"

June Madrid, the current county clerk and recorder, mentioned that the documents were from the Republican party and not her.

Further, according to Madrid, Arzu/Archuleta would be seated as Arzu.

"So, it doesn't have anything to do with Kristy Archuleta's name, then," Madrid said.

Madrid told the BoCC she had done nothing wrong, "regardless if you guys called everybody last night saying I did an illegal election."

The fact was, according to Madrid, that Arzu/Archuleta would be seated as Melanie Kristy Arzu not Kristy Archuleta.

After this point, tensions between members of the BoCC, county staff, clerk and recorder's staff and representatives of the Republican Party Central Committee flared.

During this time, Commissioner Michael Whiting noted, "My intention for today is that we don't do any damage to the candidate, or June's office, at all."

Arzu/Archuleta did not comment during the meeting.

Tensions continued until Whiting made a motion.

"My motion would be that we do not pursue this declaratory judgment and drop this whole thing right now," Whiting said.

Commissioner Ron Maez seconded the motion.

The motion passed 2-1, with Whiting and Maez voting for not pursuing the declaratory judgment, and BoCC Chair Steve Wadley voting against the motion.

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Bus stops: It's all about the kids

By Trooper Gary Cutler
Special to The SUN

It's that time of year when the trees lose their leaves and parents lose their kids to the school system. This means we have kids all over the place going to school along with other activities and that means we need to be more careful out there when driving, particularly around school buses.

We've all seen those big yellow school buses with the red flashing lights and the stop sign that extends out of the left side. Today, we look at what you should do when you see those all-so-important lights.

First, let's look at how buses operate. When making a stop, buses should try to stop as far right of the roadway as possible to reduce obstruction to traffic. The alternating flashing yellow lights you see when the bus is moving need to be turned on at least 200 feet prior to the point where the bus is planning to stop.

This doesn't mean you should quickly try to pass the bus when you see those come on. Drivers should also begin to slow. You have to remember that kids also see those lights and sometimes run across the road to get to the bus. So, please, be patient and know it won't take long to get the kids on or off the bus. When the yellow lights transition to the red lights is when the bus is stopped. This means everyone must also stop.

So, here are the reasons a bus will activate its lights: whenever the school bus is stopped to load or unload schoolchildren, stopped because it is behind another school bus that is loading or unloading kids, or is stopped because it has met a school bus traveling in a different direction that is unloading or loading kids.

A school bus driver carrying any schoolchild is also required before crossing any tracks of a railroad, to stop within 50 feet but not less than 15 feet from the nearest rail and shall not proceed until the driver can do so safely.

So now, here's the refresher on what to do when you come upon a school bus. If you are a driver on the road and come upon a bus from either direction that has stopped and its lights are activated, you need to stop your vehicle at least 20 feet before reaching the school bus. After the kids are off or on the bus, you are not allowed to proceed until the signal lights are no longer on. So, make sure no one starts to go just because they think they don't see any more kids. You can only proceed driving

again once the bus driver turns off the lights.

Now we answer the question on what to do on a divided road. There aren't too many of those in the rural areas, but here is what to do when you see one. If the highway has separate roadways then you are not required to stop upon meeting or passing a school bus which is on a different roadway. For the purposes of this section, "highway with separate roadways" means a highway that is divided into two or more roadways by a depressed, raised or painted median or other intervening space serving as a clearly indicated dividing section or island. I would like to add to watch for those kids running across roadways, though. Also, if children are crossing the road at an intersection, make sure you stop for them as required.

Another thing to know is the driver of a school bus not only can, but is required to, call in any vehicles that disregard the activated red lights and passes the bus. Law enforcement will then take the information the driver provides and visit the other driver and will often issue a mandatory summons into court. The driver then gets to explain to the judge why he or she failed to stop for a bus loading or unloading kids. So, if you see a bus loading or unloading kids, it's best to make sure you stop.

If you care to read up on the law, you can find it in the Colorado Revised Statutes under 42-4-1903 (1).

I hope you enjoy these articles and will continue to read them in the future. We value everyone who uses the roadways and our goal is to keep everyone safe. I will strive to provide you with sound advice and safety measures to help you stay safe on our roadways.

As always, safe travels.

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She has been practicing medicine since 1994 and now lives in Pagosa with her husband and four dogs. Dr. Tjan has three grown children. She and her husband love the mountains and the small community feel of Pagosa.

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Rotary clubs hosting exchange students from Denmark, Chile

By Lisa Scott
Special to The SUN

The two Rotary clubs in Pagosa Springs are currently hosting two exchange students. Theodor Bonlokke, from Denmark, and Catalina Aguilera, from Chile, are both high school juniors and arrived in Pagosa Springs at the end of August.

Bonlokke is from Skanderborg, Denmark, with about 45,000 citizens and near the coast. He just finished playing on the high school soccer team, where he played on the field and as goalie. Wrestling will be his sport for the winter season and he's also looking forward to skiing. Derek, Kitzel and Paul Farrah have been Bonlokke's first host family and he will move to the Barker house — Stacy, Tay and Tommy — for the winter and wrestling season with the Barker boys.

Aguilera's hometown is San Esteban, Chile, which is about one hour from Santiago, the capital of Chile. She enjoyed being on the cross-country team this fall and is excited to begin practice with the girls' swim team this week. Her current host family is Kurt, Lisa and Sophia Raymond. After Thanksgiving, Aguilera will move to live with Granton, Elitza, Nicole and Lynelle Bartz.

At Pagosa Springs High School, both students are enrolled in some typical American classes including government, geography and English. They fill their schedule with other classes that have a personal interest for them. Bonlokke is enjoying global science, Spanish and wilderness skills. Aguilera chose anatomy, integrated science and choir, among others.

Laura Delgado returned to Brazil in June after spending 10 months in Pagosa Springs. She made many friends and had a wonderful stay filled with many American experiences and some first for her like playing on the high school soccer team. Her host families were: Bill, Misti and Ashley Smyth; Karen and Sarah Ross with Yul, Breck and Ridge Wilson; David and Mary Helen Cammack; and Anthony, Ronnie and Liam Doctor.

Two young ladies are participating in the outbound exchange program this school year and departed Pagosa Springs in August. Lauren Rowland is in Denmark and Savannah Vasquez is in Romania. They both spent the past year preparing to live in a foreign country for an entire school year and learning basic conversation skills.

Clubs are always looking for host families and anyone who is interested in learning more about this opportunity should contact



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Lisa Scott, 264-2730 or sranch@centurytel.net.

The Rotary clubs in Pagosa Springs have participated in the International Youth Exchange Program for decades. Students apply for this opportunity through the local Rotary Club and are interviewed

and selected by committees in each country. Once a student is placed, they spend the entire 10-month school year in that community and live with two or three different families during their time abroad. This way, they experience different family environments and meet a wider variety of people.

There are two Rotary clubs in town. The Pagosa Springs Rotary Club, which meets Thursdays at noon at Pagosa Brewing and Grill. The Pagosa Mountain Morning Club meets every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at Pagosa Brewing and Grill. Rotary is always accepting new members and invites anyone who would like to explore the opportunity to make contact with any community Rotarian.

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



Photo courtesy Pennie DeClark

Students from Our Savior Lutheran School will be selling world-famous See's candy as a school fundraiser on Sunday and Wednesday outside of City Market.

Buy See's candy and help support Our Savior Lutheran School

By Pennie DeClark
Special to The SUN

Just in time for the holidays, we will be selling world-famous See's candy to raise money for Our Savior Lutheran School.

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We will be selling this Sunday, Nov. 18, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. outside of City Market and Wednesday, Nov. 21, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. outside of City Market. If you have any questions or would like to place a large order, please contact Pennie DeClark at 903-3242.

All of the proceeds raised benefit the children at Our Savior Lutheran School. We have been serving the

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Peterson resigns from school board

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Almost a year to the day since its last resignation, the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE) saw board member Jason Peterson announce his resignation, effective at the board's meeting on Nov. 13.

In November 2017, Lisl Keuning resigned after moving out of her district. She was replaced with Dawn Kolpin.

Peterson, who was formerly the director of District 2, explained that his family recently relocated out of his district, thus forcing him to resign from the board.

"I have enjoyed working with my fellow board members, the school administration and the staff over the past three years," Peterson said.

The experience has been rewarding for Peterson to be a part of the initiatives the BOE has started and also witness work being completed, he explained.

One of those initiatives was the recent passing of Ballot Issue 5A, which concerned increasing property taxes for a seven-year period for funding for ASD.

That funding will be used to recruit and retain highly qualified teachers and staff; fund full-time school resource officers for safety; fund full-day kindergarten; and provide required funding for Pagosa Peak Open School to increase staff salaries, supplement full-day kindergarten and improve school safety.

"It was amazing to me to see the community's level of support for our schools," Peterson said.

BOE President Greg Schick noted that the board will miss Peterson and added that he was an excellent board member.

Later in the meeting, the BOE adopted a resolution in regard to Peterson's vacant seat.

Interested parties from District 2 are invited to send letters to the BOE with qualifications by 3 p.m. on Dec. 21 and the BOE will be holding interviews with prospective candidates at a work session on Jan. 8 at 5 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.

