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## Commissioners contemplate 'further rehabilitation' of courthouse

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Following an executive session Tuesday afternoon, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners decided to have a trio of county representatives seek a meeting with the state court administrator to present a plan for the "further rehabilitation" of the Archuleta County Courthouse.

Upon coming out of the executive session, Commissioner Michael Whiting made a motion.

"So, Mr. Chair, I move that the chair, county administrator and county attorney meet with the state court administrator to present a plan for the further rehabilitation of 449 San Juan St., which plan will contemplate a significant capital expenditure intended to meet the court's future needs," Whiting said, continuing that the meeting is to

■ See Courthouse A8

## BoCC, sheriff discuss temporary facilities

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

At the request of Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez, a conversation took place during Tuesday afternoon's regular meeting of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) regarding temporary facilities for the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO).

However, the matter was not noticed for a decision on the meeting's agenda, which the sheriff had expected.

"I appreciate the opportunity to speak, and I know we've talked about this in the past, and we made a request to speak with you guys today specifically involving our situation for housing and funding for housing outside the current courthouse," Valdez said.

Valdez then explained to the BoCC that he and Undersheriff

■ See Facilities A8

## Mayor, three council seats up for election

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

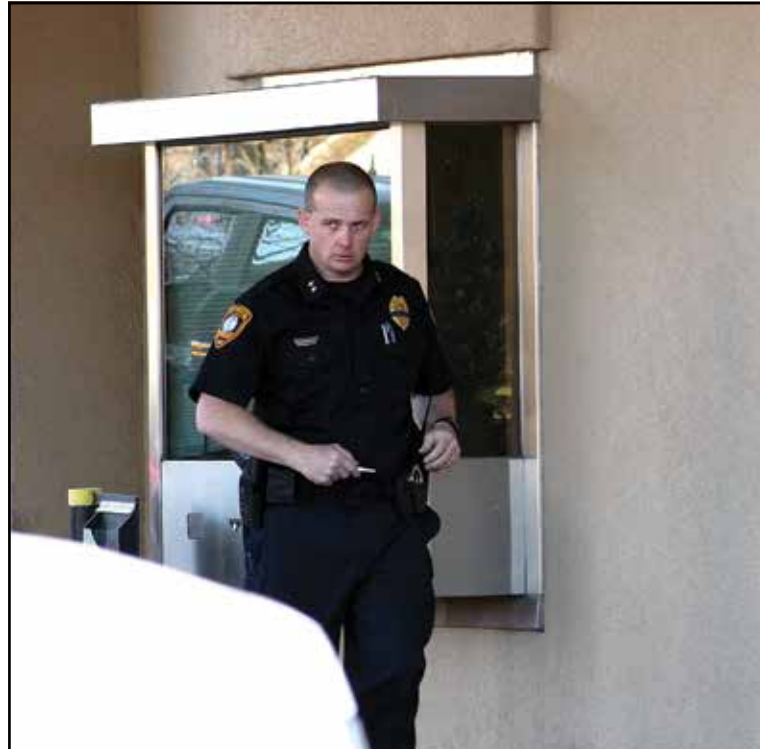
The Pagosa Springs Town Council unanimously approved calling for the 2018 Town of Pagosa Springs Regular Election to be held on April 3, 2018, as a mail ballot election during its regular meeting on Jan. 2.

The council approved the first reading of an ordinance for the election, and the ordinance will need to be read a second time before the election is official.

Pagosa Springs Manager Andrea Phillips presented the agenda item to the board.

"As required by Colorado voter law and our own town charter, we're required to have council ap-

■ See Election A8



SUN photo/Chris Mannara

**Pagosa Springs Police Department Chief Bill Rockensock is pictured outside the downtown Citizens Bank after an armed robbery occurred on Jan. 2. Two suspects were arrested a short time later on charges of aggravated robbery.**

## Two in custody

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

Two individuals are in custody after they allegedly carried out an armed robbery with a handgun at a bank in downtown Pagosa Springs.

Omar Perez, 26, of Colorado Springs, and Adan Acuna Payan, 26, of Rocky Ford, were arrested on Jan. 2 on charges of aggravated robbery.

According to a press release from Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD) Chief Bill Rockensock, PSPD officers responded to a silent holdup alarm at the downtown Citizens Bank at 3:28 p.m. Tuesday.

"Officers arrived on scene and secured the bank," reads the press release. "Witnesses reported that an armed male subject entered the bank and demanded money from the teller."

The release went on to explain that the subject left the scene with an undisclosed amount of money.

"A vehicle and suspect description was relayed to local authori-

ties," reads the press release.

According to Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) assisted in the incident, with deputies covering each exit from town.

One ACSO deputy, Michael Sindelar, spotted a vehicle fitting the description heading eastbound on U.S. 160, Valdez explained.

Sindelar followed the vehicle and, upon running the plates, it was determined there was a warrant attached to the vehicle, Valdez reported.

Law enforcement then called ahead, asking U.S. Forest Service law enforcement, South Fork Police Department and Colorado State Patrol to help the local agencies with a felony stop on the vehicle.

That felony stop occurred at mile marker 180 on Wolf Creek Pass at approximately 4:17 p.m.

Perez and Payan were then detained and turned over to PSPD Detective Scott Maxwell before being booked on charges of aggravated robbery.

# Bank robbed at gunpoint



SUN photo/Chris Mannara

**Pagosa Springs Police Department officers are pictured stationed outside of the downtown Citizens Bank after an armed robbery on Jan. 2. Two suspects temporarily escaped with an undisclosed amount of money, but were later stopped and detained near mile marker 180 on Wolf Creek Pass.**



## Council hears Hot Springs development plans

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council heard a presentation on initial plans for development of phase one of the 27-acre property that is located to the north of the Ross Aragon Community Center and west of Hot Springs Boulevard on Tuesday, Jan. 2.

The presentation was given by Ryan Searle of BWD Construction, who requested the town's support with various incentives for the project — such as waiving approximately \$250,000 in impact fees — as well as requesting that the town reconstruct Hot Springs Boulevard from the post office south to Apache.

Before Searle began the presentation, Pagosa Springs Attorney Bob Cole made a comment explaining that the town had yet to receive an application for the development.

"Any comment that the council might make tonight (is) not indicators of any support for an application that hasn't yet been filed," said Cole. "They're more general in nature."

Agenda documentation used at the meeting outlines the basics of the project.

"Phase 1 includes 40 units of workforce housing, 19 townhomes, 5 single family homes and a 16,000 sq. ft. office building with 4,034 sq. ft. for a convention center on the 3rd floor, 4,700 sq. ft. of co-working space on the 2nd floor, and a 916 sq. ft. retail space on the 1st floor," reads the documentation.

Searle went on to explain that phase one would help the town to meet three of its 2018 goals and objectives.

He explained that this development would encourage workforce housing, encourage a downtown conference center and increase the amount of visitors during the winter and shoulder seasons.

■ See Development A8



Illustration courtesy BWD Construction

**An illustration of phase one of the proposed Springs Development is shown. The 27-acre property is located to the north of the Ross Aragon Community Center, west of Hot Springs Boulevard. The proposed development would include 40 units of workforce housing, 19 townhomes, 5 single family homes and a 16,000 sq. ft. office building.**

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# Opinion

## EDITORIAL

### Ideas for 2018

The new year is upon us, and in the tradition of a fresh start with the fresh year, we asked readers to share their ideas for the changes they wanted to see in Pagosa Springs during 2018.

Vincent Fortunato wrote, "A crackdown on panhandlers who flock to pagosa to do nothing but panhandle."

Lisa Is wrote, "Have that unsafe painted bike lane through downtown removed." She added, "Think we should invite/challenge the c-dot officials who implemented those, to bring their bikes to town, and ride those lanes from at least Kip's to the library, for three daylight hours, on any day of their choice."

Brenda Decker said, "Have our courts back in Archuleta County, where it belongs, not Durango. Jury duty sucks as it is, now have to drive to Durango for the process."

Melissa Robeson would like, "Pagosa lakes allow tiny houses." Genevieve E. Gilbert Janak seconded that suggestion, "Yes!! Affordable housing!!!"

The conversation then turned to sports programs in the community. Mathew Wolford wants, "Adult sports programs like basketball or flag football."

Frank Eaton then asked Wolford, "Mathew, do you believe the market here is large enough? My wife and I moved over from Durango last year and have wondered about this topic. If you think there's enough active 'ball sports' people we should get together and start recreational leagues!"

Wolford responded, "Frank Eaton I'm not sure. If you made it an 18 and up thing it might work. There's a lot of young, out of high schoolers here. Honestly if you started small, maybe three teams, maybe it would catch on?"

Michele Ó Raifeartaigh added, "There seems to be enough adults doing soft ball and volleyball, so maybe."

Ashli Stretton shared, "We used to have a basketball league. It was great...not sure what happened."

Lisa Is included, "Summer after work softball leagues seem to work in many places. Especially with businesses having their own teams... Might be difficult here, most businesses being small, but ... maybe neighbouring businesses can match up, to form individual teams?" She later added, "But now, there's hockey at the ice rink downtown."

Darren Lewis replied, "The town does have adult soccer, coed and men softball as well as coed sand volleyball through out the year. As far as the adult basketball, we can not do this sport due to the lack of gym space. The Intermediate school has added sports and separated their boys and girls basketball seasons, leaving little time for gym usage for us unfortunately, and our small gym does not cut it. The possibility of having an adult flag football league has been talked about. We are looking into available time in the fall to hold this league if there are enough interested participants. If you are interested in finding more information on these adult recreation sports you can contact our Recreation department. We would be happy to help."

Joshua Soniat added, "Kids rec center makes me sick they spent all that money on a bike lane and I have seen no one use it and more traffic who ever is making the call on what to spend money on might need to step down."

Janak suggested, "Maybe people should have showed up for the town meetings and Voted For the proposed rec center that was supposed to go down by the hot springs. The only reason the town doesn't have one, is because people were not involved enough and didn't show up to support it."

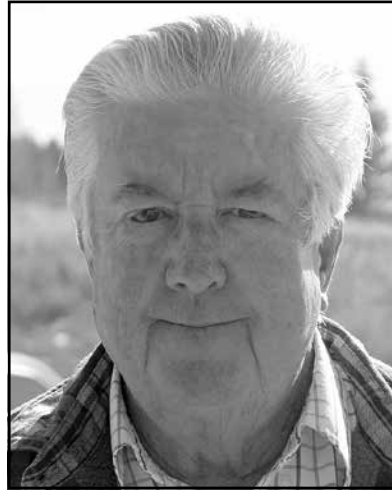
Space doesn't allow for us to print every idea that we received. We'll share more of the ideas submitted in the weeks ahead.

One thing's for certain, we have a lot to look forward to in 2018. Let's all do our part and resolve to get involved to make our community better.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

## WHADDYA THINK?

What is your New Year's resolution?



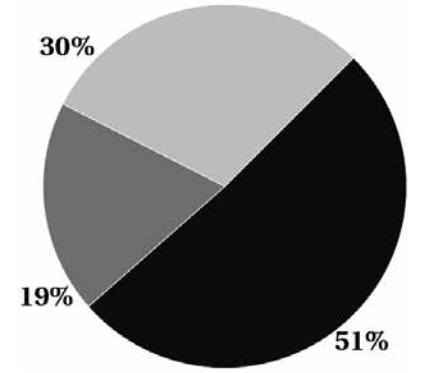
**Lee Riley**  
"To have less stress in my life."



**Sylvan Salem**  
"To do absolutely nothing different."



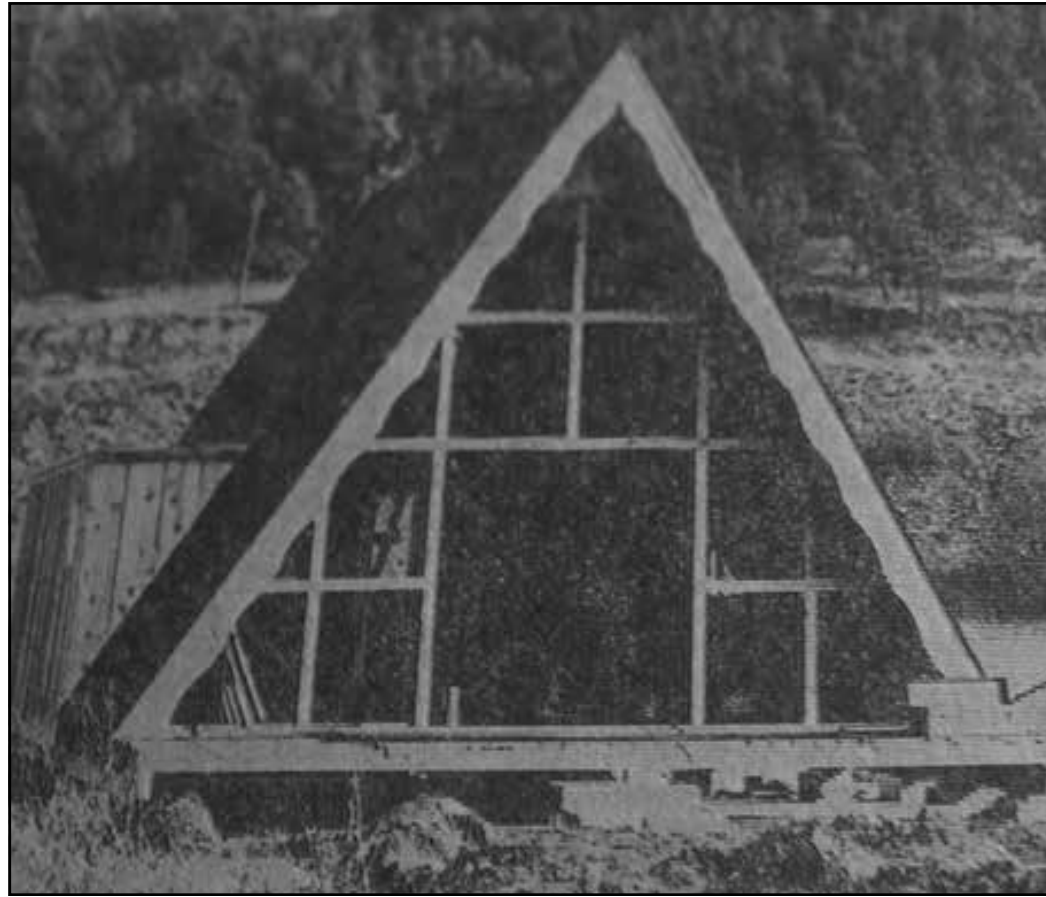
**Jim Sanders**  
"I want to reach more people for Jesus."



**Poll results (67 Votes)**  
Lose weight, live healthier — 51 percent  
Advance professionally — 19 percent  
Spend more time with family and friends — 30 percent

This week online: What is your best winter driving tip?  
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## LOOKING BACK



From the November 12, 1970, Pagosa Springs SUN. **NEW BUILDING** — An office building is under construction at The Spring Inn. The building will be occupied by a firm of Durango attorneys when completed. Completion is expected within a very short time. The building is directly across from the lounge at the Spring Inn.

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of December 30, 1927  
**Sunday, January 1, 1928**, marks the golden wedding anniversary of two of the most respected citizens of Archuleta county, for fifty years ago, on January 1, 1878, at Neosho, Missouri, Mr. Joseph A. Latta and Miss Arabella Hatcher were united in marriage. They have resided in this county for thirty-one years, the greater part of which has been spent at their ranch home near Juanita on the lower San Juan river.

A 5-1/2 pound boy arrived yesterday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sharp.

**Julian Martinez**, who is employed by Shields & Kyle on the Taos road project, is home for the holidays.

**W.C. Price of Chromo** was one of the out-of-town visitors who spent Christmas in Pagosa Springs.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of January 8, 1943  
**Mr. and Mrs. Henry Snow** are living in R.M. Farrow's camp cabin while Mr. Snow is working at the fish retaining pond.

**The town basketball team** and the High School Buccaneers will go to Del Norte Friday evening for double-header games that promise to be good ones.

**The Red Cross cleared \$28.00** at the New Year's Eve dance Thursday evening of last week. \$12.00 from the sale of refreshments, and \$16.00 from the sale of the goose donated by Mr. and Mrs. John Stevens.

**Red Cross News.** Shipment of knitted and sewn garments is to be made Jan. 13, and all workers are asked to bring or send their work, whether completed or not, and also to send in any materials on hand before that date.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of January 4, 1968  
**Snow continues to pile up** on Wolf Creek but not at the rate it did the first major storm of the year. Earnest Black, of the State Highway Department, said this week that the total fall for December was 196 inches. Since that time 18 inches of new snow had been reported.

**The new chain law** is credited with keeping traffic pile-ups at a minimum on the Pass this year. Very few cars start over the Pass without adequate equipment and stalled autos or trucks generally have a broken chain.

**After a long layoff** the Pagosa Pirates will have at it with the round ball again this weekend. The first game is scheduled against a powerful Aztec team, at Aztec. Saturday night the Pirates go to Dove Creek for one of the longest trips of the season.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of January 7, 1993  
**Sheriff Tom Richards** announced Wednesday that his department, as part of a group of 28 county sheriff departments in Colorado, has completed a three-year marijuana eradication project. The project was funded with money provided through a grant from the Drug Enforcement Administration. Each of the 28 participating sheriff departments received grant monies to pay for operation costs, employee overtime wages, and direct cost of expendable materials. The estimated value of the controlled substances seized and destroyed during the third year of the program was \$29,276,500. Archuleta County deputies confiscated marijuana plants with a value in excess of \$235,000 during the last year of the eradication project.

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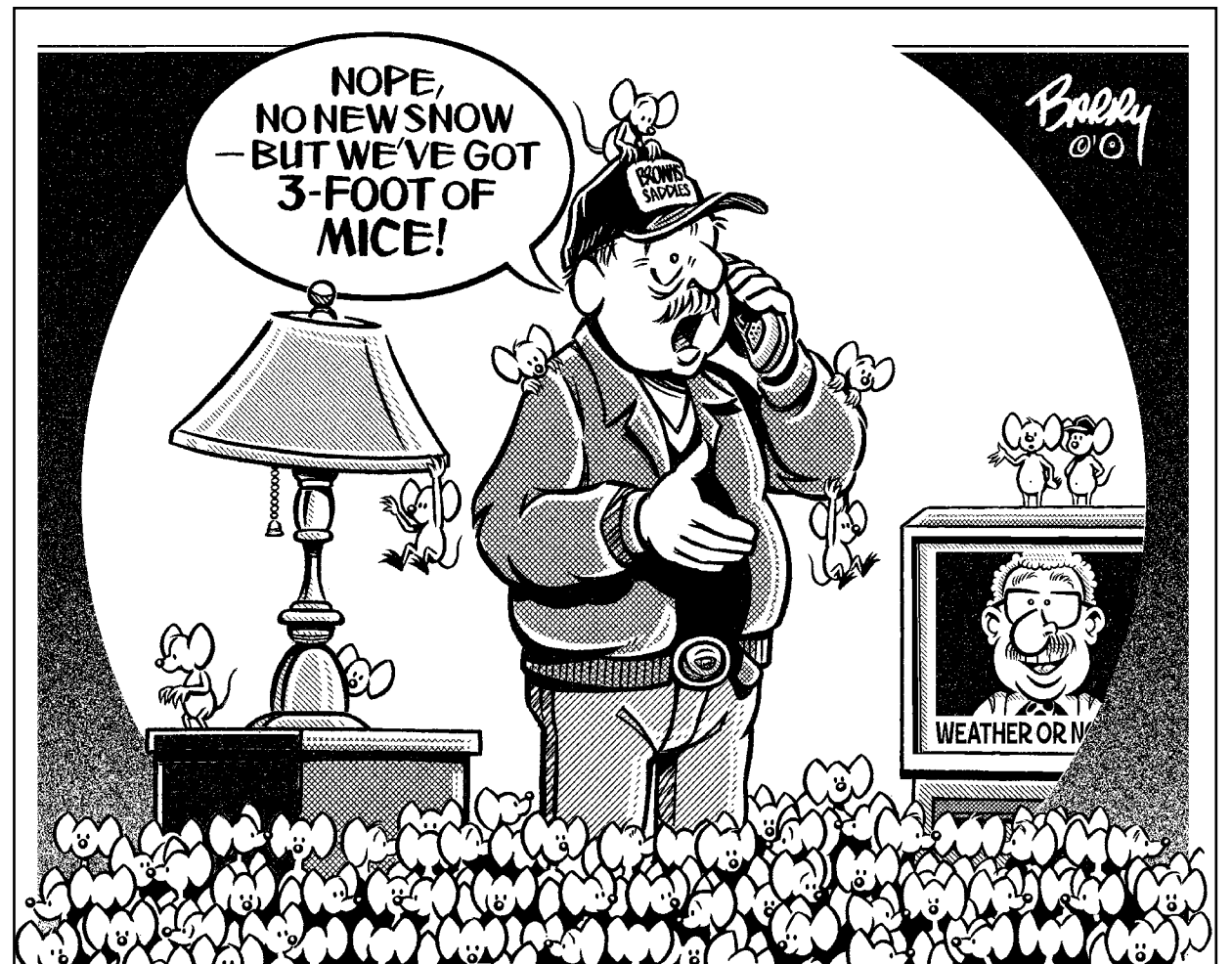
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Light appetizers will be served throughout the  
evening by Pagosa Peaks Volleyball Club.



