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## Work continues on courts, new jail

By Avery Martinez  
Staff Writer

Both the county and the Sixth Judicial District are working to find a location for the courts within Archuleta County, and work on a jail continues, without any home for the sheriff's office included in the plans.

Last week, Archuleta County Commissioner Ron Maez and Sixth Judicial District Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson gave a presentation to the Underfunded Courthouse Facility Commission for funding to perform a feasibility study of the Archuleta County Courthouse for possible reoccupation by the courts.

Greg Schulte, the interim county administrator, spoke with The SUN about both the courts and courthouse, as well as the next steps in

■ See Courts A8

## Town plans to raise 1st Street collection pipe

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The board of the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District (PSSGID) voted on Nov. 20 to help make the 1st Street bridge more river- and boater-friendly in terms of the location of the district's existing collection pipe.

At the meeting, the district board, which doubles as the Pagosa Springs Town Council, voted to install a lift station at the site to allow the collection pipe to be placed in a more favorable location under the deck of the bridge.

Planning for the project — which is anticipated to include engineering, design, permitting and administrative work — will take place in 2019, with construction slated for 2020.

"As you know, the gravity sewer line hanging from the 1st Street

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Left and top right: Fallen ceiling tiles and standing water sit in the western portion of the courthouse following a geothermal heating water line break Tuesday morning. Bottom right: Pagosa Fire Protection District personnel go to clear the courthouse after the water triggered a smoke alarm to go off a second time.

## Courthouse flooding follows heating system leak

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

A leak in the geothermal heating system in the old sheriff's office Tuesday morning caused water damage throughout the western portion of the Archuleta County Courthouse and multiple alarms to go off.

The leak occurred in the ceiling above the empty portion of the courthouse that formerly housed the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO), causing standing water and fallen ceiling tiles, among other things.

"Basically, there was a water line break. It was a geothermal line," explained Interim County Administrator Greg Schulte, later noting that those pipes likely date to the 1980s. "And, so, the geothermal lines actually go through the ceilings."

Schulte explained that there were ACSO employees in the portion of the building when it happened.

"And so they happened to be there when it actually happened, or when it became visible," he said, adding that Maintenance Technician Chris Stacey was one floor down in the Sally port when it happened. "So, it was very fortuitous that he was there."

Schulte explained that the ACSO employees called Stacey up and he worked on shutting off the water at the leak, which caused another break in the pipe and another leak.

"It was hot water, geothermal water," Schulte said, later adding, "The geothermal is the heating source for the courthouse ... so that cut off the heat."

Stacey was able to repair the pipe and restore heat, he added.

The water, however, also triggered smoke alarms to go off, and Pagosa Fire Protection District personnel responded to those alarms twice on Tuesday, once in the morning and again in the early afternoon.

Shortly after the issue became visible in the morning, Archuleta County Sheriff Richard Valdez explained he received a call from a courthouse employee suggesting he would want to "hustle and get down there" because there was a leak and ceiling tiles had fallen.

Valdez noted that he didn't know where in the courthouse the leak was occurring until one of his employees who was in the old sheriff's office portion texted him a picture.

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## 'Beyond words'



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Bob Sprague shows off a photo of President George H. W. Bush he received in the late 1980s from the chief of naval information. Sprague, who served in the U.S. Navy for 23 years, met Bush once while serving, recalling, "He was beyond words." Sprague later learned that he had flown in the same squadron as the president years after him.

## Charter school director announces resignation

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

For the 2019-20 school year, Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) will be under new leadership as School Director James Lewicki announced his resignation in an email to The SUN dated Dec. 1.

In the email, Lewicki cited "personal reasons" behind his decision to not return as school director for the next school year.

Lewicki, however, will remain the school director for this school year.

Lewicki also provided The SUN with a letter to parents of PPOS students that elaborates on his decision.

"I informed the Board and Staff at this time, so there is plenty of opportunity to have a quality leadership transition," Lewicki's letter states.

The letter to parents commends the faculty at PPOS as Lewicki describes the faculty as "one of the top faculty that I have had the privilege to know and work with."

As for the future of PPOS, Lewicki notes in his letter to parents that he is confident in the future of the school.

He later adds that it was an honor to be a part of the school's creation.

A vote was made to hire Lewicki

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## Pets and people: Local organizations team up to protect domestic violence victims

By Ashley Wilson  
Special to The SUN

On a summer night in 2018, Rise Above Violence received a call requiring a crisis response for a victim of domestic violence who needed immediate safe shelter. The victim's batterer had been arrested and she was desperate to get to safety before he was released.

Finding safe shelter for victims of domestic violence is a routine mission for Rise Above Violence, but this situation had a complicating factor. The victim had a dog and neither Southwest Safehouse in

Durango nor any other local temporary housing provider allow pets.

"She was, understandably, frantic about what would happen to her dog," said Carmen Hubbs, executive director of Rise Above Violence. "So many victims of domestic violence remain in very unsafe situations for fear of their pets' well-being."

A growing body of evidence backs up what Hubbs has witnessed firsthand. As many as 48 percent of victims of domestic violence delay leaving abusive

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# Opinion

## EDITORIAL

### Mission complete

This week we mourn the passing of George Herbert Walker Bush, the 41st president of the United States.

At only 18 years of age, Bush flew combat missions in the Pacific. He wrote to his parents about one attack, "I headed the plane out to sea and put on the throttle so as we could get away from the land as much as possible. ... I turned the plane up in an attitude so as to take the pressure off the back hatch so the boys could get out. After that I straightened up and started to get out myself."

He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for that mission.

It is no wonder that he celebrated several milestone birthdays with parachute jumps, including his 90th birthday.

In one tribute this week, the New York Times reported, "He underscored the theme of duty in accepting his party's nomination for the presidency in 1988 in New Orleans. 'I am a man who sees life in terms of missions — missions defined and missions completed,' he told Republican delegates in the Louisiana Superdome, acknowledging a swell of applause. He said he would 'keep America moving forward' and strive 'for a better America.'

"That is my mission," he concluded, "and I will complete it."

Bush delivered his presidential inaugural address on Jan. 20, 1989, pledging "to make kinder the face of the nation and gentler the face of the world."

When Bush left the White House in 1993, we believe he fulfilled his mission in leaving the office better than it was when he arrived. He left it with dignity and with grace, which was exemplified in a note he hand wrote to President Bill Clinton, which read:

Jan. 20, 1993

Dear Bill,

When I walked into this office just now I felt the same sense of wonder and respect that I felt four years ago. I know you will feel that, too.

I wish you great happiness here. I never felt the loneliness some Presidents have described.

There will be very tough times, made even more difficult by criticism you may not think is fair. I'm not a very good one to give advice; but just don't let the critics discourage you or push you off course.

You will be our President when you read this note. I wish you well. I wish your family well.

Your success now is our country's success. I am rooting hard for you.

Good luck—

George

While president, he encouraged volunteering and rewarded those who gave of themselves to their communities with Points of Light Awards.

He spearheaded establishment of the Points of Light Foundation, an international nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to engaging people and resources in solving serious social problems through voluntary service.

Bush was guided by a concern for humanity, traveling the globe on White House missions following his term as president to help Clinton raise funds to assist victims of natural disasters.

It's been a wonderful week of reminiscing and remembering the best snippets of Bush's honorable and admirable legacy.

On the final day of 1989, Bush wrote in his diary, "I'm certainly not seen as visionary, but I hope I'm seen as steady and prudent and able."

Another mission accomplished.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

## WHADDYA THINK?

Where do you plan to do most of your holiday shopping?



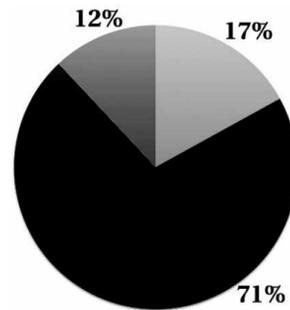
**Josh Bramble**  
"Online, because I don't have a lot of time to do it elsewhere."



**Chuck Foster**  
"Online, because there's no good malls close by."



**Dave Zappone**  
"Online, because it is more convenient for me."



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## LOOKING BACK



From the Nov. 20, 1975, Pagosa Springs SUN. POSTMASTERS — Postmasters in the southern and western parts of Colorado met at Pagosa Lodge this week to attend a seminar on various aspects of mail handling. There were approximately 70 in attendance from the areas served by the Alamosa and Durango sorting centers, along with some from the Pueblo area and postal officials from the Pueblo Center. Three of those officials are shown above with Dick DeVore, Pagosa Springs postmaster. They are, left to right, Walter Mauro, Postmaster DeVore, Margaret Sanders, and Keith Lowe.

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of December 7, 1928

At the town board meeting Monday night, in addition to routine business, Max R. Mickey was elected to the office of mayor, made vacant by the removal from the city of S.H. Dickerson. Mr. Mickey, who has been ill at his home this week with an attack of influenza, has not yet signified whether he will accept the honor thrust upon him.

The annual fire hazard is upon us all with the advent of zero weather, and it behooves all to use more than ordinary care in avoiding the menace!

The Manhattan Cafe and Pagosa Bakery, recently damaged by fire and water, will soon be reopened to the public. Both have undergone new and extensive repairs.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of December 10, 1943

Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Brown received a letter from their son, Raymond L. Brown, who is stationed somewhere in England. He stated that on Thanksgiving Day the boys in his camp had target practice with the British officers. Raymond beat a Colonel on the British side. After target practice the British officers invited the American boys to tea.

Mr. Lloyd Anderson, a government trapper, went to New Mexico Monday, where he will be stationed the rest of the winter.

Mr. John R. Stevens of Sunetha, chairman of the Archuleta Board of County Commissioners, has taken the job of checking over the heating system of the Court House. He hasn't got a very easy job either.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of December 5, 1968

There has not been much question this week but what winter weather is just about to arrive. The minimum for the week was minus eight degrees Tuesday morning of this week and the maximum for the week was 40 degrees. There were three days when the temperature did not get above the freezing mark. Total precipitation for the seven days was .18 of an inch. Most of this is in the form of snow and approximately five inches fell in town.

The basketball season gets underway this Saturday, December 7th. The Pagosa Pirates will appreciate hometown support when they play Sargent. There is plenty of basketball that evening. Time for the first game is 6:30 when the Jay Veets tangle. Pagosa has five games before the Christmas holiday.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of December 9, 1993

Seven hundred sixty-two lots in various Pagosa Lakes subdivisions went up for sale to the highest bidders at an auction Dec. 4. Auctioned in an effort to pay delinquent Fairfield Communities Inc. taxes, all but six lots were sold as 85% of the total amount due on back taxes and other expenses were recouped through the sales. A preliminary tally indicated the county received \$528,785 through the sale of the lots.

Pagosa Springs trustees passed two ordinances Tuesday night intended to provide local authorities and municipal court with additional ways to deal with problem juveniles, and to make adults accountable for their own actions and those of their children.

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# Letters

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## Sexual assault and domestic violence

Dear Editor:  
Imagine a safer community. In 2017 alone 293 individuals sought out services for sexual assault and domestic violence from Rise Above Violence in Archuleta County. These numbers tell of a grim reality that exists in our community- sexual assault and domestic violence are still common place.

The White Ribbon Campaign, with its focus on men speaking out against violence, aims to change this story. The campaign is not about collective guilt, but about men coming forward to speak about the importance of healthy relationships and actively being positive role models to a growing population of youth. Men have an incredible amount of influence in changing the way we talk about sexual assault and domestic violence. That influence can be used to positively change the culture around victim blaming to a culture that holds offenders accountable.

The more we as a community embrace the fact that we all play an active role in making our commu-

nities safer, the more successful we will be in collectively changing the current situation. Imagine that our community is free of violence, that the vulnerable are not harassed or harmed. We can do this...let's all do or part in ending domestic and sexual violence in our community-pledge never to commit, excuse, or remain silent about sexual assault and domestic violence.

Misty Fowlds  
Outreach coordinator  
6th Judicial District

## Mueller's investigation

Dear Editor:  
For many Americans like myself, the current situation we have with our President is one we have seen before and hoped to never see again. It is very reminiscent of what we witnessed with Richard Nixon in 1972-1974. Nixon, as you have heard or may even remember, resigned as President in August 1974. He was the first and, to this day, the only President to resign the office.

Our current President is likely to be the next one to resign. Like Nixon, who resigned rather than be impeached, Trump is spending more time covering up past misdeeds than he is on the Constitutional duties of this office.

The key difference is that in the 70's, Nixon's own Republican Party, both those elected to the U.S. House and Senate as well as Republican voters, understood that there was no way to continue to defend his behavior as President. Now, though, those Republican lawmakers and voters are not taking responsibility for Trump. Not yet, anyway.

We know much about Trump's efforts to discredit or even end the ongoing investigations into his actions as a candidate and even as President. If Mueller's investigation is allowed to conclude, we will know if Trump should resign. If Trump or his lackeys prematurely end Mueller's investigation, we will know that he should be impeached.

Ron Hardeman

## A fire, a family and a tiny dog

Dear Editor:  
A fire on this past Nov. 11 took the home and all possessions of Tara Evans and her husband, Austin, and their three sons. They lost everything in that fire. Her father, Paul, stepmother Brandis and step-sister Julia also lived with them and lost all they had, too. A severe and traumatic blow to each and every member of this family.

They also lost their tiny little dog, who is still missing. The firemen reported finding no tiny dog remains in the fire.

An older gentlemen of perhaps 60 or more years with a beard was reported to be seen holding a little dog in the vicinity during the fire

from bystanders. This gentlemen was also reported leaving the scene of the fire with the little dog in his arms walking east on Bonanza towards the mailbox hub there.

This little dog's name is Krissy. She was given to Tara Evans by her father, Paul, and Tara says of her, "She's my whole world."

Fortunately, the community pulled together quickly and found them a new place to live, furniture for this new place, clothing and many other needed items to help them put their life back together.

But all the help and new possessions to help put Tara's and her family's life back together, there is no way to "replace" their little dog who is missing. Most dog people will tell you that while you can get another dog when one of them leaves us through accident or old age, that special dog who is now gone can never be replaced. Each dog is a unique individual with special traits and personalities that are uniquely dear to their human companions. They can never be "replaced."

Tara and those helping her have gone all the way up and down Highland knocking on doors looking for their little Krissy, but not finding her.

I have dogs myself and they are family. One is my service dog who gave me a reason each day to

get up and keep putting one foot in front of the other during some very terrible and desperate years of very bad PTSD, severe depression and apathy from the military. I'm absolutely certain she is the reason I am still living today. She still helps keep the memories of severe trauma from overwhelming me. My other little dog came into my life later on, but she too taught me so much about finding ways to curb the PTSD emotions that can quite literally tear a person apart.

My dogs have been my very best therapists ever, and I love each of them with every fiber of my being and there is nothing I would not do for either of them. If I lost either of them, I would be absolutely devastated.

Especially if I lost one of them in the way Tara has lost her little Krissy.

This is the power of unconditionally loving dogs in a person's life. They weave their way deeply into our hearts and our lives and when they are gone, they leave a terrible and painful hole. Especially when there's no clear closure. When you have no idea what's happened to them, where they are, if they are safe, and warm and well fed. You long to be reunited with them and are haunted by the wondering and the worry until you find them

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# Letters

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again, or at least have the closure of knowing what happened to them. Little Krissy remains missing from her family who loves her. They want her to come home very badly. She is still out there, somewhere. Perhaps still with the man who walked away from the scene of the fire with a little dog in his arms.

Perhaps he kept her. Perhaps he was a dog lover himself, or lonely. If he is reading this, I hope he will return Krissy to her family. Tara's phone number is (970) 585-9386. Please call her if you have Krissy, or if you are someone who knows anything about where this little dog might be now. She is dearly loved and missed.

And if the gentleman that took her is lonely and wants a little dog of his own, I am certain the same community that pulled together for Tara and her family would help him to find a little canine companion of his own.

If anyone knows of a gentleman or anyone else who came into the possession of a little Chihuahua around this past Nov. 11, matching the description, I hope they will help little Krissy return home to her family where she is deeply missed.

It would be the very best Christmas gift they could ever wish for.

Niara Isley

## Migrants

Dear Editor:

I have an acquaintance of Polish heritage who is an acolyte of Trump, hates immigrants, and called me a "bleeding heart liberal." I am not sure when and why his ancestors migrated from Poland. Maybe it was because of poverty, persecution, religious intolerance, violence, or simply to reap the benefits of America. Ironically, these are the same motivations driving migrants from Central America. He also asks what I will tell the parents of people murdered by future migrants. Certainly, there have been a few high-profile murder cases that have been hyped endlessly by the right-wing mob. However, this ignores the fact that law enforcement statistics demonstrate that undocumented immigrants are less likely to commit violent crimes than the population at large. But who cares about facts when you need to stoke the fires of hate.

In my case, my Father migrated from Italy with my Grandparents in the 1920s. He was not impoverished, so didn't even have to go through Ellis Island (many people don't realize that only poor immigrants who traveled in steerage had to go through the humiliating experience at Ellis Island). They came to America because they felt there was more opportunity here. My grandfather became a restaurateur in Manhattan before returning to Italy. My Dad became an artist. My Dad once told me that most of his friends either became cops or Mafioso (talk about criminals). The point here is that we are all immigrants. Our ancestors came here for the same reasons that migrants

today try to enter our wonderful Nation, which Ronald Reagan once called "the shining city on the hill." What is the difference? They have dark skin. They don't speak English (although many European immigrants didn't speak English either). They are dirt poor, so will take jobs away from the millions of Americans. A shining city on the hill. Does no one see the obvious hypocrisy here?

Coincidentally, I am watching a documentary on PBS called "African-Americans: Many Rivers to Cross." I was struck by the similarity with which African-Americans were depicted after reconstruction ended (the early 20th Century) and the way we are depicting migrants from Central America today. African-Americans were rapists stalking pure white womanhood. They were all criminals. They were lazy. They were uneducated. They had no skills. Obviously, all of this was not true, as we have seen repeatedly since then, culminating in the election of a brilliant African-American as President.

I believe that 50 years from now, Americans will look back at our treatment of migrants with the same shame as we now view slavery, segregation, the subjugation of Native Americans, and the internment of Japanese-Americans during WW2. In the meantime, I am very happy to be a "bleeding heart liberal." At least, I have a heart.

John W Porco

## Time for reflection

Dear Editor:

Gee, tomorrow is "Pearl Harbor Day". Time for "reflection". On Sunday Morning, December 7, 1941, the announcement came over the radio that our very own country was brutally attacked by evil from "outside". There were no pictures, "just the facts, man, just the facts", as news was done in those days.

Our daily life-style was immediately affected and thousands of young lives met the biggest challenges through military service. Here at home, the "comforts" we had enjoyed were no longer available — we "made do" with whatever was available — but we still managed to find happiness with lives of "purpose." There was no complaining as all came "together"



to protect the values of our freedom. Throughout the war, families gathered around their radios for the weekly "Fireside Chat" from our President, whose heart-felt words were filled with honest compassion, hope and inspiration.

Over the decades since, we never imagined that at some time in the future, our values would be attacked by evil from "within". So, here we are today. What has happened to us? Why this, after all the sacrifice? It saddens me how "social media" instruments that were designed to make it convenient to "stay connected" have ended up being our own worst enemy. We are in a war against efforts to control the minds of our young people — honesty and truth are in jeopardy. Money has never defined our "Greatness"; it has been and is defined by the character of our people who continue to sacrifice in support of goodness.

Hopefully the recent election is an indication that "we the people" are waking up to the dangers of the times we find ourselves in, but the election is not enough — we need to clear our minds and seek truth in all things.

Do it with love.

Patty Tillerson

## Improperly subdivided parcels

Dear Editor:

Concerning Mr. Shepard's comments (November 29th issue of the SUN) regarding improperly subdivided parcels, it is important to understand the history behind the origination of the majority of these parcels.

Many are under the erroneous impression that a group of unscrupulous land developers blew into town with blatant disregard for our subdivision regulations and began selling illegal parcels of land to unsuspecting buyers, placing us in our current situation.

In truth, the great majority of the so-called "improperly subdivided

parcels" originated due to the imposition in 1972 of newly created subdivision regulations over existing contractual sales obligations. Let me explain.

The majority of improperly subdivided parcels in Archuleta County were created by land developers from New Mexico. It is important to understand that the common way of conducting real estate transactions in New Mexico is through an Installment Land Contract, instead of financing through a Deed of Trust or Mortgage. Rather than receiving a deed to the property and then financing it over a number of years through a Deed of Trust or Mortgage, the equitable interest of those entering into an Installment Land Contract increases with each payment but they do not receive a deed to the property until the purchase price has been paid in full, sometimes many years later.

Many Installment Land Contracts were entered into in the mid 1960's, with purchasers already years into making payments on their property when the Subdivision Regulations were imposed. The point is that these land transactions were not conducted in some nefarious fashion with the intent of skirting the subdivision regulations. They happened years before the regulations were even in effect between people of good faith, with the unfortunate circumstance (due to the method of purchasing) of having the deed recorded subsequent to the date the regulations were imposed by Archuleta County.

So, the County, in arriving at a resolution to bring these parcels into compliance, is, in the great majority of cases, only recognizing past transactions between people of good faith whose method of purchasing unknowingly placed them at odds with subsequently imposed regulations.

I applaud the Commissioners for finally addressing this issue and bringing it to a resolution. It is truly a win-win for both the County's tax base and the owners of these parcels.

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# Obituaries

## Elizabeth Ann Mergens (Hurley)

Elizabeth Ann Mergens (Hurley), beloved wife and mother, entered the home that the Lord has prepared for her on Nov. 23.



Born Sept. 23, 1931, in Queens N.Y., Betty strode the Big Apple and eventually met the love of her life, Edward Mergens; they never looked back — raising their two sons, Michael and Stephen, and daughter, Stacy. Together, the family moved across the U.S. and the world sharing marvelous experiences and making memories for a lifetime.

Betty was a strong, confident woman who spoke her mind and made lasting friends at every stage of her life. She was a great bridge player, an accomplished investor and a passable golf player and skier, but she really excelled as a friend, wife, mother and grandmother. She introduced us all to the marvel that is the Colorado Rockies when she "decided" for our father that they needed to build a house in Pagosa Springs. Her decision established us all as avid Wolf Creek skiers — a sport we all relish and continue to enjoy. She is survived by her three children and five grandchildren: PJ Shumway, Stephanie Shumway, Christina Mergens, Matthew Mergens and Iris Daunt-Withers.

Betty will be missed and never forgotten by the long trail of friends she left in her wide wake through this world.

Funeral Mass followed by interment is scheduled for 11 a.m. Jan. 23, 2019, at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

## Clarence Joe Metzler

Funeral services for Clarence Joe Metzler, "Dutch," 97, of Lindsay, were held at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 29, at St. Peters Catholic Church in Lindsay, Texas. Burial followed in St. Peters Cemetery under the direction of Geo. J. Carroll and Son Funeral Home. The rosary and

visitation were at 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, at Geo. J. Carroll and Son Funeral Home of Gainesville, Texas.

Clarence Dutch Metzler was born March 14, 1921, in Lindsay, the firstborn of Phillip and Frances Schmitz Metzler's eight children. Dutch served his country in the U.S. Navy from August 1942 through December 1945.