Letters of intent should be delivered to Executive Secretary Robyn Bennett at the District Office at 309 Lewis St.; by email to rbennett@pagosa.k12.co.us; or by mail to: Executive Assistant Robyn Bennett, PO Box 1498, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

The letters of intent should address the following questions: 1. Why do you want to be on the board? 2. Do you plan on running for the position once your term expires in November of 2019? 3. What is your philosophy of education as it relates to serving on the board?

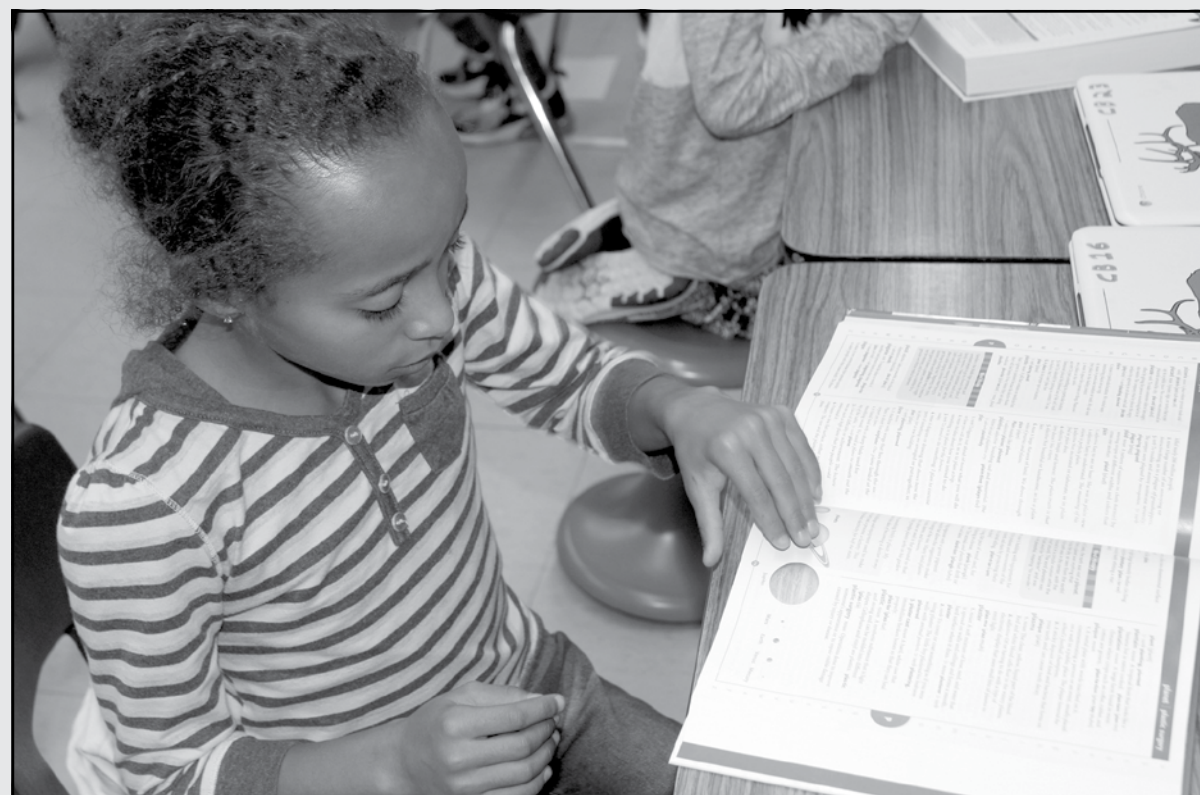
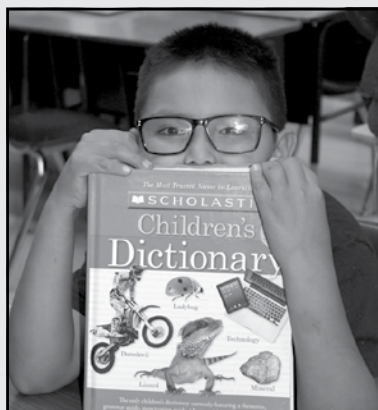
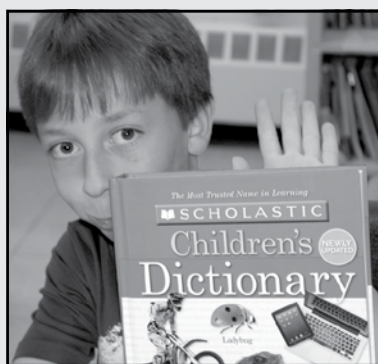
A map of the district, which is

described below, and more requirements can be found on the district's website, www.mypagosaschools.com.

District 2 boundaries

Per the district's policy regarding the boundaries of each district, District 2 is as follows: "Beginning at the intersection of Hwy 160 and Trails Blvd, the boundary line of Director District #2 shall run North along Trails Blvd to the intersection of Bonanza Ave and Trails Blvd, thence Northerly along Bonanza Blvd to the intersection of Prospect Blvd, thence North along Prospect Blvd to Lyn Ave, thence East on Lyn Ave to the intersection of Lake Forest Circle, thence East along Lake Forest Circle to the intersection of N. Pagosa Blvd, thence Northerly along N. Pagosa Blvd to the intersection of County Road (CR) 600, then Northerly along CR 600 to the County line, thence West along the Hinsdale/Archuleta County line to the La Plata/Archuleta County line, thence South along the La Plata County/Archuleta County line to the common boundary of T35N and T36N, then East along the common boundary of T35N and T36N to the common boundary of R5W and R6W, thence South along the common boundary of R5W and R6W to the common boundary of T34N and T35N, then West along the common boundary of T34N and T35N to the common boundary of Archuleta/La Plata County line, thence South along the common boundary of Archuleta/La Plata County line to the common boundary of Section 23 and 24, thence East along the common boundary of Sections 23 and 24 to the common boundary of R5W and R6W, thence North along the common boundary of R5W and R6W to the common boundary of T33N and T33.5N, thence East along the common boundary of T33N and T33.5N to the common boundary of R4W and R5W, thence South to the Archuleta County/New Mexico state line, thence East along the Archuleta County/New Mexico state line to the intersection of CR 557, thence Northerly along CR 557 to the intersection of CR 500, thence Northeast along CR 500 to the intersection of CR 700, thence North along CR 700 to the intersection of Hwy 160, thence East along Hwy 160 to the intersection of Hwy 160 and Hersch Ave, thence South along Hersch Ave to the intersection of Carino Place, thence Northeast on Carino Place to the intersection of Pompa Drive, thence North along Pompa Drive to the intersection of Dichoso Street, thence West along Dichoso Street to the intersection of Hwy 160, thence East along Hwy 160 to the beginning point where Hwy 160 intersects with Trail Blvd."

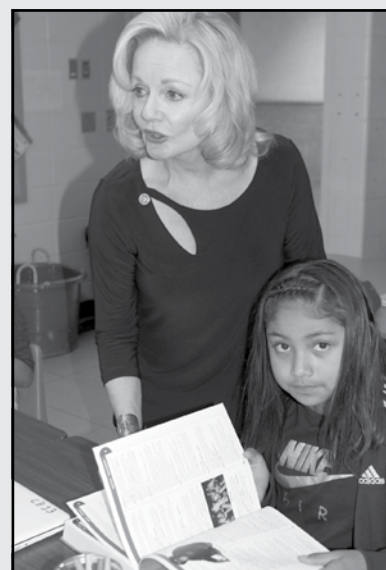
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Dictionary fun!

SUN photos/Terri House

In what has become an annual tradition, members of the Pagosa Springs Rotary Club presented color, photo dictionaries to third-graders at Pagosa Springs Elementary School Nov. 8. The first order of business upon handing out the dictionaries was to have the students write their names in them. Following that, the Rotarians challenged the students to find words, flags, countries and more in an exercise to familiarize the students with their new books.



Births

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

Elizabeth Danielle, Ruby and Jason Soth, 7 pounds, 1 ounce, 6:11 p.m., Oct. 16.

Jackson Paul, Stacey and Christopher Couch, 7 pounds, 7 ounces, 12:43 a.m., Oct. 28.

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18th annual veterans breakfast

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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, Nov. 15

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

Monday, Nov. 19

Town Joint Strategic Priorities Funding Advisory Group. Noon, Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

San Juan Water Conservancy District special meeting to present 2019 draft budget. 5:30 p.m., 46 Eaton Drive, Unit 5.

Tuesday, Nov. 20

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, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

Pagosa Springs Town Council

and Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District meeting. 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

Wednesday, Nov. 21

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

Tuesday, Nov. 27

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

Wednesday, Nov. 28

Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation work session. 11 a.m., First Southwest Bank conference room, 249 Navajo Trail Drive.

Friday, Nov. 30

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

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

Winter

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water to keep pipes from freezing, make sure fuel-burning equipment that is vented to the outside is kept clear from snow and ice, and know how/where to shut off water valves in case pipes do freeze.

Once you get outside to shovel and/or plow off all the snow, be aware of electric equipment (poles, wires, transformers, junction-boxes, etc.) gas meters, water meters, phone pedestals and additional equipment that may be buried/covered by the snow. Shovel pathways to all outside facilities—shut-offs, water, electric and gas to ensure easy access in case of repair or service needs. Finally, don't forget to clear snow around fire hydrants on your property; fire protection asks for a 3-foot radius around the hydrant to ensure good access.