# Letters

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

## Disappointed

Dear Editor:  
San Juan Water Conservancy District is disappointed in the coverage of its operations in the Pagosa Springs Sun. The District does not have a staff and must rely on its board of directors to carry out the day-to-day functions. To assure that actions taken are done appropriately, the board relies on a myriad of professionals, including legal counsel. SJWCD has had no notice of any inquiry, complaint or investigation by any government agency or judicial office.  
The District has made extraordinary progress against all odds to carry out its mission to secure water for this community into the future. To this end, it has worked tirelessly with state agencies and local officials. Those efforts were rewarded when a new three-way agreement was reached between and among the Colorado Water

Conservation Board and Pagosa Area Water & Sanitation District a couple of years ago. The agreement not only means huge savings to PAWSD ratepayers, but assured a water storage project important to meeting future water needs of the whole community could move forward.  
The District is committed to assuring the community will not suffer a potential gap between supply and demand projected to occur as early as 2025. It is working with a cross-section of local leaders to put a watershed management plan for the Upper San Juan River in place, to incorporate water conservation into local land use plans and regulations, and for expanded water recreation opportunities that will expand tourism in the community.  
San Juan Water Conservancy District will cooperate in any investigation of its operations. It believes any mistakes that have been made were done so in the good faith understanding of the situation at the time and in reliance on professional advice. The District will work to resolve any outstanding issues

that have not already been rectified as soon as possible so it can return to the business of water planning.  
Rod Proffitt  
*Editor's note: The letter from Proffitt was sent as a "news release," however, it is actually an opinion piece and is printed in the Letters to the Editor for that reason.*  
Multiple board members expressed they were unaware the letter had been submitted at the time it was received by The SUN.  
The article printed on the front page of last week's newspaper was based on documentation, including the minutes posted on the SJWCD's website, documents provided to the District Court, documents obtained through Colorado Open Records Act requests in addition to emails received by The SUN.  
The district's lack of knowledge of an investigation by the Colorado attorney general doesn't change the information reported in the article.

back to normal, whatever that was. I hope all experienced many blessings through it all. We in America love to celebrate everything and hopefully inspired by true goodness. So what does the word "freedom" require of us who take advantage of it day in and day out. Sometimes we forget that freedom requires responsibility from each of us — we sit back, enjoy our lives, taking our safety for granted. If we continue that "mind-set," the freedoms we enjoy will slowly slip away and yes, it will be our own fault. Those who devote their lives to keeping us safe must have the support of a responsible citizenry.  
Our Constitution guarantees to each of us freedom to grow in goodness and the freedom to defeat hate. It's a New Year now — no doubt it will be filled with challenges, but if we the people "step up to bat" and assume our responsibilities, our goodness most surely will continue to grow.  
Happy New Year to all and yes, you are loved.  
Patty Tillerson

## Goodness

Dear Editor:  
Ahhh, all the celebrations are over, things are beginning to get

## Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.  
**Thursday, Jan. 4**  
San Juan Water Conservancy District special meeting, 7 p.m., 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 5.  
**Tuesday, Jan. 9**  
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.  
Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) regular meeting, 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce conference room, 105 Hot Springs Blvd.  
Town of Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation Commission, 5:30

p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.  
Town of Pagosa Springs Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 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 and budget hearing, 6:30 p.m., Station 1, Training Room, 191 N. Pagosa Blvd.  
**Wednesday, Jan. 10**  
Town of Pagosa Springs Historic Preservation Board, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall front conference room, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.  
**Thursday, Jan. 11**  
Pagosa Peak Open School work session, 4 p.m., 7 Parelli Way.  
**Tuesday, Jan. 16**  
Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session, 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.  
Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners regular meeting, 1:30 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.  
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.  
**Wednesday, Jan. 17**  
Upper San Juan Library District board meeting, 4 p.m., Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library, 811 San Juan St.  
Pagosa Springs Town Council, Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners, Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District, Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, San Juan Water Conservancy District joint special growth meeting, 5 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.  
**Thursday, Jan. 18**  
Archuleta School District Board of Education community engagement, Noon, Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.  
Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District regular meeting 5 p.m., 100 Lyn Ave.  
Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting, 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.  
Archuleta School District Board of Education community engagement, 6 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

**Friday, Jan. 19**  
Pagosa Peak Open School board meeting, 4 p.m., 7 Parelli Way.  
**Monday, Jan. 22**  
Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) work session, 11 a.m., First Southwest Bank conference room, 249 Navajo Trail Drive.  
**Tuesday, Jan. 23**  
Joint town/county work session, 8 a.m., Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.  
Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session, 9:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.  
Town of Pagosa Springs Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.  
Upper San Juan Health Service District regular board meeting, 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Medical Center Great Room, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd.

**Wednesday, Jan. 24**  
Town of Pagosa Springs Historic Preservation Board, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall front conference room, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.  
Archuleta County Planning Commission regular meeting, 6 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.  
Public meeting information should be sent to editor@pagosasun.com with "Public Meeting" in the subject line. The deadline is noon Monday each week prior to publication for that week's issue.

## 2018 gubernatorial candidate to speak in Pagosa Springs

By Julie Church  
Special to The SUN

Victor Mitchell, a Republican running for governor of Colorado, is a businessman and lifelong entrepreneur who has founded or turned around companies ranging from wireless to technology to real estate services to finance.  
From 2007 to 2009, Mitchell served in the Colorado Legislature, representing an assembly district in portions of Douglas and Teller counties.  
Feeling he could accomplish more for Colorado and the business

community outside the legislature, he turned his attention to founding an organization, Save Colorado Jobs, in 2011 and now wants to bring his expertise to the office of governor.  
Please join the Archuleta County Republic Women on Tuesday, Jan. 9, at Boss Hogg's Restaurant at noon to hear from Mitchell. Lunch will be available.

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Obituaries: Noon, Tuesday (We accommodate obituaries after this if at all possible.)  
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Letters will be limited to two per month per letter writer.  
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# Obituaries

## Owen 'Shorty' Bell

Owen "Shorty" Bell passed away on Dec. 23, 2017, at his home in Pagosa Springs. Shorty was born to Henry and Letha Bell in Missouri.



Shorty grew up in Pagosa Springs. At 21 years old, he joined the Navy and served four years active duty and another four years in the reserves.

Shorty married the love of his life, Emily, on March 31, 1964. Shorty worked for many years in Pagosa Springs at San Juan Lumber, Bob's LP Gas and Selph's Propane.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Emily Bell; son Jeff (Laura); son-in-law James Campbell; granddaughter Kayla (Allen) Sadahiro; grandson Dylan Bell; great-granddaughter Ember Sadahiro; good friends Daron and Angela Selph; three siblings and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Betsy Bell Campbell; six siblings and his parents.

Shorty had a contagious smile and a great sense of humor that everyone knew and loved him by. He will be dearly missed. Per his request, there will be no services.

## James Alva 'Jac' Constant

James Alva "Jac" Constant passed away peacefully Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017, at his beloved ranch, surrounded by family. He was 81 years old.



James was born May 17, 1936, in Albuquerque, N.M., to James and Eloise Constant. He grew up in Albuquerque and, at 17 years old,

he moved to the Pagosa Springs, Colo., area. He married Leila Baker, whom he had known since his youth, on Nov. 21, 1953. The family moved back to Albuquerque and he worked as a lineman for a short time before being hired to Sandia National Laboratory. He retired from Sandia with 30 years of service. After retirement, he and Leila returned to Pagosa Springs and lived his retirement years as a rancher and cowboy — a dream of his.

He was an excellent musician and vocalist — specializing in the pedal steel guitar. He was an avid animal lover (and steward of the land). Of all his interests and accomplishments, his family was his greatest love and point of pride.

He is survived by his wife, Leila; sons: Jesse (Gina), Jack (Andrea), and Mitch (Jeanine); grandchildren: Jessanyum, Hollie, Tim, Tyler and Alicia; two great-granddaughters: Elena and Lucy; siblings: Judy (Bob) Boucher, Fran (Tom) Demaline and John (Kathie) Constant; and many extended family and wonderful friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, Jan. 6, at 2 p.m., at Hilltop Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to the American Cancer Society or the charity of your choice.

## Georganna Louise (Shive) Curtis

Georganna Louise (Shive) Curtis passed away on Dec. 21 in Durango; she was 84.



Georganna Louise (Shive) Curtis was born on Oct. 5, 1933, in rural Burrton, Harvey County, Kan., to Clark Harold and Avis May (Burton) Shive. She attended a one-room schoolhouse in Kansas and then went on to graduate high school in Mount Hope, Kan., in 1951. She worked at a bank in Kansas for 12 years before moving to California and working in the school district. She met her second husband in California and the two lived together. They built a home in Pagosa Springs, Colo., in 1977 and then retired permanently there in 1981.

Georganna was a longtime member of the Order of Eastern Star, Daughters of the American Revolution and volunteered at the Humane Society Thrift Store. Georganna was preceded in death by husbands Patterson Curtis and Raymond Macklin, her parents and two sisters.

She is survived by son Steve Rouser, of Durango; stepsons: Larry (Barbara) Macklin, of California; and Kent (April) Curtis, of Durango; granddaughter Shannon C. Rouser and grandson Michael S. Rouser.

Lois Caulk Keenan passed away Dec. 30, 2017, at the age of 91 at the Good Samaritan Society Nursing Home in Idaho Falls, Idaho.



Lois Caulk Keenan passed away Dec. 30, 2017, at the age of 91 at the Good Samaritan Society Nursing Home in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

She was born June 29, 1926, to Harold Garland Caulk and Bessie McCrary in Chromo, Colo. She was welcomed by an older sister, Wyona. The family moved to Arboles, Colo., in the fall of 1926 and lived there for three years. In 1928, her sister Wyona died, a loneliness she felt for the rest of her life. In 1929, her dad bought a ranch in Chromo. They moved there and made this the family home until Garland's death in 1975.

Lois attended first through eighth grade in a one-room schoolhouse in Chromo. She traveled to and from school on her trusty horse, Old Dan. When it came time to go to high school, she boarded with people in Pagosa Springs: the Lloyd Anderson family, the Hatcher family and her aunt Ada Davis. She made friends with Thelma Keenan and moved in with her family to finish high school. It was at the Keenan family home where she met her future husband, Victor. Lois graduated from Pagosa Springs High School on May 26, 1945.

Victor and Lois were married on June 15, 1945, at her parents' home in Chromo. Their first home was in Rifle, Colo. They didn't stay for long and moved back to the ranch in Chromo. In the spring of 1946, Victor went to work for the Fish and Wildlife Service trapping coyotes and bobcats. That winter, they lived in a little cabin about 9 feet by 12 feet south of Ignacio, Colo., at La Boca.

In the spring, they moved to Bayfield and rented a cabin with two rooms. John arrived Aug. 17, 1947, at Mercy Hospital in Durango, Colo. That summer, they bought one acre of land at Gem Village to build a house, but sold it and moved back to Chromo to farm. Hazel was born Sept. 9, 1949, at Mercy Hospital in Durango.

While living at the ranch, Victor and Lois' dad, Garland, bought a sawmill. They cut trees from the ranch to make lumber to build homes for her parents and themselves. Victor drew the plans for the houses and for all the buildings at the ranch.

After six years, they left and Victor went back to work for the Fish and Wildlife Service. They moved to Trinidad, then to Craig, Colo. They lived there for four and one-half years. Mary Louise was born in Craig on Nov. 25, 1956. Victor took a civil service test and was able to get a promotion to a district supervisor. They moved to Denver for two years; then to Monte Vista for 18 years; Vernal, Utah, for two years; and then back to Monte Vista for two years.

After Victor retired in 1980, they moved back to the ranch in Chromo. Lois stayed at the ranch until Victor's death in 1993. In 1994, she moved to Olathe, Colo., to be by Mary. In 2006, she moved to Shelley, Idaho, to be near Hazel and her family. She was able to live in her home with help from her granddaughter, Michelle, and others until five months before she died.

Lois worked for many years at J.C. Penney. She was a wonderful homemaker and loved to cook, sew, garden and care for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her family never wanted for anything. Lois was active in her church wherever she lived. She was a devout Christian. Jesus was the focus of her faith in all situations of her life. Her latest church home was the Shelley Methodist Community Church in Shelley, Idaho.

Lois is preceded in death by her parents, H.G. and Bessie Caulk; her husband, Victor; and her sister, Wyona. She is survived by her children, John and Gloria Keenan (Farmington, N.M.), Hazel and George Meshrow (Idaho Falls, Idaho), and Mary and Bryan Gomez (Gresham, Ore.); her sister-cousin, Kay Randall (Dallas, Texas); grandchildren Michelle and Brett Waters, Katie Bradley, Kelli Keenan, Amber and Matt Roberts, Megan and Andrew Lieberenz, and Randel Gomez; great-grandchildren Brady, Bryce and Carson Waters, Eli, Tyler, and Devon Roberts, Jade and Ava Lieberenz, Lucas and Lily Ambrogi, and Bailee Neal.

Lois had many friends and extended family members. She will be missed by all, but we can rest in the assurance that she is finally home with her Lord Jesus. Services will be Saturday, Jan. 6, at the Shelley Methodist Community Church in Shelley, Idaho. Interment will be at the Hilltop Cemetery in Pagosa Springs, in the spring.

## Carmen Valdez

On Dec. 29, 2017, Carmen Valdez, lifetime resident of Pagosa Springs, entered the gates of Heaven.



Carmen was born on April 28, 1942, in Edith, Colo., to Ruben and Lupita Valdez; she was the second of seven children.

She attended Pagosa Springs High School and often said she graduated from the "University of Life." For seven years, she worked at the sawmill and she was so proud when she became a certified lumber grader. She also worked at Jan's Cafe, the Junction Restaurant, Diamond-J Convenient Store and she was a caregiver.

Carmen had friends from every walk of life — her door was open to all. There wasn't a church she didn't attend, a person she didn't call friend. She greeting everyone with "honey" or "sweetheart." She loved everyone and, no matter how ill she was feeling, Carmen always had a way of lifting everyone's spirits. She was always there with a shoulder to cry on, an ear to listen and advice when asked. You could never leave her home without eating, having coffee and certainly not without a hug.

Carmen is preceded in death by parents Lupita and Ruben; godsons Roland Lee Sanchez and James

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Garcia; brother Anthony Valdez; niece Angelina Curvey; sister-in-law Jean Valdez; brother-in-law Ray Sanchez; her little poodle, Emmie-Lou; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

She is survived by daughter Renee and son Joey Cordova; her grandsons: Brock and Trenton; sister Lupe Sanchez; brother Menor Valdez (and Janet); sister Tessie Curvey (and Bob); sister Virginia Maes; baby sister Ruby (and Phil); Tia Clara; Aunt Jenny and Tio Celestino Martinez; Aunt Rachael Griego; along with numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and 17 godchildren.

Rosary was said on Wednesday, Jan. 3, at 6 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary and Mass of Christian Burial will be held today, Thursday, Jan. 4, at 10 a.m. at Pope John Paul II, with burial to follow at Hilltop Cemetery.

## Beverly Warburton

March 8, 1935-Dec. 16, 2017

After enjoying another fine theater performance at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, Beverly Brown Warburton, 82, of Pagosa Springs, Colo., left on her final trail ride during the early morning hours of Dec. 16, 2017.



Throughout her life, Bev was always passionate about life and truly lived "life to its fullest." She was a determined woman with a life motto of "why not?" Although she was small in stature, she was big at heart and loved her family, community and horse.

As a spirited youngster, she grew up in Mount Pleasant, Mich., where her parents, younger brother, many relatives and family friends nurtured her outdoor spirit, spending time skiing, ice skating, hunting, fishing, canoeing and enjoying the summers on the lakes and rivers. In the 1940s, she learned about horses at Cheley Colorado Camps in Estes Park, Colo. As a camper and a counselor, she learned to ride "western style" and handle horses.

She also spent many hours hiking in Rocky Mountain National Park. In later years, she'd exclaim, "We are off to see the wizard!" as she took her two children on countless hikes, backpacking trips and Nordic skiing adventures in this same area. Her love for travel and learning about other cultures was sparked during a student exchange trip to Switzerland as a junior in high school.

As a young woman, she attended a preparatory school, Cranbrook Schools (formerly Kingswood School) in Bloomfield, Mich., and then attended Stanford University, in California. Attending Stanford was a major turning point in her life, not only shaping her career, but also laying the foundation for community work and a life-long love of learning. Her friends remember her "cheerful outlook," "bouncing blonde curls" and "smart blue eyes." At Stanford, she started out majoring in geology, one of the few women at the time. However, by the time she finished in 1957, she switched career paths and received a degree in economics. This was in part because she was told that "women weren't allowed to be field geologists," something that she remembered all her life and made her even more determined to see changed in the future. Eventually, she became a certified public accountant, through Metro State University in Denver.

At Stanford, she met her first husband, Lawson Warburton. Married in 1957 and recently graduated from school, they spent their early life with the U.S. Army in Missouri. Eventually, Lawson's military career ended and they moved to Boulder, Colo., in 1960. Not wanting to leave science behind, Bev worked at the University of Colorado with a professor, Gilbert White, an environmental geographer. He was instrumental in her future by introducing her to the role of watersheds and community development. In subsequent years, Bev was very active in developing the current "green space" in Boulder County, developing policy for flood control in the area, and reducing fire risks in and around U.S. Forest Service lands and working with the League of Women Voters.

By 1962, Bev and Lawson bought land in Gold Hill, a small community west of Boulder, Colo. One of the

fun things about Bev was her love of architecture and design, especially designs of Native Americans. She never liked anything "boxy" and believed in the concept of round and connecting spaces. And in 1963, she got her wish to have a custom house, designed by architect Charles Haertling, to be both round and connected to the outside and to resemble a yucca plant. For over 15 years, they lived in Gold Hill, raising two children, horses and St. Bernard dogs. Bev's zest to make every day count continued with most weekends filled with activities in the outdoors — cutting wood, building fences, backcountry skiing, horse packing trips, fly fishing — anything that was outside. Her love for world travel continued and she traveled to China, Europe, Mexico and Central America, oftentimes with the two children in tow. During this time, Bev was an alumni member of the School in International Living, and she shared her house with numerous exchange students attending the University of Colorado.

In the '80s, life took another turn and the family headed over the Continental Divide to Summit County, residing in Frisco, Colo. Bev started a CPA business and again, became involved in her local community, volunteering for the Forest Service, Search and Rescue, the Bristlecone Hospice, as well as other groups. Being next to world-class skiing also started another pursuit, telemark skiing. At the age of 47, she took her first telemark skiing lesson and then she eventually taught her daughter.

In 1985, Lawson Warburton unexpectedly passed away. Bev stayed in Summit County and in 1991 married Ed Haynes, a retired petroleum geologist. Together, they lived in Silverthorne, Colo., for another 10 years and eventually moved to Pagosa Springs, Colo., in 2000. Similar to Gold Hill, Bev and Ed designed a beautiful round adobe-style house that would suit them for the rest of their lives. Never one to sit still, Bev continued her CPA practice and, just like before, dove straight into working with the community. With an old truck and horse trailer, she never missed an opportunity to join friends on community service projects. She and her kindred spirit horse, Princess, spent numerous days in the Weminuche Wilderness monitoring trails

and assisting visitors as a San Juan Mountain Association Ghost Rider. Bev was a huge part of the San Juan Back Country Horsemen (SJBCH), Four Corners Back Country Horsemen, and the Back Country Horsemen of Colorado. Bev was a SJBCH past president and state director. Known to her colleagues as the "energizer bunny," she was recognized for nearly 500 cumulative hours of volunteering, including organizing numerous projects to benefit public lands. When she turned 80, she passed her "chain saw" training needed for working trails with the U.S. Forest Service. She was a founding member and regular contributor to the Southwest Colorado Trails Roundtable, a collaborative effort between volunteer groups and land managers. She also served on numerous not-for-profit boards of directors, including her own subdivision organization. In fact, there probably isn't an organization in Pagosa Springs that didn't know Bev.

Although Bev was tethered to oxygen for over 13 years and suffered from a respiratory illness, this did not constrain her energetic spirit or hinder her participation in the things that were most important to her. Bev was a loving, engaged and generous grandmother to her four grandchildren and never missed a chance to travel to Alaska, Australia, Arizona, Hawaii or any place where she could meet up with them for a trip that always included birding, camping, hiking, swimming, cooking and fun evenings around a campfire. Bev was a true adventurer and a determined woman who traveled around the world and undoubtedly passed that trait on to her children and grandchildren. One of the many memories and amazing personal feats that Bev accomplished was riding two sections of the Colorado Trail, mostly above 10,000 feet in elevation, and with her horse, Princess, and a pack horse to carry her oxygen equipment. In October of 2017, she completed her final, epic road trip to California with her daughter to attend her 60th Stanford class reunion and was surrounded by never-lost friends who shared her passion for living without constraints. Her daughter was privileged to bear witness that a "full life" is one of both learning and giving. Just before Bev's passing, she was making plans to lead a group for the local Christmas Bird Count and to start volunteering for another organization because she no longer could do the trail rides or wield a chain saw.

The happiness and health of Bev's family are her enduring legacy. As one of Bev's friends appropriately said, "She is not gone, she's just waiting for us at the trailhead." Bev left behind her husband, Ed, and her two children: Janet and Doug Warburton; brother Bill Brown; four grandchildren: Landon and Kalena, Victoria and Gabrielle; a vast network of extended family and friends; and her beloved horse, Princess. On June 9, 2018, we will celebrate the rich life of Bev in Pagosa Springs, Colo.

In the spirit of a life of volunteering, the family of Bev encourages everyone to contribute to their charity of choice.

## Town accepts housing needs assessment, approves work group

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

During its regular meeting on Dec. 21, 2017, the Pagosa Springs Town Council approved the 2017 housing needs assessment, as well as approving an existing work group to serve as the Housing Advisory Task Force.

"As you all know, the Town Council and the Board of County Commissioners decided to jointly fund an update to the 2008 housing needs assessment," said Dickhoff.

"A small group of representatives

from both organizations met and developed an RFP and then interviewed and selected a consultant, Economic & Planning Systems, Inc to perform the assessment," reads agenda documentation used at the meeting. "The group kicked off the project with the consultants in February 2017."

Dickhoff went on to explain that eight community members attended a grant awarded Community Builders Housing Institute workshop in September 2017.