Upon his return from the Navy, Dutch opened a restaurant with his brother Leroy in Grand Prairie, Texas. Following this endeavor, he purchased Preston Fishing Camp on Lake Texoma. Shortly after purchasing the fishing resort, he married his first wife, Lois Bellamy, on April 11, 1955. Dutch and Lois owned and operated Preston Fishing Camp for over 25 years. After selling the resort and retiring, they divided their residency between Lake Texoma, Texas and Pagosa Springs, Colo. They enjoyed 34 wonderful years together before Lois' passing Sept. 19, 1989. He then married Vera Conrady and, upon her death after 12 years of marriage, he married Marie Herr until her death in April 2018.

Dutch loved his Catholic faith, family, hunting, fishing, a hearty vegetable garden and his log cabin in Colorado. He was a lifelong member of St. Peters Catholic Church and 74-year honorary life member of the Knights of Columbus.

Dutch is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Tammy Metzler, of Denton; daughter and son-in-law Linda and John Herndon, of Mesquite; grandchildren Erika Holland and husband Sean, Brett Metzler, Robby Herndon, Susan Herndon, Renea Kern and husband Brian; great-grandchildren Amber Jenkins, Tyler Jenkins and wife Taylor, Casey Guthrie, Jeffrey Herndon and wife Erica, Robert Herndon and wife Marissa, Cole and Ryan Kern; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by his brothers, Bill Metzler and his wife, Ethel; brother Raymond and his wife, Helen; sister Anna Belle Dieter and her husband, Rudy; sister Virginia Noggler; and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

In addition to his wives, he was also preceded in death by Leroy



and Peggy Metzler, Gerald and Verena Metzler, Julius and Marcella Metzler, and brother-in-law Ted Noggler.

Pallbearers were Don Metzler, Johnny Metzler, Mark Metzler, Kenny Noggler, Pat Dieter, Brad Metzler, Jim Metzler and Daniel Sanchez.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. John Paul II Catholic Parish Building Fund, 1303 Eagle Drive, Denton, TX 76201.

The Metzler family wishes to express much gratitude and thankfulness to Terri Metzler and Maria McCoy for their loving care of Dutch over the last four years.

You may sign the online registry at [www.geojcarroll.com](http://www.geojcarroll.com). The funeral home is Geo. J. Carroll and Son Funeral Home Gainesville, 602 Lindsay St., P.O. Box 642, Gainesville, TX 76240.

## Charlene Kay Palmer

Charlene Kay Palmer, 52, beloved mother and dedicated teacher of many, was born to eternal life on Thursday, Nov. 29. She was known for her unshakable faith and positive outlook on life, no matter the situation.



Charlene was born on Jan. 27, 1966, in St. Clair, Penn., to Charles and Donna Palmer. With her flute in hand, she marched through grade school in Bethel Park, Penn., and high school in Scottsdale, Ariz. She graduated from Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo., with a degree in elementary education. Later, she moved to Pagosa Springs, Colo., where she raised her children.

Charlene was a dedicated and compassionate teacher and an inspiring, understanding friend to so many. From her birth to her death, she nourished people around her with love, faith and music. Charlene will be remembered for her genuine and almost constant smile along with her sense of humor and outgoing personality. She was designed to light up a room!

She is survived by her daughter, Jennie Siebenmorgen (White); husband Evan; her son, Sam White; her father, Gary Palmer; brother Ken Palmer and his wife, Amy; nephew Geddy; and her stepchildren, Nikki Aalund, Brooke Feinhals, Jessica

Feinhals and Jacob Feinhals. In addition, she leaves behind many cherished aunts, uncles and cousins. She is preceded in death by her mother, Donna Palmer.

A celebration of life will be held at Animas Valley Church, where Charlene attended services, in Aztec, N.M., starting at noon on Saturday, Dec. 8. A reception will immediately follow.

Memorial contributions can be made in Charlene's name to Mosaic Academy Charter school in Aztec, N.M., 450 Llano Street, Aztec, NM 87410.

## Terry Lynn Taylor

Terry Lynn Taylor, 50, a former resident of Pagosa Springs, passed away Nov. 14 in Melbourne, Ark. He was born Aug. 12, 1968, in Denver, Colo.



He is survived by a son, Chad Taylor (Pagosa Springs); a daughter, Danielle Taylor (Pagosa Springs); ex-wife Annette Taylor (Pagosa Springs); his Dad, Charles Bird, of Denver, Colo.; and a brother, Robert Graves (Marie), of Del Norte, Colo. He also has numerous nieces and nephews.

Terry was born in Denver, Colo., to William "Bill" Howard Taylor and Virginia Pinzensham. He was raised in Commerce City, Colo., where he graduated from Adams City High School in 1986.

He married his wife Aug. 31, 1996. They had two children, whom they raised in Pagosa Springs. Although they were separated at the time of his death, they still were friends.

He is preceded in death by three brothers, Bill Graves, Larry Graves and Jimmy Block; a sister, Brenda Bird; and his mother, Virginia Bird; and his father, William Howard Taylor.

Terry was an avid hunter and fisherman. He enjoyed the outdoors. He was at home in the mountains and this will be his final resting place.

A memorial service will be held Dec. 8 at 11:30 a.m. at the home of Annette Taylor.

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## Celebration of Life

### Mary Lou Maehr

A Celebration of Life for Mary Lou Maehr will be held Dec. 8 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the conference room at Pagosa Brewing Company, 118 N. Pagosa Blvd. All those that knew Mary Lou are invited to attend, share your favorite stories and help us celebrate her beautiful life. Any questions, please contact Andrea at 903-6047.



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## CHAMBER NEWS

### Celebrating our Bill of Rights for 224 years

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
SUN Columnist

We study our Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights in school. But how many of us actually remember what we studied and appreciate the freedom and rights that these documents allow us?

A little history review: The first 10 amendments to the Constitution of the United States were ratified on Dec. 15, 1791, which we today refer to as the Bill of Rights. It limits the power of the federal government to guarantee each citizen individual rights in life, liberty property, justice and the pursuit of happiness.

Without giving a complete history lesson here, some of the amendments that we are so familiar with are the freedom of religion and speech, the right to bear arms, security against unreasonable search and seizures, prohibition of "double jeopardy" for major crime cases, the taking of private property for public use (eminent domain) without just compensation, a right to a speedy trial and a right to a jury trial in civil cases.

Later, amendments such as the abolition of slavery came with the 13th Amendment after the Civil War. In 1941 on the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the Bill of Rights, President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared Dec. 15 to be Bill of Rights Day.

At this time, it might behoove some of us to review this little piece of very important history that permits us many freedoms. Our society is one that allows individuals to own businesses and prosper and

that are not run by the government.

Some of us have had to exercise our right to freedom through these Bill of Rights. Some of us have been given the opportunity to become U.S. citizens because of the 14th Amendment. The first amendment affords us the right to debate our political system and have freedom of speech. Many countries still do not have that right.

On this 224th anniversary of a document that many of us take for granted, gather your family and review what the Bill of Rights encompasses and how it might affect your lives. How might it affect your lives if we didn't have these rights in place? During this holiday season of gratefulness, be thankful and cognizant of the rights our ancestors developed and fought for and are still timely centuries later.

#### Sign up for WinterFest's Penguin Plunge

Don't wait until the last minute. Get your Penguin Plunge pledge forms now during this time of giving and end-of-year charitable tax donations, get people to pledge toward the brave antics of jumping into the frigid San Juan River.

This season's WinterFest activities will be held Jan. 25-27, 2019, with the Plunge being held on Jan. 26.

With the event being moved up a week from early February, don't wait to get out there and start securing pledges. To access your pledge form now, visit the Chamber website at [www.pagosachamber.com](http://www.pagosachamber.com). Click on the Chamber Events section and then click on Win-

terFest under the 2019 Chamber Sponsored Events. Your Penguin Plunge pledge form will be located under the WinterFest category. Plungers are responsible for the \$30 entry fee.

The goal is to raise as much money as possible for the nonprofit entity of your choice. There will be goody bags for the plungers and prizes for the top fundraisers.

In addition to obtaining a plunge form, please contact the Chamber and notify us that you will be plunging. We want to promote those nonprofit agencies that are participating in the event. Questions about the plunge should be directed to Events Coordinator Katie Dobbins at the Chamber at 264-2360.

#### Temporary use permitting meeting

The Town of Pagosa Springs is looking at the permitting and regulation process in relation to temporary use permits (TUP) and the businesses that are allowed to operate from these structures: trailers, trucks, tents and other nonpermanent buildings or structures.

A meeting will be held on Monday, Dec. 10, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Ross Aragon Community Center south conference room. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

The town has been approached to extend TUP operation in a temporary structure from six-month use to year-round use. The town is interested in gauging the consideration of the community which would include current operators from temporary units and those op-

erating from a "bricks and mortar" structure. Ideas and comments collected from this and other meetings will be presented to the town planning commission and town council if code amendments are pursued.

#### Membership news

Close out the year with a goal to start the new year off with some new marketing tools. Attend the last Maximizing Your Membership class on Tuesday, Dec. 11, from 9 to 10 a.m. The class will be held at the Chamber of Commerce and a light breakfast will be served.

For those members who have not attended a class, you need to see some of the changes that have been made, how you can utilize more benefits and how your Chamber membership is working for you. Please contact membership coordinator Rick Artis to secure a space in the class.

We welcome our renewals this week: Alpen Haus, Spectrum Construction and Ponderosa Lumber Company. The Humane Society of Pagosa Springs and Tri-County Head Start also renewed in the nonprofit category.

Make sure you go to the Chamber website to download your Community Award Nomination form. These forms are due to the Chamber by Jan. 4, 2019.

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### Region 9 announces new board member representing Pagosa Springs

By Terry Blair-Burton  
Special to The SUN

The Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado announces that Jennifer Green has joined the Region 9 Board of Directors as the Pagosa Springs representative.

Green has been the executive director of tourism in Pagosa Springs since January 2009, during which time lodging tax collections have doubled and she led a successful effort to combine the town and

county under the same tourism umbrella.

In her role, she oversees communications, visitor center operations and all marketing efforts for the county. She also holds a seat on the marketing committee for the Colorado Tourism Office.



Jennifer Green

Green was elected to the Region 9 Board of Directors at its September meeting.

Region 9 is a public/private partnership that promotes and coordinates economic development efforts in five Colorado counties. The Region 9 Board of Directors is comprised of 26 members, 17 representatives from the local governmental jurisdictions and nine members from the private sector. The Region 9 Board meets quarterly. For more information, please call 247-9621 or go to [www.scan.org](http://www.scan.org).

### The Colorado Trust grants two Archuleta County nonprofits

By Julian Kesner  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Colorado Trust, a foundation dedicated to creating fair and equal opportunities for Coloradans to lead healthy lives, announced it has granted \$5,000 each to two rural nonprofit organizations in Archuleta County in conjunction with the September 2018 Rural Philanthropy Days.

Rural Philanthropy Days connects funders with nonprofit organizations and government agencies that serve rural Colorado. The biannual event was created in 1991 by the Community Resource Center (CRC) and the Anschutz Family Foundation to strengthen nonprofit-funder relations and address critical needs in rural Colorado communities.

The September 2018 Rural Philanthropy Days, which took place in Cortez, Colo., convened nonprofit representatives from Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan counties. Grants of \$5,000 were awarded by The trust to each of the following organizations:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Colorado (Pagosa Springs, Archuleta County): This mentoring program supports youth ages 6-18 at schools in Archuleta and La Plata counties. Funds will help provide mentor training and matching.
- Rise Above Violence (Pagosa Springs, Archuleta County): The program creates a safe space for those suffering from domestic violence; it also runs youth bullying and dating violence prevention programs. Funds will support general operations.

Since 2009, the trust has provided \$541,500 in grants to rural Colorado nonprofit organizations

via Rural Philanthropy Days and to CRC to support the statewide Rural Philanthropy Days program. For more information about Rural Philanthropy Days, visit the CRC website.

#### About The Colorado Trust

The Colorado Trust is a foundation dedicated to achieving health equity — ending inequalities that affect racial, ethnic, low-income and other vulnerable populations so that

everyone can achieve good health. The trust believes all Coloradans should have fair and equal opportunities to lead healthy, productive lives regardless of race, ethnicity, income or where we live. The trust focuses on policies and information related to advancing health equity, as well as projects that address health equity in partnership with communities throughout Colorado. For more information, visit [www.coloradotrust.org](http://www.coloradotrust.org).

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# Potential options for connectivity between Eagle and Pike drives discussed by town council

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

Improvement options for connectivity to Eagle Drive from Pike Drive were discussed by the Pagosa Springs Town Council at a meeting on Nov. 20.

Agenda documentation from the meeting explains that after the completion of the Advanced Auto Parts development and along with town council's acceptance of the public right of way needed to complete a connection between Eagle Drive and Pike Drive, there was a need for direction regarding the extent of the road connectivity improvement.

"As everyone is well aware, left hand turn movements onto and from Pike Drive to Hwy 160 can be difficult and a safety issue. Connectivity to Eagle Drive from Pike Drive will provide drivers with additional safer options to access the Hwy and Pike Drive," the agenda brief from the Nov. 20 meeting describes.

There is an opportunity to make a complete connection between Eagle and Pike Drive, Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained.

"So, Pike would be your main access road off of 160 and then if we can make this connection then that would provide an additional roadway through Eagle all the way up to Piedra," Phillips said.

The Town of Pagosa Springs had put this potential project in its capital budget for 2019 and was looking at a potential \$300,000 project, Phillips noted at the meeting.

However, per the recommendation from council member Tracy Bunning, other options were explored.

These options ranged from, as Phillips described, "a very rudimentary connection" to a full paving including a gutter and sidewalk.

## Items to consider

Town Planning Director James Dickhoff noted that the existing road behind Pagosa Tire is already within a previously granted 30-foot-wide road easement.

"There is property north of this easement that will potentially be needed if we're going to do any road improvement here because of some of the constraints at this location," Dickhoff said.

That property will be needed to accommodate vehicle turning radius and as well as a tie in to the sloping western access to Pagosa Tire, Dickhoff added later.

There have been no conversations yet with the owners of Pagosa Tire about any potential projects, Dickhoff noted.

Other items to consider are shallow utilities under the right of way, an existing sewer line manhole location and an existing La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) junction box, Dickhoff explained.

The LPEA junction box will need to be moved because of its proximity to the eastern driving lane, Dickhoff noted.

Thankfully, Dickhoff explained, it is just a junction box and not a

transformer, but if a truck were to hit the box, it would cut off power supply to a good portion of the town.

"Approximate cost is up to \$25,000. We're thinking it could be as much as half of that, but we want to make sure we're contemplating the actual cost of it being as high as \$25,000," Dickhoff said.

The missing roadway connection length is about 250 feet, but the project length, Dickhoff indicated, would vary from 500 feet to 700 feet depending on the options.

## Potential solutions

Closing the road until the town has the funding available was the first option, Option A, presented by Dickhoff.

Agenda documentation notes that with this option, approximate expenses total \$1,000 with no need to relocate the LPEA junction box.

Option B involves a "rustic" improvement, Dickhoff noted.

"That's really just putting gravel over the surface right now, not really widening it because there isn't much road base under this area," Dickhoff explained.

The rustic improvement would not be improving the structural capacity of the area, so issues may arise when rain comes in the spring, Dickhoff added.

Additionally, the rustic improvement option does not really look at excavating and building up on top of the shallow utilities, but rather they would just be covered over, Dickhoff explained.

Sharp 90-degree turns at each end, combined with the difference in traction between gravel and asphalt could create safety and accident hazards, Dickhoff added.

There also would be a lack of traffic lanes, which could cause concerns with people cutting corners, Dickhoff explained further.

Dickhoff noted that this rustic improvement would cost an estimated \$10,000 plus an estimated 32 hours of staff time.

"This price does not include the moving of that junction box. Which will be an additional, I've estimated, about \$20,000 kind of as a midpoint. So, it will actually be about \$30,000," Dickhoff explained.

Option C would be for town staff to coordinate a gravel road design rather than asphalt road design, Dickhoff stated.

This option would reduce costs; however, the cost of more sub-surface buildup to accommodate truck traffic would be about the same as an asphalt road design, agenda documentation notes.

This option notes potential costs of \$260,000, which includes engineering, construction esti-

mate, a 20 percent contingency, LPEA junction box relocation and an additional approximation of \$15,000 for property acquisition.

Option D has a potential asphalt road construction project being completed 180 feet short of Pike Drive without a curb, sidewalk or gutter.

Potential costs for this option run about \$309,000 which also include engineering, construction, a 20 percent contingency, LPEA junction box relocation and \$15,000 for property acquisition, according to agenda documentation.

Completing an asphalt road improvement 180 feet short of Pike Drive with sidewalk, curb and gutter extending to Pike Drive is Option E, which carries an approximate cost of \$363,000, which also includes engineering, construction estimate, a 20 percent contingency, LPEA junction box relocation and \$15,000 for property acquisition.

The final option, Option F, includes a full asphalt road improvement project and reconstruction all the way to Pike Drive.

Estimated costs for this option are \$425,000, which includes the same assumptions as listed above.

## Discussion

"From staff's perspective, I think, to be honest, our least preference is us taking staff time, buying some gravel and throwing it on top and opening it up," Dickhoff said.

Traction concerns exist when transferring between pavement and gravel, as do maintenance concerns, Dickhoff noted.

"Our preference, if we're going to go that route, would be to just close the road until we have the money to actually do this correctly," Dickhoff said.

Options C and D are projects that fit closer to what the town has budgeted, Dickhoff explained.

If the town decided to pick an option that included the installation of the curb and gutter, Dickhoff noted that the sidewalk is "somewhat of an insignificant cost."

"It's really a minor cost when you look at the whole scope of things," Dickhoff said.

Council member Madeline Bergon explained that she was leaning toward option A.

"We close it until we actually have money and when we do have money we do it right all the way, see it through to the end," Bergon said, "because I don't really see a point in trying to just kind of halfway do it when it's going to cost us more money in the future to go back and fix and add on and everything."

With the town having \$200,000 budgeted already for a potential project, the town could hold those funds and in 2020 look for addi-

tional funds, Bergon noted.

"If you don't want to do anything in 2019, we could utilize that \$200,000 for other capital projects in 2019 and just put this off for a later year," Phillips commented.

Council member Mat deGraaf raised the question on whether or not this project could be tacked onto an additional project down the line "because most of our projects are fairly small and we've been told it's hard for us to attract contractors who are busy in the summer because we offer small jobs."

Dickhoff noted that it could be done, but this is really the only road project proposed 2019, so it would be deferred to 2020.

"My preference would be to move forward with the very basic option," Phillips noted.

Phillips also explained there are also variables involving the town negotiating the easement cost in exchange for the town doing a potential sidewalk at that location at a later date, as well as the cost of the relocation of the LPEA junction box.

Mayor Don Volger expressed that a sidewalk in that section is not a priority as that area is not a residential area and safety concerns are raised with the addition of a sidewalk.

"I would like to move forward with some way to make that access possible, as closely within our budget as possible, which would be C1," Volger said, noting that gravel was not an option, nor was Option F.

Even by going with the most basic option, the town would be looking into going into its reserves to pay for the difference of the project, Phillips noted.

"I am of the belief now that we should just close it and not do anything with it," deGraaf stated. "If we can't do it right, why do it at all?"

After more discussion on a potential option, the direction for staff was to talk to property owners, get engineering started, move the LPEA junction box.

Additionally, the road will be closed with signage noting that construction will be taking place in 2020.

"It sounded like they wanted to do the full construction option with sidewalks, curb gutter, the whole option was kind of what my takeaway was," Phillips clarified in a follow-up interview.

Within the town's 2019 budget, \$75,000 has been allocated for design, engineering, easement and junction box work to be done on Eagle Drive to Pike Drive.

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# Resignation

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as the school's director by the PPOS board at a meeting on March 31, 2017.

## Planning for the future

PPOS Board President Ursula Hudson noted in an interview with The SUN that Lewicki's resignation did not come as a surprise, and the PPOS board knew for a while that it was coming.

"So, we definitely feel prepared. And the staff seems, and I'm not sure what it is, but they're oddly comfortable. I thought that there would be a little bit more anxiety at the school," Hudson said.

PPOS as a whole is looking forward to see how it transitions with the process, Hudson added.

Ideally, PPOS would like to hire someone before the fall of 2019 to overlap leadership, Hudson explained.

"We are going to start the search as soon as possible," Hudson stated.

For PPOS the search involves two options: hiring someone outside of the school or sticking with an internal staff member from PPOS, Hudson explained further.

PPOS has looked into both second- and third-grade advisor Thomas Davenport and fourth- and fifth-grade advisor Kobe Biederman for the position, Hudson added.

"Perhaps, kind of a shared leadership position. James has experience creating kind of a democratic level of leadership at schools that he's been at in the past," Hudson described. "So, we're open to less-traditional organizational structure."

As for parting words for the

school's original school director, Hudson noted that she was not certain that PPOS would be open without Lewicki.

"I'm not sure if our charter would have been approved without him," Hudson added later.

Lewicki's experience with project- and place-based learning was also cited by Hudson as a strength of Lewicki's.

The staff at PPOS would not be as strong without Lewicki's experience, she added.

"I have no doubt that he was the best director for the first two years of this school," Hudson said. "I'm really grateful to everything he's done."

Moving forward, this will be a good opportunity for PPOS to evaluate the type of leadership model it might want, PPOS Secretary Ashley Wilson stated in a separate interview.

"As we move forward we're going to have to keep those things in mind in our interview process," Wilson said. "While we would love to, hopefully, hire from within, but we also want to do a really comprehensive search to make sure that we get the right leadership in for the school so that we can continue to be successful."

Archuleta School District (ASD) Superintendent Linda Reed explained in a separate interview that she really valued Lewicki.

"He understood the school and the scope behind the school and he's been a wonderful partner to work with," she said.

Lewicki was also described as being conscientiousness and always putting kids first, which for Reed, is very important.

As to how ASD will be involved in the hiring process of a new school director, Reed noted that there have not been any conversations on that topic.

"I would like to be able to probably speak with their board. They're the ones that are going to be doing the hiring," Reed said.

Within an attachment of PPOS's contract, one of the pre-opening conditions required the school director to have certain level of qualifications.

According to the attachment, Resolution Condition #4 states, pertaining to pre-opening conditions, "Hire a School Director whose qualifications must include a minimum of 5 years of experience as a classroom/school administrator with an understanding of educational theories, principles, and techniques."

"So, I would hope that the PPOS board would continue to see that as valuable. Running a school is complex and it really helps if you have someone who has some experience," Reed explained.

Reed later added that she was not sure if that pre-opening condition would still come into play because the condition was created before the school was opened.

"I would really need to talk to legal council about that. It was a pre-opening condition, but, as I said, running a charter school, it's a big job and there's a lot that you need to know," Reed said.

The conversation on hiring a new school director will be a topic of discussion at the PPOS's board's next meeting at 6 p.m. on Dec. 10 at 7 Parelli Way.

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# Flooding

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The sheriff explained that the ACSO still houses files, evidence and equipment in the old office, and the employees were there cleaning locks and doing other maintenance in the area where those things are stored.

"So, I went in there and the whole hallway and everything was flooded," Valdez said, noting that a large portion of the office space was damaged.