Icicles and ice dams can be signs of a lack of proper home insulation; the hot air is rising into the attic rather than staying inside your home. In essence, money used to

heat the inside of your home is dripping off the roof. Keeping your roof clear of snow, ice and icicle buildup is essential so that excessive snow and ice do not fall and damage or destroy gas/electric meters or lines.

Finally, make sure all your favorite furry creatures are brought indoors and that livestock have the ability to get to food and unfrozen water.

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 Non-emergency dispatch: 731-2160
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 Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD): 731-2691
 Black Hills Energy: (800) 694-8989
 Town of Pagosa Springs — non-emergency: 264-4151
 For additional information, contact April Ralph at aprount-ralph@co811.org or (719) 221-2391.

Saturday, November 17, 2018
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Russ Hill Wreath Bazaar

Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St.



Photo courtesy Russ Hill Wreath Bazaar

November 15, 2018

Russ Hill Bazaar open for 55th year

By Barb Draper
Special to The PREVIEW

The ever-popular Russ Hill Wreath Bazaar at the Methodist Church officially opened on Monday for its 55th year of making wreaths and centerpieces.

This is one of the most enjoyable and worthwhile holiday traditions in our community. Each year, thousands of dollars are passed on to local nonprofit groups through the sale of hundreds of beautiful fresh wreaths and centerpieces.

Many people have come by to place orders at Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St., while others attempted to reach the order desk by phone, but were unable to.

The number was incorrectly given to The SUN in last Thursday's article. The correct phone number is 264-4538. I apologize to all who may have been inconvenienced, especially to the person whose phone number was mistakenly listed. This is the designated number used only for the bazaar. Please do not call the church office with your order.

Orders for wreaths and arrangements will be taken through Dec. 3. Keep in mind that a maximum of 500 wreaths will be made. Don't wait too long to place your order. There will be no wreath No. 501.

There will be people at the walk-in and phone desks next week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Any centerpieces for Thanksgiving that are still available at the "buy it now" table can be purchased Monday through Wednesday next week, but arrangements and wreaths will not be made during this time. Orders placed next week will be filled beginning Monday, Nov. 26, when the workshop crew returns from Thanksgiving break.

Small arrangements will be priced between \$15 and

\$25. Larger ones will range from \$30 to \$40. Both sizes can be shipped for an additional \$20.

Two wreath sizes are available. A standard wreath (approximately 25 inches wide) is \$35. UPS shipping is available for an additional \$20. Shipping dates can be discussed when the order is placed. There is a UPS pickup daily. An extra-large wreath (approximately 40 inches wide) is \$60. Due to their size and weight, extra large wreaths cannot be shipped. Advent wreaths may also be made if an advance order is placed.

Each wreath will be adorned with several pinecones and with a bow that can be chosen from a variety of colors. There is a wide variety of berries, colored balls and theme decorations that can be selected for custom wreaths. An additional charge will be determined according to the items selected.

Everyone is invited back to the workroom to observe the wreath-making process.

There are so many good reasons to purchase from the Russ Hill Bazaar. Perhaps foremost is the fact that all profits from the sales are distributed within Archuleta County to deserving nonprofit groups. The funds are distributed through a mini grant application process.

You can simplify your gift giving decisions, avoid standing in long post office lines and give gifts that will surely be appreciated by anyone. There is no need to worry about size, color, style, personal likes and dislikes, or duplication of gifts. As for your own wreath, you will not find one made from fresher materials or that will be as long lasting. These wreaths can often stay fresh and beautiful throughout much of the winter under normal weather conditions.

You will be purchasing tangible wreaths while at the same time you will be making tangible and intangible gifts to people in need throughout our area.

The "bazaar elves" look forward to helping you.

Live Performers



Thursday

Pagosa Brewing Company: Trivia, 6 p.m.
Riff Raff downtown: Brooks-i Band, 6 p.m.

Friday

Pagosa Brewing Company: The San Juan Mountain Boys, 5:30 p.m.; Trivia, 6 p.m.

Saturday

Coyote Moon: Karaoke with Lisa Saunders, 9 p.m.
Pagosa Brewing Company: Trivia, 6 p.m.

Sunday

Pagosa Brewing Company: Trivia, 6 p.m.

Monday

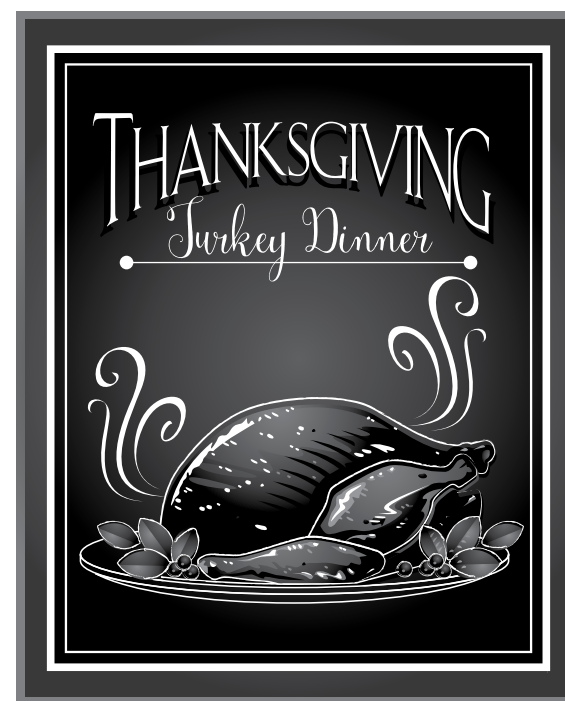
Pagosa Brewing Company: Trivia, 6 p.m.

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Pagosa Brewing Company: Trivia, 6 p.m.
Riff Raff downtown: Robin Davis Duo, 6 p.m.



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Foundation announces southwest regional platform for Colorado Gives Day

By Tracy Pope
Special to The PREVIEW

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado is spearheading a regional effort to increase local participation in Colorado Gives Day.

Colorado Gives is an easy, online initiative for donors to contribute to nonprofits across Colorado. Colorado Gives Day, Dec. 4, is organized by the Community First Foundation, which hosts a year-round, statewide electronic giving platform featuring almost 2,500 Colorado nonprofits (coloradogives.org). Last year on Colorado Gives Day, \$36.6 million was donated statewide, with \$209,665 going to nonprofits in Southwest Colorado.

The Community Foundation has created a regional platform through Colorado Gives (swcogives.org) which hosts 65 participating nonprofits from La Plata, Montezuma, Archuleta and San Juan counties. Collaborative marketing efforts are underway to get word out to potential donors that philanthropy is just a click away, encouraging people to give where they live.

Donors can visit swcogives.org now and schedule their donation for Dec. 4.

“The Community Foundation is pleased to provide leadership on this important boost to philanthropy in our corner of the state,” said Briggen Wrinkle, executive director of the Community Foundation. “Colorado Gives Day has been very successful on the front range, and we are excited to enhance participation in our region. We encourage donors to give where they live, because local philanthropy makes our communities stronger.”

This is the second year the Community Foundation has acted as a Regional Champion, seeing nonprofit and donor participation climb by more than 50 percent year over year.

The following Archuleta County nonprofits are participating on the platform and are able to receive online donations: Aspire, Chimney Rock Interpretive Association,

Humane Society of Pagosa Springs, Justice Ministries of Pagosa, Rise Above Violence and Sonlight Adventures Inc.

Any of these nonprofits would be happy to be contacted to discuss their efforts to increase local participation in Colorado Gives Day.

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This weekend's "Nutcracker the Musical" will feature Anika Thomas as the Sugar Plum Fairy, Kaeden Thomas as the Nutcracker Prince and Antonia Bussoli as Marie. There will be only four performances of this holiday classic present by Curtains Up Pagosa.

'Nutcracker the Musical' opens tonight, plays through the weekend

By Dale Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

Curtains Up Pagosa's (CUP) "Nutcracker the Musical" has been in rehearsal for 10 weeks in preparation for tonight's opening.

What that means is that about 50 cast and directors of all ages and experience levels have been working on their home stage at Pagosa Springs High School five nights a week, singing, dancing, acting, learning and giving. They are ready to perform tonight for their friends, families and community.

Alongside that, local dance students have been dancing and in re-

hearsals for the beautiful and wonderful dance numbers they will be performing before and during the performance, with choreography by Dee Pitchon and Casey Crow.

CUP is fortunate to use a live pit orchestra for all of our productions and our musicians are loving playing Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's music. Directors for the show are Dale Johnson, Robert Neel, Katrina Thomas and Dale Scrivener.

There will be four performances only: Nov. 15-18 at 7 p.m., with a matinee only on Nov. 18 at 2 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door starting at 6:15 p.m. On Sunday, Nov. 18, kids ages 10 and under

in any kind of costume from the Nutcracker story get in free.

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The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir will present its holiday concert, "Christmas in Pagosa," at 7 p.m. on Dec. 6 at the Community United Methodist Church. Admission to the concert is free.