The community members who attended are Dickhoff, Pagosa

Springs Town Manager Andrea Phillips, David Schanzbaker, Mary Jo Coulehan, Steve Emrich, Bentley Henderson, Michael Whiting and Ryan Searle.

"The workshop included 6 other Colorado communities working on similar housing solutions," reads agenda documentation. "The workshop provided a wealth of very relative information and the workgroup developed next step recommendations and incorporated these into the Assessment as an addendum into the final Housing Needs Assessment report."

■ See Housing A7

## Card of Thanks

### Chama train trip

Fifteen seniors went on a Chama train ride on Dec. 16. Fun was had by all. We would like to thank downtown Subway for the donation of sandwiches. Also, a big thank you to Hometown market for the chips and cookies. Very much appreciated.

Diana Millan

### Music Society

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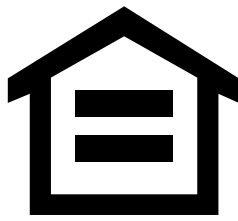
ciously prints our publicity articles for upcoming events and helps us tremendously in getting the word out regarding the concerts we present.

This was no exception with our recent Heralds of Christmas concerts which were presented over the holiday season on Dec. 17 and 18.

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The Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society Board President  
Heidi Tanner

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# Business

## CHAMBER NEWS

### Tickets on sale for Chamber annual gala

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
SUN Columnist

Tickets are now on sale for the Chamber's annual gala, "Hats Off To You," which will be held on Jan. 20 at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA) Clubhouse.

Beginning at 6 p.m., attendees will be treated to music, delicious food, a cash bar and a silent auction.

The evening will also celebrate the 2017 winners for the Com-

munity Awards including Citizen, Volunteer, Non-Profit and Small Business of the Year. The Chamber will also announce the three new board members that were voted in by the Chamber membership.

Attendees are encouraged to dress for hat success, as there will be a hat contest. Don't let that hat that you wore to the Kentucky Derby go to waste by only wearing it once a year. Break out that hat or create a new one to be entered into the

contest. There will be winners in the men's and women's categories.

Another fun aspect of the event will be the table decorations, which will, of course, be hat-themed. Businesses are encouraged to create a hat as a centerpiece. Decorate a hat that represents your business or just have some fun with being creative.

Make sure that at least your business card is sent with the entry as it will be displayed with the centerpiece. There will be a contest for the best hat centerpiece. Table hats need to be delivered to the Chamber by Wednesday, Jan. 10. If you are including a perishable item on the decorations (flowers, food), please let the Chamber know that you will be entering a hat by Jan. 10. The hat will then need to be delivered by noon on Jan. 20 to the PLPOA clubhouse.

More information on what will be occurring at the annual gala will be forthcoming. Attendees can purchase tickets online at [www.pagosachamber.com](http://www.pagosachamber.com) or stop by the Chamber. Businesses are also encouraged to purchase a table of eight. Purchasing a table affords you preferred seating and other benefits, including two bottles of wine. This is a great way to gather the troops for a fun evening or reward some of your staff with an evening out. If your business is not a Chamber member and you would like to attend, you are still welcome to the festivities.

For more information on submitting a hat centerpiece or attending the function, please contact the Chamber at 264-2360.

#### Community Award nominations

Nominations for the Community Awards are due at the close of business Friday, Jan. 5. You may still submit a nomination for Citizen, Volunteer, Non-Profit or Small Business of the Year.

These awards celebrate Pagosa's heroes who give their time, talent and coppers to so many different worthy causes in our community. The awards also celebrate our organizations who do incredible work to keep services operating

and to small businesses who are the lifeblood of our community. You know someone that is worthy of at least a nomination. Celebrate these unsung heroes and take a few minutes to submit a nomination in one of the aforementioned categories.

Forms and criteria are available on the Chamber website at [www.pagosachamber.com](http://www.pagosachamber.com), or you can write down why the person or organization should be nominated and submit it to [admin@pagosachamber.com](mailto:admin@pagosachamber.com).

#### Membership news

The Maximizing Your Membership classes in 2018 have been changed from luncheons to breakfasts due to popular demand and the increased attendance. The classes will also be held on Tuesday mornings, typically the fourth Tuesday of the month. For January, however, the class will be held on Jan. 30 at 9 a.m. Find out how your Chamber benefits work, what you're missing and how you can take advantage of what is offered to you through the Chamber. Contact Debra at [info@pagosachamber.com](mailto:info@pagosachamber.com) for more information or to reserve your space.

We had four members that closed out the year with their renewals. These businesses were Alley House Grille, Jem Jewelers, 2 Chicks and a Hippie and Lee Riley — I Sell Pagosa. We thank our members for their loyalty.

We also want our members to get involved and also utilize the benefits that you are entitled to. Engage our services and be engaged in the community. We look forward to a fantastic 2018 with our new programs that we will be unveiling all throughout the year. We want to always be a stronger, more effective Chamber of Commerce. We can do that with the participation of our business community. Happy new year, Pagosa Springs.

## Biz Beat



Recently, team members of the Saunders Group at Keller Williams Realty Southwest Associates Wen Saunders (lead agent), Cindy Lyle and Ashley Medina (momentum specialist) visited the Pagosa Springs Humane Society with holiday gifts for those pets awaiting adoption. Three bags of items collected during a recent open house contained food, toys, blankets and cleaning supplies. The Saunders Group matched the items donated with an additional donation check of \$100. In 2017, The Saunders Group contributed over \$2,000 to the local shelter through collections and contributions. When attending one of their open houses, guests may contribute cash or item donations to the shelter. With each guest cash donation or donation item, the Saunders Group will match with funds. The Saunders Group will continue throughout 2018 with the shelter collections with the goal of \$4,000 donated to the local shelter.

## Housing

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Dickhoff explained that the Community Builders Housing Institute work group (CBHIWG) then organized recommended next steps.

"One of the first things this work group really wants to achieve is trying to formalize an organizational structure for overseeing housing options in our community," explained Dickhoff.

"CBHIWG requests the BoCC and Town Council appoint a Housing Advisory Board (HAB) to continue in an advisory capacity," reads agenda documentation used at the meeting. "The CBHIWG is willing to serve in this capacity with the assistance of members from the initial Housing Task Force and community stakeholders. This HAB would regularly report back to the elected officials."

The next recommendation from

the CBHIWG was to educate and reach out to the community, by creating "a consistent base message for a Housing Choices Program," and creating a series of articles for media outlets regarding housing choices.

"Additionally, the group would like to ... work on developing some public policy to recommend to boards, and looking at some of our development regulations to help encourage housing," said Dickhoff. "Also, looking at some funding mechanisms to help developments fund this entity that might help manage ... and get some new development in the ground."

Phillips pointed out that since Searle would be working on development projects in the near future, the work group felt that there was a potential for a conflict of interest, and politely asked him to "essentially not be on the workgroup."

For more on Searle's projects, see related article.

"I move to accept the 2017 Housing Needs Assessment as written," said council member John Egan, with council member Mat deGraaf seconding the motion, which then passed unanimously.

"I move to approve the Community Builders Housing Institute Work Group to service the Housing Advisory Taskforce and their recommended next steps as represented in the housing Needs Assessment Addendum," stated council member Nicole DeMarco, with deGraaf seconding the motion.

The motion then passed unanimously.

At its meeting on Jan. 2, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners accepted the study and creation of the advisory group. [marshall@pagosasun.com](mailto:marshall@pagosasun.com)

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# Courthouse

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take place on or before Jan. 31 of this year, at which point the BoCC will convene a special meeting “to consider the filing of an original action to mandate the reoccupation of 449 San Juan St. by the courts.”  
Commissioner Ron Maez seconded the motion.  
As of press time Wednesday, nothing had been scheduled, according to County Administrator Bentley Henderson.  
Following the meeting, Henderson noted that the plan referenced would likely be one previously pro-

duced for the courthouse.  
There was no public comment and no further discussion by the commissioners on the matter before the meeting was adjourned.  
The planned meeting follows a meeting last week between the county and district court representatives in Durango.  
That meeting included Sixth Judicial District Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson, District Administrator Eric Hogue, Maez and Henderson.  
Following that meeting, which occurred on Dec. 27, 2017, the parties involved released a joint

statement.  
That statement reads: “Archuleta County Commissioner Ronnie Maez and Chief Judge for the Sixth Judicial District Jeffrey Wilson, along with Archuleta County Administrator Bentley Henderson and Sixth Judicial District Administrator Eric Hogue met this morning to attempt to find possible temporary solutions to return some court functions to Archuleta County. The parties engaged in frank and productive discussions concerning potential short term solutions that would allow the County Court of

Archuleta County to resume operations in Pagosa Springs. Returning the county court operations will require additional planning and cooperation between the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners and the Sixth Judicial District and all four parties at the meeting agreed to use their best efforts to return court operations

to Archuleta County.  
“In order to meet the needs of the citizens of Archuleta County on a more immediate basis, the Colorado Judicial Department is currently engaged in negotiations with a private party to lease space in Pagosa Springs to provide a clerk’s office, probation services and a video conference room for simple court

appearances. The Judicial Department hopes to have this facility open in January of 2018.”  
Jon Sarche, deputy public information officer for the Colorado Judicial Department, said on Wednesday that negotiations are still underway and no further information can be shared.  
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# Facilities

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Tonya Hamilton looked at specific buildings that, while they wouldn’t meet the needs of the ACSO “100 percent,” would meet its needs temporarily.  
Valdez then informed the commissioners of those facilities that are options.  
The first of the options given by Valdez is a location on Park Avenue that is 5,900 square feet and would likely cost \$5,000 to \$6,000 per month and had a purchase option since it is up for sale.  
He noted there is an investor interested in purchasing the property and leasing it to the county for the ACSO.

However, the sheriff contested that there is testing that shows that something is there, and that the county had a legal liability when it came to putting people back in the building, inmates or employees.  
He said he felt like he had been “made the bad guy” when he was looking out for his employees, but that he and the BoCC needed to get back on the same page and figure out how to get the courts back in Archuleta County before cases started to be dismissed and alleged offenders are back on the street.  
Too, Valdez noted that doors have continually been left open in the portion of the courthouse that formerly housed the ACSO, where there were still records, and that an air monitor from the hallway of the building had been taken and needed to be returned.

Questions also surfaced regarding the remodeling and moving costs of the proposed facilities, with the BoCC in the end requesting more information on that.  
Commissioner Ron Maez explained that he has moved the carbon monoxide monitor at the suggestion of the Pagosa Fire Protection District on Friday after a smell had been reported in the building.  
Maez further noted that the sheriff’s financial request was “a lot” and needed to be justified because it puts “a lot on the backs” of the citizens.  
Maez also noted the science on the building, which Valdez again refuted, saying three of four tests prove something is wrong.

# Election

Continued from front  
prove an ordinance in order to call for the election,” said Phillips. “The ordinance sets the intention of the election and the method by which we’ll be asking voters to vote.”  
Four positions are up for reelection during this election cycle: the mayor’s seat and the seats for District 1, District 2 and District 3.  
Phillips stated during the meeting that the paperwork needed in order to run for town council was available at the Pagosa Springs Town Hall, located at 551 Hot Springs Blvd.  
Council member Mat deGraaf moved to approve the first reading of the ordinance, with John Egan seconding the motion, which then passed unanimously.  
Pagosa Springs Mayor Don Volger told SUN staff following the meeting that he plans to run for the mayor position.  
Council member Clint Alley, who holds the District 1 seat, didn’t return requests for comment by press time.  
Egan, who holds the District 2

seat, explained to SUN staff that he did not intend to run again this election cycle.  
Council member Nicole DeMarco, who holds the seat for District 3, explained to The SUN that she was leaning toward running for her seat, but had yet to make a formal decision.  
Charter amendments  
The council also approved the first reading of an ordinance that would ask voters whether or not to amend the town’s charter regarding two different things.  
“The first question asks voters whether district seats should be eliminated, making all council seats at-large seats beginning in 2022,” reads agenda documentation used at the meeting. “The second question imposes term limits on the Mayor and council members.”  
The documentation goes on to outline what the term limits would look like.  
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Council member DeMarco moved to approve the first reading of the ordinance, with council member Mat deGraaf seconding the motion, which then passed unanimously.  
Whether or not to abolish district seats and impose term limits on the mayor and council members will be decided by the voters during the April 3 election, if approved by council upon second reading.  
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Valdez said the building that currently houses The Outfitter will also be available and is 2,348 square feet and about \$3,200 per month, but wouldn’t meet the complete needs for the entire ACSO staff, meaning the ACSO would likely be split between two buildings.  
The third location, which the staff would be split between, is the office space on Goldmine Drive that the ACSO previously used as a temporary facility.  
“I just want to kind of reiterate back to you guys that, you know, we’re not here to be adversarial, we’re ... here to resolve this issue,” Valdez said, adding, “But, we have a responsibility, and I have a responsibility as an elected official and a responsibility to my staff and to the citizens and to the inmates, as well. And, so, I just ... want to let you guys know on the record that there’s no government immunity for negligent operation of a jail.”

Commissioner Steve Wadley then asked how many people were on ankle monitors, with Valdez responding that 64 are in the pretrial services program, but that 25-30 arrest warrants were written for those individuals in a short span of time.  
Commissioner Michael Whiting said he was excited they were looking at options, noting he had been to the Emergency Operations Center the ACSO is currently inhabiting.  
He also noted there’s an accident waiting to happen with the driving back and forth to Durango.  
He noted that \$72,000 a year was a drop in the bucket and that he was not afraid to spend money to solve problems, but he needed to understand what problems would be solved.  
He noted he was “acutely aware” of the liability and said that at no time had the commissioners pinned Valdez as the bad guy.  
He said the commission has accepted that the sheriff won’t go back to the courthouse before stating that the public is aware none of the scientific reports shows anything.  
As that discussion continued, Valdez noted he disagreed, with Whiting stating, “I accept your right to be wrong.”  
Valdez then brought up the topic of the county’s October resolution that stated, “expenses associated with any alternative occupancy, will not be supported by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners.”  
Responding to a question from Whiting, Valdez then cited the space needs for the ACSO, including work space for detention officers, interview and evidence space of investigators, proper storage, holding inmates, alternative sentencing,

staff meetings, work space for patrol deputies and administrative needs.  
He also further contested that he had been painted as the bad guy after calling the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.  
In response to another question, Valdez said the ACSO would still have challenges with the other facilities.  
Questions also surfaced regarding the remodeling and moving costs of the proposed facilities, with the BoCC in the end requesting more information on that.  
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Maez also noted the science on the building, which Valdez again refuted, saying three of four tests prove something is wrong.  
As discussion continued, Valdez suggested that employees are citizens too, and reiterated that government immunity “goes out the window” if there is a known issue.  
After stating that the county had failed to provide a jail for the last three years, Valdez stated, “The arrogance of this board is going to bankrupt the county.”  
Whiting said he would like to get the matter on the next agenda for decision and disagreed with Valdez concerning the arrogance of the board.  
“There’s plenty of ego to go around,” Whiting said, adding that he was willing to set his aside.  
He also suggested that the decision was a political one if the science were not being considered, and said the county wasted a year considering the Hot Springs Boulevard site.  
As the discussion wound down and further costs were requested, Wadley said, “I want to make myself very clear that I think that the sheriff is in a completely different situation than the courts are.”  
“Absolutely,” Whiting agreed.  
“I think we’re talking about one building that’s been flooded versus one that nothing has happened to, so that is my position. I’m ... flexible in one area and completely inflexible in the other.”  
The matter was further discussed in executive session, with no decisions made afterward.  
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# Development

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The documentation draws attention to some of the highlights of the workforce housing, which include:  
• Four 10-unit apartment buildings.  
• “1-3 bedrooms from 718 - 904 sq. ft.”  
• Rents ranging from \$800 to \$1,200, which is 64 percent to 96 percent of the area median income (AMI).  
• “Beautiful elevations to blend in with the development and not create an ‘affordable housing’ stigma.”  
Searle went onto explain that in order for the development to meet all three of these goals, BWD Construction would need the Town of Pagosa Springs’ help.  
“There are set costs to development that are incurred regardless of the types of homes being built on the lots,” reads documentation, adding that some costs would need to be offset to allow for rents to be between 64 percent and 96 percent of the AMI.  
Searle explained that BWD Construction would be requesting three things from the town.  
The first was waiving impact

fees for the entirety of phase one for the project, which is approximately \$250,000.  
The second thing was that the town waive building permit and design review fees on work force housing, which was approximately \$36,000.  
The third thing that BWD Construction would request from the town is that it finish Hot Springs Boulevard (with on-street parking) from the post office to Apache Street.  
“Town code currently allows for a deferral of impact fees for up to ten years for projects that demonstrate a ‘public benefit.’ This would need to be demonstrated. Impact fees can be waived for low and moderate income housing, as permitted in the town’s code and in state statute,” reads documentation. “It is unknown at this time what percentage of AMI these units in Phase I will be provided at and whether they will be managed through a deed restriction or other mechanism to ensure that the units are being rented to income-qualified individuals.”  
Searle explained that BWD Construction was hoping to break ground on the project this coming

spring if everything went according to plan.  
Several audience members made comments about the proposed development, with a few audience members advising against picking and choosing which developments get their impact fees waived.  
Council member Nicole DeMarco clarified that BWD Construction was intending to purchase the property from the Springs development, which Searle confirmed.  
She later added that one thing she’d really like to see included in the development is a parking garage.  
“If we’re going to talk about becoming a walkable town, I think we need to have a central location to park cars and allow everyone to walk around,” said DeMarco.  
Council member Mat deGraaf said that he really appreciated the way that the proposed development touches on the town’s 2018 goals and objectives.  
The agenda item concluded with Pagosa Springs Mayor Don Volger thanking Searle for his time and complimenting him on the quality of his presentation.  
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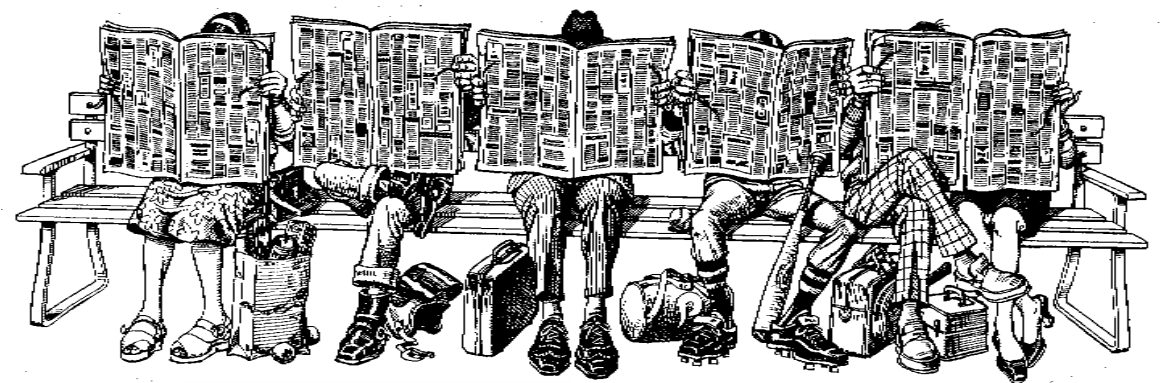
# The Blotter

Items listed in The Blotter report where an alleged incident occurred and the nature of the incident. Readers should not assume employees or owners of a place of business or a parking lot reported as the scene of an event are involved as perpetrators of the incident.  
**Archuleta County Sheriff’s Office**  
Dec. 27 — County warrant, North Pagosa Boulevard.  
Dec. 28 — Third-degree assault-simple assault, Park Avenue.  
Dec. 28 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Eagles Loft Circle.  
Dec. 29 — Animals running at large, Bill’s Place.  
Dec. 29 — County warrant, Bill’s Place.  
Dec. 29 — Warrant arrest, Bill’s Place.  
Dec. 29 — Unlawful ownership of vicious dog, Wilderness Drive.  
Jan. 1 — Second-degree criminal trespass, domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, Valley View Drive.  
**Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department**

No report.  
**Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge D. Brett Van Winkle**  
No report.  
**Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay**  
Dec. 20 — Austin Wayne Courtney, harassment-strike/shove/kick, 18 months probation, 48 hours community service, fines and costs — \$1,192.50.  
Dec. 20 — Denise M. Thomas, spilling load on highway, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$238.50.  
Dec. 20 — Steven Paul Elder, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$162.50.  
Dec. 20 — Henry Clint Elder, criminal mischief-under \$300, 12 months probation, 48 hours community service, fines and costs — \$1,144.66.  
Dec. 20 — Ryan Teryl Smith, dog at large (first offense no injury), fines and costs — \$109.  
Dec. 20 — Lonnie J. Elledge, speeding 25-39 over limit, fines and costs — \$413.50.  
Dec. 20 — John Andrew Thomas,

dog at large (first offense no injury), fines and costs — \$109.  
Dec. 20 — Henry Clint Elder, driving under the influence, 60 days jail, three years probation, fines and costs — \$3,128.82.  
Dec. 20 — Henry Clint Elder, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, 12 months probation, 48 hours community service, fines and costs — \$892.50.  
Dec. 20 — Nathan L. Scarbro, speeding 20-24 over limit, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$368.50.  
Dec. 20 — Melinda R. Willie, speeding 20-24 over limit, fines and costs — \$339.50.  
Dec. 20 — Samuel W. Williams, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$258.50.  
Dec. 20 — Sierra Condon, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$193.50.  
Dec. 21 — Heather F. Blackbird, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$191.50.  
**6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson**  
No report.

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# Education

## Charter school holds special meeting to discuss budgets

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

In order to sort out its finances, the Pagosa Peak Open School's finance committee held a joint meeting with the PPOS board of directors on Dec. 28 to discuss its revenue and expense budget for the 2017-18 school year, as well as the Ballentine, Walton and Colorado Charter Schools Program (CCSP) grants.