No ACSO equipment or files were damaged to his knowledge, he noted, but that staff would go check it again later to be sure.

"I think most of that stuff was out of the way," he said, adding that there are also servers within that building that, if down, would affect both courthouse and ACSO operations.

Commissioner Ron Maez toured the damage while the PFPD responded to the second alarm.

Later, in an interview with SUN staff, Maez discussed the damage.

"The damage appears to be extensive, ... yet we'll see the determi-

nation comes of that, because you know with flood and when ceiling tiles fall, it looks like heck," he said, adding, "You can never predict when a pipe breaks. A lot of the piping in there is copper piping. Copper piping is notorious for breaking. If we all had a crystal ball, we wouldn't have any leaks."

Maez noted he was glad Stacey was in the building when the break happened, noting he goes through the building once or twice a day.

Maez added that everything seems to be OK, and now it's about the cost of fixing it.

"It's always about the cost," he said.

As of Tuesday afternoon, the county had not set next steps other than stabilizing the situation and removing wet materials, Schulte indicated.

He explained that Stacey will now have to talk to remediation experts.

"We're going to have to at least rip out, at this juncture, carpet and ceiling tiles probably some walls. So, we don't know the extent of that just

yet. So now it's definitely not habitable," he said.

Schulte noted that the ACSO stores files and other things in the building and periodically goes to retrieve things, but that the ACSO does not inhabit the space on a regular basis.

"Now nobody can use that space," he said.

Schulte explained that, previously, because of the results of air quality testing, it was the position of the commissioners that the building was habitable.

In his interview with The SUN, Valdez indicated he is glad his offices had not moved back into the courthouse.

"That's a perfect example of saying the building's fine," he said, referring to the county administration's reports that the building is OK to inhabit.

He added that, had his office been in the courthouse, Tuesday would have been the fourth time to evacuate.

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# Courts

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the jail project.

Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez spoke with The SUN about the jail, and that an office for his department will not be included in the new jail.

## Courts/courthouse

The Sixth Judicial District and Archuleta County Courts vacated the Archuleta County Courthouse in early-September 2017 citing health and safety concerns with the building.

In the intervening time, many discussions have taken place between the county and the courts about reoccupation of the courthouse, including letters, meetings and the county taking the courts to court.

The commissioners have considered the courthouse as safe for reoccupation for some time, with the courts disagreeing on its safety and adequacy.

However, the courts and the county are now working together.

"We're working together, and we're appreciative of the availability of the grant funding ... to conduct the appropriate assessments and analysis of the building for the reoccupation by the courts," Schulte said.

The county previously submitted a grant application to the Underfunded Courthouse Facility Commission, Schulte explained.

"Commissioner Maez along with Judge Wilson made a presentation to the committee just this past Friday ... to apply for \$200,000 in grant funding," Schulte said.

That funding is for further structural and site analysis, and assessment on the courthouse in the downtown location, according to Schulte.

"We both recognize that we're going to have to work together to find an appropriate solution for where the courts are going to go, and that the facilities are appropriate for and affordable for all parties involved," Schulte said.

Further, "we are fortunate" to be able to apply for money from the courts to do preliminary work "to make sure the downtown courthouse is appropriate, and is worthwhile investing in," Schulte explained.

"This is important to note that the courts are paying for this assessment, essentially," Schulte said. "And what that does, is that the results of that study will also allow us to go back to that same grant funding for actual construction dollars."

The courts want to know if the courthouse is usable before putting more money into the courthouse, Schulte explained.

The county is "not out any money at this juncture," Schulte explained.

Air-quality monitoring has con-

tinually gone on at the courthouse, according to Schulte.

"The latest information is that we meet all standards, we continue to meet all standards based upon the air monitors," Schulte said.

If the building was renovated, it would require "significant changes," according to Schulte, who added, "We've got some work ahead of us."

## Jail

During the Colorado Counties Inc. (CCI) conference in Colorado Springs on Nov. 27, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) held a noticed work session and discussed financing options for the jail, Schulte explained.

CCI is the "professional organization for Colorado counties." Part of what CCI does is to train incoming commissioners, which Commissioner-elect Alvin Schaaf took part in, Schulte explained.

Deb Hinsvark with Ehlers, the county's municipal advisor, spoke with the BoCC and Schaaf, Schulte explained.

Schulte explained that this was a good opportunity for educational session on financing using certificates of participation (COP) and what different scenarios may look like.

Also, this helped to put all of the commissioners on the same page with terminology and options, Schulte added.

Schulte discussed the process and steps of building the jail.

Currently, the county is in the process of securing the property in Harman Park that could be used for the jail, Schulte explained.

"We have been in communication with representatives of the Harman family," Schulte said. "We hope to do that within a month or so."

If the Harman property is unavailable, the county will need to look for another site, according to Schulte.

"We have to finalize, basically, the design for the jail, and we are taking input from the sheriff's office and consulting with the architect on doing that," Schulte said.

Before obtaining a final cost estimate "we have to have that in hand," Schulte mentioned.

"We know that's in the ballpark of probably around \$13 million, but don't know that for sure," Schulte said.

That is a key factor for the financing of the jail, according to Schulte.

Further, the county needs to get a credit rating, Schulte explained.

"That's just like any other financing mechanism, they want to know what your credit rating is," Schulte said, adding that could take a couple of months to do.

The county credit rating will also go into the financing, Schulte

explained.

"All these things have to kind of to coalesce and are all kind of dependent on each other," Schulte said, adding that the county is looking to the early part of 2019 to "get that all together."

The county wants to get all these pieces completed so that construction on the jail can commence in 2019, Schulte explained.

Valdez talked with The SUN on Tuesday about the jail and his office.

The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) evacuated its offices in 2017 after evacuating the jail permanently following flooding in 2015.

Since that time, inmates have been sent to other jails, and the ACSO offices are located at the former Emergency Operations Center near the airport.

Schulte and Brad Ash, architect with Reynolds, Ash and Associates, had a meeting with Valdez and other ACSO staff last week, informing them that the BoCC had made a decision about the jail.

"We were informed that the commissioners had come up with the decision that they were going to build the jail, and the jail only," Valdez said.

The jail would be built for \$13 million, according to Valdez, using COPs.

"Our understanding was that they were working with the courts to get a feasibility study done, if they get the funding for it," Valdez said.

The feasibility study would be done on the courthouse — "the newer side, not the entire courthouse" — according to Valdez.

If the feasibility study found that the newer side could be renovated, it would be gutted and redone for the courts, according to Valdez.

When asked whether the ACSO staff would be involved in the design of the new jail, Valdez responded by saying, "It was pretty much done, they're going to just stick with the same plan that we had already agreed to."

He added that he did not know what the BoCC's expectation was for the future location of the ACSO and said the ACSO cannot be in its current location for "20 years."

"It doesn't fit us, so to make this a permanent facility for us just doesn't work," Valdez said.

Further, state statute requires the sheriff's office to be within town limits, according to Valdez, which was another part to be addressed.

"It's not a long-term fix," Valdez said.

Valdez explained that he was told that the jail was the No. 1 priority of the commissioners, with the courts No. 2.

"... and they didn't know, which was the next priority, three or four, would be either us or Department of Human Services," Valdez said.

# Protect

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situations out of fear for the safety of their animals, according to National Link Coalition, an organization that works to stop violence against people and animals.

In order to help protect the victim and her dog, Rise Above Violence reached out to the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs, which was able to arrange for the pet to be well cared for until the victim was able to obtain permanent housing that allowed her to reunite with her beloved pet. And thus began the collaboration between the two agencies.

"We are working very closely with Rise Above Violence to make sure we can provide safety for the companion animals of victims of domestic violence," said Mike Stoll, executive director of Humane Society of Pagosa Springs. "These animals are placed in 'safe-keeping' status, meaning that they will be kept safe indefinitely and not put up for adoption."

Stoll continued, "Anytime people are being abused, their pets are at risk of abuse as well. And anytime pets are being abused, people are at risk."

Indeed, animal cruelty is considered a predictor crime; a history of pet abuse is one of the four most significant risk factors for becoming a batterer, according to National Link Coalition.

"Pet abuse is a form of domestic violence," Hubbs said. "Domestic abusers will harm, or threaten to harm, family pets as a form of emotional abuse to intimidate and instill fear in household members in order to gain power and control

# Pipe

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to permit a new lift station with the CDPHE, so he recommended engineering and permitting the project in 2019 and constructing it in 2020.

Tautges then asked for any direction the board had for staff

Board president Don Volger asked if splitting the project over two years would divide up the cost, with staff responding affirmatively.

Volger then asked if there was an emergency situation with the pipeline, with Tautges noting that it was currently fine.

"What would be the extended life span by just lining it?" board member Matt DeGuise asked.

"Oh, probably 20 years," Tautges responded.

"These decisions are really tricky for me because, one, we know the General Improvement District is on a tight budget, and, however, that pipe is very problematic at high flows," board member Mat deGraaf said. "And so I see a need to raise it, but the cost difference between the two is pretty expensive. And I don't have an answer, I'm just saying, I grapple with these sorts of decisions because there's two good options depending on where you want to focus your attention."

Board member David Schanzbaker suggested, as he had in previous meetings, that the town could share a portion of the cost due to the improvement to the river access.

Town Manager Andrea Phillips noted that it was a possibility because it would serve a public purpose.

Tautges also noted the planned Mountain Crossing development

over them."

Colorado is among more than a dozen states that have laws in place to protect pets in domestic violence situations. Colorado law defines "domestic violence" to include any "crime against a person, or against property, including an animal ... when used as a method of coercion, control, punishment, intimidation, or revenge directed against a person with whom the actor is or has been involved in an intimate relationship."

The state has long allowed pets to be included in civil orders of protection and, effective Nov. 1, Colorado SB 18-060 allows courts to issue a criminal protective order prohibiting "the taking, transferring, concealing, harming, disposing of, or threatening to harm an animal owned, possessed, leased, kept or held by the alleged victim."

"This is all part of a burgeoning realization, on a community and national level, of the very real link between animal abuse and violence against people," Hubbs said. "These are not stand-alone crimes."

Studies also have shown animal cruelty to be a precursor to larger, more violent crimes, including serial murders and mass killings, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

In fact, the link between animal cruelty and violence to humans is so strong that in 2016, the FBI began tracking acts of animal abuse in its National Incident-Based Reporting System, collecting detailed animal-cruelty data from participating law enforcement agencies.

"The animal-human bond is so tight," Stoll said, "that this issue

impacts the entire community. We're trying to create a healthier, safer community for animals and humans."

Stoll added that while the Humane Society has protocols established to protect household pets belonging to victims of domestic violence, the organization plans to reach out to rescue organizations and veterinarians to help shelter farm animals when needed.

"Any animal that is near and dear to a victim is potentially at risk of being harmed or used as leverage," Stoll said.

Stoll suggests that victims of domestic violence add their pets' medications, veterinary and vaccination records and proof of ownership to their list of things to bring when safety planning.

Rise Above Violence is a private nonprofit organization that assists victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, ensuring victims' rights are exercised and their needs are met. Rise provides 24-hour, immediate crisis intervention, court advocacy, emergency transportation to safe shelters, assistance with other community agencies and supportive organizations, information and referrals, and speakers and trainers to provide community education. Its 24-hour confidential crisis line is 264-9075.

The Humane Society of Pagosa Springs, a private nonprofit organization, provides a safe haven for animals in need, promotes adoptions, reunites lost pets with their owners and humanely reduces pet overpopulation through community education and aggressive spay/neuter programs.

on that side of town, noting that any future development on that side of town affects that pipe and lift station.

When the capacity is maxed out, he noted, the district could look to the developers of any new developments for help.

With that, deGraaf made a motion to move forward with the option including the lift station and raising the pipe. Board member Madeline Bergon seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Following the vote, Phillips asked if it was a caveat to the approval that the town pay for part of it, with deGraaf stating he was working under that assumption, but that he didn't want to "bind the project to that."

## Rules and regulations

At the same meeting, the board also again discussed updates to the district's rules and regulations.

Among those things discussed at the meeting were defining the point where the property owner takes responsibility of a sewer line feeding his or her property, adoption of a fixture-count method of assessing customers like the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District uses (with that fixture count then converted to equivalent units, or EUs, for billing purposes), doing periodic reviews of customer's EUs, and how to assess charges on accessory dwelling units.

A final version of the rules and regulations are anticipated to be presented for consideration at the PSSGD's Dec. 20 meeting, which is scheduled for 5 p.m. at Town Hall.

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# Commissioners approve plan to bring improperly divided lots into compliance

By Avery Martinez  
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The commissioners voted to approve a resolution to adopt an interim program which allows owners of lots less than 35 acres that were improperly subdivided in the past to bring their lots into compliance without going through a full subdivision application process.

During the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioner (BoCC) meeting on Tuesday, Todd Starr, the interim county attorney, explained the details of the resolution.

"This resolution addresses the issue that we have with the under 35 lots that the commissioners are well aware of," Starr said.

Lots that are currently under 35 acres in size, "which lots were created in a manner that does not comply" with state statute, now have the opportunity to bring the lots into compliance without a full subdivision process, according to the meeting's agenda.

"There's more than — well, there's several hundred, if not hundreds, of these lots that were created in Archuleta County," Starr said, adding later that other counties around the state also have them.

State statute defines a subdivision as "being a division of land less than 35 acres in size." Further, if a person were to take a 70-acre lot and split it, that was fine, but if it was a 60-acre lot and split in half, "you have created two subdivision lots," Starr explained.

Further, if you have created two subdivision lots, statute requires "you go through the county's subdivision process," Starr explained.

"What we're doing is setting out a procedure for the 2019, almost an amnesty, if you will," that if an owner has a lot that is under 35 acres in size that was improperly divided, "you can gain the appropriate forms through the planning manager," complete the forms and your lot can receive a certificate, which can be recorded and then building is permitted on the

lot, according to Starr.

There are three classifications of lots, according to Starr:

1. Lots already built on/county approved. Starr explained it as, "Those that are under 35, but have a structure on it already."

He added this is the "fastest track to acceptance," especially, if you received county approval.

2. Lots which have no structure or building on the property.

"That is kind of a moderate process that you have to go through," Starr said.

3. Lots that have been built on, but did not have county approval.

"... the hardest to get approval of is if you have built but you didn't have county approval at the time you built," Starr said.

Starr mentioned that work on this issue has been done for over a year.

Commissioner Michael Whiting asked if neighbors have a say in the process.

"Not particularly, no. If the improperly divided lot is already in existence, you can go through the process pretty much without a public hearing, because the idea is that the lot has been created for many years," Starr said in response, adding that the cut-off date for the program was 2006.

2006 was selected because that was the year the land use regulations were adopted, Starr added.

In a memo to the BoCC, Starr explained some additional details about the resolution.

The effective period the procedure lasts from Jan. 1, 2019, until Dec. 31, 2019, and the "County can take into 2020 to issue certificates if a backlog exists," according to the resolution.

"Note that this is not being done by ordinance and therefore does not require publication or multiple readings and is easy to amend based upon experience," a memo included with the meeting's agenda reads.

The resolution was first brought before the

board in October, at which time it was tabled for revisions, according to the memo.

After this, Starr met with realtors, the county assessor and planning manager, and the revised resolution was submitted to the board, according to the memo.

"I believe this revised proposed Resolution offers a logical yet structured method of approval," the memo reads.

The memo continues, "Further, this proposed method is most aligned with the state legislature's grant of authority to the BoCC to be the ultimate judge of whether the property should be a Subdivision or exempted from the definition of Subdivision."

Starr explained that, to inform the public, when the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office sends out notices in January, "they will include a little statement-stuffer advising people that have lots of under 35 acres in size that they need to be aware of this resolution."

A similar process will take place when the notices are sent out by the Archuleta County Assessor's Office, Starr explained.

"We are trying to help a lot of people out in the least cumbersome way possible," BoCC Chair Steve Wadley said.

Archuleta County Planning Manager John Shepard voiced several concerns about the resolution and also thanked Starr for his work on the resolution.

The concerns included changes that "confuse building code," Shepard explained.

Another concern was that this would solve a short-term problem that would create "even more long-term problems," according to Shepard.

Commissioner Ron Maez moved to approve the resolution for adopting an interim program for under-35 acre lots to be brought into compliance with state statutes as presented.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Michael Whiting and it was approved unanimously.

# County's 2019 budget meeting set for Dec. 12

By Avery Martinez  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) will hold a special meeting to consider adoption of the county's 2019 budget on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 8:30 a.m.

"Archuleta County's budget is essential for the efficient and effective management of the programs and services offered to citizens of the county," the Archuleta County

website reads.

The 2019 budget is around \$34 million, according to Commissioner Michael Whiting during a joint work session of the Pagosa Springs Town Council and BoCC in late November.

"The budget process is overseen by the Budget Officer and the Finance Department and includes considerable participation by administrative staff, department staff and elected officials under the scrutiny of the Board of County Com-

missioners," the Archuleta County website reads.

The budget is set to include the new jail project, slated to begin construction in 2019.

In an interview on Tuesday, Interim County Administrator Greg Schulte, mentioned that the jail cost could be around \$13 million, though final estimates have not been received by the county.

The county held budget work sessions in early November, during

which the commissioners asked department heads to list their most important needs first in their budget proposals.

For further information on the 2019 budget, you can visit the Archuleta County website budget page at <http://www.archuletacounty.org/212/Budgets>.

For more information on the 2019 budget, see future editions of The SUN.

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## Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

### Thursday, Dec. 6

**Town of Pagosa Springs Historic Preservation Board work session.** Noon, Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

### Monday, Dec. 10

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

**Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors work session and regular meeting.** 5 p.m. work session, 6 p.m. regular meeting, 7 Parelli Way.

### Tuesday, Dec. 11

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

### Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board meeting.

4:30 p.m., Visitor Center, 105 Hot Springs Blvd.

### Archuleta School District Board of Education work session and regular meeting.

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

### Town Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments and Design Review Board.

5:30 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

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

### Wednesday, Dec. 12

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

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

**San Juan Water Conservancy District board meeting.** 5:30 p.m., 46 Eaton Drive, Unit 5.

**Archuleta County Planning Commission regular meeting.** 6 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commission-

ers' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

### Thursday, Dec. 13

**Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District regular meeting.** 5 p.m., 100 Lyn Ave.

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

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WATER CHARGES	Monthly Service Charge: (per equivalent unit)	increase from \$23.50 to \$24.91
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	Over 20,001 gallons usage (rate per 1,000 gallons)	increase from \$10.59 to \$11.23
Water Availability of Service		increase from \$11.00 to \$14.30
Wastewater Availability of Service		increase from \$10.00 to \$12.50

The Capital Investment Fees for both water and wastewater is also projected to increase by 3% per year.

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The changes to wastewater service charges include a 2.5% annual rate increase beginning in 2024 and ending in 2027. These increases will equate to a 10.38% cumulative increase over the 4 year period.

**The Water and Wastewater Rate Study can be found at <http://www.pawsd.org>**

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# SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY

The Board of Education of Archuleta School District 50 JT announces the vacancy of Director District Two (2). Candidates must live within the boundaries of Director District Two (2). Legal descriptions of the Director Districts are available at [www.mypagosaschools.com](http://www.mypagosaschools.com) under the "School Board" tab, or by contacting the County Clerk's office. A person is ineligible to run for school director if he or she has been convicted of committing a sexual offense against a child.

A person who desires to be considered for the vacant school director position needs to submit a letter of interest by 3 pm on Friday, December 21, 2018, to the District Office at 309 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs; by email, [rbennett@pagosa.k12.co.us](mailto:rbennett@pagosa.k12.co.us); or by mail to Executive Assistant Robyn Bennett, PO Box 1498, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. The letter of intent must address the following: 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?

The Board of Education plans to conduct interviews at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 8, 2019.

# Sports

## BASKETBALL

### Pirate basketball starts season off right in win over Salida

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

The first of December not only meant the start of a new month in the waning days of 2018, it also saw the No. 53 Pagosa Springs High School Pirate basketball team notch its first win of the season against the No. 65 Salida Spartans.

Pagosa hit the road on Dec. 1 in its season opener and was able to outlast the Spartans on their home court by a score of 38-30.

Pagosa saw a solid outburst in the first quarter, outscoring Salida 16-8.

The Pirate offense fell a little bit as they only scored nine second-quarter points to Salida's 10, giving Pagosa a 25-18 lead heading into the second half.

Defensively, both teams tightened up in the third and fourth quarters, with Pagosa only scoring seven in the third and allowing Salida only six points.

In the final quarter, Pagosa and Salida each scored six, which was good enough for the Pirates to hold on for a 38-30 win.

Mason Snarr led all Pirates in scoring, finishing with 13 points. Snarr also added seven rebounds and one block.

Jesus Pacheco was the only other Pirate to finish with double figures in points, adding 10, along with one steal.

Mitch Lewis finished with five

points, eight rebounds and a steal.

Both Cade Cowan and Triston Oakes added three points each, with Cowan pulling down four rebounds.

Ryan Lewis and Javier Mariñelarena both finished with two points, while Lewis added seven rebounds and three assists, and Mariñelarena added three assists and a team-high two steals.

Pagosa struggled to take care of the ball against Salida, finishing with 19 turnovers.

Coach Randy Sorenson explained in an email to The SUN that the Pirates started the game against Salida with great energy.

That energy contributed to Pagosa having an eight-point lead after the first quarter, Sorenson noted.

Pagosa was able to get good looks offensively, and also played good defense early, he added.

"We looked a little tired so we got out of our pressure defense. Our defense remained good for the rest of the game but we didn't score the basketball as much as we should have," Sorenson wrote.

As the game wore on, Pagosa got into a little bit of foul trouble and had to rely on a rotation of players to close out the game, Sorenson explained.

Later in the game, the Pirates were getting good looks against the Spartans, but were not able to

capitalize.

Sorenson explained that Pagosa was able to build an 11-point lead in the fourth, but missed free throws allowed Salida to hang around.

"We were a little impatient at the end of the game and took some ill advised shots," Sorenson wrote.

However, the win against the Spartans was a good win in the first game for the year.

"Salida is athletic and strong and it was a physical game. We need to be more consistent on offense and not go through scoring droughts," he wrote.

Moving forward, the Pirates hope that their offense will come around as long as their defense stays strong, he added later.

Looking ahead, Pagosa will travel to Buena Vista to take part in the Buena Vista Invitational.

The Pirates will kick off invitational play tomorrow at 7 p.m. against the Gunnison Cowboys (1-2 overall).

Pagosa defeated Gunnison last year by a score of 41-26.

Gunnison's lone win on the season came in overtime against the Valley Vikings by a score of 61-56.

Since the 2006-07 season, Pagosa has faced Gunnison nine times, and was undefeated in those matchups.

In those nine wins, the Pirates have outscored the Cowboys 486-315.

Then, on Saturday, Pagosa will conclude the Buena Vista Invitational against the University Bulldogs (2-1 overall).

The last time the Pirates found themselves matched with the Bulldogs came during the Sweet 16 of the 3A state tournament during the 2012-13 season.

Pagosa went on to defeat University in that matchup by a score of 52-31 on the road to a state championship victory.

For the Gunnison matchup, Sorenson noted that the Bulldogs always play the Pirates tough.

Pagosa does not know much about University this season, Sorenson admitted.