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Pagosa Springs Girls Choir holiday concert set for Dec. 6

By Linda Parker
 Special to The PREVIEW

Whether a full-time resident of Pagosa or a visitor to our little piece of paradise, Christmas in Pagosa Springs is a very special time. Snow on the mountain and downtown stores decorated in the season's best, our small community really knows how to spread Christmas cheer.

One such activity is the holiday concert offered by the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir (PSGC).

PSGC will be presenting "Christmas in Pagosa" on Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. The annual performance will be held at the Community United Methodist Church and will include

many audience holiday favorites.

Along with PSGC, the concert will include soloist Perry Schjolin as the featured soloist. Schjolin is much-loved in Pagosa and he is sure to put concert-goers in the Christmas spirit. Noel, a quartet of professional musicians in Pagosa, will also join the festivities.

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

PSGC director Linda Parker said, "It has been thrilling to watch

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Cub Scout Pack 807 and the Knights of Columbus hosted the Veterans Appreciation Dinner for all active and retired veterans and family members. The scouts cooked and served a spaghetti to the attendees and a cake was presented to them for dessert. Gene Tautges of the Knights of Columbus showed a moving video presentation of local veterans and their service after the dinner.



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Connect with others at hand-drumming sessions

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, Nov. 20, at noon.

The class offers a welcoming environment that encourages fun, creativity, playfulness and con-

necting with others. Drums are provided for those who do not have one.

“Thank you for offering the drumming class. It is a gift to all who come,” said Margaret Alandt. “I’ve been visiting in Colorado from Michigan. ... I’m not a musician, but I became interested in drumming a number of years ago when a musi-

cian friend and music therapist began a drumming circle. It was an enjoyable way to gather with others and make music in a fun and relaxed way with no expectations or judgments.”

She continued, “I had a similar experience on Tuesday. We began with learning a few simple techniques followed by a delightful hour of drumming. I left refreshed and grateful to connect with others in this way.”

Designed as an opportunity for people of all ages to unleash their creativity, the drumming class is a family-friendly activity. No previous experience is necessary. For more information, call 731-3117. The Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse is located at 230 Port Ave.

Concert

■ continued from previous page these girls and this organization grow and to have this community support us in such splendid ways. There are many very talented young artists in Pagosa who need an opportunity to perform and we appreciate how this community has been so supportive of their efforts. The girls have worked very hard in preparing their holiday music, and they are eager to wow

their Pagosa audience again this year.”

Listeners are in for a treat when they hear these talented young ladies perform. Please make plans now to come see and hear some of the best that Pagosa has to offer for the holiday season. We hope you’ll join PSGC on Dec. 6.

Admission to the concert is free, but donations will be gratefully accepted.

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The Americana Project is proud to announce its Dec 4 concert with Durango-based Elder Grown. The show will be held in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium and will start at 7 p.m. Tickets are only \$10 (available at the door). Students from the Americana Project class will open the show.

Elder Grown is described as playing “Funkaliscious Rockin’ Roots” music. The three brothers — Joshua, John and Paul Hoffman — make up the core of the band and rhythm section. Brandon Clark, alumni of the Americana Project, plays keyboards while Sam Kelly throws down on the saxophone. Their songs are positive and infectiously groovy. We hope you will join us on Dec 4. Bring your dancing shoes.

St. Patrick's Christmas Tea to offer two seatings

By Sally Neel
Special to The PREVIEW

Ladies, it is almost time to don your holiday attire and enjoy the wondrous goodies and décor of the Christmas season at the annual Linda Warren Christmas Tea, held at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. The tea, named for its late

founder, has become a treasured tradition in our community. It allows women to enjoy a bit of pampering and indulgence as they enjoy delicious pastries and savories, along with a cup of hot tea in the festively decorated surroundings of St. Patrick's church.

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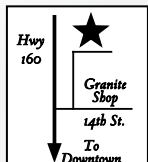
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Dan Burch directs the Pagosa Springs Choral Society's community Christmas choir rehearsal in preparation for the Nov. 30, Dec. 1 and 2 concerts. The concerts are free to the public.

'It's Beginning to Look Like Christmas' concerts set for Nov. 30-Dec. 2

By Richard Bolland
Special to The PREVIEW

"It's Beginning to Look Like Christmas" is the theme for this year's annual community Christmas concerts slated for Nov. 30 at 7 p.m., Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 2 at 4 p.m.

The Pagosa Springs Choral Society will present the program of seasonal and sacred music in the Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) auditorium to kick off the Christmas season with music for

the whole family to enjoy. These concerts are free to the public and everyone is encouraged and invited to come.

Singing under the director of Dan Burch, who also serves as music director at PSHS, the choir will

present musical selections ranging from "Fum, Fum, Fum Fantasia" to "Behold That Star," to the ever popular "Hallelujah Chorus" from George Fredric Handel's magnificent oratorio, "The Messiah."

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Tea

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tea, this year the Episcopal Church Women are offering two sittings, the first at 11 a.m. and the other at 4 p.m. on Dec. 8. Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased from 9 a.m. to noon at the church on Saturday, Nov. 17; Monday, Nov. 19; and Tuesday Nov. 20. These tickets sell out quickly, so call your friends and make your plans to purchase your tickets early.

Don't miss out on this lovely event, guaranteed to joyously place you into the spirit of the Christmas season. Make it a gift you give yourself and others.

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I woke up this morning with a cold and my voice was raspy, scratchy and I couldn't speak. I went to bed feeling great and woke up sick.

My Sweet Al said, "Don't talk. It hurts your voice. You sound terrible." With hoarseness, I said, "OK."

"Huh?"

"I said OK."

"Huh?"

"Al, you are making me talk. You are asking me questions and you are persistent that I answer you and my voice is getting worse."

Then he got up in my face and pronounce every word loudly, "Can you hear me?"

I said, "Al, it's not my hearing, it's my voice and your lack of hearing."

"Huh? What did you say?"

I shot him a look that would sear his head.

Our son, listening to our agitating exchange, shook his head and gave us that familiar look. It's one he has shot at me many times before. I read his mind, not out loud, but with my eyes. I knew what he was thinking: "Deliver me from these old people. They are driving me nuts." I was thinking the same thing, "Deliver me from these young people and Al's annoying questions."

It was the weekend and we were invited to go on a day trip with the family. We jumped at the chance. Usually, we try a new restaurant and have a lot of fun.

Things have changed with the family. Al and I now sit in the back seat and our kids sit in the front. Al used to be a really good driver and I was an excellent navigator and told him how to drive. Now, when he

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



drives, he is sightseeing and window shopping for deer and elk. He's not hunting, but he is sure looking. I'm on pins and needles every time he crawls behind the wheel. My fingers cling to the dash and my feet are pushing holes in the floor mat.

So, our son is driving us. He follows too close behind the car in front. He breaks with a jerk. When I try to tell him how to drive, he becomes offended. He reminds me he has been driving 30 years. I remind him I've been driving 60 years. Apparently, it doesn't matter the numbers of years one has driven, but who is more alert and a better driver. I believe I am both.

All I know is these adult children, who feel they are now raising us, are driving us crazy. We have willingly placed our lives in their hands just to have a good time. Yikes! It's easier to stay at home. They make the terms for the day and we go along.

Our children could be getting back at us for all the years we went on day trips to galleries and museums. They begged us to take them home. Why would we take the kids home? Al and I were having fun and they were getting some culture.

The recent day trip consisted of four members of our family who took the day to bond and celebrate our daughter's birthday. Bond? Is that what it's called?

Our son stopped by the car wash. I wondered why. He had just had the car washed a few days before. I knew better than to ask. I didn't want that

look, the one he has given me when I ask an important question. I am sure it was the same look I gave them when they were asking me dumb questions years ago. It's amazing how things come back around.

In the car wash, the water was surrounding us. The noise of motor, wheels, brushes and the slap of plastic strips against the windshield added to my aggravation. Four of us sat in a vacuum of noise coming from the outside.

Inside the car, my Sweet Al said to our daughter she needed to start a savings account. "I'm telling you in code. Make it your CR account."

Feeling left out, I croaked out some words, "Why are you talking in code to her? There is just family in the car."

Al said, "Huh? I can't hear you."

"I'm not repeating what I said. No one can hear each other with all the pressure coming against the car." I spouted out, "Are you trying to spell car? You spell car, C-A-R. Does that mean, I've broken your code?"

Al said, "I know how to spell car. I was talking in code to her."

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for the remaining portion of the program.

Plan now to attend and invite your friends and neighbors to join you as we bring in the Christmas season in a very festive way for our community. A free-will offering to help fund music scholarships for PSHS students will be received.

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Unitarian Universalists to discuss the art of compassionate listening

By Dean Cerny
Special to The PREVIEW

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Another word for compassion is empathy. Both terms will be defined with a practical ear to the art of compassionate listening. Borrowing from the philosophy of nonviolent communication, we intend to have fun reviewing some of the ground rules for practicing empathic listening. In doing so, we might discover the

ways in which we fall short in the practice of those listening skills.

How does the subject of compassionate or empathic listening reflect Unitarian Universalists' values and beliefs? The answer: in every way possible. Come check it out for yourself this Sunday, Nov. 18, at 10:30 a.m. This service will be led by Pastor Dean Cerny.

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

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

New Thought's Sunday topic: a soul-guided life

By Lisa Burnson
Special to The PREVIEW

"Let us choose to be identified with power, love and beauty, with peace and happiness." — Dr. Ernest Holmes.