### Ballentine grant

Business Manager Kim Lund began discussing the Ballentine grant by noting how much money was left in the grant and what would be done with that money.

"We have \$914 that we haven't spent. That was for our playground development. I'm recommending that we use \$100 of that for Bill [Hudson] to get three more posts to finish out there where we have the orange temporary fence," Lund explained.

Lund went on to explain that along with school director James Lewicki, the two of them would show representatives of the Ballentine fund pictures of the finished playground space, and then request to have the rest of the grant funds allocated elsewhere.

"We would like to reallocate the remaining \$800 to pay our attorney fees for our startup costs that we have incurred this last month, which is a little more than \$800, but it would cover most of it," Lund said.

Lund went on to explain that it

would help PPOS's financial statement when the finance committee gives a presentation to the bank for a second line of credit.

Lund then asked for the PPOS board to consider approving the finance committee's request to use the Ballentine funds in this way.

Because no decisions could be made on this item at the meeting, board president Ursula Hudson suggested to move it to the board's meeting in the first week of January.

"So, that won't help our line of credit then because our line of credit is going to be based upon our quarterly financial statements," Lund said.

The line of credit would be for year two of the CCSP grant, Lund added later.

A suggestion was then made by Lund to hold a special board meeting on Dec. 29 for the approval of the use of some Ballentine grant funds to pay legal fees.

"There's also a similar question on the Walton, so there will be two line items added," Lund said.

She noted, "It would put us in a stronger position to get our line of credit if you guys could meet at 4 o'clock tomorrow, or whatever, sometime 24 hours after we get done here."

Board member Bill Hudson then raised concerns over moving funds out of the Ballentine grant.

"So, this looks like more than a 10-minute discussion," Bill Hudson said.

Bill Hudson went on to note that this was the first time he had been presented with any of this

information.

"We were supposed to discuss it at the last board meeting and you guys postponed it to this meeting. So what are you suggesting? That we postpone it again to a different meeting?" Lund asked.

The committee then moved the discussion toward the Walton grant and the rental of a gym space.

### Walton grant

On the Walton grant budget, it has been proposed that \$500 be paid for one month's rent toward the gym space within the Parelli building that PPOS utilizes.

"So, I thought that maybe that would buy us another month to figure out how you want to handle that extra room with the gym and it would pay for one month," Lund explained.

Lund then explained that Parelli building owner Mark Weiler had asked Lewicki, who relayed the information back to Lund, for \$500 starting Jan. 1.

"Is that accurate?" Bill Hudson asked.

"No, I believe it was December," Lewicki responded.

"Because you said \$500 a month for six months for \$3,000," Lund added.

"My mistake. Seven months," Lewicki clarified.

Ursula Hudson then clarified that the \$500 would be needed for December, as rent for the gym space had not been paid for that month.

Later in the meeting, the gym space was brought up again by

Lund.

The gym rental fee would have to come out of the grants, or PPOS does not have a gym, Lund clarified.

Ursula Hudson then posed the question to PPOS staffers in attendance of the meeting of the importance of the gym space.

PPOS first- and second-grade teacher Kelle Bruno commented that the fourth grade is moving into that space for the first couple of hours each day.

"It gives us a better flow of space, less students in this room and then they can focus on social studies and science and different stuff like that," Bruno said.

Bruno then added that the gym space was part of the function of PPOS.

Lewicki also commented that it is difficult to teach in a space where multiple grades are also having class.

"It's another teaching space, so it's pretty huge," Lewicki said.

Next on the agenda for the finance committee was a discussion on the lunch program for PPOS.

### Lunch program

Ursula Hudson began the discussion on the lunch program by suggesting that the finance committee "ease up" on using the lunch program funds.

"It's the only line item that has a positive surplus," finance committee member and board member Chenni Hammon said.

Special education teacher Polly Coats suggested that, regarding the lunch program funds, "Well, it's time for it to go."

"We got kids. It looks good on paper, but we got kids," Coats added.

Lund then suggested that if the lunch program was running low on money that instead of purchasing pizza from Rosie's Pizzeria and sandwiches from Old Town Market, PPOS could offer peanut butter and jelly sandwiches as a cheaper alternative.

"If the point is just to put food into a hungry kid's belly," Lund added.

"That's not the whole point though, we want to put nutritious food into those children's bellies,"

■ See Budgets A10

## School board cancels special meeting, no applicants for school board vacancy

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

Due to a lack of candidates for its vacant school board position, the Archuleta School District (ASD) has decided to cancel its special meeting that was scheduled for Jan. 4.

The Board of Education (BOE) intended to hold the public meeting in order to conduct interviews

on the vacancy for the director of District No. 4.

In a phone call with The SUN on Wednesday, Executive Secretary Robyn Bennett noted that the BOE will discuss its next course of action regarding the vacancy at its next regular meeting, on Jan. 16.

Bennett later added that she believes the BOE will re-open the position and advertise it for however long and go from there.

No one had applied for the vacant school board position, Bennett noted.

The position of director of District No. 4 was previously held by Lisl Keuning, who resigned from the BOE at its regular meeting on Nov. 14.

Keuning stated that she had to resign because she had recently moved out of her district.

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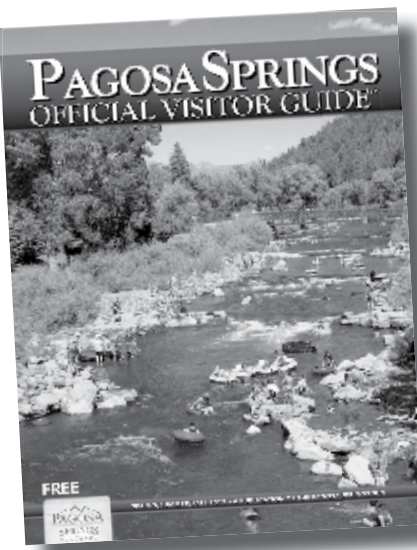
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# CRIA Lecture Series continues Thursday, Jan. 11

By Nadia Werby  
Special to The SUN

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) is proud to host a special presentation by Paul Blackman, Pagosa District recreation program manager with the San Juan National Forest, on Thursday, Jan. 11.

Blackman will be including updates on the exciting new improvements to infrastructure at Chimney Rock National Monument. Learn about more improvements slated for spring and summer 2018 and ongoing archaeological research projects.

Some examples of infrastructure improvements that have been completed in 2017 are new entryway signage, additional parking, road improvements and more. The

lecture is free of charge and will begin at 7 p.m., following CRIA's social hour at 6 p.m. at The Springs Resort and Spa (Ecoluxe building) located at 165 Hot Springs Blvd.

The public is invited to join CRIA for its social hour preceding the lecture at 6 p.m. This is a great way to meet our amazing volunteer team and learn more about Chimney Rock and ways to get involved. Finger food will be available.

CRIA is a nonprofit organization which operates the interpretive program at Chimney Rock National Monument under a Participating Agreement with the USDA Forest Service/San Juan National Forest. For more information, please visit our website at [www.chimney-rockco.org](http://www.chimney-rockco.org).



Photo courtesy Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

**New infrastructure improvements at Chimney Rock include new entryway signage, additional parking, road improvements and more.**

## Budgets

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Hammon added.

Ursala Hudson then added that PPOS tried utilizing wheat bread for the sandwiches, and the kids would not eat it.

"You know, they just go home and they tell their parents 'the school doesn't feed us,'" Ursala Hudson said.

Bruno then suggested that it could be a stubborn child issue.

Coats also added that some children will throw a fit and not eat.

Ursala Hudson then stated that the lunch program as it stands is not close to the vision of what the board had.

"I don't want to cut it back anymore than it already is," Ursala Hudson said.

"When Chenni says 'that's the only fund that has a positive cash balance' that's where this concern is coming from. Concern that things are being used for cash flow and not ending up being used for what they're intended to be used for," Bill Hudson said.

Bill Hudson later added that he did not understand what kind of hole PPOS is in, if they are in one at all.

"That's why we're being really careful about a fund that has a positive cash balance in it. Because we don't want every single fund to be negative," Bill Hudson added later.

Hammon also added that she was not sure which line item was causing PPOS to go negative every month.

"I would like to shore up whatever hole is in our bucket before we put more money in our bucket," Hammon said.

The finance committee then moved to the revenue and expense budget for the 2017-18 school year.

### Revenue and expense budget

The most significant change

within this budget is Lewicki moving down to four days a week as school director.

Lewicki then commented that the current board approved budget has \$24,000 allocated for an office manager and \$65,000 for a school director.

"But there is also now a business manager," Lewicki added.

Lewicki then added that if PPOS were to pay current office manager Linda Bright to be full-time and also \$25,034, which is what Lund is currently being paid, it would equal \$114,000.

The current budget has \$262,300 allocated for salaries.

\$114,000 out of the total \$262,300 is 44 percent of the total amount for salaries, Lewicki clarified.

"That is way too high for administrative costs," Lewicki said.

The revised budget has Lewicki's director salary going from \$65,000 to \$42,783 and has the office manager's salary going from \$24,000 to \$18,926.

The revised budget also has the business manager's salary of \$25,034 added into it.

With those three revised salaries, along with other changes, the total salary budget proposed for 2017-18 is \$260,271.

The three revised salary changes added together equals about \$87,000, Lewicki explained.

"87 out of 260 is 33 percent. So, this revised budget is trying to reduce administrative cost from 44 percent to 33 percent," Lewicki later added.

Lewicki noted that PPOS is trying to reduce the administrative percentage of total employee cost and get it into "a realistic ballpark to sustain a school."

"I still feel 33 percent is kind of high," Lewicki said.

The meeting then transitioned to a couple of line items within the

CCSP grant.

### CCSP grant

The first topic of discussion within the CCSP grant was the option to replace the Microsoft Surface Pro tablets with Google Chromebooks.

Bill Hudson began the discussion by asking Bruno and Coats what the problems are with the Surface Pros.

"They're kind of fragile," Bruno responded.

Bruno added that maybe if PPOS purchased some cases for the tablets it would help the problem.

Hammon noted that she believed the Surface Pros came with cases, but Bruno responded that she had not seen one.

"I just think they are kind of fragile for kids to be using," Bruno added.

Ursala Hudson then asked if the Chromebooks would have been more ideal.

"I don't know necessarily, these are working well. I just think we need some cases for them," Bruno said.

Bruno noted that PPOS could use a charging cart which allows for storage of multiple Surface Pros, and provides security in that the tablets are locked in the cart at the end of the day.

Not having the cart introduces struggles with charging and transporting multiple tablets, as well, Bruno added later.

Ursala Hudson then asked Bruno and Coats, on behalf of the rest of the PPOS staff, if the school does not need new computers.

Hammon later added that the finance committee had already purchased 12 Surface Pros for year two of PPOS, last year.

"Because the models were

changing and if we wanted all of them to be the same model we had to purchase them at the last week of July, which is what we did," Hammon explained.

"So, we actually don't have to buy computers this year," Hammon later added.

Hammon then proposed that, instead of buying Chromebooks, that three new Boreal Digital microscopes be purchased.

Within the revised CCSP budget the current amount allocated for these microscopes is \$8,000, Lund stated.

These microscopes connect to the Surface pros, Ursala Hudson noted.

"If you have a choice between \$6,000 in new furniture, which you requested, do you want microscopes, do you want Chromebooks, do you want new furniture? I mean, what's your priority?" Lund asked.

"New furniture and a projector. Because right now I'm using the projector every day that belongs to the Audubon society in town," Bruno responded.

Lund then clarified that the projector and cubbies used for storage are already covered in the CCSP grant.

"It's a matter of kind of, blending priorities, not excluding," Lewicki said.

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## DUST2 fat bike race postponed

By Annie Sewell  
Special to The SUN

The DUST2 Jan. 6 fat bike race is postponed until March 4.

We are still looking forward to our Winterfest Fat Bike Race on Feb. 4, and will keep you updated on any changes of venue should that be the case.

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## Births

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

Mark William, Gerilyn and Ryan Kruthaupt, 8 pounds, 6 ounces, 7:53 a.m., Nov. 17.

Oaklyn Marie, Kacey Bennett and Brady Lee, 7 pounds, 14 ounces, 9:20 a.m., Nov. 21.

Parents are invited to submit photos of their baby and an official announcement to [editor@pagosasun.com](mailto:editor@pagosasun.com) to be printed in the newspaper.

## RECREATION NEWS AND COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

### Artists invited to join open paint sessions

By Darren Lewis  
SUN Columnist

There will be a free open session for artists to bring their own supplies and work on their current projects at the Ross Aragon Community Center on Thursday afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m. beginning today and running through Feb. 22.

Ideas and techniques can be shared and discussed in an atmosphere of social time.

Sessions will be facilitated by local watercolor artist Jeanie Lemmo. No sign up is necessary; just bring your supplies and come have fun. Lemmo can be reached at 731-1590.

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## Steve Wadley to remain commission chair for 2018

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Commissioner Steve Wadley will remain at the helm of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) for 2018, with Ron Maez serving as the commission's vice chair.

The decision came as part of the BoCC's Jan. 2 meeting, at which the board took several beginning-of-the-year actions.

After noting it was his last year in office, Commissioner Michael Whiting said, "I've got to transition back into the private sector because I'm not a retired cop."

Wadley laughed at Whiting's remark, having retired from the Albuquerque Police Department.

Whiting continued, "I do have to go back to work, so ... I'd like to try to lighten my load a little bit. And it's not like the vice chair and the chair is an onerous job, but I would prefer that you guys split those duties somehow. And my only other comment is — without regard to Steve's service, which has been admirable as chair — we have been in the habit of

rotating every couple of years a new chairman."

Whiting noted he wanted Wadley to be clear that the suggestion was not about his service, which was appreciated.

"But, it may be time to give Ronnie a shot depending on if he, and I want to hear from both of you on it, but if it feels right, I would nominate Ronnie for chair and you for vice chair," Whiting said.

Maez then asked Wadley how many years he had been chair, with Wadley responding one.

"Well," Wadley said, "... I kind of feel like given where we're at with some of the issues, for continuity—"

"You'd like to stick it out for another year," Whiting suggested.

"Yeah, I'd like to stick it out for another year," Wadley said, adding he'd like to give Maez another year to get his feet under him, but that it was a three-person decision and he was happy in either capacity.

Maez indicated he was fine with Wadley being chair again, and Whiting made a motion nominating Wadley as chair and Maez as vice chair.

It was approved unanimously.

At the same meeting, the board also designated several other things: its official posting place, meeting times and days, days and hours the county offices will be open, a budget officer, and doled out board and committee appointments—all with few changes from 2017.

The county's official posting place for meeting notices will continue to be the document board located on the outside of the county administration building at 398 Lewis St., on the front wall.

Henderson noted that the posting place allowed for 24-hour access to the posting, and noted that it was the sole official posting place for the county per state statute.

The BoCC's meetings will again be the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the commission's meeting room at 398 Lewis St., unless otherwise posted.

There are also no changes to the county's hours in 2018, with all county offices except for the administration office open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The county administration office will be open between the hours of 8 a.m.

and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. All county offices will be closed for legal holidays.

Too, Henderson will continue to serve as the county's budget officer, with the administrator noting the segregation of fiscal responsibility by having the budget officer be someone outside of the county's finance department.

Many of the county's committee and board appointments remained largely the same as in 2017, with two exceptions.

Whiting suggested that, since 2018 is his last year in office and for the sake of continuity, someone else should sit on the board of San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH).

Wadley noted that he cannot sit on the board since he owns a restaurant that is subject to health inspections by SJBPH.

Maez will serve on the SJBPH board.

Instead, Whiting will serve on the board for the Archuleta County Housing Authority.

Wadley will be on the new strategic priorities expenditure advisory board.

## Van Winkle appointed municipal court judge

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council appointed D. Brett Van Winkle as its municipal court judge during its regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 2.

"As you know, we had a vacancy with our primary judge and our assistant judge positions," explained Town Manager Andrea Phillips to the council. "Judge Anderson retired at the end of the year, and our current assistant judge needed to resign as well due to other commitments."

Phillips went on to explain that town staff went through an extensive review process for hiring a new judge.

"At this time, we're recommending that D. Brett Van Winkle ... be appointed as our new presiding municipal judge for the Town of Pagosa Springs," Phillips said. "He would be considered a town employee, subject to an employment agreement. The term would be for four years."

Council member Mat deGraaf moved to approve the resolution appointing Van Winkle as the presiding municipal court judge for Pagosa Springs, with council member John Egan seconding the motion.

The motion then passed unanimously, and Van Winkle was sworn in.

Van Winkle has served as the town's municipal prosecutor.

The council also moved to appoint Karen A. Walker as the municipal court assistant judge.

"The Assistant Judge fills in as needed due to a temporary vacancy in the Judge position due to vacation, sickness, or conflict of interest," reads agenda documentation used at the meeting. "An internal review committee interviewed individuals for the Assistant Judge position and



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Pagosa Springs Mayor Don Volger swears in D. Brett Van Winkle as the new Municipal Court judge for the Town of Pagosa Springs. Prior to this, Van Winkle served as the town prosecutor.

extended a conditional offer to Karen Walker."

Council member Nicole DeMarco moved to approve the resolution appointing Walker as the assistant municipal court judge, with council

member Tracy Bunning seconding the motion.

The motion passed unanimously, but Walker wasn't at the meeting, and therefore will be sworn in at a later date.

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Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 3:13-14*

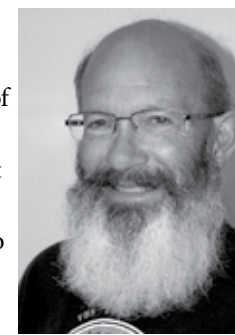
Many people make New Year's resolutions. Setting goals is a good practice in life. Many people also evaluate and set new goals as they move through the year.

Paul recognized in Philippians 3 that he was not all he could be. He put the past behind him and moved forward, continuing to press toward his goal of the upward call of God. That is a noble spiritual goal toward which we can also strive.

Like Paul, we must learn from the past and move forward. We must never let our past weigh us down as we set new goals.

What happens when we miss our goal? Many times we give up. The better option is to get up and give it another go. We may need to adjust our sights and plans but we can get up and move forward. May we help encourage you to press on in Christ?

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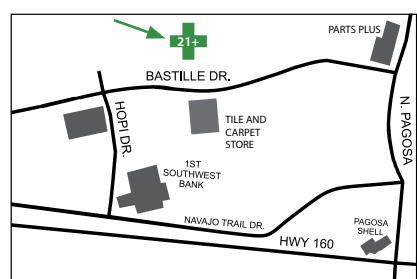
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in the amount of almost \$331,000. But Starr said the county's total claim for the direct damages done to the building by the flooding water, plus the consequential damages of paying for alternate secure housing and extensive transportation for prisoners, was over \$1 million at the time.

- The San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD), at its regular board meeting on Feb. 13, authorized its attorneys to put together an option agreement.
- The option agreement kept the option open to purchase the property that SJWCD would need to accommodate the Dry Gulch project's reservoir pool basin.
- With several winter storms in the books, southwest Colorado's snowpack looked good as of Tuesday, Feb. 14.
- The snowpack for the San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River basins was at 162 percent of median and was tied with the Gunnison River Basin for the highest snowpack percentage in the state.
- Debate continued between the

county commissioners over the proper location for a justice center and jail.

During a work session, Whiting told his fellow commissioners, "It's never too late to reverse a bad decision."

Whiting's observation came in support of a new proposal for a different site for the justice center.

The proposal involved land on the west side of U.S. 84, across from the county road and bridge headquarters, and is currently owned by the Fairway Trust.

- The ASD Board of Education (BOE) delayed action on the charter school contract on Feb. 14. The action was tabled in order to allow ASD's attorneys to discuss things further with Pagosa's Charter School Initiative's (PCSI) attorneys.
- It was announced that the Bicycle Tour of Colorado had chosen Pagosa Springs as its start and finish town for the 2017 tour.
- On Feb. 16, the Pirate boys' basketball team barely lost to the Durango Demons by a score of 34-32 to close out its regular season.

The team owned an 8-10 overall record and a 4-6 record in the IML at the end of the regular season.

- The Lady Pirate basketball team brought its regular season to a close with the team's 15th win of the season.
- The Lady Pirates advanced to the postseason as the No. 6 team in the state.
- The JV Lady Pirates also concluded their season in strong fashion — with an undefeated record.
- On Feb. 17, after meetings between the ASD and PCSI, the ASD BOE approved the charter contract for Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) to open its doors for the 2017-18 school year.
- On Feb. 18 and Feb. 19, seven members of the Pirate wrestling team participated in the state tournament.
- Although no athletes placed, coach Dan Janowski reported that the wrestlers fought some very close matches.
- On Feb. 18, the body of a Pagosa Springs man was located off Light Plant Road.

John Charles Allen Sr., 47, had been missing since Feb. 10 and was later found in a creek off of Light Plant Road.

It was believed that Allen Sr. drove off the road and crashed his car into the creek.

- The PSHS Pirate boys' basketball team kicked off the first round of the district tournament by defeating the Monte Vista Pirates by a score of 74-54 on Feb. 21.
- On Feb. 21, PAWSD informed The SUN that its new waterline was not operating due to "operational issues" but Ramsey stated the waterline was not needed at the time and there were alternatives if needed.
- In an annual tradition, 44 members of the Gray Wolves Ski Club ascended Alberta Peak on Feb. 21 and skied down to celebrate those club members who had turned 80 in the last year and wished to hike to the top of Alberta Peak at Wolf Creek Ski Area.
- The octogenarians participating were Eve Wells (the first woman to attempt the feat), Klaus Neubert, Bruce Trenk, Arthur Hurley and John

Wade.