"But we better be prepared to play well as they will be a tough matchup," Sorenson wrote. "We need to have a great week of practice and continue to get better if we are going to compete."

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### Pagosa to take on reigning state champ Friday in Buena Vista

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The first win of the season is on the books for the No. 4 Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate basketball team, who defeated the Salida Spartans 38-26 Saturday.

But, according to coach Wes Lewis, the Lady Pirates will need to do better this week in order to beat the reigning state champions, St. Mary's, tomorrow.

"We were very sloppy with the basketball," he said. "Our passing was inaccurate, off time. You know, we did enough to win, but I didn't think we played up to our potential."

Pagosa notched six points in the first quarter on a pair of two-point shots and a pair of free throws.

Salida put up four points in the

quarter.

Pagosa did better in the second quarter, putting 11 points on the board, with Salida putting up 11 to give the Lady Pirates a 17-12 lead at halftime.

Pagosa notched another 11 points in the third quarter while allowing nine, and doubled the Spartans' effort in the final quarter by scoring 10 compared to Salida's five.

The Spartans left the court with an 0-2 record, while the Lady Pirates left with a 1-0 start to the season.

"We always, you know, one of our goals ... is trying to never give up double-digit quarters," Lewis said. "And I think that, you know, obviously we did that. We got close a time or two. Salida's not a bad

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# FOOTBALL



SUN photo/Chris Mannara  
Eight Pirate football players received all-conference honors for their performance on the gridiron this past season. From left to right, Javier Mariñelarena and Brayden Shulda received honorable mentions for all conference, Paden Bailey, Connor Aragon, Ian Reinhardt and Cade Cowan were all honored with first-team all-conference awards. Not pictured are Mitch Lewis and Grant Aucoin, who also received all-conference honorable mentions.

## Pirates

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team. They're fairly athletic, you know, they're all seniors. They've been playing varsity since they were freshmen."

Lewis added that, despite their 0-2 start, he expects Salida to pick up a lot of wins this season.

"They weren't a bad opponent. They weren't a bad team by any means. I just felt like we could have done a lot of things better," Lewis said. "We didn't shoot the ball well from the field, we didn't shoot it great from the free-throw line and our turnovers were ... extremely high."

The coach again reiterated the Lady Pirates' passing game.

"It just wasn't a very clean game for us," he said.

Lewis noted one other thing the Lady Pirates lacked in the game — Elsa Lindner, who was out taking the SATs.

But, in her absence, Lewis highlighted the play of DeAnn Schaaf.

"I will say that DeAnn Schaaf stepped in and played," Lewis said, adding, "She started and played post that game and had a really nice game for us, really played well."

Devin Wilson led the team in scoring in the game with nine points, including two free throws. She also logged an assist, two steals and three rebounds.

A pair of Lady Pirates logged eight points in the game: Hailey Griego and Taylor Lewis.

In addition to her eight points, which included a pair of free throws, Griego had one assist, two steals and six rebounds.

Taylor Lewis' eight points included a perfect 4-for-4 stint at the free-throw line. She also logged two assists, four steals and four rebounds.

Teagan Stretton put up seven points for the team, including five free throws, and notched five assists and five rebounds.

Schaaf logged six points, an assist, a steal and five rebounds.

Overall, the Lady Pirates had a 54 percent success rate from the free-throw line.

The Lady Pirates also gave up 20 turnovers in the game while forcing 18 by Salida.

"That's right back into our passing," Lewis said of the Lady Pirates' turnovers.

Wes Lewis explained that following the Salida game, the team talked about the need for a strong week of practice, but, instead, the team has been hit by illness, with only nine athletes at practice Monday and 11 on Tuesday.

"We're trying to just sharpen up our passing, we're trying to hone on a little bit of stuff with St. Mary's,

but it's been a rough start to the week, to be honest with you," the coach said.

Tomorrow, Pagosa will need to be firing on all cylinders to take on No. 1 St. Mary's Pirates at the Buena Vista Invitational, with tipoff set for 4 p.m.

The St. Mary's Pirates claimed their program's first state title last year, defeating Colorado Springs Christian 44-38 in the state championship.

St. Mary's is 2-0 so far this season.

"We had a fantastic summer and we were playing at a high level in the summer, and we're not quite there yet. And we need to get back to that, especially if we want to be successful against St. Mary's," Wes Lewis said.

The coach noted that, depending upon which poll you look at, St. Mary's is either the No. 1 or No. 2 team in the state.

"They're a really good team. They've got two dynamic guards who are as good as any guards in

the state at the 3A level and they've got some nice players around them and we're going to have to be successful with the little things," he said, adding, "St. Mary's is the real deal."

But, if Pagosa does the little things well — such as making passes, pulling down rebounds and making easy shots and free throws — Wes Lewis said he thinks Pagosa can play with St. Mary's.

"I really believe that in my heart, that we're as good as they are, so, especially if we play like we did this summer," he said, adding it's exciting to play the top teams in the state.

Then, on Saturday, Pagosa will take on the Colorado Academy Mustangs.

The Mustangs are 1-1 on the season, though, as of Wednesday, Wes Lewis had not had a chance to learn about that team.

"We're looking forward to a good weekend of basketball," he said.

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## Elks National Hoop Shoot Free Throw Competition to be held in Durango

By Cheryl Bryant  
Special to The SUN

On Saturday, Dec. 15, the Durango Elks Lodge No. 507 will be hosting the Elks National Hoop Shoot Free Throw Competition at Escalante Middle School in Durango for boys and girls ages 8-13.

Students from Durango, Ignacio, Bayfield, Pagosa Springs and Silverton are invited to participate. Check in at 9 a.m. and the event starts at 10 a.m.

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## SWIM

# Lady Pirate swimmers make a splash in first meet

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

In their first swim meet ever, the Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate swim team saw some bright spots in its first go-round against other competition, finishing third out of four teams at the Salida swim meet on Nov. 28.

Along with Pagosa and host Salida, the Fountain Valley Danes and the Woodland Park Panthers also took part in the meet.

In the 200-meter medley relay, one Lady Pirate team consisting of Nell Taylor, Emma Heidelmeier, Valeria Monterroso and Sierra Liverett took a third place finish out of five teams with a time of 2 minutes, 50.56 seconds.

Another Lady Pirate team, in that same 200-meter relay, consisting of Sydney Kohler, Ella Blechman, Darian Dominguez and Mackenzie Wedemeyer, took a fifth place finish with a time of 3:34.44.

Individually, some Lady Pirates finished strong in multiple events.

In the 200-meter freestyle, Kohler finished 11th with a final time of 4:19.

For the 200-meter individual medley, Liverett finished in sixth place out of nine swimmers with a final time of 3:23.06, while Monterroso finished eighth with in 3:50.16.

Of the 30 girls who competed in the 50-meter

freestyle, 13 Lady Pirates placed.

Heidelmeier finished the highest of all the Lady Pirates in the 50-meter freestyle, ending with a seventh-place finish and a 39.59 final time.

Wedemeyer also cracked the top 10 in the 50-meter freestyle, finishing ninth with a 39.90 final and Cheyenne Booth rounded out the top 10 with a 39.94 time.

In the 100-meter butterfly, two Lady Pirates cracked the top 10 with Taylor and Monterroso finishing eighth and ninth with times of 2:02.98 and 2:03, respectively.

For the 100-meter freestyle, three Lady Pirates found themselves within the top 17 for the event, with Kohler finishing 11th with a time of 1:44.34.

Liverett was the only Lady Pirate to place in the 400-meter freestyle, finishing fourth with a time of 6:17.59.

A team consisting of Ivory Carpenter, Grace Thompson, Liberty Bonin and Cata Aguilera finished eighth out of 10 teams in the 200-meter freestyle relay with a time of 3:24.34.

Another Lady Pirate team consisting of Marina Guillen, Booth, Beatrice Polczynski and Kiera Schertz-Munoz finished ninth in the 200-meter freestyle relay with a final time of 3:31.53.

Of the 20 girls who finished with qualifying times in the 100-meter backstroke, Wedemeyer

finished the highest of the Lady Pirates at 10th, with a final time of 1:55.03.

And in the last event, the 400-meter freestyle relay, a Lady Pirate team with Monterroso, Taylor, Heidelmeier and Liverett finished with a time of 6:06.92, good enough for a sixth-place finish out of eight teams.

"I am really impressed with how the meet went," coach Heather Miller wrote in an email to The SUN.

Going into their first swim meet of the season, Miller explained that the girls were a bit nervous, but kept a great attitude combined with a level of excitement that got them ready to swim.

Now, the Lady Pirates will shift their focus to a meet a little bit closer to home as they will compete in a tri-meet hosted at Durango High School tomorrow and then the Scorpion Invite at the Farmington Aquatic Center on Saturday.

Start time for the Durango tri-meet is 4 p.m., while the Scorpion invite is set to begin at 9 a.m.

"We still have things to work on and made some simple mistakes that we can fix for our meets next week in Durango and Farmington," Miller explained. "Overall I am really proud of each and every swimmer and their accomplishments at our first meet."

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## WRESTLING

# Pirates missing full crew at first tournament, young members receive matches

By Avery Martinez  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirates were not sailing with a full crew at their first tournament of the season in Buena Vista last Saturday.

"We did not bring our full lineup," coach Dan Janowsky said in an interview Monday.

The Pirate wrestling team headed to the Buena Vista Tournament on Dec. 1, facing several teams without a full roster.

"But, in terms of the level of competition for a lot of our better wrestlers, it really didn't give us the test that we were hoping for," the coach said.

Janowsky talked with The SUN about the tournament and the missing Pirates.

"The score sheet's going to say we got five duals, but we really didn't get a lot of wrestling in," Janowsky said. "Which disappointed me."

The Pirates won three duals, the coach mentioned, noting, "... by lopsided scores we beat Del Norte, Salida and Florence," Janowsky said.

However, none of those teams fielded a full team, the coach explained, which resulted in forfeits.

"And so a lot of kids didn't get to wrestle," Janowsky said.

Caleb Janowsky, a 195-pound wrestler, only wrestled once at the tournament and the match lasted under a minute, Dan Janowsky said.

A similar situation happened to Connor Aragon, a 182-pound wrestler, according to the coach.

Cameron Lucero, a 145-pound wrestler who was a state runner-up last year, had three matches during the tournament, but "none of them lasted very long."

Two duals resulted in ties, both 36-36, he explained, with Woodland Park High School and Buena Vista High School.

"And there are tiebreakers, and we lost both those duals on tiebreakers," the coach said.

"It was a really hard event to get a feel for," he said.

A few "key kids" were missing from the lineup on Saturday, the coach added.

Those absent included James Thomas, who was taking the SAT, and Paul Farrah, who was interviewing for the U.S. Air Force Academy, he explained.

If those two had been in the lineup Saturday, the duals lost in tiebreakers probably would have

gone the Pirates' way, he explained.

"They're a little bit more experienced; they're seniors," Dan Janowsky said.

However, an unforeseen incident the night before the match could lead to the Pirates being down a wrestler for the rest of this season.

Grant Aucoin, a 152-pound sophomore wrestler who put in a lot of work in the offseason and was wrestling "extremely well" received a knee injury, the coach explained.

According to Dan Janowsky, Aucoin went in for surgery on Dec. 4.

"So, we have probably lost him for the season," the coach said.

Further, it was a "bad deal" for him and his family due to the work put in, but, also, "it's a loss for the whole team," Dan Janowsky said.

"Factoring those things into the dual meet tournament, it was hard to get a good read out of it," he said.

The younger members of the team received most of the matches, the coach added.

However, this gave an opportunity to see the younger members of the team in action, Dan Janowsky explained.

Trevor Torrez, a 113-pound wrestler, was able to wrestle varsity for the first time, the coach explained.

Eric Wyman, another 113-pound wrestler, had "a couple of very good matches against very good wrestlers," according to the coach.

"He was one of the only guys who had consistently tough matches throughout the day," Dan Janowsky said.

That was a good day for him, the coach explained, since he wrestled other state placers.

Dan Janowsky added that the whole team could have used other matches like that at the tournament.

E.J. Monterroso, Brae Bergdolt and Tay Barker were also mentioned by their coach.

"There's a few things that we

saw from those younger guys that we're going to work on this week," he said.

### Next tournaments

The Pirates should have much more "mat time" when the varsity heads to the Columbine Wrestling Invitation at Columbine High School in Littleton this Saturday, according to the coach.

There will be 17 teams, many from 4A and 5A schools, "which hopefully means they have more teams and therefore fuller line-ups," the coach explained.

It will be an elimination tournament, and as a wrestler rises through the matches, the competition will get progressively tougher, according to the coach.

Fitness and how to wrestle when tired will be important facets of the tournament this Saturday, Dan Janowsky explained.

Several wrestlers, including Farrah and Thomas will return to the team this weekend, with several wrestlers being moved around, according to the coach.

Matches are slated to start at 9 a.m.

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Students at Pagosa Springs Elementary School are reading up a storm. Pictured are first-quarter reader leaders in the Accelerated Reader program. Pictured, from left to right, are dedicated readers Paisley Lister, Italia Pereyra, Quint Santos, Van Halterman, Emanuel Manjarrez, Edgar Castillo, Tameron Carter, Charmayne DeJesus and Rylan Ash.

## Local snowpack increases, chance of snow today and tomorrow

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

Snow flurries last week not only added to the beauty around town, but that snowfall also contributed to an increase in local snowpack levels this week, according to data from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

The San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River basins, as of Dec. 5, were 79 percent of median. This is compared to last week's total of 73 percent of median.

However, the South Platte River Basin dropped since last week, sitting at 141 percent of median, when last week this basin was at 154 percent of median.

The Arkansas River Basin also saw a drop in snowpack with this week, with its total being 144 percent of median, compared to last week's total of 152 percent of median.

For the Yampa and White River

basins, a slight increase was recorded as, collectively, those basins were at 128 percent of median this week. Last week those basins were 126 percent of median.

At the Upper Rio Grande Basin, a slight drop in its snowpack total was recorded, with the basin being at 84 percent of median this week. Last week that basin's total was 87 percent of median.

The Gunnison River Basin saw a solid increase from last week, jumping from 91 percent of median to 105 percent of median.

Both the Laramie and North Platte basins together saw a small increase from last week.

Last week, those basins were 123 percent of median while this week they were 125 percent of median.

And finally, the Upper Colorado River Basin was at 124 percent of median this week, compared to last week when it was 131 percent of median.

Located within snowpack totals

for both the local basins and the Upper Rio Grande basin, the Wolf Creek summit was 87 percent of the Dec. 5 median and 22 percent of the Dec. 5 peak.

The Wolf Creek summit last week was only 84 percent of median and 20 percent of last week's peak.

Today, as well as tonight, the National Weather Service (NWS) is calling for chances of snowfall.

Specifically, the NWS notes a 40 percent chance of snow showers today, with a 60 percent chance tonight.

The NWS also forecasts on Friday a 50 percent chance of snow, but also a 40 percent chance of rain and snow during the day.

Friday night shows a 30 percent chance of snowfall as well, according to the NWS.

Wolf Creek Pass is expected to have a 40 percent chance of snowfall today, which will increase to 60 percent tonight, the NWS indicates.

Friday also has a 50 percent

chance of snow during the day, which will also increase to 60 percent as nightfall hits, the NWS notes.

Saturday has a 20 percent chance of snow showers, according to the NWS.

"The last storm was definitely helpful. It didn't produce, I don't think, the moisture we were really hoping for," NRCS District Conservationist Jerry Archuleta said.

Those snow storms are still a step in the right direction, Archuleta noted.

The NRCS does its first actual snowpack sampling in January, with the first of the month being the first streamflow forecast of the year, Archuleta explained.

"And it's a really preliminary one because it's early," Archuleta said. "So, I would say there in January is when we start really crunching data and looking at it and comparing it to, you know, what our potential streamflows might be."

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## Village Lake now full, snow water equivalency and precipitation fall below averages

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

With the weather outside getting colder and colder, lake levels and diversion flows have all seen slight changes since last week as documented in a report compiled by Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsey.

Lake Hatcher sits at 57 inches from full this week, compared to last week, when it was 61 inches from full.

Stevens Lake, Lake Pagosa and Lake Forest levels remain the same as last week with totals staying at 138 inches from full, 29 inches

from full and 8 inches from full, respectively.

Village Lake has gone from 2 inches from full last week to now being full.

In an interview with The SUN, Ramsey explained where that water is coming from.

"The diversion out of the San Juan goes into a big settling pond, so we're just pumping the water out of that settling pond," he explained.

Total cumulative available lake water for treatment and delivery rose from last week, with this week's percentage totaling 70.5 percent compared to last week's

69.8 percent.

Diversion flows once again remain the same from last week with collective diversion flows staying at 6 cubic feet per second (cfs).

Both the West Fork and Four Mile diversions still have a 3 cfs diversion flow, while the San Juan diversion still has no flow.

Once again, Four Mile diversion flows are inconsistent due to fluctuating river flows and ice dams.

Water production from Nov. 23 through Nov. 29 totaled 9.38 million gallons; last year in that same time frame water production totaled 11.42 million gallons.

This year in that time period,

the Snowball water treatment plant produced 2.82 million gallons and the Hatcher water treatment plant produced 6.56 million gallons.

Ramsey also included Snow Water Equivalency (SWE) data from the National Resource Conservation Service's Upper SNOTEL site in the report this week for the first time.

As of Dec. 3, SWE is at 4.2 inches, while precipitation is at 8.9 inches.

The median for SWE is 7.1 inches, while the precipitation average comes in at 11 inches.

The median and average for SWE and precipitation are based on data from 1981 through 2010.

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## Sen. Bennet's rep to hold office hours in Archuleta County

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Do you need help with the Internal Revenue Service, Social Security Administration, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or another federal agency? Do you have a suggestion for an action Congress could take to help your family or community?

If so, then Sen. Michael Bennet invites you to meet with his regional director, John Whitney, on Tuesday, Dec. 11, in Archuleta County.

Whitney will be meeting one-on-one with constituents at the Archuleta County administration office, 398 Lewis St., in Pagosa Springs from 10 a.m. to noon.

Please schedule an appointment

to ensure a meeting time by sending an email to John\_Whitney@bennet.senate.gov. Please include a brief description of the issue you want to address, as this will help him assist you. If you are already working with someone in Bennet's office, please include that

information in your email, as well.

If you have any questions, feel free to call Whitney at 259-1710.

You do not need to wait for these office hours to reach out for help. Feel free to call any of Bennet's offices at any time to share your opinions or ask for assistance.

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On behalf of the staff and Board of Trustees of the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library, I would like to thank the LPEA Round Up Foundation for their generous grant funding in support of the Library's Pagosa Adult Learning Services (PALS) program in 2019. PALS offers students help with high school equivalency and GED preparation as well as continuing education opportunities such as tutoring and college preparation. PALS addresses a unique community need as there are no other services such as PALS offered in Pagosa. The LPEA Round Up Foundation is funded entirely with volunteer contributions by LPEA consumers who round up their electric bill to the next dollar amount each month. We are extremely grateful for the support of the LPEA Round Up Foundation and of its customers who round up.

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Development Officer with the Ruby Sisson Library

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**Archuleta County Sheriff's Office**  
Calls for service over two weeks: 209.

Nov. 14 — Second-degree-criminal trespass, North Pagosa Boulevard.

Nov. 19 — Violation of restraining order, violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, Loma Linda Drive.

Nov. 19 — Harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, Jubilee Court.

Nov. 20 — Warrant arrest, Country Center Drive.

Nov. 20 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Redi Mix Way.

Nov. 20 — Warrant arrest, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Nov. 21 — Agency assist, North Pagosa Boulevard/Sweetwater Drive.

Nov. 21 — Violation of restraining order, Okey Dokey Court.

Nov. 21 — All other thefts, Masters Circle.

Nov. 21 — Fraud in effecting sales, Perry Drive.

Nov. 22 — Menacing-felony-aggravated weapon, Pettitt's Circle.

Nov. 22 — Third-degree-criminal trespass, Deer Trail.

Nov. 22 — Information only, unknown location.

Nov. 24 — County warrant, Butte Drive.

Nov. 24 — Domestic violence, third-degree assault-simple assault, child abuse knowingly or recklessly, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, criminal mischief, County Road 600.

Nov. 24 — Forgery, County Road 982.

Nov. 25 — Domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Solomon Drive.

Nov. 26 — All other thefts, second-degree burglary, Canyon Circle.

Nov. 26 — All other thefts, forgery, identity theft-uses financial device, unauthorized use of financial transaction device-\$500 to \$15,000, Hollow Drive.

Nov. 26 — Information only, County Road 600.

Nov. 26 — Criminal mischief, U.S. 160.

Nov. 27 — Information only, Country Meadows Place.

Nov. 27 — All other thefts, Engleman Place.

Nov. 28 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, domestic violence, third-degree assault-simple assault, County Road 359/U.S. 84.

Nov. 28 — Runaway, harassment by phone or computer, Catchpole Drive.

Nov. 28 — False reporting to authorities, drove vehicle when license suspended, Hersch Avenue/U.S. 160.

Nov. 28 — County warrant, Hersch

Avenue/U.S. 160.

Nov. 28 — Littering of public or private property, North Pagosa Boulevard.

Nov. 29 — Abandonment of motor vehicle, Deer Trail/West U.S. 160.

Nov. 29 — Agency assist, East U.S. 160.

Nov. 29 — Under investigation, Creekside Place.

Nov. 29 — County warrant, county warrant, county warrant, county warrant, county warrant, Rob Snow Road.

Nov. 29 — Third-degree assault-simple assault, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, East Golf Place.

Nov. 29 — Information only, Park Avenue.

Nov. 29 — County warrant, Eagle Drive.

Nov. 30 — Drove vehicle when license canceled, possession of drug paraphernalia-penalty, Eagle Drive.

Dec. 1 — Harassment by phone or computer, Hilltop Drive.

Dec. 3 — Under investigation, Dutton Drive.

**Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department**

Calls for service over two weeks: 179.

Nov. 19 — Theft, South 9th Street.

Nov. 19 — Animal/running at large, Hermosa Street.

Nov. 19 — Traffic/drove vehicle without insurance, U.S. 160.

Nov. 19 — Traffic/fictitious license plate, U.S. 160.

Nov. 20 — Violation of restraining order, 15th Street.

Nov. 20 — Theft, Lewis Street.

Nov. 21 — Trespass warning, Country Center Drive.

Nov. 21 — Trespass warning, South 9th Street.

Nov. 21 — Trespass warning, South 9th Street.

Nov. 22 — Information only, Aspen Village Drive.

Nov. 22 — Disorderly conduct, South 9th Street.

Nov. 24 — Agency assist, Catchpole Drive.

Nov. 26 — Harassment/stalking, 15th Street.

Nov. 28 — Violation of restraining order, Eaton Drive.

Nov. 28 — Found property, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Nov. 29 — Assault, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Nov. 29 — Complicity (assault), Hot Springs Boulevard.

Nov. 30 — Careless driving, Navajo Street.

Nov. 30 — Violation of restraining order, Country Center Drive.

**Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge D. Brett Van Winkle**

Nov. 14 — Eleazar Veleta-Chavez, following too closely, fines and costs — \$146.

Nov. 14 — Katie Hamblin, following too closely, fines and costs — \$146.

Nov. 14 — Rachel Elder, following

too closely, fines and costs — \$146.