We welcome all to join Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT) and the Rev. Janet Wyrick Sunday, Nov. 18 at 10 a.m. to join in exploration and discussion of the topic: "The Transforming Power of a Soul Guided Path."

We will look at the benefits from acting from our hearts, rather than

from our heads.

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

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

Meditation circle

All are invited to join in PCNT's Meditation and Healing Circle each Wednesday at 6 p.m. All levels are

welcome.

More information

PCNT holds Sunday services each week at 10 a.m. at the Momentum Fitness building, 40 N. 15th St.

Request a concentrated affirmative mind treatment or obtain information by joining us, emailing PagosaCommunityNewThought@gmail.com, mail P.O. Box 1052 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1052, or call (505) 604-5031. Find us on Facebook (Pagosa Community of New Thought) or our website, www.PagosaNewThought.org.

Lane

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Lord, help me with this family. That started the day. My Sweet Al and I listened to our two adult children in the front seats fighting like teenagers all day long. I warned them I would change places with them if they didn't quit fighting. They ignored me while Al continued

to ask me questions.

Final brushstroke: The last day trip we went on to see our grandson, once again, our son was picking on his baby sister and she started crying at the table in the restaurant. Our other daughter got mad, changed seats and sat between them. Our son didn't stop. He

reached around her and pulled his sister's hair. Why would we go through all of this just to be with family and have fun? Maybe we are the crazy ones.

Readers' comments

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Habitat for Humanity to host A Home for the Holidays party

By Holly Heart
Special to The PREVIEW

Habitat for Humanity will be hosting a very special holiday party on Dec. 1 to celebrate a year filled with progress, the completion of our newest home for the Pacheco family and 24 years in service to Archuleta County.

We welcome everyone to join the Habitat for Humanity family for our Home for the Holidays party. The party will be held at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave., on Dec. 1 from 3 to 6 p.m.

Join us as we light the tree and the faces of our partner families and children, our board of directors, donors and volunteers who have given tirelessly to make this a successful endeavor.

There will be horse-drawn carriage rides, a visit from Santa Claus, gifts for the kids, crafts and cupcake decorating. There will also be some big giveaways for the grownups, including a flat-screen TV and a five-

piece patio set. We will also be serving hot chocolate, cider, baked goods and snacks. So, save the date and spread the word.

For many of us, this is the “most wonderful time of the year.”

For others in Archuleta County and around the globe, it is time to face the cold and the harsh reality that is living in poverty. Habitat for Humanity is dedicated to building homes and building hope. Our local affiliate has built 25 homes since 1994, helping to create a brighter future for more than 80 adults and 120 children through our new homeownership and homeowner repairs programs.

We are now in the final stages of House No. 26. As we count our blessings, we are reminded that we are not one and could not do this alone. We are many and our blessings are to be shared with everyone.

A house is built with walls and beams. A home is built with love and dreams.

For more information, please visit habitatarchuleta.org or call 264-6960.

The difference between riches and wealth

By Jeff Smith
Special to The PREVIEW

Money and wealth are two different things. This comes to mind as I read my wisdom verse this morning: “Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death.” — Proverbs 11:4 (KJV).

The sad lament of most of us, sometime in our lives, goes something like this, “Gee, I didn’t think that would happen.”

Get ready to join the club if you haven’t done so yet. This “Day of Wrath” can mean the final day of God’s judgment, but it also refers to any time life kicks all our props out from under us and tests us to the very core of who we are. Money talks, but what if it says goodbye? How would I do if things got really bleak? I don’t know. Yeah, I like to make a buck every now and then, but Solomon offers some good advice. Don’t let even the honest pursuit of money distract you. Work on deeper things, too, like building up the inner strengths

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that will see you through tough times. Those times come to us all, one way or another.

By the way, doing right is a skill, like learning to ride a bicycle. Plan on some wobbles. Plan on falling off. Make amends when needed. Then get back on and pedal.

Long ago, I bought into Y2K, the idea that lots of computers would fail because many of the old systems lacked the four digits to convert a 1999 year to a 2000. I panicked. The stakes were high, the risks unknown. After it came and went, I gave it much thought.

In my head, I knew that people can live on much less, but in my heart I was not sure if I was one of them. In the end, I found that most of my becoming a “prep-

per” was being done on Sunday mornings. There I was taught to put my trust in something and someone far deeper and surer than all those stacks of canned tuna fish in my closet. This verse tells me that doing right offers a kind of safety that the corrupt will never enjoy.

Someone once said, “Measure wealth not by the things you have, but by the things you have for which you would not take money.” No bank closings can touch that.



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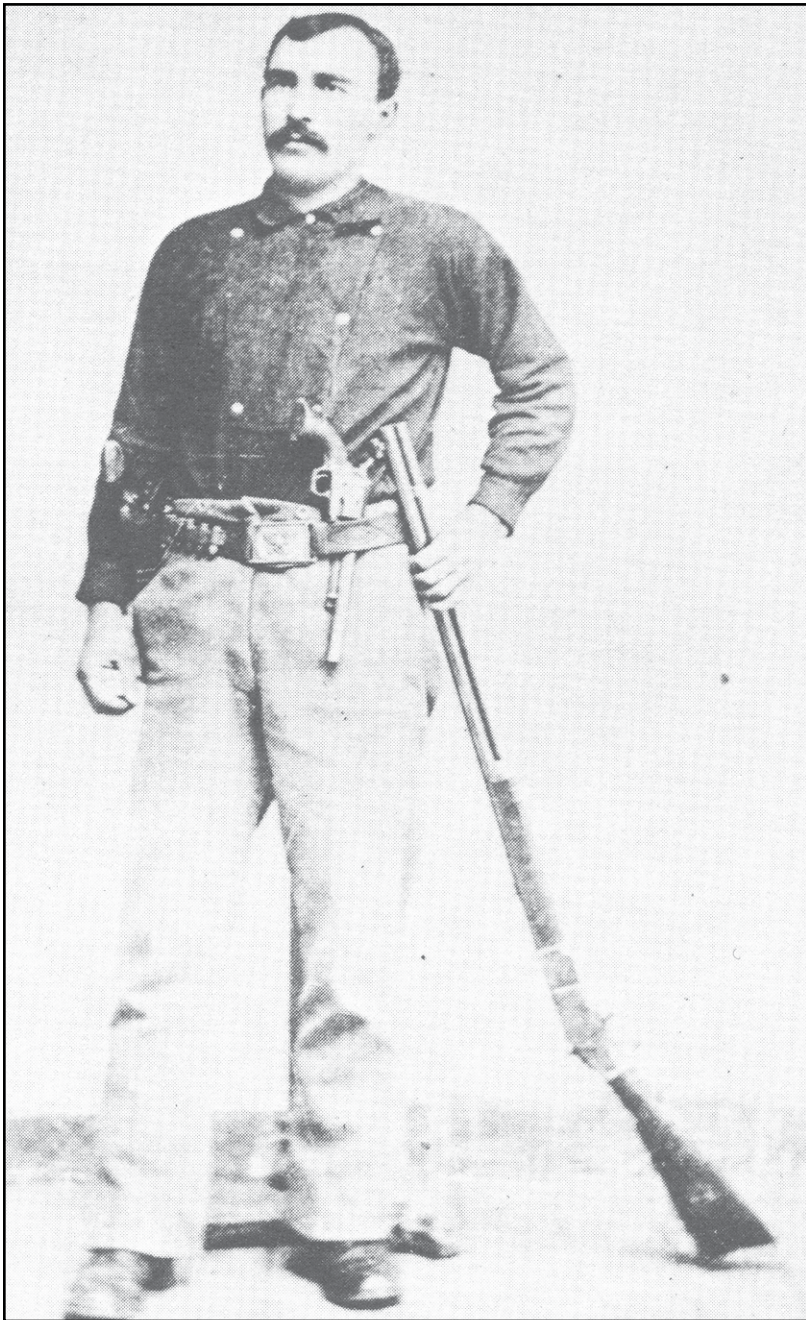


Photo courtesy John M. Motter

“Dutch” Henry Born posed for this photo with a six-shooter in his belt and a buffalo gun in hand. He later homesteaded in the mountains north of Pagosa Springs, where he raised trout fry for sale to support his family. His family said he got rid of his guns after declaring, “I won’t need these anymore.”