- The Pagosa Shooters fought hard, earning first place in their division at the Special Olympic Regional Basketball Tournament in Grand Junction.
- Pagosa Springs Elementary School became a 2017 Healthy School Champion and won the Promising School Award on Feb. 23.
- On Feb. 25, the PSHS Pirate boys basketball team captured third place in the district tournament by defeating the Centauri Falcons by a score of 62-41 after falling to the Alamosa Mean Moose 51-50 the previous day.
- The team earned the 29th seed in the 3A state playoffs and faced off against the No. 4 seed Resurrection Christian Cougars on their home court in Loveland on Feb. 26.
- After falling to the Centauri Falcons in the district championship, the Lady Pirates entered the 3A state basketball tournament as the No. 11 seed.
- The No. 11 seeding meant the Lady Pirates would travel to Craig to begin state tournament action, with their portion of the bracket hosted

by No. 6 Moffat County High School.

There, the Lady Pirates were slated to take on No. 22 St. Mary's Academy.

- At the regional Destination Imagination (DI) competition in Durango three teams from Pagosa Springs qualified to go on to compete in Denver at the state level — DI Leaders, I Can't Pronounce Their Name, and Burt.
- Pagosa sent five teams to the event in Durango, one of which competed in two different challenges.
- DI is a creative problem-solving competition.
- In a narrow 4-3 vote Tuesday evening, the USJHSD Board of Directors opted out of providing services under the End-of-Life Options Act at PSMC.
- Colorado voters approved the medical-aid-in-dying proposition in November 2016 by a 2-to-1 margin, and Gov. John Hickenlooper signed the Colorado End-of-Life Options Act into law on Dec. 16, 2016. Following that, it was up to hospitals to determine if they would offer services under the new act or not.

# MARCH

- On March 2, the PFPD responded to a single-family residence fire that resulted due to an explosion.
- PFPD Fire Marshal David Hartman later noted in a report that the fire was started from a spark from a mechanical appliance, likely a furnace.
- The spark made contact with a flammable liquid that Hartman later diagnosed as natural gas.
- It was reported that sales tax collections in Archuleta County in 2016 finished out the year ahead of revenues collected in 2015.
- The total sales tax collection in 2016 was 9 percent, or \$761,941, ahead of collections in 2015.
- On March 3, the Pirate boys' basketball team was eliminated in the first round of the 3A state playoffs by a score of 74-55 by the Resurrection Christian Cougars.
- The Pirates finished the season with a 10-13 record and with a 4-6 record in league play.
- On March 7, the town council decided to continue the town's Riverwalk along the south side of Hermosa Street and allotted funds for the design phase of the project.
- Although a decision on the location for a new justice center in Archuleta County seemed to have been made the previous fall with the selection of a site downtown on Hot Springs Boulevard by majority vote of the BoCC, that appeared increasingly in doubt in March.
- In February, the board decided to consider an alternative site on U.S. 84 south of Pagosa Springs for building the justice center.
- Then, during their work session on March 7, the commissioners added another new site adjacent to Harman Park near the top of Put Hill to the list for consideration.
- The No. 11 Lady Pirates' basketball team defeated St. Mary's Academy and Moffat County, making it to the Great 8 and state tournament for the fifth year in a row and seventh time in 10 years.
- The Lady Pirates began Great 8 play in Denver on March 9 against the No. 3 Lamar Savages.
- With 1.9 seconds remaining in overtime, the Lady Pirates held a one-point lead over the Savages, but a foul sent a Lamar shooter to the charity stripe, where both shots landed, sending the Savages into the Final Four with a one-point, 43-42, win and ending the Lady Pirates' season.
- The Lady Pirates ended the season with an 18-5 record.
- On March 9, various reports

were released about ASD. The reports showed that of the 2015 graduating class, only 38.9 percent enrolling in a postsecondary institution.

Within the report it also mentioned that ASD dropped 29 points in the category of "Districts with Big Changes in Relative Performance in Middle School English Language Arts 2013-2016."

ASD also received an accredited rating per the Colorado Department of Education's ratings.

- The PSHS Pirate baseball team opened its season with a win for the first time since 2014, defeating the 2A Center Vikings 6-4.
- On March 14, Karn Macht was named deputy chief of the PFPD.
- Prior to that, Macht had been serving as interim deputy chief.
- On March 14, the school board approved a motion that allowed the Town of Pagosa Springs to obtain a legal description to allow for possible future dedication of land that belongs to ASD to the town for a street extension on South 6th Street.
- The Lady Pirates soccer team opened its season on March 14 with a win against the Bayfield Wolverines by a score of 1-0.
- The Sixth Judicial District Court in Archuleta County ruled in favor of an Archuleta County motion in a suit filed by numerous plaintiffs in May 2016 over the alleged illegal failure of Archuleta County to present 11 ballot initiatives to voters in November 2014.
- The ruling came on a motion

for summary judgment filed by the defendants in the suit, including Archuleta County, commissioners Wadley and Whiting, former Commissioner Clifford Lucero, and Starr.

- The Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD) began warning residents of a scam involving fake gold on March 16.
- The PSPD reported that fake gold bars that appear to be real and professionally minted were being offered on websites like Craigslist.
- The scam was brought to the attention of the PSPD after a person bought some of the bars in Pagosa Springs, only to find later that they were fake.
- At a work session and its regular meeting on March 16, PAWSD discussed how it could potentially provide aid to affordable housing.
- Despite acknowledging that affordable housing was needed, the board decided that a subsidy that existing customers would provide to potential new customers would be hard to justify.
- Local members of the Pi Beta Phi alumnae club visited the Mardel Gallegos Head Start Center on March 17 to donate 500 new children's books and to read to the youngsters as their 2017 Day of Service family literacy project.
- The books were won by Lisa Scott in a lottery sponsored jointly by the Pi Beta Phi sorority headquarters in St. Louis and First Book, a nonprofit providing new books to its national network of schools and youth programs. Pagosa's Head Start was one of 100 recipients across the U.S. selected for this

special book distribution.

- PSHS track athletes were hard at work in March, with one Pirate breaking a 31-year-old school record.
- Junior Keena Murphy beat the PSHS girls' discus record on March 17 at the Center Invitational.
- The record was previously held by Tonya Hamilton at 125 feet. Murphy beat the record by throwing her disc 128-10.
- PPOS announced its open enrollment for the 2017-18 school year, its first year in existence, on March 23.
- Following the conclusion of the season, Isaiah Griego, Keaton Laverty earned all-conference honors for the 2016-17 basketball season. Ethan Brown earned an honorable mention.
- On the girls' side, Morgan Lewis was co-Player of the Year with Centauri's Ember Canty and received first-team honors, and Devin Wilson and Megan Farrah were named to the first team. Keena Murphy received an honorable mention.
- The Pirate baseball team got off to its best start in recent memory thanks to a third-place finish at the Ignacio Tournament and a home win over Sargent.
- At 4-1, the Pirates had also already doubled the previous year's win total.
- A 56-year-old skier from Florida died after crashing into a tree off a groomed trail at Wolf Creek Ski Area.
- Michael Black, a 12-year season pass holder at Wolf Creek who had a second home in Pagosa Springs, was heading down the Summer Days run on March 21 when he fell and hit a tree.

He passed away in a Lakewood hospital the following day due to a blood clot.

- Local businessman J.R. Ford presented a new proposal for the location of the future Archuleta County justice center to the BoCC at its work session March 28.
- Ford appeared at the session to offer the site of the Fred Harman Museum on U.S. 160 at the top of Put Hill as the location.
- He made the offer on behalf of the family of the late Fred Harman, and the not-for-profit corporation that owns the site, Fred Harman Art Museum Inc.
- Ford told the commissioners the five-acre, level site would be donated to the county for the justice center, subject to stipulations.
- At the end of March, the board of PPOS was in the thick of work to

open the school's doors for the first time in the fall, including voting to hire James Lewicki as the school's director late last week.

The unanimous vote to hire Lewicki, who had been working with the board as a consultant, came during a special meeting on March 31.

The board also voted to allow board president Ursula Hudson and treasurer Chenni Hammon to negotiate Lewicki's contract.

However, the board had not previously followed steps outlined in a portion of the Colorado Revised Statutes commonly known as the Open Meetings Laws (OML) that dictates how public bodies must go about hiring their top employees.

The board cited a short time line for hiring a director, despite having been granted an extension by ASD.

# Public Notices

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Estate of CHARLOTTE LABORDE aka CHARLOTTE ANN LABORDE aka ANN REEDY LABORDE aka CHARLOTTE ANN REEDY LABORDE, Deceased  
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All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before MAY 18, 2018, or the claims may be forever barred.  
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Betty A. Diller, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado  
By: /s/ Betty A. Diller, Public Trustee  
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Notice is given that, pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes Sections 38-21-5-101, et seq. (2014), a public sale will be held on January 5th, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at 357 Park Ave, Pagosa Springs, Colorado. A list of the unit where property is stored, address of storage, name of occupant, last known address and a brief description of the contents follows. If no market value or if no bids are received the goods will be otherwise disposed of.  
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**COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION**  
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On November 2, 2017, 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.  
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Original Beneficiary(ies) First Southwest Bank  
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt First Southwest Bank  
Date of Deed of Trust July 19, 2006  
County of Recording Archuleta  
Recording Date of Deed of Trust July 20, 2006  
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 20606957  
Original Principal Amount \$58,000.00  
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# Sports

## WRESTLING

### Pirates to host Monticello Dual, Rocky Mountain Invitational

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate wrestling team will host two different wrestling events this weekend, with one being a dual against the Monticello Buckaroos and the other being the Rocky Mountain Wrestling Invitational.

Coach Dan Janowsky explained on Dec. 27, 2017, that a lot of the team's practices after break are similar to practices the Pirates had at the

beginning of the season, with an extensive focus on fundamentals.

"We've got to take another turn at tightening down our techniques and bringing our conditioning up to be ready to compete," commented Janowsky. "I think the guys will be fine with that, but I think they're in good shape and won't actually fall off that much. I think the rest will actually do them good."

Janowsky commented that the rankings of the Pirates is a little strange, as the Pirates started out

ranked eighth in the 3A division, but are now ranked ninth.

"We kind of chuckle about it," Janowsky said. "We were eighth to start the season, and we've clearly gotten better every week, but then we dropped in rankings. But we're having fun and we don't care. We're going to get better."

Janowsky commented that who wrestles in what weight class isn't set in stone, and the roster could see some changes in January.

"You've got to wait and evaluate

them after the break to see where they've ended up," said Janowsky. "We still don't have our final lineup."

On Friday, Jan. 5, the Pirates will host a dual against the Monticello Buckaroos beginning at 5 p.m.

Then, on Saturday, Jan. 6, the Pirates will host the Rocky Mountain Wrestling Invitational, with action starting at 10 a.m.

Janowsky explained that 20 teams had signed up for the Jan. 6 tournament.

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### Pagosa Nordic Club to host first race of Southwest Nordic Race Series

By James Dickhoff  
Special to The SUN

Happy new year from the Pagosa Nordic Club (PNC).

PNC is participating in the first ever regional Southwest Nordic Race Series along with our Nordic ski neighbors, Chama, Telluride and Durango. The series first race is hosted by PNC on Saturday, Jan. 7, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Falls Creek Nordic Trail, located 2 miles east of the scenic overlook hairpin curve on Wolf Creek Pass. Look for Forest Service road sign No. 39.

Even though the snowfall this year has been scant, PNC has been grooming Falls Creek and conditions are surprisingly good.

The event contains a variety of races for everyone including: A 5.5 km freestyle citizens race (skate ski or classic ski); and skiathlon races that include a skate ski and classic ski legs; adult 5.5 km/5.5 km, youth 3 km/3 km and KidK.

Awards for top finishers in each

category will take place in the parking area after the race.

Come on out and join PNC for a really fun race day on your skis. There is a race course for everyone. More details and registration is available at PagosaNordic.com.

We are in need of a few race course monitor volunteers, including: registration 8-9:15 a.m.; starting line 8:45-11:30 a.m.; along the course 8:45-11:30 a.m.; and at the finish at the top 8:45-11:30 a.m.

Please let us know as soon as you can if you are interested in helping with at the race at PagosaNordic@gmail.com.

If you are not able to volunteer, come on out and be a spectator and cheer on racers from around the southwest. Bring your cowbells and noise makers.

Please plan on Nordic skiing at other locations, such as Alberta Park at Wolf Creek Ski Area, during the race times to avoid unnecessary conflicts.

Grab your skis and we will see you out on the trails.



Photo courtesy Jeff Laydon

Pagosa Nordic is participating in the first ever regional Southwest Nordic Race Series along with Chama, Telluride and Durango. The series first race will be hosted locally on Saturday, Jan. 7, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Falls Creek Nordic Trail, located 2 miles east of the scenic overlook hairpin curve on Wolf Creek Pass.

## BASKETBALL

### Pirates set to start league play against Alamosa on Tuesday

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

With an overall record of 5-2, the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate boys' basketball team will look to continue its strong play as the team heads into its first league game against the Alamosa Mean Moose on Tuesday in Alamosa.

This game marks the first league game for any of the teams in the Intermountain League (IML).

Based on overall records, the

Pirates currently sit third in the IML standings. The Centauri Falcons reside at second place with an overall record of 6-2, while Alamosa holds first place with a 5-1 overall record.

Rounding out the final three spots below Pagosa are Monte Vista with a 4-3 overall record, Montezuma-Cortez at 3-3 and Bayfield with a 2-4 record.

In an email to The SUN on Wednesday morning, coach Randy Sorenson noted that practices over the winter break went well.

"On the days that we were allowed to have practice over the break the kids worked hard. We spent a lot of time working on scoring and finishing and also on defense," Sorenson wrote.

The team still has a lot of work to do in preparation for its matchup against the Mean Moose, Sorenson noted.

"Alamosa is a tough place to play so we will have to play well to have a chance," Sorenson added later.

When asked about how the IML

looks this year, Sorenson noted that all league games for the Pirates are going to be good games.

"I believe that the IML is going to be tougher than ever and that all of the teams are good," Sorenson wrote.

Sorenson went on to mention that it's going to be tough to win each and every night.

Varsity action for the matchup against Alamosa is set to begin at 7 p.m.

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### Lady Pirates slated to start 2018 in Alamosa

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirates are days away from delving into Intermountain League (IML) action, with the team set to travel to Alamosa on Jan. 9 to take on the Mean Moose.

Heading into league play, the Lady Pirates are 5-2 and, as of Dec. 18, were ranked fifth in Colorado 3A girls' basketball.

The Mean Moose, who are 4-2, were ranked eighth as of Dec. 18.

"Alamosa's much improved this

year," coach Wes Lewis said. "They have a new coach and it looks like he's doing a really nice job with them. They're off to a nice start."

Lewis noted that, while he hasn't seen Alamosa play yet this year, they've played some big schools and it appears they're playing pretty well.

As for the Lady Pirates, the team returned to mandatory practices on Jan. 2 following voluntary practices over the winter break, though most of the kids were at the voluntary practices.

The team, however, is dealing

with sickness that he hopes will be cleared up by the time the team heads to Alamosa.

"I thought we had a good practice last night," he said Wednesday. "We've just got to continue, and it's one step at a time, and we've just got to continue to get better and better every night in practice."

Lewis said he feels the team continues to be good defensively, but has to get better at scoring when given opportunities.

Sometimes when a team struggles, he explained, you look for ways to create easy opportunities.

"We won ... 200 games in 10 years. We've averaged 20 wins. I don't think we reinvent ourselves," he said, noting that the kids just have to battle through some things.

Action in Alamosa is set to begin at 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 9.

Beyond Alamosa, the Pirates will look to have other stiff competition within the IML, with No. 1 Centauri holding an 8-0 record.

To begin 2018, Monte Vista is 3-4, Montezuma Cortez is 2-6 and Bayfield is 1-4.

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### Attend a Community Meeting with the ASD School Board Thursday, January 18th.



The topic of this meeting is facilities. We continue to seek community feedback on potential master plan scenarios. You can view these on the ASD homepage at [mypagosaschools.com](http://mypagosaschools.com)

Scroll down to Latest News and click on Facilities Updates.

The location for the meeting is the Community Center. There are two meeting times:

- Noon to 1:00pm
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## JANUARY

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### January

- The Pagosa Lakes Property Owner's Association (PLPOA) announced on Jan. 2 that modular homes of as little as 400 square feet would be allowed on lots within its Vista subdivision.

The so-called "tiny homes" became allowed on the subdivision's MH50 lots, which had been limited to mobile or manufactured homes.

The lots carrying that designation generally are .25 acre or less in size.

- On Tuesday, Jan. 3, the Pagosa Springs Town Council voted unanimously against building a new bridge over the San Juan River at 5th Street at the town's cost.

The vote came on the question whether to exercise an option for the town to build the bridge. The option was included in a 10-year vested rights agreement executed in 2012 by the town and Springs Partners LLC.

- Sixth Judicial District Court Judge Greg Lyman signed an order on Jan. 3 to allow for an in-camera inspection of an Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) executive session that occurred in September 2015.

The review came following a complaint filed by a local resident, Greg Giehl, and his attorney, Matt Roane. The executive session pertained to the resignation of County Attorney Todd Starr, who began working on a contract basis for the county following his resignation.

- The fall NWEA testing results were released for Archuleta School District (ASD), showing that local students exceeded the national norm at the upper grade levels for both reading and math, but are behind the national norm for lower grade levels within the Northwest Evaluation Assessment (NWEA).

The NWEA assessment is taken by students in the fall and spring.

- Pagosa Area Water Sanitation District (PAWSD) named Justin Ramsey its new permanent manager on Jan. 5.

- The Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) Lady Pirates rang in the new year with another win, bringing their record to 5-1 on the season. The win came over the 4A Durango Demons, with a 36-23 final score.

- The PSHS Pirate boys' basketball team fell to the pressure of the 4A Durango Demons in their first game of the year, dropping to a 3-4 record heading into conference play.

After scoring single digits three out of the game's four quarters, the Pirates lost by a score of 45-32.

- The Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) has nixed efforts of Archuleta County and the Town of Pagosa Springs to "repurpose" nearly 75 percent of a \$1.9 million DOLA grant approved in 2014 to help fund local geothermal exploration. The grant was part of a package of funding assembled by a public/private partnership between the local governments and local renewable energy company Pagosa Verde LLC to undertake the exploration project.

It was hoped the project would determine the commercial potential of the local geothermal energy resource, and lead to new business ventures and employment in the community.

- The PSHS Pirate wrestling team hosted the Rocky Mountain Invitational on Jan. 7 and Jan. 8, placing fourth out of 15 teams.

- Lyman retired on Jan. 10 after 20.5 years on the bench, with Judge Jeffrey Wilson taking over following his departure.

- Wilson administered the oath of office to new commissioners Ron Maez and Steve Wadley. Maez was sworn in for his first term in office, while Wadley was re-elected the previous November.

- The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) battled a fire off of South 8th Street on Jan. 13 that resulted in the death of a dog.

- On Jan. 14, the Pirates wrestled in the Alamosa Tournament, placing sixth out of 12 teams.

- The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) and the Colorado

Bureau of Investigations released investigation results for a man who overdosed on methamphetamine while in custody in May of 2016.

The report brought several new details to light, including the fact that 54-year-old Mexican national Manuel Leiva-Villapusa was hauling a pound of methamphetamine in his vehicle at the time he was pulled over.

The reports contained several interviews with sheriff's deputies, as well as inmates who shared a holding cell with Leiva-Villapusa during his time in custody.

- The new BoCC assembled at the county administration building for its first official function: a work session focused on the long-pending project to construct a new justice center.

Participating in the discussion were personnel from Colorado's Sixth Judicial District, including Wilson and Eric Hogue, administrator, as well as Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez and project architects Brad Ash and Bob Johnson.

The discussion was dedicated to the path forward to completion of the project, and did not revisit the selection late the previous year of county property on Hot Springs Boulevard as the site for the new center.

- Fifth-generation Pagosan Forest Bramwell was selected to represent Team USA at the 2017 Sliddog World Championships, which were held Jan. 24- Feb. 1 in Haliburton, Ontario, Canada.

The world championship is an internationally sanctioned competition and the event coincided with Canada's 150th anniversary.

- The BoCC approved a new cell tower to be erected by Verizon Wireless. The approval came on an application that had been filed in late 2016.

In April 2016, an application for a zoning change to allow a new cell tower to be built by Verizon in the Pagosa Lakes community was withdrawn by the company. The withdrawal, prior to a hearing by Archuleta County commissioners, came in the face of neighborhood opposition. The zoning change would have permitted construction on land owned by PLPOA designated as open space.

Late in 2016, Verizon submitted a revised proposal for a new cell tower. The second proposal called for a new tower to be located on a privately owned, 20-acre property at 3700 Piedra Road, at a high spot west of the road and southeast of Martinez Creek, approximately 1 mile south of Hatcher Lake.

- Both PSHS basketball teams started conference play on a positive note, with wins over the Monte Vista Pirates.

- Scientific understanding was the goal for Pagosa Springs Middle School students during the annual science fair held Jan. 18.

The fair displayed the results of nine weeks of research and experimentation by students during their science fair elective courses.

The 29 students from the sixth

and seventh grades created 27 projects, which spanned a wide array of topics including the densities of different fluids, growth of crystals, cellphone radiation, comparing data sources when tracking human ancestry and if sound affects your visual perception.

The various projects stemmed from a variety of disciplines including chemistry, physiology, engineering and social science.

- On Jan. 19, PAWSD approved an increase to the cost per thousand gallons of water to recoup the expenses relating to vandalism damage done to various fill stations.

- On Jan. 19, the town council awarded funds to nonprofit organizations that reflected the town's goals and priorities.

Three different nonprofit organizations requested funds, with those being Seeds of Learning, Archuleta County Head Start Program and Habitat for Humanity.

Seeds of Learning and Archuleta County Head Start Program fall into the town's priority of supporting early childhood development, while Habitat for Humanity falls into the town's goal of creating more affordable housing.

For 2017, the town budgeted \$45,000 to award to nonprofits, with the requests totaling \$60,000.