Nov. 14 — Ronnie Maez, following too closely, fines and costs — \$146.

Nov. 15 — Adam Jelinek, failed to yield when proceeding from a stop sign, fines and costs — \$116.

Nov. 15 — Brenda Decker, unsafe backing, fines and costs — \$72.

Nov. 15 — Michael Bishop, following too closely, fines and costs — \$146.

Nov. 15 — Juvenile, following too closely, fines and costs — \$146.

**Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay**

Nov. 28 — Jerry L. Modisette, careless driving resulting in death, 60 months probation, 100 hours community service, fines and costs — \$3,175.50.

Nov. 28 — William Tierney, careless driving, fines and costs — \$268.50.

Nov. 28 — Malaya L. Ellsmore, marijuana-under 21-possession/consumption, marijuana paraphernalia-under 21, fines and costs — \$146.

Nov. 28 — Sydney L. Morgensen, marijuana-under 21-possession/consumption, fines and costs — \$116.

Nov. 28 — Christopher Hope Merrill, stop lamps-defective, obstructed view-windshield, fines and costs — \$94.50.

Nov. 28 — Kamron Murdock, seat belt not used, driving under restraint-

outstanding judgment, license plates-

unlawful display, fines and costs — \$140.50.

Nov. 28 — Jaymyn W. Perry, speeding-10-24 over limit, fines and costs — \$274.50.

Nov. 28 — Jesse D. Bauer, county ordinance-barking, fines and costs — \$110.

Nov. 28 — Calun Richard Voss, dog at large (first offense no injury), fines and costs — \$71.

Nov. 28 — David E. Thraikill, seat belt not used, seat belt not used, fines and costs — \$235.50.

Nov. 28 — William T. Pack, driving under restraint, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$466.50.

Nov. 28 — Carl Wayne Matthews Sr., theft-\$50-\$300, 30 days jail, fines and costs — \$494.50.

Nov. 28 — Ramon P. Caperon, harassment-strike/shove/kick, two days jail, fines and costs — \$247.50.

**6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson**

Nov. 28 — Patrick Johnson, controlled substance-possession SCH 1/2/FL/KT, one year community corrections, fines and costs — \$1,933.50.

Nov. 30 — Robin L. Meier, resisting arrest, one year probation, fines and costs — \$933.50.

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EDWARD M CHASE  
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JAMES P VEALE  
SALLY I VEALE  
JOSEPH B BALLMANN  
GLADYS CARRION  
BERNARD WHITEHEAD  
JOSE VARONA

Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses, recorded on August 2, 1990, at Book 303, Page 104, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Peregrine Townhouses Property Owners Association, Inc.

Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.

Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901  
Association Assessments Due to: Peregrine Townhouses Property Owners Association, Inc.

Debtor(s):  
See attached Exhibit "A" Amount Due:  
See attached Exhibit "A"

Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"  
Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act

THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.

The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST**

First Publication: [November 15, 2018]  
Last Publication: [December 13, 2018]  
Name of Publication: [Pagosa Springs Sun]

**NOTICE OF RIGHTS**

YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF THE STATUTES WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS IS ATTACHED HERETO.

IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.

THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

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The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:  
Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901

Tonya Hamilton, Undersheriff, Archuleta County, Colorado  
By: /s/ Tonya Hamilton

Exhibit A  
**PEREGRINE TOWNHOUSES PHASE I**

Matter Amount  
Property Owners: SUSAN KELLEY & R L KELLEY  
Building Number: 2 & 3  
Lot (Unit) Number: NA  
UDI Points: 77,000  
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,238.76  
Costs: \$373.45  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$2,651.61

Property Owners: BETTY L DONNER & DONALD L DONNER  
Building Number: 4 & 5  
Lot (Unit) Number: NA  
UDI Points: 105,000  
Unpaid Assessments: \$ 973.56  
Costs: \$373.45  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$2,347.01

Property Owners: JOHN FACHKO & AMY FACHKO  
Building Number: 4 & 5  
Lot (Unit) Number: 7807-7810  
UDI Points: 126,000  
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,286.16  
Costs: \$373.45  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$2,659.61

Property Owners: JIMMY MCCARTNEY & JAMES P VEALE  
Building Number: 39  
Lot (Unit) Number: 7877-7878  
UDI Points: 500,000  
Unpaid Assessments: \$6,576.50  
Costs: \$373.45  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$7,949.95

Property Owners: JOSEPH B BALLMANN  
Building Number: 41  
Lot (Unit) Number: 7881-7882  
UDI Points: 154,000  
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,201.08  
Costs: \$373.45  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$2,574.53

Property Owners: GLADYS CARRION, BERNARD WHITEHEAD & JOSE VARONA  
Building Number: 39  
Lot (Unit) Number: 7877-7878  
UDI Points: 500,000  
Unpaid Assessments: \$6,576.50  
Costs: \$373.45  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
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real estate.  
**PEREGRINE TOWNHOUSES PHASE III**  
Matter Amount  
Property Owners: MARIA HOCKE  
Building Number: 7 & 8  
Lot (Unit) Number: 7813-7816  
UDI Points: 84,000  
Unpaid Assessments: \$913.43  
Costs: \$373.45  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$2,286.88

Property Owners: VILIS J ZIGURS & CHRISTY B ZIGURS  
Building Number: 9 & 10  
Lot (Unit) Number: 7817-7820  
UDI Points: 126,000  
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,797.70  
Costs: \$373.45  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$3,171.15

of Peregrine Townhouses Phase III, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173555, subject to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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

**PEREGRINE TOWNHOUSES PHASE IV**  
Matter Amount  
Property Owners: SAMUEL A FINLEY & BARBARA J FINLEY  
Building Number: 12  
Lot (Unit) Number: 7823-7824  
UDI Points: 101,000  
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,128.15  
Costs: \$373.45  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$2,501.60

Property Owners: BRIAN PADGETT  
Building Number: 15  
Lot (Unit) Number: 7829-7830  
UDI Points: 154,000  
Unpaid Assessments: \$ 1,945.02  
Costs: \$373.45  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$3,318.47

Property Owners: CHARLES A MILLAR & HELEN M BRASFELD  
Building Number: 15  
Lot (Unit) Number: 7829-7830  
UDI Points: 105,000  
Unpaid Assessments: \$ 1,174.86  
Costs: \$373.45  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$2,548.31

Property Owners: EDWARD M CHASE & MARIETTE A CHASE  
Building Number: 18  
Lot (Unit) Number: 7835-7836  
UDI Points: 154,000  
Unpaid Assessments: \$ 1,515.67  
Costs: \$373.45  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$2,889.12

of Peregrine Townhouses Phase IV, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 98002629, subject to First Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 98002628, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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

**PEREGRINE TOWNHOUSES PHASE V**  
Matter Amount  
Property Owners: JOYCE H JOOSTEN  
Building Number: 24  
Lot (Unit) Number: 7847-7848  
UDI Points: 210,000  
Unpaid Assessments: \$ 1,525.24  
Costs: \$373.45  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$2,898.69

of Townhouses Phase V, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 99006555, subject to Second Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 99006556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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

**PEREGRINE TOWNHOUSES PHASE VI**  
Matter Amount  
Property Owners: JIMMY MCCARTNEY  
Building Number: 27  
Lot (Unit) Number: 7853-7854  
UDI Points: 154,000  
Unpaid Assessments: \$ 1,945.02  
Costs: \$373.45  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$3,318.47

Property Owners: JAMES P VEALE & SALLY I VEALE  
Building Number: 26  
Lot (Unit) Number: 7851-7852  
UDI Points: 69,000  
Unpaid Assessments: \$907.46  
Costs: \$373.45  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$2,280.91

of Peregrine Townhouses Phase VI, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 99011974, subject to Second Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 99006556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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

**PEREGRINE TOWNHOUSES PHASE VIII**  
Matter Amount  
Property Owners: JOSEPH B BALLMANN  
Building Number: 41  
Lot (Unit) Number: 7881-7882  
UDI Points: 154,000  
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,201.08  
Costs: \$373.45  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$2,574.53

Property Owners: JOSEPH B BALLMANN  
Building Number: 41  
Lot (Unit) Number: 7881-7882  
UDI Points: 154,000  
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,201.08  
Costs: \$373.45  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$2,574.53

Property Owners: JOSEPH B BALLMANN  
Building Number: 41  
Lot (Unit) Number: 7881-7882  
UDI Points: 154,000  
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,201.08  
Costs: \$373.45  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$2,574.53

Property Owners: JOSEPH B BALLMANN  
Building Number: 41  
Lot (Unit) Number: 7881-7882  
UDI Points: 154,000  
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,201.08  
Costs: \$373.45  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$2,574.53

Property Owners: JOSEPH B BALLMANN  
Building Number: 41  
Lot (Unit) Number: 7881-7882  
UDI Points: 154,000  
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,201.08  
Costs: \$373.45  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$2,574.53

Property Owners: JOSEPH B BALLMANN  
Building Number: 41  
Lot (Unit) Number: 7881-7882  
UDI Points: 154,000  
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,201.08  
Costs: \$373.45  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$2,574.53

Property Owners: JOSEPH B BALLMANN  
Building Number: 41  
Lot (Unit) Number: 7881-7882  
UDI Points: 154,000  
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,201.08  
Costs: \$373.45  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$2,574.53

Property Owners: JOSEPH B BALLMANN  
Building Number: 41  
Lot (Unit) Number: 7881-7882  
UDI Points: 154,000  
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,201.08  
Costs: \$373.45  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,

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Property Owner: Richard W Atencio & Maria Atencio  
 Unit Number: 7205  
 Building Number: 003B  
 Unit Week Number: 10  
 Unpaid Assessments: \$4,879.81  
 Costs: \$283.42  
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
 Total: \$6,163.23  
 Property Owner: Richard Perillo  
 Unit Number: 7207  
 Building Number: 004B  
 Unit Week Number: 1  
 Unpaid Assessments: \$6,430.48  
 Costs: \$283.42  
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
 Total: \$7,713.90  
 Property Owner: TrNve Holdings LLC  
 Unit Number: 7208  
 Building Number: 004B  
 Unit Week Number: 26  
 Unpaid Assessments: \$6,430.48  
 Costs: \$283.42  
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
 Total: \$7,713.90  
 Property Owner: James P Veale & Sally I Veale Trustees of The Veale Family Trust, dated 9/15/1986  
 Unit Number: 7208  
 Building Number: 004B  
 Unit Week Number: 32  
 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,180.05  
 Costs: \$283.42  
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
 Total: \$3,463.47  
 Property Owner: Blue Wildcat Ventures, LLC  
 Unit Number: 7207  
 Building Number: 004B  
 Unit Week Number: 11  
 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,180.05  
 Costs: \$283.42  
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
 Total: \$3,463.47  
 Property Owner: GTG Inc.  
 Unit Number: 7203  
 Building Number: 002B  
 Unit Week Number: 45  
 Unpaid Assessments: \$11,637.25  
 Costs: \$283.42  
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
 Total: \$12,920.67  
 in that property which is described as Parcel 'E'-Platman Townhouses as recorded in Plat Sheet No. 324 & 324A under Reception No. 153256, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and subject to that Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Platman Townhouses recorded February 4, 1988, under Reception No. 153260 and re-recorded on February 18, 1988 under Reception No. 153557 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.  
 Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Teal Landing Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.  
 Platman Townhouses – PHASE II  
 Matter Amount  
 Property Owners: Grant N Randall, Donekda D Randall, Mark D Randall & F Jeanne Randall  
 Unit Number: 7214  
 Building Number: 007B  
 Unit Week Number: 5  
 Unpaid Assessments: \$6,430.48  
 Costs: \$283.42  
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
 Total: \$7,713.90  
 Property Owners: Nicholas Peters  
 Unit Number: 7214  
 Building Number: 007B  
 Unit Week Number: 6  
 Unpaid Assessments: \$6,430.48  
 Costs: \$283.42  
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
 Total: \$7,713.90  
 Property Owners: Howard W Cannon & Debra L Cannon  
 Unit Number: 7216  
 Building Number: 008B  
 Unit Week Number: 17  
 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,926.14  
 Costs: \$283.42  
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
 Total: \$4,209.56  
 in that property on which is located four (4) one-story buildings containing two (2) one-level townhouse units per building which are designated, respectively, as Building No. 5, Units 7209 and 7210; Building No. 6, Units 7211 and 7212; Building No. 7, Units 7213 and 7214; and Building No. 8, Units 7215 and 7216 as per plat recorded on June 7, 1988, in Plat Sheet No. 325 under Reception No. 156199, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, and subject to that certain First Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Platman Townhouses recorded on June 7, 1988, under Reception No. 156200, Book 219, Page 33-38, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.  
 Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit in Platman Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.  
 Platman Townhouses – PHASE III  
 Matter Amount  
 Property Owners: Resa Vaco & Tammy Vaco  
 Unit Number: 7219  
 Building Number: 010B  
 Unit Week Number: 26  
 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,180.05  
 Costs: \$283.42  
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
 Total: \$3,463.47  
 Property Owners: Ingrid Amber Benussi  
 Unit Number: 7220  
 Building Number: 010B  
 Unit Week Number: 6  
 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,180.05  
 Costs: \$283.42  
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
 Total: \$3,463.47  
 Property Owners: Gerard Vidale, Julia Wasson & David Townsend  
 Unit Number: 7221  
 Building Number: 011B  
 Unit Week Number: 45  
 Unpaid Assessments: \$6,430.48  
 Costs: \$283.42  
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
 Total: \$7,713.90  
 Property Owners: Angel Onwardo, LLC  
 Unit Number: 7219  
 Building Number: 010B  
 Unit Week Number: 26  
 Unpaid Assessments: \$6,430.48  
 Costs: \$283.42  
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
 Total: \$7,713.90  
 in that property on which is located three(3)one-story buildings containing two(2)one-level townhouse units per building which are designated, respectively, as Building No. 9, Units 7217 and 7218; Building No. 10, Units 7219 and 7220; and Building No. 11, Units 7221 and 7222 as per plat recorded on June 7, 1988, in Plat Sheet No. 326 under Reception No. 156202, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, and subject to that certain Second Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Platman Townhouses recorded on June 7, 1988, under Reception No. 156203, Book 219, Page 43-48, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.  
 Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit in Platman Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.  
 Platman Townhouses – PHASE IV  
 Matter Amount  
 Property Owners: Dale J Ackerman & Melody Lee Ackerman  
 Unit Number: 7224  
 Building Number: 012B  
 Unit Week Number: 49  
 Unpaid Assessments: \$6,430.48  
 Costs: \$283.42  
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
 Total: \$7,713.90  
 Property Owners: Shirley A Graboff  
 Unit Number: 7223  
 Building Number: 012B  
 Unit Week Number: 8  
 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,124.09  
 Costs: \$283.42  
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
 Total: \$3,407.51  
 Property Owners: Crystal Y Eddy  
 Unit Number: 7225  
 Building Number: 013B  
 Unit Week Number: 21  
 Unpaid Assessments: \$6,430.48  
 Costs: \$283.42  
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
 Total: \$7,713.90  
 Property Owners: Mildred Caplan  
 Unit Number: 7226  
 Building Number: 013B  
 Unit Week Number: 21  
 Unpaid Assessments: \$6,219.11  
 Costs: \$283.42  
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
 Total: \$7,502.53  
 Property Owners: Right Choice Transfer  
 Unit Number: 7226

Building Number: 013B  
 Unit Week Number: 8  
 Unpaid Assessments: \$6,430.48  
 Costs: \$283.42  
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
 Total: \$7,713.90  
 Property Owners: Tarpy Enterprises, Inc.  
 Unit Number: 7228  
 Building Number: 014B  
 Unit Week Number: 1  
 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,724.74  
 Costs: \$283.42  
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
 Total: \$4,008.16  
 in that property on which is located three(3)one-story buildings containing two(2)one-level townhouse units per building which are designated, respectively, as Building No. 12, Units 7223 and 7224; Building No. 13, Units 7225 and 7226; and Building No. 14, Units 7227 and 7228 as per plat recorded on November 3, 1988, in Plat Map No. 327 under Reception No. 159241, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, and further subject to that certain Third Supplemental Declaration of Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Platman Townhouses recorded on November 2, 1988, under Reception No. 159242, in Record Book 233, Page 171 and re-recorded on November 21, 1988, under Reception No. 0159517 in Record Book 234, Page 283, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.  
 Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit in Platman Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.  
 Platman Townhouses – PHASE V  
 Matter Amount  
 Property Owners: WRS Holdings LLC  
 Unit Number: 7230  
 Building Number: 015B  
 Unit Week Number: 51  
 Unpaid Assessments: \$6,204.98  
 Costs: \$283.42  
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
 Total: \$7,488.40  
 in that parcel of land being a portion of Parcel D, Third Replat of South Village Lake, recorded under Reception No. 139304, Plat Filed 314A-C, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado, and which is located one building containing two, one level townhouse units designated, respectively, as Building 15, Units 7229 and 7230 described as Platman Phase V as recorded in Plat Sheet No. 341, under Reception No. 179510 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and is subject to that Fourth Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Platman Townhouses recorded May 22, 1991, Reception No. 179511, Book 331, Page 164 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.  
 Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit in Platman Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.  
 Published November 15, 22, 29, December 6 and 13, 2018 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION  
 CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE  
 SALE NO. 2018-011

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:  
 On September 20, 2018, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.  
 Original Grantor(s) Richard Isaacs  
 Original Beneficiary(ies) ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc.  
 Current Holder of Evidence of Debt Ditech Financial LLC  
 Date of Deed of Trust July 10, 2007  
 County of Recording Archuleta  
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust July 25, 2007  
 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 20706550  
 Original Principal Amount \$185,750.00  
 Outstanding Principal Balance \$142,111.63  
 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.  
**THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN, LOTS 6, 7 AND 8, BLOCK 14, AMENDED ASPEN SPRINGS, SUBDIVISION NO. 3, COUNTY OF ARCHULETA, STATE OF COLORADO.**  
**Drive, known by street and number as: 331 Evergreen Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.**  
**THE ABOVE DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
 The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.  
 THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 01/17/2019, at the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office at 449 San Juan St, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Sator(s) heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.  
 First Publication 11/22/2018  
 Last Publication 12/20/2018  
 Name of Publication Pagosa Springs Sun  
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**IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.**  
**Colorado Attorney General**  
**1300 Broadway, 10th Floor**  
**Denver, Colorado 80203**  
**(800) 222-4444**  
**www.coloradogeneral.gov**  
**Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau**  
**P.O. Box 4503**  
**Iowa City, Iowa 52244**  
**(855) 411-2372**  
**www.consumerfinance.gov**  
 DATE: 09/20/2018  
 Betty A. Diller, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado  
 By: /s/ Betty A. Diller, Public Trustee  
 The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:  
 Erin Robson #46557  
 McCarthy & Holthus, LLP 7700 E Arapahoe Road, Suite 230, Centennial, CO 80112 (877) 369-6122  
 Attorney File # CO-18-803565-11  
 The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.  
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 ADA C. BROSIUS  
 16170 WESTPARK DR. APT#252  
 HOUSTON, TX 77082-3709  
 CRAIG M. BROSIUS  
 5340 S W CHELSEA COURT  
 TOPEKA, KS 66604-2474  
 MICHELLE L. BROSIUS  
 6302 ALLERTON STREET  
 HOUSTON, TX 77084-2010  
 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 5th day of November 2015, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to  
 ROBERT L. OR CATHERINE C. HILL  
 the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**LOT 166 IN ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 6, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORDED AUGUST 3, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74689.**  
 Account Number: R015587  
 Schedule Number: 589316203052  
 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2015-03465  
 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to ROBERT L. OR CATHERINE C. HILL.  
 That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property and (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2014.  
 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of ADA C. BROSIUS and CRAIG M.

BROSIUS and MICHELLE L. BROSIUS for said year 2014.  
 That said ROBERT L. OR CATHERINE C. HILL on the 22nd day of October 2018, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;  
 That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to ROBERT L. OR CATHERINE C. HILL on the 22nd day of April 2019, unless the same has been redeemed.  
 Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.  
 Witness my hand this 5th day of November 2018  
 /s/ Betty A. Diller  
 Betty A. Diller, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado  
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 LYNNE A. MITCHELL  
 P O BOX 1108  
 MOAB, UT 84532  
 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 5th day of November 2015, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to  
 ROBERT L. OR CATHERINE C. HILL  
 the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**LOT 292 IN ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 6, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD AUGUST 3, 1971 as Reception No. 74689.**  
 Account Number: R015651  
 Schedule Number: 589316208052  
 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2015-03468  
 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to ROBERT L. OR CATHERINE C. HILL.  
 That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property and (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2014.  
 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of LYNNE A. MITCHELL for said year 2014.  
 That said ROBERT L. OR CATHERINE C. HILL on the 22nd day of October 2018, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;  
 That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to ROBERT L. OR CATHERINE C. HILL on the 3rd day of April 2019, unless the same has been redeemed.  
 Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.  
 Witness my hand this 29th day of October 2018  
 /s/ Betty A. Diller  
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 LYNNE A. MITCHELL  
 P O BOX 1108  
 MOAB, UT 84532  
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 ROBERT L. OR CATHERINE C. HILL  
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**LOT 293 IN ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 6, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD AUGUST 3, 1971 as Reception No. 74689.**  
 Account Number: R015650  
 Schedule Number: 58931620851  
 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2015-03468  
 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to ROBERT L. OR CATHERINE C. HILL.  
 That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property and (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2014.  
 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of LYNNE A. MITCHELL for said year 2014.  
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 Betty A. Diller, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado  
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 WEGOLAND INVESTORS INC., A COLORADO CORPORATION  
 1133 14TH STREET  
 GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501  
 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 7th day of November 2013, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to  
 SUSAN D MARCH, TRUSTEE SUSAN D CHATTAWAY REVOCABLE FAMILY TRUST DATED 12/04/2007  
 the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**LOT 5 OF BLOCK 4 IN LAKE PAGOSA PARK, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD MARCH 13, 1970 AS RECEPTION NO. 72988 THROUGH 73013**  
 Account Number: R005254  
 Schedule Number: 569098114002  
 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2013-02673  
 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to SUSAN D MARCH, TRUSTEE SUSAN D CHATTAWAY REVOCABLE FAMILY TRUST DATED 12/04/2007  
 That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property and (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2012.  
 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of WEGOLAND INVESTORS INC., A COLORADO CORPORATION for said year 2012.  
 That said SUSAN D MARCH, TRUSTEE SUSAN D CHATTAWAY REVOCABLE FAMILY TRUST DATED 12/04/2007 on the 2nd day of November 2018, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;  
 That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to SUSAN D MARCH, TRUSTEE SUSAN D CHATTAWAY REVOCABLE FAMILY TRUST DATED 12/04/2007 on the 10th day of April 2019, unless the same has been redeemed.  
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 Betty A. Diller, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado  
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 TZORIS, LTD, A COLORADO CORP.  
 1133 N. 18TH STREET  
 GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501  
 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 7th day of November 2013, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to  
 SUSAN D MARCH, TRUSTEE SUSAN D CHATTAWAY REVOCABLE FAMILY TRUST DATED 12/04/2007  
 the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**LOT 27X OF BLOCK 13, A CONSOLIDATION OF LOTS 26,27,AND 28, BLOCK 13, PAGOSA IN THE PINES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED MARCH 13, 1970 AS RECEPTION NOS. 73014 THROUGH 73027 AND PURSUANT TO A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONSOLIDATION OF CERTAIN LOTS IN ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO, RESOLUTION NO. 98-22, RECORDED**