Dutch Henry Born: Wild West legend

Hidden deep in the mountains near the upstream birth of the West Fork of the San Juan River lives a Pagosa Country legend, Born’s Lake, and its first developer, “Dutch” Henry Born. Born’s leg-



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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Stuff to the gills
- 5 Cross to bear
- 9 Race's rate-setter
- 14 Hurry up
- 15 U2 frontman
- 16 Beyond's partner
- 17 Tropical fever
- 18 Triathlon leg
- 19 Auctioneer's aid
- 20 Make fun of
- 22 Arlington, e.g.
- 24 Starbucks order
- 26 Sinatra song "All the Things You _____"
- 27 Bad way to be led
- 29 Iditarod command
- 33 Swing wildly
- 37 Henley's "The End of the _____"

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- 2 Olympic sleds
- 3 Take forcibly
- 4 His and her
- 5 Dwell on
- 6 "___ what?"
- 7 Mythical equine
- 8 Vague amount
- 9 "On call" device
- 10 Tax reduction
- 11 Boater's haven
- 12 Prefix for green or glade
- 13 Depend (on)
- 21 Vegas worker
- 23 Quimby's title on "The Simpsons"
- 25 Lilo's sidekick
- 28 "Life of Pi" director
- 30 Reverse
- 31 Take for a ride
- 32 Rope material
- 33 Lickety-split
- 34 Makeup artist?
- 35 Chorus member
- 36 Hardly original
- 38 Royal home
- 40 Fertilizer ingredient
- 43 Style of Radio City Music Hall
- 47 Hint at, with "to"
- 49 Unit of volume
- 51 Linger awhile
- 52 "Farewell, mon ami"
- 53 Hamilton or Hunt
- 54 _____ a high note
- 55 Furniture covering?
- 56 Not fooled by
- 57 Candle's light
- 58 Give off
- 62 URL ending

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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endary life contained an unbelievable number of twists and turns, so unbelievable it's hard to separate fact from fiction.

Was there really a "Dutch" Henry Born? Yes, there really was. A large number of newspapers published across the Cowboy West contained stories of his exploits, including The Pagosa Springs SUN and other early Pagosa Springs newspapers.

He's featured in "Great Gun Fighters of the Kansas Cowtowns, 1867-1886," along with Buffalo Bill Cody, Wyatt Earp, Doc Holliday, Bat Masterson and a host of Western gunslingers whose names you'll recognize. At least one facet of Dutch Henry's life differs from other Wild West gunfighters.

Throughout his bullet-dodging career catapulting from one fracas to the next, Born never forgot "the girl he left behind." Finally, he hung up his guns, married his sweetheart, and the two of them raised a family at Born's Lake in the San Juan Mountains above Pagosa Springs.

And so, let the journey begin. We'll explore the West through the eyes of Born.

Dutch Henry was born to John and Margaret Born, German natives of Manitowoc, Wisc., on July 2, 1849. The family moved to Montague, Mich., in the 1860s, where he had three brothers and two sisters.

The young man worked in Michigan as a lumber jack before leaving home at a young age. He soon became known as "Dutch Henry" in recognition of the German accent he inherited from his parents.

Independent and fully trusting in his God-given abilities to survive, Dutch next steps onto the stage of frontier history in Kansas, then home to immense herds of buffalo and an arrogant young cav-

alry officer who'd earned his stars serving in the Civil War.

The brash young officer's leg-

Throughout his bullet-dodging career catapulting from one fracas to the next, Born never forgot "the girl he left behind."

acy was soon etched in the blood spilled in his last battle while parading in front of the Seventh

Cavalry at the Battle of the Little Bighorn in Montana. Faced with an estimated 3,500 native American warriors, five of the Seventh Cavalry's 12 companies were annihilated along with Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer, two of his brothers, a nephew and a brother-in-law.

While in Kansas before the Little Bighorn debacle, Dutch Henry served as a scout for Custer and the Seventh Cavalry. He was with Custer at the Washita Massacre when the Seventh Cavalry killed Chief Black Kettle, 11 warriors, 16 women, nine children and old men, most of them while they were fleeing. Dutch Henry decided he did not like the life and especially Custer, and so he moved on. Where?

Tune in next week for Dutch Henry, buffalo hunter.



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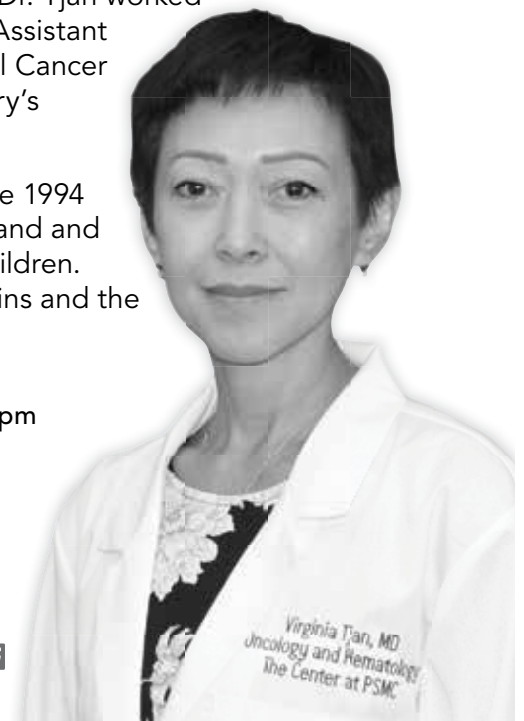
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She has been practicing medicine since 1994 and now lives in Pagosa with her husband and four dogs. Dr. Tjan has three grown children. She and her husband love the mountains and the small community feel of Pagosa.

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Scene ... at the 44th annual Holiday Bazaar hosted by the Pagosa Springs Realtors Community Outreach, an initiative of the Pagosa Springs Area Association of Realtors, to raise funds for local charities. The festive occasion featured handmade goods of all sorts and was again jam-packed with those looking for unique finds.





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Colorado author writes book on her adventures in remote wilderness, and new home for CDs and EZ materials

By Carole Howard

PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Carolyn Coleman Waller, writing as Carolyn White, is an excellent storyteller. Based on her abundant adventures “living the life of a modern day pioneer” at a primitive, isolated guest ranch in the Idaho backcountry and as an outfitter along the Salmon River, her stories seem to tell themselves in a lovely light style reminiscent of how she might share them in fireside chats and letters to family and friends.

Indeed, those letters are the sources of several of the tales. Others were shared in her magazine stories and a weekly newspaper column. Now they are gathered and expanded in “Bricks Underneath a Hoop Skirt,” book one of a series she is writing about life in the rugged backcountry without telephone, electricity, hot running water or normal mail service.

Each chapter has its own charm. You’ll savor stories about recovering from falling into a freezing river when her horse stumbled in a flood; learning to train mules and saddle horses tied together for trail rides; caring for city slicker guests, dedicated guides and wranglers at a remote guest ranch without modern amenities; and generally surviving — even thriving — in harsh weather and primitive conditions. One of her best tales documents what happened on the frigid winter day the U.S. Postal Service orange bag of mail dropped from a small plane sank out of sight in the deep snow.

“It’s not a life for sissies,” she said in an understatement. But, her enthusiasm and endurance skills make clear she is fully competent to make it in a world of hunting, fishing, mule-packing and wilderness survival.

“There’s always a need for a good camp cook,” she said in a recent interview.

Born and raised in Ohio, she is a graduate of Ohio University with degrees in English and creative writing. For the past 15 years, she has lived in the small town of Cedaredge in Delta County, Colo., with her husband, John, two dogs and three cats.

She is a frequent visitor to Pagosa Springs and she has donated a copy of her book to your library. It’s the first of a series of multiple memoirs she plans to write, the next one titled “Trucks Are For Girls.” Her inspiration comes from her own letters, every one of which was saved by her mother, who died last December at age 98.

“They are a never-ending source of stories,” she said.

New home for audio book CDs and EZ materials

We are shifting some materials in the collection, swapping the au-

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dio book CDs to where the EZ items were. That means all of the youth materials now are together in one space, not two, making it easier for readers to progress through literacy levels and the physical space. This change also should make it easier for parents to find items and track children. We hope you like these modifications.

Library closure

Your library will be closed Nov. 22-25 so that our staff can celebrate Thanksgiving with their families and friends.

Save the date for book sale

We hope you’ll join us for a special Second Chance Book Sale on Friday, Nov. 30, and Saturday, Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This event is part of the Parade of Stores that weekend. The books on sale are mostly fiction. They are in great shape and they make excellent gifts. More details next week.

Lifelong Learning today

The last of seven free fall Lifelong Learning Lectures takes place today, Thursday, Nov. 15, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. with “Visualizing an Unseen World: Close-up and Macro Photography” by Andy Butler. It will cover types of equipment, lighting and composition in close-up photography. We hope you have enjoyed these very interesting presentations.

Teen book club tomorrow

Friday, Nov. 16, from 2 to 3 p.m. at the free teen book club, seventh-through 12th-graders will discuss “Children of Blood and Bone” by Tomi Adeyemi and enjoy snacks. Stop by the library to pick up a copy.

All-ages gaming tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 16, from 2 to 3:15 p.m. for a free all-ages gaming session where you can enjoy video gaming on Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect with your friends and family.

Doggie Read Aloud for kids

Youngsters ages 3-8 are invited to join us for a special storytime with a dog theme on Monday, Nov. 19, from 4 to 5 p.m. We may even have a live dog with us for this event, and kids will leave with a dog-themed book to keep.

Teen gaming

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

Otaku Club

The Otaku (Anime/Manga) Club will not meet in November due to a scheduling issue. It will resume in December, when you can join us to watch anime, talk about manga and Asian cultures, and enjoy snacks. This free club is for those in the fifth through 12th grades.

Computer classes

Join us on for free sessions at 1 p.m. to learn a useful technology skill or application. Today, Thursday, Nov. 15, is a basics session, with no computer experience necessary. Thursday, Nov. 29, you’ll learn how to access e-books and audio books using the Cloud Library. Bring your own smartphone, tablet or laptop to browse and download materials. No registration is required.