- On Jan. 21, the ACSO pulled over a U-Haul truck for weaving, with further investigation revealing that the truck was hauling 88.8 pounds of marijuana.

The individuals were later arrested on Feb. 13 after attempting to retrieve the U-Haul truck from the lot where it was impounded.

- In the last week of January, the Pirate wrestling team won a dual against the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers and placed fourth in the Butch Melton Invitational in Ignacio.

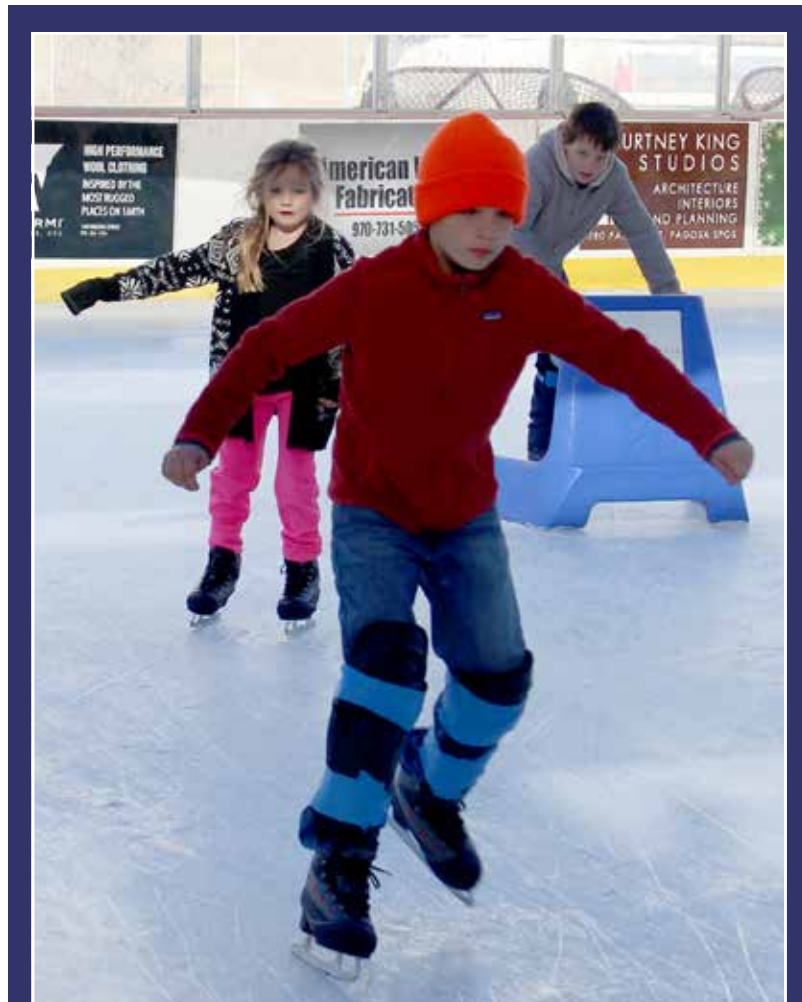
- On Jan. 24, the ASD approved a supplemental budget during a special meeting. The supplement reflected the increased enrollment in the district but also anticipated a decrease in federal funding.

- With construction on the new primary care wing at Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) nearing completion, the board of the Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD) approved additional remodeling work at PSMC at its Jan. 24 meeting.

The additional work, approved unanimously, included HVAC repair and remodeling of primarily the surgery portion of PSMC.

- At a Jan. 31 work session of the BoCC, under the agenda heading of "Items of Mutual Interest," Commissioner Michael Whiting suggested a different site might be possible, through a land swap.

The suggestion came against the background of the ongoing dispute with the previous owner of the county's Hot Springs Boulevard land over a purported deed restriction that would prohibit use of the site for a jail and other justice system purposes.



SUN photos/Marshall Dunham

## Fun on the ice

Kids and adults alike enjoy time spent ice skating last week. Pagosa Springs has a couple of places to ice skate, such as at the rink located off of South 8th Street and the pond located behind the River Center.



## FEBRUARY

- In early February, Colorado Parks and Wildlife released a statement asking residents not to feed wildlife after a mountain lion was killed in a backyard in downtown Pagosa Springs.

The resident had reportedly been feeding deer prior to the incident.

- The No. 7-ranked Lady Pirates found themselves in unfamiliar territory heading into February, hav-

ing lost a league game for the first time since the 2012-2013 season.

The loss came to the No. 5-ranked Centauri Falcons in La Jara by a score of 37-33.

The team logged twice as many wins as losses that week, however, giving the Lady Pirates an 11-2 overall record and 5-1 record within the Intermountain League (IML) starting February.

- The Pirate boys began Febru-

ary in third place in the IML behind Alamosa and Bayfield, with the Pirates owning a 3-3 league mark and 7-7 overall record.

- On Feb. 6, a structure fire resulted in the complete loss of a second home off of Lower Blanco Road.

- Starr announced Archuleta County would bring suit against Hart Construction Corp. later in the month for alleged defective workmanship in repairing the roof of the Archuleta County Courthouse in

2015, leading to extensive damage in the jail.

The damage from water reportedly infiltrating the building through leaks in the repaired area, and during the time the area was under repair, compelled the county to abandon the jail as a facility for housing inmates.

Starr said that the county had settled a claim resulting from the damage caused by the extensive leaking with its insurance carrier

■ See Review A12



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Jessica Peterson's clay bird ocarina.

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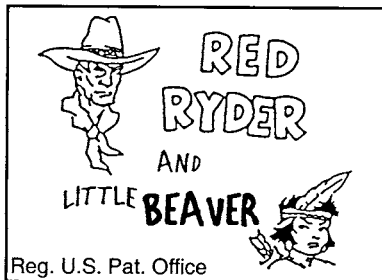
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**By Fred Harman**





# Free Celtic and Renaissance music concert set for tomorrow

By Jessica Peterson and Paul Roberts  
Special to The PREVIEW

Jessica Peterson and Paul Roberts will perform a free concert of Celtic and Renaissance music at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse on Friday, Jan. 5, at noon.

Bringing to life the ancient and powerful musical traditions of Ireland, Scotland, England and Brittany, the program offers a colorful blend of lively and moving tunes played on flute, cittern, guitar, ocarina, drum, Native American flute, cello banjo and five-string banjo. The music sets a heartfelt and uplifting tone.

The portal to ancient Celtic tunes is available to the modern musician through a proliferation of recordings and the preservation of ancient manuscripts containing thousands of tunes. In this concert, English Renaissance tunes, Irish and Scottish jigs and reels, and Breton tunes intermingle, forming a radiant tapestry of sound.

Colorful English country dance tunes like “Virgin Pullets,” “Kemp’s Jig” and “The Dressed Ship”; lively Irish and Scottish jigs like “Cooley’s Reel” and “The Three Sisters”; sweet, flowing melodies like “SÍ Beag SÍ Mór” and “The Butterfly”; and many others will leave your toes tapping, your heart full and your ears wanting more.

“The Market Truants” was inspired by Beatrix Potter’s tale of two pigs who conspire to avoid being sold at market, dreaming of becoming potato farmers instead. After a harrowing adventure, they make their escape, dancing and singing to celebrate. Composed by Peterson and played on ocarina, it transports the listener back in time for a dance in a picturesque Renaissance village.

The ocarina is an ancient wind instrument made from clay. The instrument’s history goes back to ancient cultures in Asia, Africa and the Americas. Oddly, Europe was without ocarinas until the late Renaissance, when Aztec musicians played the small, toy-like instruments in the royal courts. Three centuries later, a young Italian brick-maker changed the ocarina to give it greater range and accurate pitch. After another hundred years, an Englishman developed a full-octave ocarina with only four finger holes. Peterson will play this sweet-sounding English style of ocarina. In the tradition of ancient ocarinas, hers is shaped as a bird.

Besides concert flute and ocarina, Peterson will play two wooden flutes. These versatile flutes and others she makes always figure into the duo’s music, regardless of the culture being portrayed.

The listing of two types of banjos on the roster begs the question, what are banjos doing in a program of Celtic music? Early settlers from the British Isles planted their musical roots in America as African Americans were planting theirs. The settlers played fiddles to accompany their dances. The slaves played banjos, which they had brought from Africa.

When the fiddles met up with the banjos, a unique Celtic-African musical fusion blossomed. Old-time music of the Southern Mountains and bluegrass, a later adaptation, are two of the American musical styles that emerged from this meeting.

Performing on banjo, beginning in the 1830s, a Virginian named Joel Walker Sweeney became the first American pop star. He learned how to play the instrument from slaves. His performances inspired a banjo craze in America and, later, in the British Isles when he performed there in the 1840s.

American banjo companies shipped banjos to the British Isles and British banjo companies started popping up. In America, banjo sales were brisk and new models were being invented. In about 1910, a shorter-necked tenor banjo became a popular instrument in America and the British Isles. This four-string banjo soon got scooped up by Irish traditional musicians and remains one of the main instruments in Irish bands to this day.

Roberts will demonstrate the cross-cultural influence of the banjo, playing a medley of tunes derived from the fiddle music of early settlers and an Irish jig. Instead of the Irish tenor banjo that one hears in Irish music today, he will play an early American instrument called the cello banjo, which he has pitched two octaves below fiddle and mandolin tuning.

Beautiful old tunes are jewels of the heart and soul. Celtic music has influenced many styles of music. It’s a pleasure to take a journey back into the roots of this great music, to get inside our cultural heritage. It’s heartfelt music that we hope you will enjoy. Please join us at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse on Friday, Jan. 5, at noon, for a free concert of some great Celtic and Renaissance music.

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Desert dawn, Arches National Park, by Bob Green. Green, a longtime member of the club, will be the presenter at the club's Jan. 10 meeting, with his presentation titled "Getting it Right in the Camera."

## 'Getting it Right in the Camera' topic of next Photography Club meeting

By Gregg Heid  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs Photography Club will hold its January meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St.

Join us for socializing at 6 p.m., followed by a brief business meeting at 6:30 p.m. The Photography Club normally meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the fellowship room of the Methodist Church.

The January Photography Club meeting will feature longtime member Bob Green. He will be

doing a presentation on "Getting it Right in the Camera."

The three creative disciplines of photography are vision, capture technique and post-processing (manipulating the digital file to enhance the image). "Getting it Right in the Camera" will devote 90 percent of the time to capture technique and 10 percent to post-processing, with the goal of provid-

ing a blueprint for producing the best exposed and sharpest images.

The talk will be illustrated with camera LCD displays and explicit instructions for setting various features on a Nikon DSLR (digital single lens reflex) camera. Most other DSLRs will have the same functional settings, perhaps with slightly different labels. Many

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# Hand-drumming classes offer welcoming environment

By Paul Roberts  
Special to The PREVIEW

Join musician and music therapist Paul Roberts for a free hand-drumming class at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse on Tuesday, Jan. 9, at noon.

The class offers a welcoming environment that encourages fun, creativity, playfulness and connecting with others. Hand drums are provided for those who don't have one.

Even participants who have no experience playing a musical instrument can immediately get into the groove. Besides hand drumming, the class includes body percussion and songs of indigenous peoples.

Catt LeBaigue and her three horses moved to Pagosa a few months ago. Here are some of her comments about the drumming class:

"For me, the class is really therapeutic. Before the last class, I just didn't want to get out of the house. It's winter and you just maybe want to hole up and not go anywhere and not even be social. Even going to the market is an effort. I thought, 'You need to get out of the house.' My energy was low but I made myself go. I compared where I was when I arrived, which was kind of reluctant to participate, to when I left, which was full of energy, charged up. I was on top of the world, smiling and laughing. My eyes were bright, my whole body felt invigorated, alert and awake. I was no longer sluggish. I was full of enthusiasm. For me, and I think for many of the participants, the drumming class is a gift on a lot of levels. You have people who are beginners and you have people who are players that have been doing music all their lives, but we all come together and we play together, which is remarkable.

"During the last class, we had been drumming for about half an

hour, improvising and having fun, and then you introduced us to air drumming, where we were playing the rhythms silently in the air. First, we got softer and softer in our drumming, and then we went to just air. It went on for quite a while, and when I looked around, everyone was in sync and expressing themselves in their own unique

ways. Some people had their eyes closed but they were still in synch. That's when I realized what a beautiful way we had come together. You'd think it was ephemeral, but we're talking about rhythm, so it's not ephemeral, it's something real that you can measure, and all of our rhythms were going together. ■ See Drumming on next page



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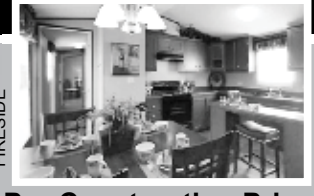


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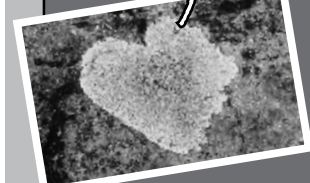


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## Free old-time music concert and dance party set for Jan. 17

By Carla Roberts  
Special to The PREVIEW

Start the new year with a Wild West Party featuring The Six Dollar String Band on Jan. 17 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the PLPOA Clubhouse.

This family-friendly Wild West Party includes demonstrations of modern western square dance with caller Carla Roberts of the Wild West Squares, refreshments and a community "barn" dance with live music for anyone who would like to try very simple and fun square dance activities. No partner is necessary.

The Six Dollar String Band captures the exuberant, communal and unifying spirit inherent in old-time music. In their hometown — the mountainous and musically diverse micropolitan of Durango — they are widely regarded for their tight, driving and passionate sound.

The Six Dollar String Band is Robin Davis, guitar; Jimi Giles, bass; Brendan Shafer, banjo; and Tony Holmquist, fiddle.

### Square dance: The perfect exercise?

Dr. Arron Blackburn of the Mayo Clinic stated: "It's clear that square dancing is the perfect exercise. It combines all positive aspects of intense physical exercise with none of the negative elements."

Blackburn said square dancing is a low-impact activity requiring constant movement and quick directional changes that help keep the body in shape. The study was based on their physical examination which indicated that both female and male square dancers could expect to live well into their 80s. Square dance movements raise heart rates like many good aerobic exercises should. All the quick changes of direction loosen and tone up the muscles — but not so severely as to cause injury.

In square dancing, when you're not moving, you're clapping hands and tapping your feet, which all contributes to long term fitness.

"You don't see a lot of 55-year-old basketball players, but that's just the age when square dancers are hitting their peak," Blackburn said.

### Winter/spring beginner class starts January

Jan. 17 is also the kick-off night for a new 2018 square dance class. Come and meet the students and teaching "angels" of the Wild West Squares, who are part of an outstanding group of square dancers enjoying the camaraderie of learning and laughing together while dancing.

If you are interested in joining, new classes will continue enrollment through January 2018. Call 903-6478

## Drumming

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We must be getting in sync with each other in deeper ways than we know. Rhythm is such a good way of bringing the community together and it's wonderful that a lot of people have been touched

by the drumming class."

For more information about the hand-drumming class, email [banjocrazy@centurytel.net](mailto:banjocrazy@centurytel.net) or call 731-3117. The Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse is located at 230 Port Ave.



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# Homemakers talk: San Juan Search and Rescue

By Tozi Rubin  
Special to The PREVIEW

On Thursday, Jan. 11, the Mountain View Homemakers club is delighted to present a talk by Mike LeRoux, the vice chairman for Upper San Juan Search and Rescue (USJSAR). He will explain the relationship between USJSAR and the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office. USJSAR is a nonprofit and an all-volunteer organization. LeRoux will be explaining what they do and how to activate help in an emergency.

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

NOTE: Our meeting is taking place at the same time as Loaves and Fishes across the street, so parking will be at a premium. Everyone is encouraged to carpool.

Mountain View Homemakers is a 50-year-old women's service organization. We welcome all area women who are interested in bet-

tering their lives, the lives of their families, and the community as a whole. The monthly meetings include lunch and a speaker or activity. This is a wonderful opportunity to make new friends in Pagosa Country.

There are no dues or membership requirements to join this friendly, interesting and diverse group of women. We meet the second Thursday of every month. So-called homemaking skills are not required.

Please call Tozi at 731-3360 with any questions.

# Letters to Santa shared by North Pole

Special to The PREVIEW

A few Christmas wishes from local children had to be sent straight to the North Pole for Santa to read by Christmas, but he then shared them with The SUN in an effort to share the magic of the holiday season one last time as we bid it farewell for now.

Dear Santa,  
I've been nice to every kid in my school and I also been nice to my mom and my dad. I've also been nice to my brother and my sisters. I've been nice by helping my friends and sister. I've also been helpful to my Mom and Dad. I've been helpful

by helping my mom and dad by cleaning the londorey and by puting the londorey away. Marry Christmas Santa!!  
Love, Claire A., age 7



Dear Santa,

You know that christmas is all about cheer and joy. I love christmas so so much! I know Christmas is fun But it is more fun to give than to receive. christmas is my favorite time of year! Oh, I almost forgot,

speaking of Christmas: I want a Hover board, lego's, Hair care Kit, chalk board, stuffed animal, Hactimal, A RAEL LIFE PUPPY and a lot of time with my family! How many Elf's Do you Have? Do you Have any Elf Dog's? Well see you next year.

Love, KYLE Matyniak, age 8

Dear Santa,  
I hope you and Mrs. Claus are doing ok. I am doing ok. All I want for Christmas is to see you and take one of your elfs if you can and if you can help my mom get a truk. I also want to have a doll house. Thanks Santa so much.

Love, Hadley, age 8

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5	Bonanza Ave @ Vista Blvd	7:14 AM	8:14 AM	9:14 AM	10:14 AM	11:14 AM	12:14 PM	1:14 PM	2:14 PM	3:14 PM	4:14 PM
6	Lakeview Estates	7:17 AM	8:17 AM	9:17 AM	10:17 AM	11:17 AM	12:17 PM	1:17 PM	2:17 PM	3:17 PM	4:17 PM
7	Pagosa Springs Medical Center	7:20 AM	8:20 AM	9:20 AM	10:20 AM	11:20 AM	12:20 PM	1:20 PM	2:20 PM	3:20 PM	4:20 PM
8	Wal-Mart (eastbound)	7:24 AM	8:24 AM	9:24 AM	10:24 AM	11:24 AM	12:24 PM	1:24 PM	2:24 PM	3:24 PM	4:24 PM
9	AspenVillage/Comerstone/Boulder Dr	7:25 AM	8:25 AM	9:25 AM	10:25 AM	11:25 AM	12:25 PM	1:25 PM	2:25 PM	3:25 PM	4:25 PM
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14	Town Hall / Senior Center	7:35 AM	8:35 AM	9:35 AM	10:35 AM	11:35 AM	12:35 PM	1:35 PM	2:35 PM	3:35 PM	4:35 PM
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# He needs a good wife

My friend asked how our Christmas party went for the writers.

It was a lot of fun and went very well except for one little hiccup. My Sweet Al wore a very expensive shirt, which he received as a Christmas gift. He was determined he was going to pin his name tag on his new silk shirt. I had to wrestle him to the floor and forcibly take his name tag away from him so he wouldn't poke a hole in it.

He was not happy, because he was the only one without a name tag. I told him whoever asked him he could just tell them he was Sweet Al. They didn't need to read his name; he could say it.

When I told my friend I had to keep an eye on him because he's unaware of what he is wearing, she asked, "What do you mean?"

"It's this way. When I see an old man in different kinds of plaids and floral, I wonder who dresses him. I say that man needs a good wife. If he had a good wife, he wouldn't go out in public that way."

Everything I am opinionated about comes back to bite me. I can't keep up with my Sweet Al. At home, he wears rags with holes. I tell him he doesn't have to look like a hobo. He has better clothes.

He maintains he is crawling under the car or painting and he isn't wearing his good clothes. But he forgets to change and goes to town looking like he's wifeless. If I get to those old worn-out T-shirts first, I cut them up for rags so he won't wear them. But, I am preoccupied writing another book, so he slips by me.

I told my friend the other day Al went to town wearing a black T-shirt with "MOM" across the stomach.

"Like, Hot Mom?"

"No, like Pregnant Mom. I asked him where he got that maternity shirt?"

He said, "I don't know. It was brand new, it still had the tags on it."

I think Al has a thing going on with the ladies at the thrift store. I told them not to sell him anything. But, he comes home with things he doesn't need. Like ties. He hasn't worn a tie since our daughter's wedding in 1986.

My friend saw him at the thrift store and he was buying something

## Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



*Blessed is the man who finds a good wife. So, what is a good wife?*

to set up a tent. When she told me, I said, "He doesn't own a tent and will never sleep in a tent again." Is he living in the past? Why would he be buying that?

She said she asked him what he had in his hand and he said it was something for his tent and it was only \$1.95. It's all about the find. If it's a good deal, he buys it.

Our grandson came by the other week and said to his granddad, "Hi, Soccer Mom."

He was wearing a black shirt with big pink letters, which read, "Soccer Mom." I asked him, "Where did you get that shirt? We don't have anyone in our family who plays soccer?"

"I don't know. It was in my closet."

Our other daughter bought me a blouse for my birthday. The design on the fabric had stiletto heels on it. She said to her dad, "I know how you are about shoes; I better not see Mother's blouse on you."

Our youngest daughter noticed her dad wearing her socks. She told him, "Daddy, you have my socks on."

I looked down to see red plaid socks and thought, "At least they match." I need to get with the program. Apparently, Al needs a good wife who isn't preoccupied with writing a book.

Blessed is the man who finds a good wife. So, what is a good wife?

Al had a mother who waited on him hand and foot and enabled him. His mother didn't understand what Al needed when he picked a wife. She wanted a mother for Al who would iron creases in his blue jeans, polish his shoes and dote over him.

There is not a motherly bone in my body. She never understood me. Good is defined as better or best. My Sweet Al found the best wife for him. He lives with a creative wife. One who wants to paint, write and decorate his home — who taught his children to see sunsets and rainbows and who plans over-the-top parties — and one who dreams big.