**MARCH 10, 1998 AS RECEPTION NO. 98001831.**  
 Account Number: R007939  
 Schedule Number: 569919134016  
 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2013-02676  
 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to SUSAN D MARCH, TRUSTEE SUSAN D CHATTAWAY REVOCABLE FAMILY TRUST DATED 12/04/2007  
 That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property and (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2012  
 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of TZORIS, LTD, A COLORADO CORP. for said year 2012.  
 That said SUSAN D MARCH, TRUSTEE SUSAN D CHATTAWAY REVOCABLE FAMILY TRUST DATED 12/04/2007 on the 2nd day of November 2018, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;  
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 SIERRA PAGOSA BUILDERS INC.  
 9530 E. OLIVE LANE  
 SUN LAKES, AZ 85244  
 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 7th day of November 2013, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to  
 DOUG MARCH ENTERPRISES INC. EMPLOYEE PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST  
 the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**LOT 67 IN PAGOSA HIGHLAND ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD FEBRUARY 7, 1972 AS RECEPTION NO. 75409**  
 Account Number: R001505  
 Schedule Number: 558335103024  
 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2013-02687  
 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to DOUG MARCH ENTERPRISES INC. EMPLOYEE PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST  
 That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property and (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2012  
 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of SIERRA PAGOSA BUILDERS INC. for said year 2012.  
 That said DOUG MARCH ENTERPRISES INC. EMPLOYEE PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST on the 2nd day of November 2018, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;  
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 NATIONAL RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, LLC A COLORADO LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
 1 MAUCHLY IRVINE, CA 92618  
 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 7th day of November 2013, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to  
 DOUG MARCH ENTERPRISES INC. EMPLOYEE PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST  
 the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**AT PAGOSA UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD JUNE 4, 1973 AS RECEPTION NO. 77868**  
 Account Number: R004338  
 Schedule Number: 569525105011  
 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2013-02688  
 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to DOUG MARCH ENTERPRISES INC. EMPLOYEE PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST  
 That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property and (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2012  
 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of NATIONAL RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, LLC A COLORADO LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY for said year 2012.  
 That said DOUG MARCH ENTERPRISES INC. EMPLOYEE PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST on the 2nd day of November 2018, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;  
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 DIANE CHONOS  
 496 CALLE CANELA  
 SAN DIMAS, CA 91773  
 RONALD CHOYKO  
 496 CALLE CANELA  
 SAN DIMAS, CA 91773  
 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 7th day of November 2013, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to  
 SUSAN D MARCH, TRUSTEE SUSAN D CHATTAWAY REVOCABLE FAMILY TRUST DATED 12/04/2007  
 the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**LOT 413, LAKE FOREST ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD JUNE 4, 1973 AS RECEPTION NO. 77869**  
 Account Number: R009165  
 Schedule Number: 569918307046  
 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2013-02677  
 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to SUSAN D MARCH, TRUSTEE SUSAN D CHATTAWAY REVOCABLE FAMILY TRUST DATED 12/04/2007  
 That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property and (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2012.  
 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of DIANE CHONOS and RONALD CHOYKO for said year 2012.  
 That said SUSAN D MARCH, TRUSTEE SUSAN D CHATTAWAY REVOCABLE FAMILY TRUST DATED 12/04/2007 on the 2nd day of November 2018, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;  
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 DAVID R. LOGAN  
 2 MOURNING DOVE LANE  
 LITTLETON, CO 80127  
 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 7th day of November 2013, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to  
 SUSAN D MARCH, TRUSTEE SUSAN D CHATTAWAY REVOCABLE FAMILY TRUST DATED 12/04/2007  
 the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**LOT 95 IN LAKEWOOD VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD APRIL 30, 1979 AS RECEPTION NO. 94667**  
 Account Number: R009451  
 Schedule Number: 569919134016  
 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2013-02678



## Home for the Holidays party

Photos courtesy Nathan Nichols

Habitat for Humanity celebrates the completion of its newest home at a Home for the Holidays party on Dec. 1. The event included horse-drawn carriage rides, a visit from Santa Claus, gifts for the kids, crafts and cupcake decorating. Habitat for Humanity's local affiliate has built 25 homes since 1994, helping to create a brighter future for more than 80 adults and 120 children through new homeownership and homeowner repairs programs.



## Name chosen for Pagosa's newest early childhood center

By Jan Santopietro  
Special to The SUN

It's official — the newest early childhood center in Archuleta County has been named Wings Early Childhood Center. The center is targeted to open in the fall of 2019 for 40 toddlers (ages 1 up to 3 years) and preschoolers (ages 3-5 years).

The Archuleta County Education Center (ACEC) understands that creating the 40 slots at Wings is just a drop in the bucket — 280 more slots must be created in order to meet the need for early childhood education services in Archuleta County (Early Care and Education Report, April 2017). But it's a start.

Renovation of the existing building (formerly the Greenhouse Restaurant) is currently in motion. The building was purchased in 2018 by a generous community partner and was offered to the ACEC to be used as an early childhood center for at least 10 years rent free.

The capital improvement funding streams are already underway for the renovation — the Town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County have jointly contributed \$130,000. These funds have leveraged an additional \$100,000 from community donations. The ACEC has applied for grants and expects to receive the additional \$200,000 required for full renovation of the building by the end of this year.

But, we can't stop there — our community needs the doors to open ASAP. The next step is to secure funding for start-up costs (\$150,000-plus) including marketing expenses, classroom furniture and supplies, office furniture, equipment and supplies, staff background checks and start-up classes, licensing fees and inspections, insurance and more. Of course, the ACEC gladly accepts

monetary donations. Since the ACEC qualifies for the Colorado Child Care Contribution Tax Credit program, donors can claim a tax credit of up to 50 percent of their donation on their Colorado tax form. Email janet.santo78@gmail.com for more information.

Following a successful garage sale in November, there were still items at the former restaurant that needed to find a good home. In the spirit of collaboration, cooperation and support, the ACEC offered these items to all Archuleta County non-profit organizations free of charge.

Archuleta Seniors Inc. secured

items from the bar area including the bar, stools and shelving, plus the complete fireplace. Sounds like the new Senior Center will be a fun, cozy place to gather.

Amazing Grace Church secured items from the kitchen including shelving and appliances that will benefit their congregation and others they serve. This is a great example of a win-win situation. The ACEC is grateful these items have "left the building" and will continue to benefit the community.

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

**FREE HEALTH INSURANCE EVENT**

Dec. 8 | 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Archuleta County Human Services  
551 Hot Springs Blvd.  
Pagosa Springs

Free information and enrollment assistance will be available for Medicaid, CHP+, private insurance through Connect for Health Colorado, and Medicare.

Spanish translation available 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**QUESTIONS?**  
970-264-2182  
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## Letters to Santa



## Hey kids!

Send us your letter to Santa and his elves at the North Pole!  
Your letter may be selected for publication in The Pagosa Springs SUN.  
Please include your first name and age on your letter.

Make sure we receive your letter by noon on Friday, Dec. 14.

You can also email your letter to  
editor@pagosasun.com  
or drop it off at the Santa mailbox at 457 Lewis Street

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# Festival of Trees

Thursday, Dec. 6 • Ross Aragon Community Center



# Don't miss out on this year's Festival of Trees festivities

By **Darren Lewis**  
Special to The PREVIEW

To jump start your holiday spirit, come down to the Ross Aragon Community Center on Thursday, Dec. 6, from noon to 6 p.m. for the public viewing and voting for the Festival of Trees.

This unique, free public event will showcase 20 different decorated Christmas trees, all representing local nonprofits. Come down and enjoy Christmas music, hot chocolate, coffee, cider and cookies while you stroll through a small forest of magic.

If you choose to vote, each vote will cost you \$1. Out of that \$1, the nonprofit you vote for will earn 50 cents. All the votes help determine the top 10 trees for the main event set for Dec. 7.

If you would like to attend the 13th annual Festival of Trees event on Dec. 7, tickets can be purchased at the Community Center. Tickets to this event are \$25 per person and tables for eight are available to reserve. Tickets are only sold in advance, so make sure to get your tickets ahead of time.

Doors will open on Dec. 7 at 5:30 p.m. for this year's Festival of Trees. Come down and enjoy live holiday music by Steve Blechschmidt, a cash bar and hors

d'oeuvres.

All 20 trees will be open to silent bidding during this time. Upon arrival to the event, you will receive one event vote. The event vote is that last vote placed to determine which top 10 nonprofits' trees go up for live auction. At 6:30 p.m., all voting will close.

The live auction with auctioneers Jake Montroy, Mark Crain and Michael Branch will start at 7 p.m., with the announcement of the top 10 live auction trees. The remaining 10 trees will stay on silent auction throughout the live auction.

Once the live auction ends, you will have 10 minutes to place bids on the remaining 10 silent auction trees. All proceeds that each tree earns from the tree auction (live and silent) go directly to that nonprofit organization the tree is representing.

So, whether you want to decorate your house or business for Christmas, donate to a family in need of a fully decorated tree, or if you are just wanting to give money to a great cause, come down and listen to some wonderful holiday music, bid on your favorite tree, sip some wine and have some fun. Nothing in town will put you in the Christmas spirit like the gift of giving.

For more information, please give us a call at 264-4152, ext. 532.

## Have Breakfast with Santa Saturday at the high school

By **Dan Burch**  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs High School Music Department will once again host Breakfast with Santa at the high school this year. Many families have made this event a good way to start off the Christmas season with a great tradition.

This Saturday, Dec. 8, you and your family can come to the high school commons and start the morning with a full breakfast; enjoy crafts, games, face painting for the kids; hear inspiring Christmas songs from our high school musicians; and complete the morning with a picture with Santa.

Also, this year we have added a silent auction to the morning with some incredible offerings from our local businesses. You can even take your own picture with Anna and Elsa from Frozen.

This event is a fundraiser for the high school music department. All proceeds go towards the music department's Music in the Parks Competition in the spring. There is a \$5 fee at the door and it covers all the morning's events. There is a \$20 maximum per family.

Breakfast will be ready at 8:30 a.m. and will go until 11 a.m. Make plans now to make this morning part of your Christmas season plans.



Photo courtesy Griselda Cervantes

Youngsters will have a chance to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus, as well as tell him what they want for Christmas, at Saturday's Breakfast with Santa. The annual event a full breakfast, crafts, games, face painting for the kids, Christmas songs from high school musicians and a picture with Santa.

### Live Performers

**Thursday**  
Riff Raff downtown: Brooks-i Duo, 6 p.m.

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

**Wednesday**  
Riff Raff downtown: Jack Ellis, 6 p.m.



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PagosaBrewing.com  
118 N. Pagosa Blvd.  
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WEEKDAY HAPPY HOUR 3P-6P!



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# Pagosa Springs Girls Choir holiday concert tonight

By Linda Parker  
Special to The PREVIEW

Come join the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir tonight for a wonderful holiday treat as the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir presents its holiday concert, "Christmas in Pagosa."

The concert is scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church.

Presenting traditional as well as less-known Christmas music, the Girls Choir will be joined by Perry Schjolin, featured soloist. Schjolin will delight the Pagosa community with traditional carols and will also sing with the Girls Choir. Also on hand will be the Christmas quartet, Noel.

The Girls Choir will be offering Rocky Mountain Chocolate bars for sale, as well as angels made from recycled hymnals for purchase to help fund their summer educational trip scheduled for August 2018.

Please join us tonight and support these outstanding young musicians for "Christmas in Pagosa" at the Community United Methodist Church beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is free, but your donations will be gratefully accepted.



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# 'A Christmas Carol' and the Victorian Christmas offered at Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts

By Tess Wisher  
Special to The PREVIEW

At the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, Thingamajig Theatre Company is taking on Dennis Elkins' adaptation of the classic Christmas tale, "A Christmas Carol."

The original novella written by Charles Dickens in 1843 made a huge splash in Victorian London. It was during this time that the Christmas holiday was going through massive changes that would lead to the heart-warming holiday we know today.

Dickens wrote "A Christmas Carol" after visiting a series of "Ragged Schools," schools that were established to provide a free education to the children of the Industrial Revolution. The children in these Ragged Schools were in extreme poverty and had often already turned to illegal activities to survive. Seeing the children in such poverty, Dickens was inspired to write a story that would call for improved conditions for the poor.

In a six-week writing spur, Dickens wrote "A Christmas Carol." On the first day of publication, 6,000 copies of "A Christmas Carol" were sold, a remarkable number for the time. This book secured Dickens' place in our hearts and on our bookshelves.

"A Christmas Carol" did more than re-launch Dickens back into author stardom. This novella came at a time when many of our modern Christmas traditions such as the Christmas tree and Christmas card were just gaining popularity. Fred, Scrooge's nephew, even coined the most popular phrase of the season: "Merry Christmas." So, what other Christmas traditions were formed around this time?

Prince Albert of Germany had recently married his cousin, Victoria, and become prince of England. With him immigrated the German tradition of Christmas trees. By 1847, Windsor Castle, one of the homes of English royalty, embraced the tradition with the new family member and soon the whole country followed suit. Trees and other decorations were then removed on Twelfth Night, which was celebrated on Jan. 6, as removing decorations before Twelfth Night was considered



Photo courtesy Jeff Laydon/Pagosa Photography

**Join Thingamajig Theatre Company at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts this December as it takes on a Christmas classic, "A Christmas Carol." Tickets are on sale now.**

bad luck.

It was not always the tradition to send cards with well wishes to spread Christmas joy. Around the time "A Christmas Carol" was being written, Christmas cards were just beginning to emerge, but were often too expensive for the average person to afford. When the cost of postage dropped and the cost of cards through mass-production through lithography dropped, Christmas cards hit the Christmas market and became a prominent holiday tradition.

Music was incredibly important to those living in the Victorian era, so many of the carols we know today were written to be sung in the parlor of a Victorian home. While today carolers sing in the cold to bring Christmas cheer and hope to get a taste of hot chocolate, in Dickens' time it was considered an illegal form of begging. Many people used caroling to beg for food, so caroling was often the last resort for families struggling to stay out of the poor house.

"A Christmas Carol" gives us a glimpse into the traditional Christmas foods of the time. As it is today, Christmas dinner was a grand affair with goose, chicken, turkey or roast beef at the center of the meal. Goose was more prominent at poorer family's tables, like the Cratchit family. Christmas pudding took weeks to mix and mature, and required that everyone in the house stir the mixture clockwise

for luck.

So many of our Christmas traditions, like the Christmas tree and caroling, stem from the same Christmases Dickens would have been enjoying while writing his famous festive ghost story.

If you'd like to hear the story that is at the heart of our modern Christmas traditions, come see "A Christmas Carol" at Thingamajig Theatre and the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. This particular adaptation by Elkins uses much of the original Dickens text so you, the audience, can be entrenched in the original syntax of this influential Christmas story.

For tickets or more information, visit [pagosacenter.org](http://pagosacenter.org) or call 731-SHOW (7469).

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The Night Song Trio is Heidi Tanner, Sally Neel and Jessica Peterson. The trio will be the featured music group at the Sunday Night Unplugged Christmas Unplugged service at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church at 5 p.m.

## Sunday Night Unplugged to feature Night Song Trio

By Heidi Tanner  
Special to The PREVIEW

This Sunday, Dec. 9, at 5 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church will offer to the public its monthly service of music and meditation, Sunday Night Unplugged.

This month, the service will feature the Night Song Trio. The Night Song Trio includes Sally Neel on piano, Jessica Peterson on flute and Heidi Tanner on violin. This musical trio has been playing together for several years now and plays a variety of music from baroque to Celtic renderings.

For the Christmas Unplugged service, the Night Song Trio will feature music depicting the beauty of the season of Advent — music that anticipates with hope and longing the birth of the Christ child. The haunting and mysterious melodies create the perfect setting for quiet meditation and reverence.

Interspersed with the music will

be readings which are designed for the season and designed to provoke spiritual thought and insight. After the readings, there will be an interim of silence to allow for personal meditation and an opportunity to digest the readings and the ambiance of the sounds provided by the musicians.

Members of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church decorate the altar for this monthly service and create visual works of art to compliment the music upon which the service is centered. The Sunday Night Unplugged service at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church is held on the second Sunday of each month. The service begins at 5 p.m. and is conducted by Rector Douglas E. Neel.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church is located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. All are welcome for this service of music and meditation. Please join us this Sunday evening, Dec. 9, to enjoy this month's Sunday Night Unplugged.

This work is supported by Colorado Extension Implementation Program [grant no. 2017-70006-27289] from the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture.



Photo courtesy Kathy Wadenpfuhl

The Heralds of Christmas is just around the corner, with concerts set for Sunday, Dec. 16, at 3 p.m. and Monday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. Tickets are available now.

## The Heralds of Christmas set for Dec. 16 and 17

By Kathy Wadenpfuhl  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Heralds of Christmas is just right around the corner. St. Patrick's Episcopal Church will once again be the venue for these beautiful holiday performances.

The two concerts will be on Sunday, Dec. 16, at 3 p.m. and Monday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. Tickets are a \$10 donation and can be found at the following locations: Bookends, Chamber of Commerce, Airport Self Storage and The Choke Cherry Tree. Tickets can be purchased with cash or check.

Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society (PSIMS) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit and is the host organization for The Heralds of Christmas. Your ticket donation goes towards the support of instrumental music students in Pagosa Springs.

The anchor group of The Heralds of Christmas is the Pagosa Brass. On trumpet are Larry Elginer and Larry Baisdon. They are quite the duo in performance and in the "gift of gab."

On horn is D'Ann Artis. Artis plays professionally with the San Juan Symphony. She also has a beautiful soprano voice.

Dan Burch, trombone, is Pagosa Spring High School's band and choir director. Burch has led each of these organizations to honors at the state level in music competitions.

James Kiker supports this brass quintet on tuba. In real life, Kiker is a computer programming specialist. He decided a little over a year ago that the Brass Quartet needed to be a quintet. On his own, he began playing the tuba and has become very accomplished. Kiker also plays string and electric bass.

These brass musicians meet for rehearsals continually throughout the year. PSIMS is so grateful for their talents and dedication.

One of the highlights of this fifth annual chamber music concert is a student pianist, Grace Wiersma. Wiersma has literally "graced" this concert with her performances for five years. Wiersma has studied piano with Sally Neel for seven years. She will be performing a beautiful arrangement of "Joy to the World."

The program will also include exceptional vocal performances by Brandye Kiker, Gracelyn Kiker and Robert Neel, and superb instrumental performances by Jarrett Chaney, Malinda Burnett, Karen Mesikapp

and Susy Mekeal. And, as always, the concert will conclude with an audience participation of George Frideric Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus."

Richard and Carol Larsen and St. Patrick's church create an ethereal atmosphere for The Heralds of Christmas. Tickets should be purchased quickly, as they are limited. Both performances sold out last year.

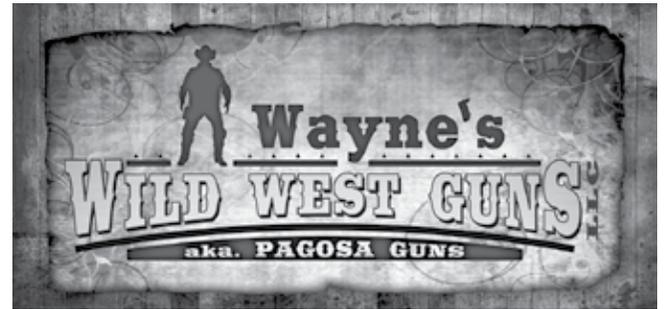
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# Dennis Elkins to bring back 'box.' for one night only

By Tess Wisner  
Special to The PREVIEW

Dennis Elkins' one-man show, "box.," is returning to the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts on Dec. 23 at 7 p.m. for one night only.

"box." made its regional premiere at the Thingamajig Playwrights Festival in October. The show was met with amazing reviews at the festival, so, by popular demand, Elkins is launching his show in Pagosa Springs for one more night.

While a 70-minute, one-man show could come across as an experience for only serious theater patrons in dark turtlenecks, "box." is anything but exclusionary. This beautiful show tackles the universal experience of moving told through the eyes of a man with too many martini glasses, as if there is such a thing.

Elkins tell his story in this autobiographical show of the last few moves of his adult life. From emptying out his parents' home

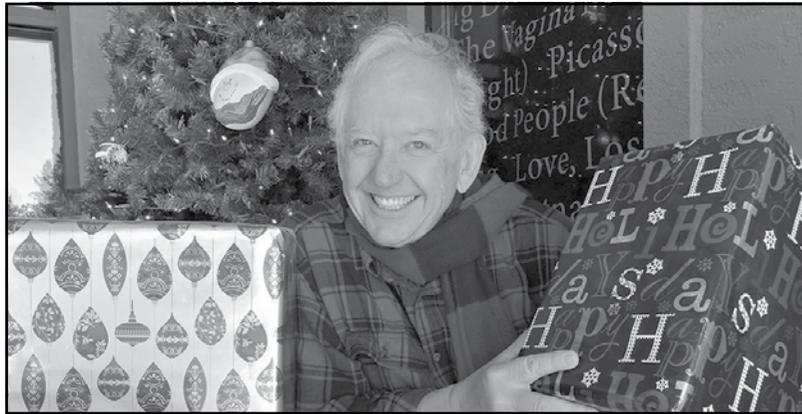


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**Dennis Elkins and "box." are greatest gifts of all. Come enjoy this moving and universally relevant play at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts for one night only on Dec. 23.**

after the passing of his mother to the life-changing move from Durango to an apartment in New York City, the audience gets a glimpse into the trials and tribulations of deciding what comes, what goes and what gets tossed.

More importantly, "box." touches on a feeling present in all of us.

The feeling of moving on that is prickly, hard to describe and even harder to work through. When we discard of a something that sparks a memory of a loved one since passed, are we discarding that memory as well? Are we discarding of the little bit of that person we are holding on to?

It's a hard question to answer, but "box." takes this difficult topic in stride with heartwarming and hilarious stories told by a man so naturally inclined to tell them that you'll be on the edge of your seat captivated by a story about Depression glass.

If you've ever moved, lost a loved one or had to reconcile with the Hummel figurines in your parents' house, this show will move you in a way you didn't know you needed to be moved. But you will be thankful it did.

For more information on "box." or to get your tickets, visit pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW (7469).

# Watermarks: The good, the bad and everything in between

By Betty Slade  
Special to The PREVIEW

Birthdays have a way of making a person reflective as they surface wonderful memories. For some, it's a time to give pause on their special day, to acknowledge those who walked with them through various moments in life.

I recently had a birthday, which incorporated all of these things, and more.

While thumbing through the Colorado Country Life Magazine, I recognized an image that had great personal meaning to me. It was the cover of my novella, "Heart Bender." It was accompanied by

## Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



a review of my book. I was filled with great pride as I saw my written work acknowledged.