Adult education

Our free PALS (Pagosa Adult Learning Services) takes place on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., plus Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Come to your library to get help from Mark with high

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Free tech sessions

Drop in with your technology questions on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon and Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m. Note there will be no session on Nov. 20.

Family storytimes

Every Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. and Saturday from 9:30 to 10 a.m., join us for free great stories, fun songs and plenty of reasons to get up and move. This is an excellent way for kids of all ages to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers.

Please note that both storytimes are open to babies, toddlers and youngsters of all ages to make it easier for parents to attend with their children depending on their busy schedules rather than the age of their little ones.

Activities calendars

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

Nonfiction

"The Bread Collection" by Brian Hart Hoffman features more than 100 recipes. "Every Day is Extra" by John Kerry is a memoir by the former senator and secretary of state. "1,000 Books to Read Before You Die" by James Mustich includes fiction, poetry, sci-fi, travel writing, biography, history, children's books and more. "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Politics" is a look at American politics through the eyes of Donna Brazile, Yolanda Caraway, Leah Daughtry and Minyon Moore. "Good and Mad" by Rebecca Traister explores the revolutionary power of women's anger.

"Rise" by Brigitte Gabriel describes the forces at work to dismantle our Judeo-Christian values. "Roger Daltrey: My Story" is the autobiography of the founder of one of the biggest rock bands ever. "Stop Mass Hysteria" by Michael Savage recounts the many times in

U.S. history that collective insanity has gripped the American public. "Thirst" by Scott Harrison is the memoir of the man who left his decadent life to found a charity to bring clean water to millions around the world. "Dare to Lead" by Brené Brown uses research, stories and examples to reveal the best leadership traits.

Thrillers, mysteries and suspense

"The Reckoning" by John Grisham is a legal suspense story. "Past Tense" by Lee Child is a Jack Reacher mystery. "Dark Sacred Night" in Michael Connelly is a Ballard and Bosch mystery.

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"Holy Ghost" by John Sandford is a Virgil Flowers mystery. "Gone So Long" by Andre Dubus III follows a father trying to reunite with his daughter after a violent act 40 years earlier. "A Willing Murder" by Jude Deveraux is a Medlar mystery. "Silver Anniversary Murder" by Leslie Meier is a Lucy Stone mystery. "Backed to the Wall" by C.M. Wendelboe is a Tucket Ashley western adventure. "Flintlock: Pitchfork Pass" by William W. and J.A. Johnston is a western.

"Forest Bathing" by Dr. Qing Li shows how spending time around trees will improve your health. "A Girl Stands at the Door" by Rachel Devlin features a generation of young women who desegregated America's schools. "Our Towns" by James and Deborah Fallows tells of the authors' five-year trip visiting dozens of towns and local leaders. "JFK in the Senate" by John T. Shaw looks at how the young senator got his presidential ambitions. "Dead and Buried" by Tim Bryant is a Wilkie John western.

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"Consumed" by J.R. Ward features an arson investigator hunting a deadly serial killer. "Vince Flynn Red War" by Kyle Mills is a Mitch Rapp adventure. "Blood Communion" by Anne Rice is part of the Vampire Chronicles series. "A Spark of Light" by Jodi Picoult begins when a gunman takes everyone hostage in a women's reproductive rights center. "The Witch Elm" by Tana French begins when a man surprises two burglars in his home. "Lethal White" by Robert Galbraith

is the fourth book in the Cormoran Strike crime series.

Other novels

"Family Trust" by Kathy Wang follows a family wondering about their inheritance as their father dies. "A Well-Behaved Woman" by Therese Ann Fowler is a fictionalized look at the Vanderbilt family. "Friday Black" by Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah is a collection of stories.

DVDs

"I, Frankenstein" stars Aaron Eckhart. "Steven King's It" is a horror story. "Hotel Transylvania" is a monster family comedy. "Rental" is a Steven King horror story. "Upgrade" is an artificial intelligence suspense story. "Edgar A. Poe Buried Alive" is part of the American Master series. "Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again" stars the actors from the original 10 years ago. "The Good Karma Hospital" is a drama set in rural India.

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Thursday, Nov. 15

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. Loaves and Fishes and St. Patrick's Episcopal Church will be serving an early Thanksgiving dinner. All are invited to enjoy a hot meal in a welcoming atmosphere.

Pickleball. Noon-3:30 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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

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

Computer Class: Getting Started With Your Computer. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. No registration required. Learn the basics of using a computer and practice using a mouse. No computer experience required. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

PALS Adult Education. 4:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. No registration required. PALS can help you with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Lifelong Learning Lecture Series: 'Visualizing an Unseen World: Close-up and Macro Photog-

raphy.' 5 p.m., Sisson Library. Andy Butler will give a useful presentation about how photographing the small details of the world around us can reveal many remarkable things. He will discuss equipment, lighting and composition, and other photography techniques.

Mosaic Art Project Reception. 6-8 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. The arts council is selling tickets for \$35, each with a number that will match the number on the back of one of the canvases, which will be announced at the reception. The project will be disassembled and those with tickets will take possession of their art piece that night. There will be food and a cash bar. Tickets must be purchased to obtain a canvas. Visit <https://ps-artsCouncil.org> or email info@ps-artsCouncil.org.

Curtains Up Pagosa Presents 'Nutcracker the Musical.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. A show for all ages. Tickets will be available at the door starting at 6:15 p.m. For more information, visit curtain-suppagosa.org.

Friday, Nov. 16

National Hunger and Awareness: Healthy Food Donations. 8-11 a.m., Sage Mobile Eatery, East Side Market. Bring healthy food items for our local food pantries. Sage is graciously providing free cinnamon rolls and a cup of coffee to those who donate. For more information, contact Justice Ministries at 264-4483 or email office@justiceministriesofpagosa.org.

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.

Teen Book Club. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens in the 7th-12th grade. Join us for snacks and lively discussion of this month's book, "Children of Blood and Bone" by Tomi Adeyemi. Stop by and pick up a copy. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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Gaming. 2-3:15 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect with all of your friends and family. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Creede Repertory Theatre Presents 'Seeds of Change.' 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. The Creede Repertory Theatre is bringing its Young Audience Outreach show to Pagosa. The show is free to the public. This magical show is geared towards students K-6 and is educational while still being captivating. An ornery young girl leaves the isolated Isle of Oro where she grew up and embarks on a journey of self-discovery. RSVP by calling 731-SHOW.

Curtains Up Pagosa Presents 'Nutcracker the Musical.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. A show for all ages. Tickets will be available at the door starting at 6:15 p.m. For more information, visit curtain-suppagosa.org.

Saturday, Nov. 17

National Hunger and Awareness: LPEA's Fill the Bucket Food Drive. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., City Market parking lot. Bring food donations. For more information, contact Justice Ministries at 264-4483 or email office@justiceministriesofpagosa.org.

Family Storytime. 9:30-10 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for great stories, fun songs and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. For all ages. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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Sunday, Nov. 18

Curtains Up Pagosa Presents

'Nutcracker the Musical.' 2 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. A show for all ages. Tickets will be available at the door starting at 6:15 p.m. For more information, visit curtain-suppagosa.org.

High Country Squares. 2-4 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. It's a fun and a wonderful time for all. Come a few minutes early, if you can, to say hello and to help set up. Everyone is welcome (locals and visitors). Snacks and refreshments are always available at our mainstream and plus dances. Our nationally recognized caller Jim Park is a treasure to experience. Square dancing is not just healthy, it's beautiful. Join us. We look forward to sharing squares. For additional information, visit www.HighCountrySquares.com, or contact Steve Keil at 731-0044 or Jim Park at 731-9910.

Pagosa Uke Jam. 2:30-4:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. All levels welcome. Come sing and share in the fun. Instruction for beginners provided.

Bingo. 5:45 p.m., Parish Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m., early-bird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

Monday, Nov. 19

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

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

Line Dancing. 9:15-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners at 9:15 a.m., advanced group at 10:15 a.m. Call Beverly for information 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.

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

Doggie Read Aloud. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 3-8. Join Sandra for a special storytime with a dog theme. Dogs, dogs, dogs — and hopefully we'll have a live dog at this special storytime. You'll even leave with a free dog book to keep. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Tuesday, Nov. 20

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

Veterans for Veterans. 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

Yoga Fusion Class. 10 a.m., PLPOA

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Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave.
Yoga. 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center

Hand-Drumming Class. Noon, PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join musician and music therapist Paul Roberts for a hand-drumming class. All are welcome. Hand drums will be provided for those who don't have one. For further information, call 731-3117.

Pickleball. Noon-3:30 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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

Teen Gaming. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens in the 7th-12th grade. Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

Let's Dance Pagosa. 7-9 p.m. PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join us this month as we learn the country two-step. Call Wayne at 264-4792 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa> for more information.

Wednesday, Nov. 21

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

Family Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. 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.

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.

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

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

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

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

Friday, Nov. 23

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.

Saturday, Nov. 24

Meditation and Recorded Dharma Talk. 10 a.m., Unitarian Universal Fellowship, 70 Greenbriar Drive, Suite B-15. All are welcome.

Crafting Club. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Community Center. Join us for creativity, crafting and sharing ideas. This will be a time to bring your creativity, projects in progress, supplies and ideas to spend some time being crafty and connect with others who enjoy all aspects of creativity, too.