He was blessed with a wife who thought no task was too large and the word "box" wasn't in her vocabulary. One who believed, "until death do you part." He received another perk: one who teaches him the Bible every morning and describes God in color, and even speaks a little Greek to him. My goodness, what a dull life he would've had if he had settled for someone his mother picked out for him.

Is there a wife for hire out there? Maybe I need to hire him a wife who will dress him and keep an eye on him so I can create and do my things. He wore his nice Cabela's shoes over to our daughter's house, crawled under the house in the mud and ruined them.

Final brushstroke: So, what is a good wife for my Sweet Al? I haven't figured it out yet, but I can tell you one thing: Al owns one good shirt without a hole in it.

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Scroll down to *Latest News* and click on *Facilities Updates*.

The location for the meeting is the Community Center.

There are two meeting times:

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# A gift with a lifetime warranty

By Jan Davis  
Special to The PREVIEW

Christmas is over, the tree hauled to the curb for pickup, the ornaments and decorations stored in the attic till next year.

The daily routine is back. The kids are dropped off at the bus stop as parents head back to work. Things return to normal and life is good.

The new vacuum is put to good use with the endless trail of dirt and food crumbs from the back door to the kitchen table.

Life became easier with the addition of a new kitchen appliance. Even the kids like to load the dishwasher. With its hum in the background, Mom finds time for one more bedtime story.

Dad can't wait to try out his new leaf blower. Beats the heck out of

## A Matter of Faith

raking. Now he can help his son practice basketball shots in the driveway.

Those things didn't seem special when unwrapped. Practical gifts do not sparkle. They're not soft and cuddly. They don't invoke a warm, fuzzy feeling. No one wants to think about work on Christmas morning.

But after the dust settles, we understand and appreciate the thought. These practical presents impart the gift of time.

I've learned to appreciate those unwanted gifts and their true value.

One such gift is the gift of salvation. I didn't understand its worth or purpose. At times I thought, "this isn't for me," the manual too antiquated and difficult to understand, the guidelines hard to follow with too many dos and don'ts. The directions afforded tons of occasions to mess up.

I discovered salvation is not a one-time gift. It never needs to be replaced, never grows old and does not dull or tarnish. It comes with a lifetime warranty.

Because of Jesus, I received the gift of eternal life.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." — John 3:16 (KJV).

I love you, but Jesus loves you more.

# Pagosa Community of New Thought to focus on happiness Sunday

By Constance d'Angelis  
Special to The PREVIEW

Clarity of your sacred nature, which is awareness of God within, is the genuine path to happiness, prosperity and abundance.

Acknowledge your new life and journey living in inner splendor. Create the best year of your life. Set the goals that augment the sacred nature and express it fully in your life.

Join Dr. Laura Metallo on Sunday, Jan. 7, at 10 a.m. at the New Thought Center (Center for Spiritual Growth). Review the past, set path for the future and live in the present. Connect with others of like mind and boost your abundance and happiness quotient.

Come see "Happy," an immensely uplifting movie, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 6. Journey from the swamps of Louisiana to the slums of Kolkata (formerly Calcutta). Real-life stories and leading scientists joined in powerful discourse that raises appreciation and insight of the secrets behind being truly happy. Learn, smile and elevate your abundant life. All are welcome.

Come to the Center for Spiritual Growth at 40 N. 15th St. on Sunday,

Jan. 7, at 10 a.m. with Dr. Laura Metallo and/or enjoy the movie on Saturday, Jan. 6, at 10 a.m.

Focus on opening minds and hearts to what brings us together, rather than what divides us. The Center for Spiritual Growth is establishing community by exploring all paths to the Divine. We believe in you. Live the life you've imagined. You can do it. Our trained practitioner partners are ready to serve you. Request a special affirmative mind treatment. It's free, our gift to you. Have your ideas taken seriously and confidentially. Call, leave a message and we'll call or text you back: (970) 749-9020.

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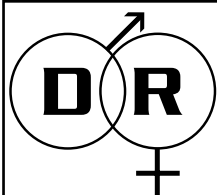
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# UUs to begin the year with new endings

By **Pauline Benetti**  
Special to The PREVIEW

Many people choose Jan. 1 as a time for New Year's resolutions, a time to introduce something new into their lives. This theme of newness starts with the winter solstice, when the days begin to lengthen and the darkness of winter begins to brighten, and when a new year beckons.

However, every beginning is also an ending, an ending of what came before. This Sunday, we will explore attitudes and the resultant behaviors in our lives that no longer serve us. We will offer up a new ending.

How often do we engage in serious self-examination? For most, an honest answer would be: rarely. We are attached to the status quo, especially familiar are our attitudes and their resulting behaviors. In fact, is that not who we are? Getting beyond that point demands an objectivity, honesty and discipline not easily achieved.

The effort, however, can produce unexpected growth as we discard what does not serve. When we engage in this effort together, we put into practice our third UU principle: Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregation.

Merlin Wheeler will lead this service and address his own new ending. We ask our attendees at this morning's

service to examine their lives and see if there are behaviors that no longer serve them, and that they are willing to end, and choose to end. We've asked selected individuals to speak for a few minutes — to set the mood, as it were.

Please give thought to whether there can be a new ending in your life; whether something as simple as no longer using cream in your morning coffee, to ending a destructive relationship. As time permits, you will have an opportunity to share your new ending with the fellowship. We look forward to you joining us on this first Sunday in January 2018.

Our fellowship is about belonging, and through this sense of belonging, we each grow spiritually. We are a Welcoming Congregation; we 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. 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 the Pagosa UU Fellowship, visit [pagosauu.org](http://pagosauu.org) or call 731-7900.

# St. Patrick's to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany

By **Sally Neel**  
Special to The PREVIEW

This Saturday, Jan. 6, at 5 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany with a Festival Eucharist, complete with chanted readings, prayers and the use of incense.

This beautiful service will end the Christmas season and will commemorate the arrival of the wise men who traveled a long distance to worship the Christ child. The festival service will include music by the choir of St. Patrick's and guest cantor, Jason Rose.

The Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated in a variety of ways in other cultures that sometimes includes a festival of lights with parades and gift giving. The Epiphany marks the 13th day after Christmas, the end of the 12 days of Christmas popular-

ized in the song.

Following the service, there will be a potluck dinner in the parish hall complete with a King's

*The Epiphany marks the 13th day after Christmas, the end of the 12 days of Christmas popularized in the song.*

Cake. Tradition has it that whoever receives the piece of cake that contains the plastic figure of the baby Jesus will have good luck throughout the year. At St. Patrick's,

it also means that the recipient of the special prize is responsible for bringing the King's Cake the following year.

The public is invited to attend this festival celebration. Communion is open to all believers regardless of religious denomination. St. Patrick's is located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

If you would like, bring a dish of your favorite food and join us at the potluck afterward. But you can come and dine with us even if you don't bring food. You will find a warm welcome among the people of St. Patrick's.

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Maddie Knight, 4, and Ocean March, 7, read to Hondo, a therapy dog, during the Dec. 28 Paws to Read session at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library. Hondo listens while new and advancing readers practice their skills and gain confidence.

## Rex Tillerson's leadership book includes praise for a well-known local couple, his parents

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

"Your Word is Your Bond" by Perry L. Cochell is an instructional, often inspirational, book from the Boys Scouts of America Lessons in Leadership series. What makes it even more relevant to Pagosa Springs readers is that it is focused on the thoughts and life of Rex W. Tillerson, not only our country's secretary of state, but also the son of Bob and Patty Tillerson, a well-known local couple who have lived here for 30 years.

If you needed any more proof that lessons learned from parents in childhood are vital to the way a person will behave in adulthood, you will want to pay attention to Rex's comments.

It's clear throughout the book that Rex reveres the way his parents brought him up and lived their lives. He calls his mother "a model of emotional strength, and a huge influence on the development of [his] attitude toward hard work and the importance of a positive outlook."

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His father gets high praise as well, especially for introducing Rex to Scouting as a toddler. Rex, who retired in 2016 as CEO of ExxonMobil, became an Eagle Scout who also served as president of the Boy Scouts of America, the top volunteer job in the organization. His business and scouting experiences make up most of the book.

Among the many leadership tips Rex passes on is the importance of followership: "They're inextricably linked. Great leaders understand what it takes to get people to follow them. That's what the term 'leader' means — when you turn around you want to see everybody following you."

Bottom line, Rex said: "Teamwork matters everywhere."

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# Library

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The privately published book is available only to visitors to the Scouts' national training center in West Virginia, but Patty and Bob have donated a copy to the Sisson Library for your reading pleasure.

### Teen advisory board today

Today, Thursday, Jan. 4, the teen advisory board meets from 4 to 5 p.m. Bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs. Share an idea to pick out a free book.

### All-ages gaming tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 5, from 2 to 3:15 p.m. for a free all-ages gaming session where you can enjoy video gaming on Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect with your friends and family.

### Tween gaming

Free gaming for those in the fourth through eighth grades is Monday, Jan. 8, 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.

### Teen role-playing

The free role-playing game for seventh- through 12th-graders takes place next Wednesday, Jan. 10, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters. You can join this group any time.

### Computer/technology classes

Join us on Thursdays from 1 to 2 p.m. to learn a technology skill or application. Today, Jan. 4, is a basic session to help you get started; no computer experience is required. Jan. 11 will be the basics of Internet searching. Jan. 18 will be the basics of Microsoft Excel. Jan. 25 will be the basics of malware threats and antivirus programs.

### 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. On Jan. 9, we will discuss "The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared" by Jonas Jonasson. Stop by to pick up a copy. No registration is required.

### Family storytime

Every Wednesday from 10 to 11 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.

### Baby storytime

Every Saturday from 9:05 to 9:25 a.m., join us for a free short session of stories, songs and fingerplays for you and your little ones. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills in everyday family life. Recommended for children ages 0 to 12 months.

### Toddler storytime

Every Saturday from 9:30 to 10 a.m., join us for 30 minutes of free stories, songs and fingerplays with open play afterwards. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills in everyday family life.

### Tech sessions

Drop in with your technology questions on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon and Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m.

### Adult education

Our PALS program — Pagosa Adult Learning Services — takes place three days a week: 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 with high school equivalency, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more.

### 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.

### How-to and self-help books

"Personal Finance for Seniors" by the editors of FC&A Publishing is written for those on a fixed income. "Even the Stiffest People Can Do the Splits" by Eiko is a four-week stretching plan to give you increased flexibility. "My Social Media for Seniors" is an AARP guide. "Waking Up in Winter" by coach Cheryl Richardson offers a look at what really matters at midlife using her life as a teaching tool.

### Other nonfiction

"The Only Girl in the World" by Maude Julien is a memoir exploring the life of a girl whose parents were fanatics. "The Welfare of Nations" by James Bartholomew examines 11 different countries' education, health care and support services. "Three Days in January" by Bret Baier documents the final days in Dwight Eisenhower's presidency. "Destiny and Power" by Pulitzer Prize winner Jon Meacham is a biography of George H.W. Bush based on diaries and extensive interviews. "St. Petersburg, Helsinki and Tallinn" is a slim Rick Steves' Snapshot guide. "Albania" by Gillian Gloyer is an updated fifth edition. "Red Blood, Black

Sand" by Chuck Tatum is a memoir of a Marine. "The Fall of the Ottomans" by historian Eugene Rogan documents the forces that forever changed the face of the Middle East. "Inside the Equal Access to Justice Act" by Lowell E. Baier examines this law and its role in environmental litigation.

### CDs

"The Rooster Bar" by John Grisham is a legal thriller. "Quick and Dirty" by Stuart Woods is a Stone Barrington mystery. "The Midnight Line" by Lee Child is a Jack Reacher mystery. "Two Kinds of Truth" by Michael Connelly is a Harry Bosch mystery. "Deep Freeze" by John Sandford is a Virgil Flowers mystery. "Typhoon Fury" by Clive Cussler and Boyd Morrison is a thriller. "Magnetic: The Art of Attracting Business" describes strategies to help you grow your customer base. "Enchantress of Numbers" by Jennifer Chiaverini is a novel about the life of Lord Byron's daughter.

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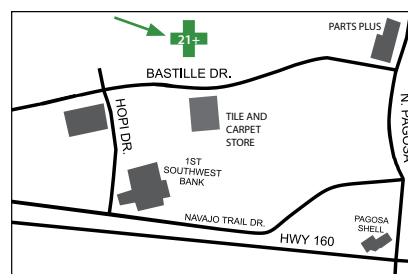
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## Downloadable e-books

Current New York Times best-seller downloadable e-books are being added regularly to our free 3M Cloud Library. Access them by clicking on the 3M Cloud Library icon on the home page of our website. While there, browse through a multitude of other adult, juvenile and children's books, both bestsellers and classics in many genres.

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Access IndieFlix through the Downloadable Content icon on the library's website. Use "Quick Pick," the discovery tool that lets you sample movies like you would music.

## Thanks for our donors

For books and materials this week, we thank Donna Talley and

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## Quotable quote

"The ornament of a house is the people who frequent it." — Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882), American essayist, lecturer and poet who led the transcendentalist movement of the mid-19th century.

## Website

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# How youngsters can go green

Special to The PREVIEW

Spending time with kids in the great outdoors can instill a love of nature in youngsters that compels them to embrace eco-friendly practices throughout the rest of their lives.

Children often aspire to emulate their parents. Young boys who see their fathers shaving might reach for dad's shaving cream, while young girls may find their way into mom's closet in an effort to dress up like their mothers.

Kids' curiosity may be similarly piqued when they see their parents going green. Parents who reduce, reuse and recycle are setting positive examples for their kids, who may inquire about the ways they can follow suit. While going green might not seem like the most kid-friendly activity, there are myriad ways for parents to involve children in their efforts to live eco-friendly lifestyles.

- Donate clothing and toys. Children outgrow their clothing pretty quickly. Rather than discarding items kids can no longer wear, parents can take tots along to donation centers or thrift stores to show them how their clothes can be reused. Use this as an opportunity to teach kids how donating or recycling old items cuts down on the need to use natural resources to create new items. Do the same with toys, which kids tend to outgrow almost as quickly as their clothing.

- Bike to school. Stay-at-home parents, telecommuters or those who have time to escort their children to and from school can bike to school with their children. Teach them how biking in lieu of driving helps to conserve fuel and how such conservation benefits the planet.

If biking is not an option due to weather or distance, parents can organize carpools, teaching kids how traveling together instead of

individually helps to conserve fuel.

- Avoid plastic water bottles. Plastic water bottles might seem more convenient because they don't need to be washed after using them, but the environmental organization Clean Up Australia notes that plastic bottles, many of which are derived from crude oil, generate enormous amounts of waste that ultimately end up in landfills. In addition, the transportation of such bottles from factories to store shelves requires the burning of significant amounts of fossil fuels. Take kids along to the store to purchase their own reusable water bottle, explaining to them how they're doing their part to protect the planet by choosing reusable bottles over bottled water.

- Visit the library. Young children who love to read can borrow books from the library rather than asking mom and dad to purchase their own copies at the bookstore. Explain how borrowing cuts down on the need for paper, which helps preserve forests and reduce waste.

- Spend more time in the great outdoors. Many parents want their children to spend more time outdoors and less time on the couch playing video games or watching television. Parents can make an effort to spend more time outdoors with their children engaging in fun activities like hiking, camping or fishing. Such excursions can instill a love and appreciation for nature in youngsters, and that love can

compel them to a lifetime of protecting the planet and conserving its resources.

Kids who want to follow their parents' example and go green can do so in various ways, many of which are as fun as they are eco-friendly.

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# PAGOSA SCENE . . .

## CELEBRATIONS OF FAITH

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Scene ... at local churches on Christmas. For many in Pagosa Country, Christmas was a celebration of faith, as was evidenced by those attending services at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church and the Community United Methodist Church.







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This ca. 1890 photo of Pagosa Springs shows the buildings of the old Fort Lewis on the left side. On the right side of the photo is the part of town along San Juan Street on the east side of the river.

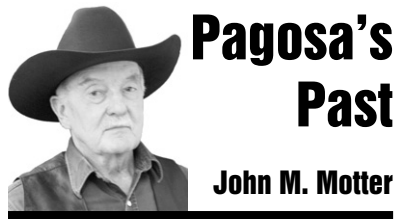
## Pioneer times on the East Fork: Bob and Jack Young

As we continue describing the lives of Pagosa Country pioneers who lived on the East Fork of the San Juan River, we discover the name of Bob Young. Although the San Juan East Fork is a few miles north of Pagosa Springs and located in Mineral County, as we've written in earlier columns in this series, many of Pagosa Country's first pioneers came by way of East Fork, which served as a link between the first settlement of Pagosa Springs in the 1870s and the mining country active in the mountains above and surrounding the East Fork.

We learn about Bob and Jack Young from their obituaries. In the Pagosa Springs News of April 1892, we read: "At the time of going to press we received the news of the death of Bob Young at the St. Joseph Sanitarium at Del Norte. Mr. Young was sent to that institution December 28, and was one of Mineral County's charges. Mr. Young was a pioneer of the early days of Creede.

"Bob Young was well and favorably known in Archuleta County, having resided on his ranch this side of the range, in Mineral County for many years. He with his brother, Jack Young, were pioneers in the old Crater District (Elwood), at the head of the East Fork of the San Juan, also taking a prominent part in the early days of Creede."

Elwood was a short-lived, incorporated town with a post office and other amenities. Up the river a short distance is Crater Lake, hence the name Crater District. Many years ago, I had an old Scout with the bottom shielded by an iron skid plate. To reach Elwood I drove up the East Fork Road to its crossing of the river. I turned the Scout's nose upstream in the middle at the river crossing and reached Elwood, where I saw lots of diggings scattered around the mountain sides, a few logs maybe



### Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

survivors of cabins, and a few old cans and a modicum other, former living accouterments. I don't know how to reach Elwood today.

"A complication of various ailments, coupled with the fact that for the past few years he was almost totally blind, hastened the end. ... His homestead preemption was filed in the Mineral County seat at Creede March 5, 1892, No. 1017. Witnesses to the filing were Andrew J. Flaugh, Douglas Garvin, John M. Laughlin, and William I. Howe."

Brother Jack Young did not pass away until 1929, as recorded in the Pagosa Springs SUN of that date.

"Jack Young, one of the few real pioneers of this section, passed away Sunday morning at the Hatcher hospital in Pagosa Springs following a brief illness induced by a stroke of paralysis. He was taken seriously ill last week at the home of G.E. Kingsley, where he had been living for the past few months, and was brought to town to the Hatcher hospital.

"Deceased was born in Scotland on May 9, 1853, and had attained the age of 76 years last month. When only three years of age he moved to Canada with his parents, and at the age of 22 he came to the United States. When about 30 years of age, he came to the San Juan Country, engaging in mining at Summitville, Platoro, and Elwood until a few years ago when he came to Pagosa Springs to live. Until late last fall, he had made his home with Ed Rust near town but moved to the Kingsley home when Mr. Rust went to California for the winter months. ... Mr. Young never

married and leaves no survivors in this section. A brother, Robert, died several years ago at Del Norte, and he is survived by one brother, Thomas, in Ontario, and also one sister in Canada."

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# Preview Calendar

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

## Thursday, Jan. 4

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

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

**Computer/Technology Classes.** 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us to learn a technology skill or application. Today is a basic session to help get you started, no computer experience required. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Open Paint Sessions.** 1-4 p.m., Community Center. Ideas and techniques can be shared and discussed in an atmosphere of social time. Sessions will be facilitated by local watercolor artist Jeanie Lemmo. Call 731-1590 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.

**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.

**Adult ESL Classes.** 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. English as a second language class. Free child care is provided. Contact ACEC-manager@gmail.com for more information.

## Friday, Jan. 5

**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.

**Celtic and Renaissance Music.** Noon, PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Jessica Peterson and Paul Roberts will perform. This program will include sev-

eral colorful medleys that bring to life the ancient and powerful music of Ireland, Scotland, England and Brittany.

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

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

**Adult ESL Classes.** 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. English as a second language class. Free child care is provided. Contact ACEC-manager@gmail.com for more information.

## Saturday, Jan. 6

**DUST2 Fat Bike Race.** 9 a.m., Falls Creek. There will be adult 5.5 km/5.5 km, youth 3 km/3 km and kid km races. Great fun for all ages. Details and registration are available at <https://dustx2.com/backyardraceseries/>.

**Baby Storytime.** 9:05-9:25 a.m., Sisson Library. For babies 0-12 months. Twenty minutes of stories, songs and fingerplays for you and your little one. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills in everyday family life. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Toddler Storytime.** 9:30-10 a.m., Sisson Library. For toddlers 12-36 months. A half hour of stories, songs and fingerplays for you and your little one. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills in everyday family life. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

## Sunday, Jan. 7

**Southwest Nordic Race Series.** 9-11 a.m., Falls Creek Nordic Trail, Forest Road 39. The event contains a variety of races for everyone including a 5.5 km freestyle citizens' race (skate ski or classic ski) and Skiathlon races that include a skate ski and classic ski legs. Adult 5.5 km/5.5 km, Youth 3 km/ 3 km and Kidk. Awards for top finishers in each category will take place in the parking area after the race. For more information, go to [PagosaNordic@gmail.com](mailto:PagosaNordic@gmail.com).

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

**Bingo.** 5:45 p.m., Parish Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m., early-bird bingo

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The success of our mission to provide a safe haven for animals in need would not have been possible this past year without you!