Every Monday afternoon, a friend steeped in languages teaches me New Testament Greek. During my Tuesday prayer group, a Messianic Jewish couple teaches me the richness of Hebrew history

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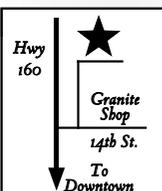


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**Pagosa Springs High School Americana students 2018. The high school program was recently awarded \$4,000 from funds raised in memory of Juliana Ellsmore.**

## Americana Project receives \$4,000 scholarship

By Dale Johnson  
Special to The PREVIEW

Juliana Ellsmore was a beautiful, brilliant and talented young woman of 19 whose life ended last year in a tragic accident. Ellsmore loved music and singing and life. Her family created a music scholarship to remember her memory, light and spirit.

Curtains Up Pagosa, at the family's request, has

been honored to manage scholarship monies raised for specific, designated and assigned purposes.

A portion of the monies raised, \$4,000, is being given as a gift of scholarship to the Pagosa Springs High School's Americana Project, led by Bob Hemenger, of which Ellsmore was a student and participant.

We thank Ellsmore's family for this amazing scholarship for Americana in her memory.

## Lane

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from the Old Testament. On any other given day of the week, I have three very dear friends on speed dial who edit my writings and challenge me to continue giving life to paper.

I received a number of calls and emails the week of my birthday from those that I feel have brought me to a higher place in my faith and knowledge. I was reminded how thankful I am to be surrounded by those who are wiser than me.

Then there is family. Those we are also thankful for who have a special way of sweeping us right back "on" our feet. I said to my son, "Would it be too difficult for you to show me how to move a file from my computer to the cloud?"

Although he showed me, it wasn't without a response to my question. "Just so you know, moving this entire house 3 inches to the left would have been easier."

Even in spite of a smart-mouthed comment from one of my adult children, I continue to be enamored by all of the teachable moments and learnings that have come my way. I am richly blessed.

I told my Sweet Al that I felt like all of these moments were creating

a watermark on my life. I asked him what he thought about that.

He said, "Remember when you were facing jail time because of a watermark?" He continued, "You were jumping up and down sweating bullets. You were praying, 'Oh Sweet Jesus, save me from prison.

I promise I didn't know they were fake."

Heavens, yes, I remember. But that wasn't exactly the watermark I had been thinking about. In retrospect, it is the good, the bad and everything in between that create

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# Senior Center announces tax, legal and health program dates

By Cheryl Wilkinson  
PREVIEW Columnist

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

The planned dates are Feb. 23, 2019, and March 16, 2019, by appointment only. The gross income limit this tax season is \$54,000. Please call 264-2167 for more information or to make an appointment.

## Free legal document preparation

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## Health and wellness

The Senior Center has a pilot  
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## Lane

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a watermark on our lives.

I first learned about watermarks in 1986 while working for a fine art gallery. I sold "investment art," signed and numbered limited edition prints of various internationally renowned artists.

There was one whose work I wasn't necessarily fond of. The artist was Salvador Dali. He was on his last leg in life and his art was a hot commodity. Dali was 83 years old and had been hospitalized at the time. No one knew how much longer he would be with us. In art investment terms, this meant that the price of his art would go sky high at any minute.

The company I worked for supplied the artist's prints. With complete trust in their authenticity, I sold, sold and sold all that sizzled. Flash forward, I am standing in a courtroom in front of a judge defending my innocence and my freedom. This was when I learned the secrets of a watermark.

When watercolor paper is made, there are certain markings pressed into the paper that tell a story of its production. There are various shapes, numbers and symbols that can tell those in the know the exact origin of the paper.

In Dali's wild and unconventional way, he signed thousands of blank sheets of this paper that were then stored in warehouses.

Eventually, he became too frail and sick to do anymore work, although companies were still cranking out his signed and numbered prints as if they were authorized by Dali himself.

After hiring an expensive attorney and taking my seat in a court of law, I learned a valuable lesson about fraudulent artwork and the composition of a watermark. If you hold it up to a light, you can see

all of the shapes and symbols that identify its origin.

Final brushstroke: Our lives reveal a watermark that is designed by the people and experiences we encounter. Similar to a piece of fine art, it is when we hold it up to a light that we identify who we are.

## Readers' comments

Send your comments to betty@bettyslade.com.



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# Christmas-themed books and Hot Chocolate Hullabaloo

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Many authors make a point of publishing books just in time for Christmas reading and inspiration for holiday gifts. Here are eight recent examples we've just added to the collection:

- "Bathed in Prayer" by Jan Karon is a large-print collection of Father Tim's prayers, sermons and reflections from the 14 novels in the Mitford series.
- "Christmas Revelation" by Anne Perry is a holiday mystery decorated with all the Victorian trimmings.
- "The Noel Stranger" by Richard Paul Evans is an inspirational story about redemption, faith and the



power of the season.

- "Alaskan Holiday" by Debbie Macomber is a magical Christmas tale about finding love where it's least expected. It is available in hardcover and as an audiobook on CD.
- "Christmas Cake Murder" by Joanne Fluke is a Hannah Swensen holiday mystery with recipes in large print.
- "Yule Log Murder" contains three mysteries by Leslie Meier,

Lee Hollis and Barbara Ross in large print.

- "Lark! The Herald Angels Sing" by Donna Andrews is a Meg Langslow mystery in large print.
- "The Darling Dahlias and the Poinsettia Puzzle" by Susan Wittig Albert is a Darling Dahlias mystery in large print.

## Hot Chocolate Hullabaloo for all ages

We hope you and your family will join us for an all-ages Hot Chocolate Hullabaloo on Tuesday, Dec. 11, from 4 to 6 p.m. This is a fun opportunity to celebrate the holidays by creating your very own seasonal crafts to take home while

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## Senior

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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 Dec. 19.

### San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging: Pine Ridge staff update

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

Recently, Pine Ridge Extended Care Center has hired or switched staff members who hold some of the top positions for running its daily operations. First opened in 1997, Pine Ridge has been owned by the same group of board members and investors since then. It is managed by CandG Health Care Management from Mancos, which oversees eight skilled nursing facilities in Colorado and New Mexico, also known as Inns of the Southwest.

The new director of nursing is Julie Jacobsen, who has worked as a registered nurse for 30 years in Colorado, eight of them in the southwest. She oversees the entire nursing staff, including other registered nurses, licensed practical nurses and certified nursing assistants (CNAs).

Meg Dunn is the new social service designee. A Pagosa native, she worked in Ignacio at Peaceful Spirit Southern Ute Treatment Center. In her new role, she will work in admissions and discharge and help residents attain or maintain the highest practicable psychosocial well-being.

The activities director for years, Tiffany Zazula, is now the medical records person. She is also a CNA and qualified medication management person. Formerly the medical records person and a CNA, Tricia Mitchell is the new activities director. In that role, she will offer an ongoing program of activities intended to meet the interests and the physical, mental and psychosocial well-being of residents.

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

### Memberships

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

### Menu

Everyone is welcome to join us

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

The guest fee for those 59 and under is \$10 and children 10 years and under can eat for \$8.50 each. Access to the salad bar is only \$6 for those under 60.

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

Thursday, Dec. 6 — Turkey Rachel sandwich, potato salad, baked beans, milk, salad bar and butterscotch blonde.

Friday, Dec. 7 — Tuna melt, roasted cauliflower soup, glazed carrots, milk and salad bar.

Monday, Dec. 10 — Barbecued chicken wings, corn on the cob, green peas, milk, salad bar and pineapple/orange cake.

Tuesday, Dec. 11 — Roast pork with lentils, squash medley, cornbread with butter, milk and salad bar.

Wednesday, Dec. 12 — Hot turkey sandwich, green beans with honey garlic, sweet potato fries, milk, salad bar and snickerdoodle cookie.

Thursday, Dec. 13 — Mahi-mahi fish tacos with coleslaw, cilantro lime rice, baked zucchini with Parmesan, milk, salad bar and lemon dessert.

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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# Library

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## Avalanche awareness today

Join Mark Mueller today, Thursday, Dec. 6, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for an important presentation on avalanche safety that could save your life. He is an avalanche forecaster for the Colorado Avalanche Information Center, which says avalanches are the deadliest natural hazard in the state of Colorado. No registration is required.

## All-ages gaming tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 7, 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.

## LEGO Club

The free LEGO Club for kids 6-12 years old is 11 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 8. No need to bring your LEGO bricks — we have lots — just bring your imaginations.

## Tween gaming

Free gaming for those in the fourth through eighth grades is Monday, Dec. 10, from 4 to 5 p.m. Enjoy Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks.

## Teen gaming

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

Note: There will be no teen gaming on Dec. 11 because of Hot Chocolate Hullabaloo.

## Book club for adults

Our free book club for adults meets the second Tuesday of each month from 2 to 3 p.m. to discuss alternating fiction and nonfiction titles and enjoy refreshments. On Dec. 11, we will discuss "Killers of the Flower Moon" by David Grann. If you need a copy, please stop by your library. No registration is required.

## Teen writers group

Join us Wednesday, Dec. 12, from 4 to 5 p.m. for our free teen writers meeting for seventh-through 12th-graders. This group's interests include stories, poetry, graphic novels and fan fiction.

## Teen advisory board

Next Thursday, Dec. 13, the teen advisory board will meet from 4 to 5 p.m. Bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs. Share an idea to pick out a free book.

## Computer classes

Join us for free sessions from 1 to 2 p.m. to learn a useful technology skill or application. Thursday, Dec. 13, is Smartphone Basics, when you'll learn how to navigate commonly used features on your Android or Apple smartphone or tablet. Thursday, Dec. 17, shows you how to use Microsoft Word to create a professional-looking resume. No registration is required.

## Adult education

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

## Free tech sessions

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

## Family storytimes

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

Both storytimes are open to babies, toddlers and youngsters of all ages to make it easier for parents to attend with their children depend-

ing 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. We look forward to seeing you at your library. Se habla español.

## DVDs

"Woman Walks Ahead," based on true events, tells of a woman from New York in the 1880s who travels to North Dakota to paint a portrait of Chief Sitting Bull. "Northern Exposure" is the complete first season. "The Darkest Minds" is an empowering tale of teens who mysteriously develop new abilities. "Rumble: The Indians Who Rocked the World" is a documentary about the major influence of indigenous people on popular American music. "Te Ata" is a documentary about one of the greatest Native American performers of all time. "GI Jews" is a documentary about the 550,000 Jewish Americans who served in World War II. "Incredibles 2" is the Disney Pixar movie. "Northern Exposure" is the complete second season.

## Thrillers, mysteries and suspense

"Cast Iron" by Peter May opens with a killer depositing an unconscious body into a picturesque lake. "How It Happened" by Michael Koryta features an FBI in-

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# Christmas trees can do serious damage in transport

By Skyler McKinley  
Special to The PREVIEW

An estimated 20 million Americans who purchased a real Christmas tree in the last three years did not properly secure it to their vehicle, per a new survey from AAA. That can have serious consequences: Vehicle damage that results from an improperly secured

Christmas tree, such as scratched paint, torn door seals and distorted window frames, can cost up to \$1,500 to repair.

“We’ve all seen a car leave a tree lot with a Christmas tree affixed to the roof and twine looping through the car’s door jambs or open windows,” said AAA spokesman Skyler McKinley. “As convenient as it might seem in the moment, failure

to secure your Christmas tree can do serious damage — to both your vehicle and, potentially, to others on the road.”

Per research from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, road debris was a factor in a total of more than 200,000 police-reported crashes nationwide, resulting in approximately 39,000 injuries and

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## Library

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terrogation specialist who must face his past as he investigates a murder.

### CDs

“The Black and the Blue” by Matthew Horace and Ron Harris explores the racism and crimes that permeate law enforcement and offers a blueprint for change.

### Novels

“Tony’s Wife” by Adriana Trigiani follows two working-class kids who become a successful singing act during the big band era. “Master of His Fate” by Barbara Taylor Bradford describes the intertwining of two families’ lives in Victorian England. “Fire & Blood” by George R.R. Martin is the first volume of a two-part history of the Targaryens in Westeros. “Beauchamp Hall” by Danielle Steel tells of a woman who leaves New York to visit the town where her favorite British TV drama is filmed.

### Nonfiction

“Identity” by Francis Fukuyama offers a provocative examination of modern identity politics and what it means for our democracy and international affairs. “On Desperate Ground” by Hampton Sides explores the Marines’ bravery in the Korean War’s greatest battle. “Presidents of War” by historian Michael Beschloss chronicles presidential war-making from the birth of the U.S. to the present. “Lonely Planet’s Best in Travel 2019” describes places to see around the world. “Creating Moments of Joy along the Alzheimer’s Journey” by Jolene Brackey is a revised and expanded guide for caregivers. “Get It Together” by Melanie Cullen shows you how to organize your records so your family won’t have to do it. “The Library Book” by Susan Orlean uses the almost 250-year-old history of the Los Angeles library system as a backdrop to explore the purpose and value of libraries in the U.S. and around the world. “Beyond the Call” by Eileen Rivers tells of three women who fought shoulder to shoulder with men on the front lines and worked with

local women to restore their lives in Afghanistan.

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### Quotable quote

“Black Friday Deal: All Books Are Free” was the headline in a New York Times ad over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. It went on to say: “Today and every day millions of books are free at the New York Public Library. With your free library card you can borrow books, e-books, audio books, magazines and so much more. Plus, the library is the place to go for free streaming videos, classes, programs and research data bases. This holiday season, discover a world of free resources at the library.”

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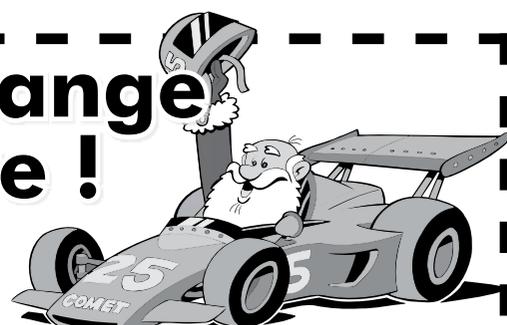
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# Damage

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500 deaths between 2011 and 2014. About two-thirds of debris-related crashes are the result of items falling from a vehicle due to improper maintenance and unsecured loads.

Drivers can face hefty fines and even jail time if an unsecured tree falls off their vehicle. In Colorado, releasing road debris that does not injure another person can lead to a fine ranging between \$35 and \$500. Releasing road debris that does injure another person is a class 2 misdemeanor traffic offense, with a potential penalty of 90 days in jail.

Per AAA research:

- An estimated 20 million Americans (8 percent) purchased a real Christmas tree in the past three years and tied it to the top of a vehicle without a roof rack.

- Millennials and gen-Xers (each 11 percent) are more likely to have purchased a real Christmas tree and tied it on top of a vehicle without a roof rack compared to baby boomers (4 percent).

- U.S. adults living in households with children (13 percent) are more likely to have purchased a real Christmas tree and tied it on top of a vehicle without a roof rack compared to households that do not have children (6 percent).

## Vehicle damage

Vehicle damage resulting from improperly secured Christmas trees can cost drivers as much as \$1,500 in repairs. Twine, ropes or straps can wear away paint and tear rubber seals when routed through door or window openings. Closing a door over tree tie downs may also permanently distort the window frame and tree branches often scratch the paint off the vehicle's roof.

Typical vehicle repairs and their associated costs could include:

- Repair surface scratches: \$100

to \$150

- Replace the rubber seals on two doors: \$220 to \$550. Seal costs vary widely with the vehicle make and model.

- Repaint a severely scratched roof: \$500 to \$1,500. Paint color, finish type, prep work, paint blending with adjacent panels and other factors affect this cost.

## Key recommendations

Before you head out to purchase a real Christmas tree, make sure you have:

- Rope or hatchet straps.
- An old blanket.
- Gloves.
- The right vehicle: A vehicle with a roof rack is best, but a pickup truck, SUV, van or minivan are also suitable.

Once you've found the perfect tree, secure and transport it safely without causing damage to the tree or your car:

- Use the right vehicle. It's best to transport a Christmas tree on top of a vehicle equipped with a roof rack. If you don't have a roof rack, use the bed of a pickup truck, or an SUV, van or minivan that will fit the tree inside with all doors closed.

- Use quality tie-downs. Bring strong rope or nylon ratchet straps to secure the tree to your vehicle's

roof rack. Avoid the lightweight twine offered by many tree lots.

- Protect the tree. Have the tree wrapped in netting before loading it. If netting is unavailable, secure loose branches with rope or twine to protect them from damage.

- Protect your vehicle. Use an old blanket to prevent paint scratches and protect the vehicle finish.

- Point the tree trunk towards the front. Always place the tree on a roof rack or in a pickup bed with the bottom of the trunk facing the front of the vehicle.

- Tie it down. Secure the tree at its bottom, center and top. At the bottom, used fixed vehicle tie-down points and loop around the trunk above a lower branch to prevent any side-to-side or front-to-rear movement. The center and top tie-downs should be installed in a similar manner.

- Give it the tug test. Before you leave the lot, give the tree several strong tugs from various directions to make sure it is secured in place and will not blow away.

- Drive slowly and easily. Take the back roads, if possible. Higher speeds create significant airflow that can damage your Christmas tree and challenge even the strongest tie-down methods.

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# PAGOSA SCENE . . .

## PAGOSA SPRINGS CHORALE SOCIETY'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Photos courtesy George Hunyadi

Scene ... ringing in the season at the Pagosa Springs Chorale Society's Christmas concert. The choir presented the festive concert multiple times last weekend, offering audiences a mix of sacred, seasonal and jazz selections.





## Letters to Santa



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# Dutch Henry Born: Wild West legend

Any time a mixture of buffalo, bullets and bloodshed splattered across the wild and woolly Western frontier, it seemed inevitable that Dutch Henry Born would show up in company with his buffalo gun and unbelievable ability to survive.

Such an event took place not once, but twice on the Great Plains

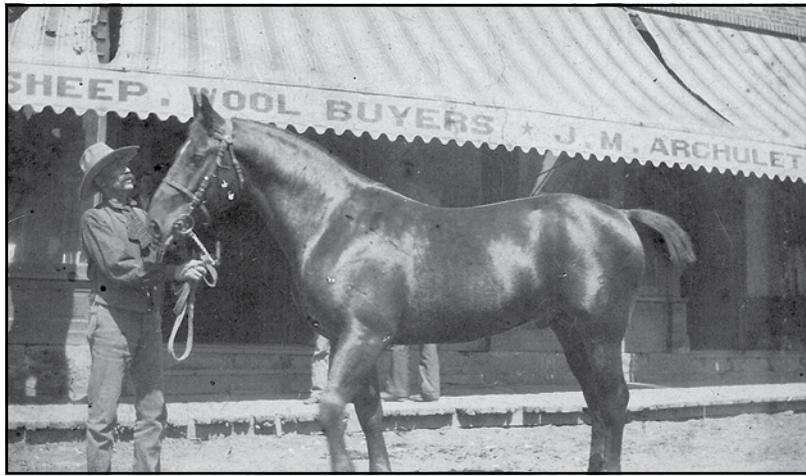


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This photo was taken shortly after 1900 on Pagosa Street in Pagosa Springs. The sign above the board walk reads J.M. Archuleta Wool and Cattle Buyer. Archuleta's store was located in the middle of Block 21, where the Sullenburger Hotel was later built following a fire. I don't recognize the man with the horse, but suspect he hopes to sell the horse since it has only a lead rope and no saddle or bridle.

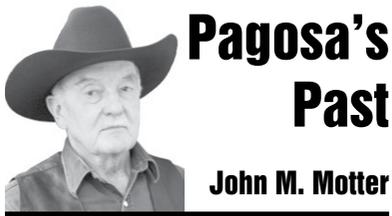
Bent's Fort on the Arkansas River served the needs of fur trappers, buffalo hunters and merchants traveling along the Old Spanish Trail from Kansas City, Mo., to Santa Fe, N.M.

Bent built the fort Adobe Walls in 1848 for trade with the Comanche, Kiowa and Prairie Apache Indians. Lovers of western history will enjoy reading about Bent's life on the Internet and visiting the museum that preserves his memory at Las Animas in eastern Colorado.

Carson's task during his sortie to the now-abandoned Bent's Fort was to calm down the Plains tribes who had taken to helping themselves to the supply trains traveling between Kansas City and Santa Fe. Carson felt secure as he

marched across the bison-clad plains with troops, scouts and a pair of mountain housers. Within two days, he and his army came near to becoming massacre victims a few years before Custer sacrificed his command as a role model for Webster's definition of that form of extinction.

Ten years later, Dutch Henry and 28 bison-hunting compañeros found themselves confined inside Adobe Walls looking through cracks in those walls at several thousand well-armed wilderness warriors led by Chief Quanah Parker. We'll see the results Carson's conflict and the Second Battle of Adobe Walls this coming week as we sight down the barrel of Dutch Henry's buffalo rifle.



## Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

of the Texas Panhandle at a fort called Adobe Walls located a few miles northwest of present-day Amarillo.

The first Battle of Adobe Walls took place in 1864 and was one of the largest engagements between whites and Indians on the Great Plains. Col. Christopher "Kit" Carson commanding the First Cavalry, New Mexico volunteers with 14 officers, 321 enlisted men and 75 Ute and Jicarilla Apache scouts, started in search of the winter encampment of a large force of Kiowa and Comanche Indians.

The second battle of Adobe Walls took place June 27, 1874. Guess what? Right in the middle of the bullets and bloodshed was Dutch Henry Born. Guess what No. 2? Dutch Henry walked out alive.

The fort at Adobe Walls had been built by frontiersman and fur trader William Bent, who had earlier built a fort along the Arkansas River in eastern Colorado.

# Preview Calendar

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

### Thursday, Dec. 6

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

**Loaves and Fishes Community Lunch.** 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. All are invited to enjoy a hot meal in a welcoming atmosphere.

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

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

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

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

**PALS Adult Education.** 4:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Avalanche Awareness: 'Know Before You Go.'** 5:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Join Mark Mueller for an important presentation about avalanche safety. Mueller is an avalanche forecaster for the Colorado Avalanche Information Center (CAIC). According to the CAIC, avalanches are the deadliest natural hazard in Colorado. This presentation could save your life. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Pagosa Springs Girls Choir Holiday Concert: 'Christmas in Pagosa.'** 7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Christmas in Pagosa Springs is a special time. Along with the girls choir, the concert will include Perry Schjolin as the featured soloist. Perry is much loved in Pagosa and he is sure to put concert-goers in the Christmas spirit. Noel, a quartet of professional musicians, will also join the festivities. Admission is free, but donations will be gratefully accepted.

**San Juan Outdoor Club.** 7 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Program speaker Jana Hoyer will discuss rafting the Zambezi River in Africa. Light refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit [www.sanjuanoutdoorclub.org](http://www.sanjuanoutdoorclub.org).

**Friday, Dec. 7**

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

**Pagosa Stitching Group.** 9:30-11:30 a.m., second floor of the Pruitt building, Pagosa Springs Medical Center. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

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

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

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

**Holiday Open Mic Night.** 6:30-9 p.m., PCNT Church, 40 N. 15th St. Luminosity Talks and the Pagosa Community of New Thought are joining together for a fun-filled, loving and heartfelt sharing of deep community that inspires, uplifts and gives voice to the poetry and music that moves us. If you'd like to share a special reading or talent, sing a song or play an instrument, just show up. This is a holiday-spirit and family-friendly event. Light food will be provided. Guests may bring a holiday dish to share.