Sunday, Nov. 25

High Country Squares. 2-4 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. It's a fun and a wonderful time for all. Come a few minutes early, if you can, to say hello and to help set up. Everyone is welcome (locals and visitors). Snacks and refreshments are always available at our main-stream and plus dances. Our nationally recognized caller Jim Park is a treasure to experience. Square dancing is not just healthy, it's beautiful. Join us. We look forward to sharing squares. For additional information, visit www.HighCountrySquares.com, or contact Steve Keil at 731-0044 or Jim Park at 731-9910.

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Caregiver Support Group. 11 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. The meeting is led by Elaine Stumpo, regional director of the Alzheimer's Association.

Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center. *Submit your calendar items to editor@pagosasun.com; mail them to The Pagosa Springs SUN, P.O. Box 9, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or deliver them to The SUN office by noon Monday.*



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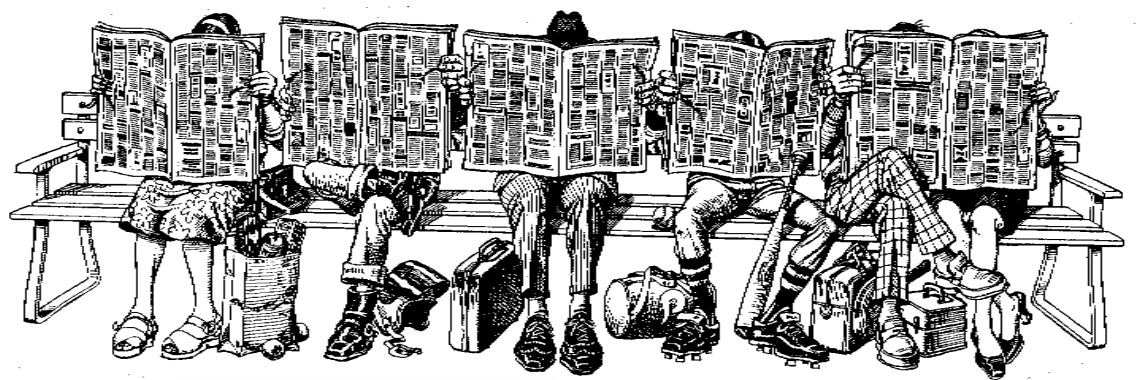
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VA Debt Management Center reduces average wait times for veterans contacting call center

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) Debt Management Center (DMC) reached a recent milestone this July when it reported it had lowered the average wait times for veterans contacting the call center, from over 21 minutes in fiscal year (FY) 2016 to under five minutes during FY 2018.

"The team at the DMC has enhanced services to our veterans," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "It's our mission to take care of our veterans, no matter what their needs are. DMC is in concert with our priority of improving customer service and will continue to gather customer feedback through direct feedback, surveys and outreach in FY19 to further enhance the veterans' experience."

For the past three years, DMC received around 1 million calls annually with an average call wait time of about 21 minutes. In FY 2017, DMC launched a series of internal efficiencies and process improvements to enhance contact center capabilities.

Initiatives included enhancing staffing levels to meet demand, enhancing contact center technology, focusing on employee development and engagement, and implementing an automated 12-month payment plan.

These veteran-focused initiatives represent a 79 percent reduction over two years to the average time for waiting and a 40 percent increase of actual calls taken. These are all indicators of successful initiatives providing a better experience for veterans and VA employees.

The DMC's inbound contact

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Raymond Taylor



center serves as the central point for veterans and their family members to make payment arrangements or receive guidance regarding the collection process on overpayments, which could include debts created from education or pension payments.

Debt counselors at the DMC work with callers in a professional and service-oriented manner to help them understand their options to address overpayments with veterans either through extended repayment plans, the dispute process, compromise process or waiver process

DMC's contact center provides debt counseling for the Veterans Benefits Administration, and consolidated collection services of non-health care debt for Veterans Health Administration and National Cemetery Administration, enabling these entities to focus resources on accomplishing their core missions.

DMC has provided centralized debt collection programs of veteran benefit overpayments since 1975 and became a fee-for-service enterprise center in 1996.

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For more information

The office of the Archuleta County veterans service officer (VSO) provides assistance to qualified military veterans, and their families, or a veteran's survivors, in applying to and in obtaining VA program assistance, benefits and claims.

This assistance is provided within the guidelines, policies and procedures established by the Colorado Department of Military and Veteran Affairs. This is a mandated program of the state of Colorado.

For further information on VA benefits, please call or stop by the Archuleta County Veterans Service Office, located at the Pagosa Springs Senior Center in the Ross Aragon Community Center on Hot Springs Boulevard.

The best way to contact me is to set up an appointment, for either at your home or in the office, so I can schedule a specific time in order to answer and assist each veteran in Archuleta County.

The office number is 264-4013, fax number is 264-4014, cell number is 946-3590 and email is raytaylor@archuletacounty.org. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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LED holiday lights can save money, reduce fire risk

By Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

As we round the corner coming into Thanksgiving, we already see the holiday decorations donning the isles of many stores, we hear the Christmas carols playing on the radio and we feel the holiday season upon us.

If you are like many Americans, you are dragging out the boxes that hold all your tree ornaments, dusting off the plastic reindeer that will clutter up the yard for a month (or two or three) and trying to make sense of the tangled mess of lights that we string around every inch of the house so Santa can see our house from outer space.

If your string of lights are more than 20 years old, it's highly likely that they are incandescent and should be replaced with LEDs.

Light-emitting diode (LED) technology can be used in place of incandescent holiday light bulbs to keep electricity costs low and reduce the risk of fire during the holiday season.

A string of 125 large C7 incandescent bulbs using 4 watts per bulb would use 500 watts when turned on. A string of 300 miniature incandescent bulbs using 0.4 watts each would use 120 watts when turned on. In contrast, a string of 300 LED bulbs using 0.04 watts each would use only 12 watts when turned on.

If each of these strings ran for 12 hours per day over a 40-day period (be real, you know they aren't coming down until Valentine's Day), the C7 incandescent string would cost a typical home \$24, the miniature incandescent string would cost \$5.76, and the LED string would cost 57 cents. Households running multiple strings can experience even greater savings.

The increased up-front cost of the LED lights can typically

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■ continued from previous page benefits for which the veteran may be entitled to enroll, and for filing in the Archuleta County Veterans Service Office.

Always leave me a message and phone number to contact you.

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be offset in two to three holiday seasons when compared to mini incandescents.

Other advantages of using LED holiday lights include: their long life span (typically 20,000 hours or 40 holiday seasons); their cool temperature (reducing the risk of fire); and reduced risk of overloading the wall socket when connecting multiple strings.

Be safe this holiday season and save some energy: purchase LED lights. And, please, take down the reindeer in the front yard before putting up the giant heart.



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ANSWER:

Free legal services to be provided in January

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

The San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging will provide legal services for seniors through the program attorney, Daniel Fiedler. Fiedler will be spending the day at the Pagosa Springs Senior Center on Jan. 25, 2019.

Following are the legal services Fiedler can assist with:

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

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

Health and wellness

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

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

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

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

The next Health and Wellness event date will be Wednesday Dec. 19.

San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging: Comments needed on emergency preparedness

By Kay Kaylor

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

Once more, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has proposed to roll back its requirements in favor of health care facilities over residents. The rollback of emergency preparedness rules, implemented less than a year ago, is meant to “relieve burden on healthcare providers

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by removing unnecessary, obsolete or excessively burdensome Medicare compliance requirements for healthcare facilities.”

Both National Consumer Voice and Justice in Aging are “extremely concerned” that the proposed revisions would make nursing homes less ready for disasters, such as wildfires and building emergencies, and would subject residents to greater danger.

Two key changes in the proposal lengthen annual requirements to a longer period. Facilities would only have to review and update their emergency plan, policies and procedures, communication plan, and training and testing program every two years. Staff training on emergency preparedness would be required only every other year.

The public has until 9:59 a.m. mountain time on Nov. 19 to comment on the proposed rule. The following website explains the issues and offers a way to comment: <http://theconsumervoice.org/news/detail/latest/ep-rules-rollback>.

For further information, you may call me at 403-2164 or send an email to toombudsman2@sjbaaa.org.

Medical alert system

Medical alert monitoring systems are available for seniors. We can help you get set up with a system and assist with the monthly service charges or, if you already have a system in place, we can help supplement the monthly service fees.

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

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Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch. If you are a senior (60 years and older), for only a \$4 suggested donation, you are eligible for a hot meal, drink and a salad prepared by our kitchen staff.

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Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 15 — Beef goulash, spinach pie, roasted cauliflower with red peppers, milk, salad

bar and lemon dessert.

Friday, Nov. 16 — Pork and beef bratwurst hoagie, roasted red potatoes, baked beans, milk and salad bar.

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Tuesday, Nov. 20 — Beef and broccoli stir-fry with rice, glazed carrots, milk, salad bar and brownie.

Wednesday, Nov. 21 — Roast turkey with sausage stuffing, mashed potatoes with gravy, cranberry sauce, dinner roll with butter, milk, salad bar and pumpkin pie.

Thursday, Nov. 22 — Closed for Thanksgiving.

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

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