**Saturday, Dec. 8**

**Breakfast with Santa.** 8:30-11 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School. A fundraiser for the Pagosa Springs High School music department. You and your family can come and start the morning with a full breakfast; enjoy crafts, games, face painting for the kids; hear inspiring songs from our high school musicians; and complete the morning with a picture with Santa. This year we have added a silent auction to the morning with some in-

credible offerings from our local businesses. You can even take your picture with Anna and Elsa from "Frozen." There is a \$5 fee at the door and it covers all the morning's events. There is a \$20 maximum per family.

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

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

**St. Patrick's Annual Christmas Tea.** 11 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. The tea has become a treasured tradition. It allows women to enjoy delicious pastries and savories, along with a cup of hot tea in the festively decorated

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surroundings of St. Patrick's Church. Due to the popularity of the tea, this year the Episcopal Church Women are offering two sittings. For more information, call 731-5801.

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

**Santa at the Visitor Center.** Noon-2 p.m., Visitor Center. Come see Santa and tell him what you want for Christmas.

**St. Patrick's Annual Christmas Tea.** 4 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. The tea has become a treasured tradition. It allows women to enjoy delicious pastries and savories, along with a cup of hot tea in the festively decorated surroundings of St. Patrick's Church. Due to the popularity of the tea, this year the Episcopal Church Women are offering two sittings. For more information, call 731-5801.

**Sunday, Dec. 9**

**Sunday Night Unplugged.** 5 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. For the Christmas Unplugged service, the Night Song Trio will feature music depicting the beauty of the season of Advent — music that anticipates with hope and longing the birth of the Christ child. The haunting and mysterious melodies create the perfect setting for quiet meditation and reverence.

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

**Monday, Dec. 10**

**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.

**PALS Adult Education.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Total-Body Conditioning.** Noon-1 p.m., Community Center. Total-body exercise class using the court and basketballs. Bring a mat.

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

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

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

**Yoga.** 4-5 p.m., Community Center.  
**CPR Certification Training.** 6-10 p.m., CSU Extension Office. Anyone needing to receive or renew certification can register by calling 264-5931.

**Tuesday, Dec. 11**

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

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

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

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

**Archuleta County Republican Women.** 5:30-7:30 p.m., Harman Park Museum. The ACRW Christmas party will be held. Special guest will be J. Paul Brown.

**Men's PTSD Combat Group.** Noon-1:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church library. Focusing on resolving anger and conflict. For more information, contact Vets for Vets at 799-VETS.

**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.

**Book Club.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join our book club. Our next discussion will be "Killers of the Flower Moon" by David Grann. Stop by to pick up a copy. Refreshments will be served. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

**ACROSS**

- 1 "The Alienist" author
- 5 Hang down
- 10 Box-office bomb
- 14 Orchestral reed
- 15 North Carolina's \_\_\_\_\_ Banks
- 16 Greet the judge
- 17 Paper purchase
- 18 City served by The Daily Planet
- 20 Classic Cadillac
- 22 Pig's innards
- 23 Floral necklace
- 24 Date-night hirees
- 25 Hollywood Foreign Press awards
- 30 Projecting window
- 31 Maid Marian's man
- 32 Barbecue bit
- 35 Actress Tuesday
- 36 Question
- 37 Foal's mother
- 38 "\_\_\_\_ a chance!"
- 39 Lethal loop
- 40 Kind of roll
- 41 Bright side
- 43 Mayor in Madrid
- 46 Irish rebel group
- 47 "Death of a Salesman" author
- 48 Texas nickname
- 53 Modest
- 55 Bit of filming
- 56 Blood fluids
- 57 Chop finely
- 58 Rainbow goddess
- 59 Paleozoic and Mesozoic
- 60 Look of disdain
- 61 Small price to pay

**DOWN**

- 1 Reactor part
- 2 Biblical brother
- 3 Trucker's milieu
- 4 Shaped anew
- 5 It may be eminent
- 6 Felt bad about
- 7 "Beetle Bailey" pooch
- 8 Atop, in verse
- 9 Forbid
- 10 Tops a cake
- 11 Charles de Gaulle's birth-place
- 12 Basket willow
- 13 Annoyances
- 19 Communion plate
- 21 Casting need
- 24 Lamenting one
- 25 Prom purchase
- 26 Cookie with Peeps and Peppermint varieties
- 27 Cheerful tune
- 28 Disco favorite, "Shake Your \_\_\_\_\_ Thing"
- 29 No-good sort
- 32 Indian princess
- 33 Hotel room amenity
- 34 Floating ice mass
- 36 Low spirits
- 37 Like some religious orders
- 39 Frasier's brother
- 40 Bring on board
- 41 Cantina dips
- 42 Hang around
- 43 Give the giggles
- 44 Eyelid cosmetic
- 45 Red Cross founder Barton
- 48 Cash biopic "Walk the \_\_\_\_\_"
- 49 Grimm beginning
- 50 Scale deduction
- 51 Comparable (to)
- 52 Medical advice, often
- 54 Time div.

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**Hot Chocolate Hullabaloo.** 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. Come celebrate the holidays with us and drink some hot cocoa. You will be creating your very own seasonal crafts to take home. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**PALS Adult Education.** 4:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**102nd Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Drive.** 5:30 p.m., Rosie's Pizzeria. Rosie's and Santa Claus are holding a special Christmas event for kids. Join the fun with treats for kids and pictures with Santa Claus by bringing at least one toy to donate. Call 731-0420 for more information.

## Wednesday, Dec. 12

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

**Family Storytime.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for great stories, fun songs and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. For all ages. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Flow Yoga Class.** 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Please bring a mat and a towel. For more information, call Roz at (281) 435-0563.

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

**Jelly Beans After-School Club.** 3:30-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, room 9. Free to all ages. For information, call 903-8104 or (702) 556-5649.

**Teen Writers.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens in the 7th-12th grade. Calling all teen writers: Stories, poetry, graphic novels, fan fiction — it's all welcome. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

**American Legion Post 108.** 6 p.m., 287 Hermosa St. Veterans group meeting.

**Winter Birds 101.** 6-7:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Bird identification class for the 2018 Christmas Bird Count. We will be learning about raptors plus CBC protocols and review. For more information, visit <https://www.audubon.org/conservation/join-christmas-bird-count> or [www.weminuche-audubon.org](http://www.weminuche-audubon.org).

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

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

## Thursday, Dec. 13

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

**Loaves and Fishes Community Lunch.** 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. All are invited to enjoy a hot meal in a welcoming atmosphere.

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

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

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

**Computer Class: Smartphone Basics.** 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. No registration required. Learn how to navigate commonly used features on your Android or Apple smartphone or tablet. 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.

**Teen Advisory Board.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For youth in the 7th-12th grades. Bring your fun

and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

**PALS Adult Education.** 4:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

## Friday, Dec. 14

**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

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**Business Training and Consultation.** Noon-1:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Robert Blaise, the local Small Business Development Center consultant, will be on hand to help you start, expand or work through any business issues. Interested clients can book a noon-1 p.m. or a 1:30-3 p.m. appointment on the second Friday of every month. If these two sessions are filled, a 3-4:30 p.m. session can be added. Call 264-2360 for more information.

**Movie.** 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Once upon a time in a faraway kingdom lived a brave and virtuous mouse who dreamt of becoming a knight. Banished from his home for having such lofty ambitions, the brave mouse sets off on a noble quest to rescue the princess and save the kingdom. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

**Thingamajig Theatre Presents 'A Christmas Carol.'** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. This Christmas classic adaptation comes as close to the original book by Charles Dickens as you can get. With a majority of the text coming straight from Dickens' pen, Dennis Elkin's adaptation stays true to the book

while highlighting Scrooge's forgotten humanity. For more information and tickets, go to [www.pagosacenter.org](http://www.pagosacenter.org) or call 731-SHOW.

**Saturday, Dec. 15**

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

**Paws to Read with Hondo.** 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the K-5th grade. Come and share your favorite book with Hondo, a dog who loves listening to stories. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Santa at the Visitor Center.** Noon-2 p.m., Visitor Center. Come see Santa and tell him what you want for Christmas.

**Weminuche Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count 2018.** 4-7 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. The wrap-up tally and chili dinner. For more information, visit <https://www.audubon.org/conservation/join-christmas-bird-count> or [www.weminucheaudubon.org](http://www.weminucheaudubon.org).

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The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship held a new member ceremony recently, welcoming the several to the fellowship. From left to right are Dave Pettus, Barbara Asprey, Dr. David Drake, Michael Demchak, Phyl Daleske as emcee, Jim Rezelman, Diane Cirksena, Cassandra Bacillas, Dylan Johnson, Juli Ferrara and Pastor Dean Cerny.

## UUs to hear from psychotherapist and Peruvian-trained shaman

By **Pauline Benetti**  
Special to The PREVIEW

A free and responsible search for truth and meaning — the Unitarian Universalist (UU) fourth principle. This is a revolutionary concept in religious thought, a brief but pithy statement full of suggestion. It implies the privilege of our freedom, of resources that allow existence beyond survival; it implies openness to the mysteries of the unknown

and the responsibility to wrestle with what we find. In our search, it instructs us to look within and to our experience, but also without to community, to tradition, to prophetic voices, to nature and to our relationships. It implies humility.

Once again, the search has led us to that cutting edge where we must suspend judgment and allow curiosity to lead as we listen and then, doubtlessly, question, since our search for truth is never without questions.

Our speaker this Sunday is Sophia, a psychotherapist and Peruvian-trained shaman who will speak to us about ayahuasca, which she credits for the accelerated training she received from shamans that allowed her to become a shaman after just two years of study, rather than 20.

Our fellowship is about community; it is about spiritual growth; it is

about the search for truth, which is often on the cutting edge. We are a welcoming congregation and invite everyone to share in our faith community. We cherish diversity and foster a safe environment for all.

Service begins at 10:30 a.m. and, following that, we invite you to share refreshments and conversation. Leadership is by Pastor Dean Cerny on the third and fourth Sunday or by a member of our fellowship on other Sundays.

Find us in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza. From North Pagosa Boulevard, turn right onto Park Avenue and right again into Greenbriar Plaza, then turn left and continue around the complex until you see the Unitarian Universalist sign as it faces the mountains. Come in and join us. You are welcome.

For further information about Pagosa UU Fellowship, visit [pagosauu.org](http://pagosauu.org) or call 731-7900.

## Holiday Open Mic Night announced

By **Veronica Johnson**  
Special to The PREVIEW

Luminosity Talks and the Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT) are joining together for a special Holiday Open Mic Night on Friday, Dec. 7, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the PCNT Church located within the Momentum Fitness 24/7 building at 40 N. 15th St.

Join us for a fun-filled, loving and heart-felt sharing of deep community that inspire, uplifts and gives voice to the poetry and music that moves us. The entertainment list is growing with an eclectic variety.

If you'd like to share a special reading or talent, sing a song or play an instrument, just show up. For all those who may be shy to perform, please help welcome and support the performers. This is a holiday-spirit and family-friendly event. Light food will be provided. Guests may bring a favorite holiday dish to share.

Luminosity Talks is a not-for-profit group that presents innovative speakers and films to educate, inspire and inform. All are invited to this free event. A portion of donations received from this event will be given to a local charity.

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# PCNT topic: ‘Who is John of God?’

By Lisa Burnson  
Special to The PREVIEW

All are welcome to join the Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT) on Sunday, Dec. 9, at 10 a.m. to for the presentation, “Who is John of God?”

Why do thousands of people travel from around the world each week to a remote village in Brazil to see him for healing? With a slideshow and talk, you will be taken on a journey that reaches beyond conventional medical understanding and answers fundamental questions about life, faith and our interaction with the spiritual world.

Kelsie Kenefick, MPS, LPC, BCB, is a licensed professional counselor and is board certified in biofeedback.

She has spent the last 10 years working closely with John of God in Brazil and sharing his work around the U.S. It is her greatest honor to spend several months each year in Brazil serving at the Casa and guiding people on healing journeys to John of God.

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.

Instruction is provided to beginners. Dallas Meditation states, “There are spiritual reasons for group meditation. By concentration in union with others, we strengthen our vibrations through fellowship.”

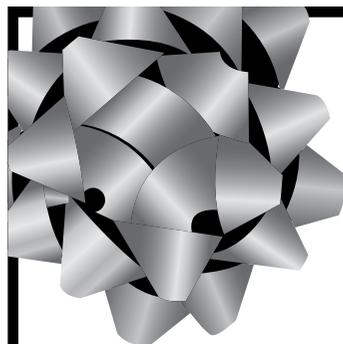
## Save the date

On Friday, Dec. 7, PCNT and Luminosity are joining together to hold a Holiday Open Mic Night from 6:30 to 9 p.m. All are welcome to bring music or poetry that you would like to share. Light refreshments will be served. Feel free to bring a dish to share, but it is not required.

## More information

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

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# Half of Coloradans now live in areas at risk to wildfires

The number of people living in areas at risk to the effects of wildland fire increased by nearly 50 percent from 2012 to 2017, based on new Colorado Wildfire Risk Assessment data released this week by the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS).

As of 2017, approximately 2.9 million people live in Colorado's wildland-urban interface (WUI) — the area where human improvements are built close to, or within, natural terrain and flammable vegetation — compared to 2 million people just five years earlier. The new figure represents approximately half of the state's total population.

The source data is included in updates to the Colorado Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal, or CO-WRAP, which is an online mapping tool that helps Colorado community leaders, professional planners and interested citizens determine wildfire risk and where forest management actions can achieve the greatest impact to reduce risk. The CSFS just completed a thorough update to the Colorado Wildfire Risk Assessment — and the data utilized for CO-WRAP — based on new housing, population, vegetative fuels, weather and other ancillary data. This is the first major update to the overarching site data since 2013.

"With the continued increase in Colorado's wildland-urban interface population, it's critical for landowners and communities to take actions to reduce their risk and address forest health concerns," said Mike Lester, state forester and CSFS director. "The Colorado State Forest Service provides necessary resources to assist forest landowners and WUI communities to make their forests healthier and safer."

CO-WRAP first launched in 2013 and provides access to statewide wildfire risk assessment information. Through the Web-based mapping tool, fire mitigation professionals, prevention planners, natural resource professionals and others can generate maps and download data and reports that describe defined project areas, such as communities or watersheds. The information in the portal is based on geographic information system (GIS) data layers that allow users to view such themes as potential fire intensity, historic fire occurrence and values at risk from wildfire.

Amanda West, CSFS science information manager, said that the increased population in the WUI is due not only to more people moving into these areas, but also to better, more refined data and ongoing changes in land use and vegetation patterns.

## Extension Viewpoints

She pointed out that the largest increases in population growth within the interface are in areas where agricultural lands are being converted to grasslands and subdivisions. Although these areas are considered in a low-risk category by the assessment, they are still at a higher risk for wildfire than more urban areas.

West said that with the update CO-WRAP still offers the same overall look and functions as before, and still features two levels of access — one for community leaders, planning professionals and forestry professionals, and one for interested citizens. The professional viewer provides access to data and tools for use in creating fire protection or forest stewardship plans, supporting Community Wildfire Protection Plans or identifying priority fuels treatment areas. It also allows users to generate detailed risk summary reports for customized land areas — such as neighborhoods, fire protection districts or counties.

"CO-WRAP offers a consistent

dataset across Colorado to use for hazard mitigation planning," said Kristin Garrison, CSFS fire, fuels and watersheds manager. "Whether you are focusing on the community level or watershed level, it provides baseline data for planning efforts."

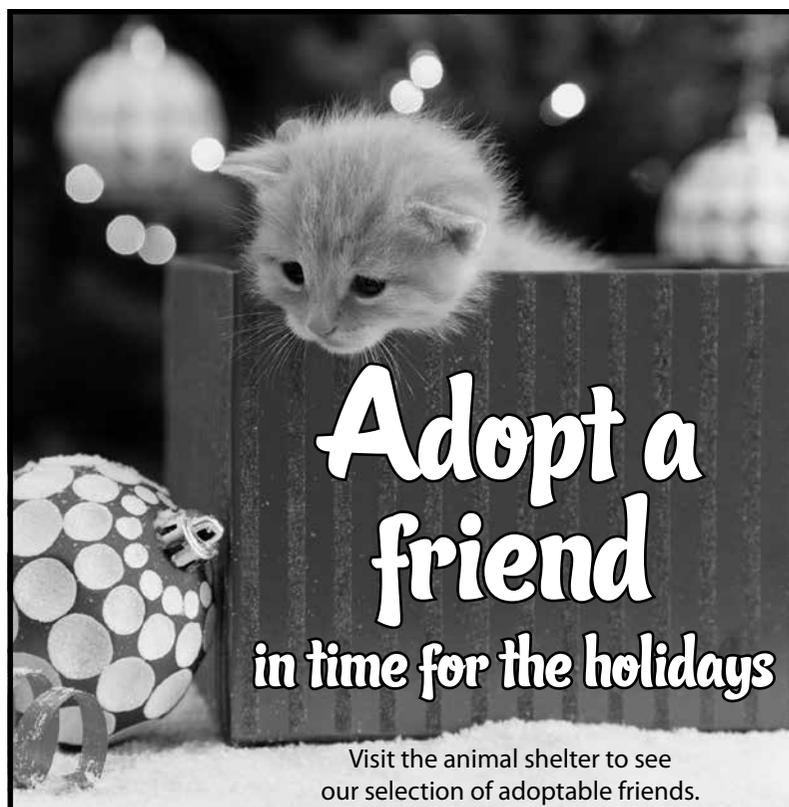
She said that new for 2018 is a statewide "burn probability" layer produced using an advanced GIS tool for modeling wildfire behavior and spread, based on millions of wildfire simulations. She also notes that the revised web portal focuses not only on the probability and potential intensity of wildfire, but also the values at risk from the negative effects of wildfire — such as homes, drinking water supplies and forest assets.

West cautions that CO-WRAP should not be used to determine parcel-level risk to individual homes, as it is instead scaled to address risk at the community or watershed level, and also should not be used to predict current fire danger.

"This is not a source for real-time fire risks or restrictions," she said.

To access the updated CO-WRAP, go to [www.coloradowildfirerisk.com](http://www.coloradowildfirerisk.com). For more information about protecting homes and communities from wildfire, visit [csfs](http://csfs).

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**CNA'S NEEDED, DAY SHIFT** and night shift. Night shift differential. Apply in person. Pine Ridge Extended Care. Under new management.

**PHYSICAL THERAPY AIDE- F/T** position. No experience necessary. Competitive pay/benefits. Energetic. Dependable, multi-tasker a must. Submit resumes to Rocky Mountain PT 35 Mary Fisher Cir.

**RESTORATIVE AIDES NEEDED** at Pine Ridge. 8a.m.-5p.m. Monday- Friday. Starting pay \$14 per hour. Must be a CNA. Apply in person.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR.** Archuleta County accepting applications for the position of County Administrator. Visit www.archuletacounty.org for details. This is a FT position with excellent benefits. Salary-\$94,266-\$131,976. Submit application and resume to Human Resources, PO Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, fax (970)264-1879 or email to rsmith@archuletacounty.org. Archuleta County is an equal opportunity employer.

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**SUPPORT AIDE OR CNAs** needed for Pine Ridge Extended Care. Able to work in a fast paced environment. Starting pay \$14/ hour. Under new management. Apply in person, 119 Bastille Dr. Next class starts January 7.

**SNOW PLOWING: THE ARCHULETA** School District #50 JT is accepting proposals companies or individuals to provide snow plowing services for the school district for the High School and for the MAT Building. Proposals will be accepted until 4p.m., Friday, December 14, 2018, at the Archuleta School District #50 JT Administration Building, PO Box 1498, 309 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. For more information, please contact Steve Voorhis at 264-0392, ext. 9601 or by sending an email to svoorhis@pagosa.k12.co.us.

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**MOUNTAIN HOME SOUND AND SECURITY** is now taking applications for a security technician, experience a plus but not required. An interest in current technology is a must. Desire to work and learn in a fast paced environment. Background check, valid driver's license and neat professional appearance required. Please pick up application at 301 N Pagosa Blvd., Unit B-3 Monday- Friday 9a.m.-5p.m.

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**ROSIE'S PIZZERIA IS LOOKING** for a full-time kitchen cook. Must be available to work nights and weekends, be 18+ and have a valid driver's license. Pizza cook experience, food handler's card, and food ordering experience a plus. Please apply in person at 100 Country Center Drive, Suite C.

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## HOUSES FOR SALE

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## PROPERTY

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# Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the red-tailed hawk.

If you see a hawk soaring or perched on top of a tree or pole, chances are it is a red-tailed hawk, by far the most common hawk in our area. Although they have variable plumage, they can be easily identified by their broad, red tails. The undersides can vary from almost all white to dark mottling. Usually you can see a dark "necklace" across the top of the belly and dark bars on the front edge of the wings.

Red-tailed hawks belong to the group of hawks known as buteos, which can be identified by their long, broad wings and relatively short, wide tails. They catch and kill their prey with their feet, which have long, sharp talons.

The female ranges from 19 to 26 inches long and the male from 18 to 24 inches long. In a mating pair, the female is usually 25 percent larger than the male. This difference in appearance between males and females is known as sexual dimorphism. The advantage of this size difference is that the pair can select prey (usually small mammals) of different sizes and not compete with each other for food. Also, the larger, stronger female is better at protecting the nest.

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

## State Street Ballet of Santa Barbara to perform classic 'Nutcracker' Dec. 7-9 in Durango

By Indiana Reed  
Special to The PREVIEW

More than 80 area dancers will join the professionals of the State Street Ballet of Santa Barbara to present the magical holiday ballet, "Nutcracker," at the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College in Durango.

As has become tradition, the ballet will charm audiences with two matinee (2 p.m.) and two evening (7:30 p.m.) performances, Friday through Sunday, Dec. 7-9, and the ballet will once again feature a live orchestra, as the San Juan Symphony is set to perform.

Artistic Director Rodney Gustafson holds true to the original classical ballet in this Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky masterpiece, creating a traditional "Nutcracker" set in Victorian times and suited for all ages.

"Everyone should have the opportunity to see this timeless and beautiful ballet during the holidays," noted Gustafson in a

press release. "It's a story everyone can follow as it's brought to life through familiar music and timeless dance."

The "Nutcracker" is based on the book "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King" by E.T.A. Hoffman and tells the story of a young German girl, Clara, whose godfather Drosselmeyer, a skilled clock and toy maker, presents her with a toy nutcracker during a holiday party. In Clara's dream, the toy comes to life and escorts her on a journey to a magical land, where a cast of unusual characters entertains her through dance.

Tickets for State Street Ballet's "Nutcracker" (\$35/\$48) are available online at [www.durangoconcerts.com](http://www.durangoconcerts.com), by calling 247-7657 or by visiting the ticket office inside the Durango Welcome Center at 8th Street and Main Avenue in downtown Durango. Ticket office hours are Monday through Friday from noon to 6 p.m. Posted ticket prices include applicable service charges. All sales are final.

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## Beekeeping Mentorship Program

A comprehensive seven-week course on beekeeping will be offered starting Jan. 8, 2019, and will run on Tuesdays until Feb. 26, 2019, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Please contact the Extension office at 264-5931 for more information or pick up an application at the office

located at 344 U.S. 84.

## CPR and first aid classes

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

We will also attempt to schedule

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

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