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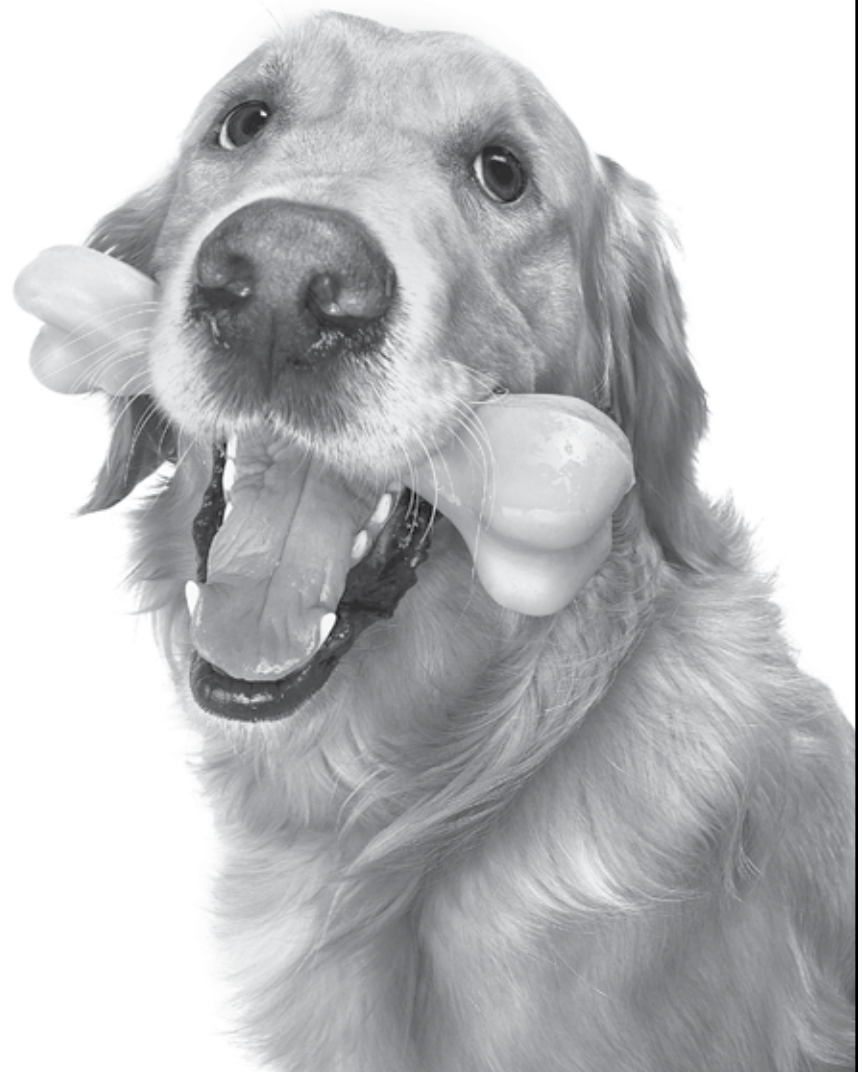
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at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

## Monday, Jan. 8

**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.** 9:30-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. 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.

**Adult Education.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

**Tween Gaming.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks. For those in the 4th-8th grades. 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, Jan. 9

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

**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.** Noon, Boss Hogg's Restaurant. Come hear personally from Victor Mitchell, a gubernatorial candidate on the ballot for 2018. Hear his plans for the state of Colorado. Lunch will be available. All are welcome.

**Hand-Drumming Class.** Noon,

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

**Men's PTSD Group.** Noon-1:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Focusing on resolving anger and conflict. Contact Kevin Kelly, Ph.D., at (505) 699-0824 for more information.

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

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

**Book Club for Adults.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. We will discuss "The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared" by Jonas Jonasson. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

**Teen Gaming.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks. For teens in the 7th-12th grade. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

**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.

**Adult ESL Classes.** 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. English as a second language class. Free child care is provided. Contact ACEC-manager@gmail.com for more information.

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

## Wednesday, Jan. 10

**Walk-to-School Wednesdays.** 7:25 a.m., South Pagosa Park. Retro Metro Kids Safe Routes to School Coalition is trying to provide opportunities for the Pagosa Springs Elementary School youth to walk and bike to school safely. We walk or sometimes skip our way to school. Participants earn miles toward The Hundred Mile Club and earn an invitation to the end-of-the-year celebration.

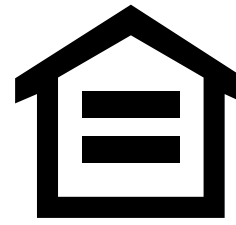
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# Tips to help realize your goals in the year ahead

Special to The PREVIEW

At the dawn of a new year, many people set goals to motivate themselves to change. But as Jan. 1 drifts further into the rearview mirror, it can be easy to settle into old habits and forget about the resolutions and goals established at the turn of the calendar.

Staying on course and achieving one's goals requires discipline. In addition to working hard, men and women who want to realize their goals in the year ahead can take several steps to increase their chances of being successful.

• Examine your priorities. Achieving goals is easier when their goals can be among your

biggest priorities. Examine your priorities to determine if you can fully commit to goals that may require significant time commitments. Men and women who are already stretched thin may need to recalibrate their goals or make changes in other areas of their lives before they can fully commit to pursuing new goals.

• Be specific in regard to planning. Being specific when choosing goals is important, but it's equally important to be as specific as possible in regard to developing a plan to realize those goals. Before embarking on a journey to realize your goals, figure out how you're going to achieve them. Create a new daily or weekly schedule that allots time

to realize your goals, seeking input from loved ones whose lives may be affected by your new schedule.

• Make note of potential obstacles. Recognizing potential hurdles in advance of their appearance can help you overcome these obstacles and stay the course toward achieving your goals. For example, men and women hoping to lose weight can look ahead to occasions that might compromise their efforts, such as a loved one's wedding or backyard barbecue. Recognizing these obstacles in advance gives people a chance to develop a plan to overcome them. In the weight-loss example, men and women can choose vegetarian options from reception menus or resolve to avoid alcohol, which tends to be high in calories.

• Start small, but start immediately. Lifestyle changes can be difficult, so make small changes initially and gradually work toward larger, more significant changes. Starting small can lay a successful foundation, but it's also important to start immediately. Procrastination can reduce the likelihood of achieving your goals, and the earlier you get started the more quickly you and your loved ones will adjust to the changes necessary to realize your goals.

The dawn of a new year is a great time to set new goals. Bringing those goals to fruition requires careful planning and commitment.

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Connie Porter at (303) 901-5290 or email at CEFlittlekids@gmail.com.

**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.

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**Role-Playing Game.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters in our ongoing RPG. This is a recurring program. If you want to be a part of the game but missed the last event, don't worry, you can join in anytime. For teens in the 7th-12th grade. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**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.

**Pagosa Springs Photography Club.**

6 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Join us for socializing followed by a brief business meeting at 6:30 p.m. We will feature longtime member Bob Green. He will be doing a presentation on "Getting it Right in the Camera." If you have any questions, contact Andy Butler at (512) 581-1470.

**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, Jan. 11**

**Mountain View Homemakers.** 11:30 a.m., Community United Methodist Church. Covered lunch provided by members. All area women are invited. Carpooling recommended. For information, call Tozi at 731-3360.

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

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

**Computer/Technology Classes.** 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us to learn a technology skill or application. Today is the basics of Internet searching. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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# Be a weight loss helper, not a hinderer

By John Lough  
Special to The PREVIEW

Know someone trying to lose weight as one of their New Year's resolutions? Probably yes, since weight loss is traditionally the most common resolution that people make.

While dropping a few pounds is clearly highly personal, if you have a spouse, family member, co-worker or friend aiming for a trimmer waistline, there are a number of ways you can support bringing their resolution to fruition.

A good starting point in being helpful is often not trying to be so helpful. Sometimes things we do or say may feel like they're providing assistance when they actually are having a negative effect. Activities that you may want to avoid include:

- Acting as the food police;
- Buying exercise equipment or pointing out new diets;
- Citing health risks of being overweight or constantly asking for weight-loss updates;

- Depriving the person of favorite foods; and
- Saying things like "weight loss is easy and just a matter of willpower."

Such actions can, in reality, be sending destructive messages which reinforce the person's negative feelings that something is wrong with him or her unless they lose weight. Even more eating may occur as a way to temporarily overcome these negative feelings.

Instead, your goal is to practice positive behaviors that can assist the weight loss effort. You might start by encouraging the person trying to lose weight to express his or her feelings, especially negative ones that may be triggering eating. Allowing the person to talk about such things might help them focus on what may be the real problem that affects their eating habits. It might be relationship problems, a work situation, a family loss or other major concerns. Feeling stressed often leads to eating because food is a great way to temporarily feel better.

You also want to offer ongoing encouragement, not about weight loss, but about the person in general. Sending sincere, honest, positive messages is a good way to help combat negative feelings, such as low self-esteem, that often trigger eating.

It also helps to be a positive role model. You don't have to diet yourself, but can set an example by making healthy, sensible food choices.

Being a person who understands the challenges of losing weight and is willing to listen and support, rather than lecture about weight, can go a long way in helping someone achieve their goal.

"Counseling Corner" is provided by the American Counseling Association (ACA). Send your comments and questions to [ACAcornr@counseling.org](mailto:ACAcornr@counseling.org) or visit the ACA website at [www.counseling.org](http://www.counseling.org).

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techniques can be shared and discussed in an atmosphere of social time. Sessions will be facilitated by local watercolor artist Jeanie Lemmo. Call 731-1590 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.

**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.

**Adult ESL Classes.** 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. English as a second language class. Free child care is provided. Contact [ACEC-manager@gmail.com](mailto:ACEC-manager@gmail.com) for more information.

**CRIA Lecture Series.** 7 p.m., The Springs Resort. Paul Blackman, Pagosa District recreation program manager with the San Juan National Forest, will be giving updates on the new construction at Chimney Rock National Monument. Social hour starts at 6 p.m. For more information, visit [chimneyrockco.org](http://chimneyrockco.org).

### Friday, Jan. 12

**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.

**Legal Clinic.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. A free legal clinic for parties who have no attorney. By computer link, volunteer attorneys will answer questions, help fill out forms and explain the process and procedure for all areas of civil litigation, including family law, property law, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law, small claims, veterans issues and civil protection orders. Walk-ins are welcome; no appointment is necessary. Everyone will be helped on a first-come, first-served basis, time permitting. Call 264-2209 for more information.

### Saturday, Jan. 13

**Baby Storytime.** 9:05-9:25 a.m., Sisson Library. For babies 0-12 months. Twenty minutes of stories, songs and fingerplays for you and your little one. Learn

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**Display advertising:** Noon, Monday

**Classified line ads** (regular categories): 10 a.m., Tuesday

**Classified line ads** (Too Late to Classify): 3 p.m., Tuesday

**Legal advertising:** 5 p.m., Friday

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Many people make New Year's resolutions. Setting goals is a good practice in life. Many people also evaluate and set new goals as they move through the year.

Paul recognized in Philippians 3 that he was not all he could be. He put the past behind him and moved forward, continuing to press toward his goal of the upward call of God. That is a noble spiritual goal toward which we can also strive.

Like Paul, we must learn from the past and move forward. We must never let our past weigh us down as we set new goals.

What happens when we miss our goal? Many times we give up. The better option is to get up and give it another go. We may need to adjust our sights and plans but we can get up and move forward. May we help encourage you to press on in Christ?

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Sunday	Bible Class	9:30 a.m.
	AM Worship	10:30 a.m.
	PM Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

*In Search of the Lord's Way, KWUF Radio, Sunday 8:00 a.m.*

# Teaching children about service

By Daris Howard  
Special to The PREVIEW

A friend of mine, Richard, saw me and laughed. “Is this the new you?”

I tried to act innocent. “What do you mean?”

He laughed again. “Your eyebrows are missing, as is most of your hair. And you’re redder than a lobster.”

I sighed as I thought about how I came to be in my current state. I always looked for chances to teach my children about community service, so when it was announced that there was a need for a volunteer to help maintain the church furnace, I was quick to sign up.

Our old church had a coal furnace. A person had to make sure that the coal was raked down to cover the auger that fed the fire and also had to clean out all of the old clinkers.

A few days before it was my turn to take over, I met Gary at the church. He was the man who was currently doing it, and I wanted to go through the routine so I could make sure I knew where all of the switches were and learn any other details. It had been a long time

since I had removed clinkers from a furnace.

Clinkers are the debris that is left after coal is burned. They look like strangely shaped rocks. If a fire has been burning, they will still be extremely hot. A person reaches into the furnace with a long metal rod that has a handle on one end and two pincers on the other. When the pincer end is over a clinker, he will twist the handle end, and the pincers will close, grasping the clinker. Then he can pull the hot clinker out of the furnace and drop it into a metal bucket. When I was a boy, we had a coal-fired furnace, so I had done this many times.

Gary showed me the switches to shut down the auger and the blowers. The blowers blow air through the furnace to make the fire hotter and, in turn, put more heat into the building. It took a little practice to properly grasp the clinkers, but I quickly had the hang of it and soon had the furnace clean. I then re-started the auger and the blowers.

After I had done this by myself for a few days, I decided it was time to teach my 6-year-old son. I hoped he would learn community service by following my example.

He was fascinated as we went

down into the old furnace room. Everything was new and exciting to him. I told him our first job was to rake coal to the auger. I turned to grab a rake, and when I turned back, he was nowhere to be seen. I called his name, and he answered, calling back to me from the coal bin. We weren’t actually supposed to climb into the coal bin. We just reached over the short wall and pulled the coal down. By the time I got him out, both he and I were black from one end to the other with coal dust, and I knew my wife wouldn’t be happy.

Next came the clinkers. I shut off the switch to the coal auger and pulled the handle down to shut off the blowers. My son intently watched the whole process. I then opened the furnace door and reached in to grab a clinker. As I did, I explained what I was doing.

“Once I reach this into the furnace,” I said, “I turn the handle to grab a clinker,”

When I said “turn the handle,” my son thought I was telling him to do something. But the only handle he could see was the one that turned on the blower fans. So, wanting to be helpful, he turned them on. When the air from the fans hit the inside of the furnace, a ball of fire shot toward me. Before I could extract myself, the fire, exacerbated by the coal dust all over me, took my eyebrows and most of my hair.

As my thoughts returned and Richard grinned, waiting for my reply, I managed a weak smile and simply said, “It’s the look that comes from teaching a child about service.”

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easy tips on how to include literacy skills in everyday family life. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Toddler Storytime.** 9:30-10 a.m., Sisson Library. For toddlers 12-36 months. A half hour of stories, songs and fingerplays for you and your little one. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills in everyday family life. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

**Pagosa Piecemakers Quilt Guild.** 10 a.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship Church, 1044 Park Ave. Members are ready to start the new year with a calendar full of new programs and workshops for our gifted quilters, and for those just wanting to dabble in this amazing hobby/craft. Even if you are only wondering if quilting is for you, this group will inspire, delight and teach you with creative ideas, classes and tools to learn. Come join us and enjoy the fellowship, show and tell and refreshments, too. Everyone is welcome.

**Yoga with Charlotte.** 10-11:30 a.m.,

Community Center.

**Sunday, Jan. 14**

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

**Monday, Jan. 15**

**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.** 9:30-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. 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

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health, strength and balance.  
Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center.

## Tuesday, Jan. 16

**Veterans for Veterans.** 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.  
**Yoga.** 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center.  
**Adult ESL Classes.** 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. English as a second language class. Free child care is provided. Contact ACEC-manager@gmail.com for more information.  
**Let's Dance Pagosa.** 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join us this month as we begin West Coast swing. Call Wayne at 264-4792 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa> for more information.

## Wednesday, Jan. 17

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**The Spouses/Family of Veterans Group.** 5:30-7 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Contact Dr. Sharon Carter

at 398-0883 or Charlotte at 731-1025 for further information.

**Beginning Square Dance.** 6-7 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Great winter dance activity! No partner needed. Call 903-6478 to register.

**Wild West Party.** 6-8 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Featuring the Six Dollar String Band from Durango. This family-friendly party will include demonstrations of modern western square dance with caller Carla Roberts. Refreshment will be provided. For more information, call Roberts at 903-6478.

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# The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

## ACROSS

- 1 Cause of a red face
- 6 Forever and a day
- 10 Unwanted email
- 14 Bette Davis flick, "Of \_\_\_\_\_ Bondage"
- 15 New York's state flower
- 16 Test answer
- 17 Getting old
- 18 Ponder
- 19 Eastern discipline
- 20 T-shirt size
- 22 Loading device
- 24 Groan inducer
- 25 Unpleasantly moist
- 27 Wide awake
- 29 Uppercut target
- 32 Chimney duct
- 33 Stadium level
- 34 Bone-dry
- 36 Car's current provider
- 40 Pleasant-sounding
- 42 Long letter
- 43 Firearms science
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- 47 Raise a stink?
- 49 Underhanded
- 50 Sensory stimuli
- 52 Work boot feature
- 54 Journey part
- 55 Fishy story
- 57 Henry Miller's "\_\_\_ of Cancer"
- 61 Kind of tea
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- 67 Like some restaurant orders
- 68 Lukewarm
- 69 "What \_\_\_ is new?"
- 70 Spit out

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71 Clear, as a disk

35 Sorrow

52 Scouting unit

37 Person with a mike

53 Authority

56 Fine things

38 Cameo shape

58 One of a bear trio

39 Be dependent

59 Part of the eye

41 Airheaded

60 Surrender

44 Primitive time

62 Turn red, perhaps

48 Kind of chop

64 Theater section

50 Greenish

51 Model stick-on

## DOWN

- 1 Bedding item
- 2 Enormous
- 3 In the thick of
- 4 Frenzied
- 5 Totally swamp
- 6 Ready for battle
- 7 Gastronome
- 8 English assignment
- 9 Come across as
- 10 Pig's digs
- 11 "Monopoly" possessions
- 12 Foreshadow
- 13 Destined
- 21 Listlessness
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## Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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# Mark your calendar for the next health and wellness event

By Cheryl Wilkinson  
PREVIEW Columnist

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

The next health and wellness date is Jan. 31.

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.

## Medical alert system

Medical Alert monitoring systems are available for seniors. The Senior Center 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.

## San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging: Nursing home staff

By Kay Kaylor

As the long-term care ombudsman for Archuleta County, I advocate for residents at Pine Ridge and BeeHive Homes. Federal and state laws protect residents for their safety and to promote quality of care and quality of life.

The staff positions, which vary depending on size and level of care provided, in nursing and assisted living homes must comply with regulations and require a great deal of patience and compassion as well as other skills. A brief overview of nursing home staff follows.

The administrator is ultimately responsible for all activities and the home's operation; the person is appointed by the governing body and licensed by the state. A physician serves as the medical director and is part time. Each home must have a physician available for emergencies and as supervisor of the residents' medical care, but residents also may choose their own physicians. The director of nurses must be a registered nurse and oversees the entire nursing staff, including other registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and certified nurse aides.

In homes with less than 120 beds, a social service designee

## Senior News

helps residents attain or maintain the highest practicable psychosocial well-being and is not required to have a specific educational background. The activities director offers an ongoing program of activities intended to meet the interests and the physical, mental and psychosocial well-being of residents. The food service supervisor may be a dietician or must consult regularly with one.

Other important positions include the director of housekeeping, director of maintenance, medical records director and business manager, as well as rehabilitation staff.

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

## 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 \$5 each. Access to the salad bar is only \$6 for those under 60.

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

Thursday, Jan. 4 — King Ranch chicken casserole, refried black beans, Mexican pickled beets and salad bar.

Friday, Jan. 5 — Beef sloppy Joe, spinach with mushrooms, chili lime corn, salad bar and sugar cookie.

Monday, Jan. 8 — Crunchy baked catfish, roasted beets, collard greens, macaroni and cheese and salad bar.

Tuesday, Jan. 9 — Beef hamburger with gravy, broccoli and red peppers, Irish carrots, rice pilaf, dinner roll and salad bar.

Wednesday, Jan. 10 — Chicken enchiladas, charro beans, squash calabacitas and salad bar.

Thursday, Jan. 11 — Beef goulash, seasoned green beans, cauli-

flower with red peppers, salad bar and chocolate pumpkin cake.

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

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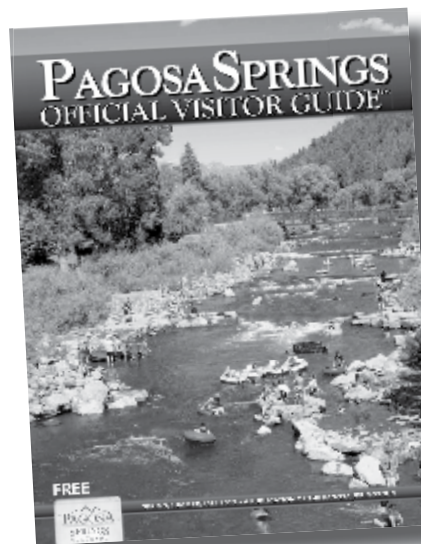
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# Use renovations to create healthier homes

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Home renovation projects are done for several different reasons, whether to update styles, repair damaged or broken items or to achieve more living space. More than ever before, homeowners are choosing improvement projects geared toward making their homes healthier.

Establishing a healthy home means different things to different people. For example, to an environmentalist, a healthy home may incorporate eco-friendly or green products. To those with young children or mobility-impaired seniors, a healthy home may be one free from potential hazards. Others may view a healthy home as one that alleviates allergies.

The World Health Organizations says inadequate housing conditions, such as poor ventilation, radon, urban pollution and moisture issues, can contribute to many preventable diseases and injuries — especially respiratory problems, nervous system disorders, cardiovascular diseases and cancer.

Furthermore, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ranks indoor air quality as a top-five environmental risk to public health.

EPA studies have found that indoor air pollution levels were roughly two to five times greater than outdoor pollution levels.

People interested in making their homes healthier can embrace these renovations and lifestyle changes.

- Be aware of furniture materials. Toxic PBDEs, which are chemicals used as flame retardants on furniture fabrics produced prior to 2006, can send toxins into the air. Some manufacturers may still use these flame retardants in new forms, but with similar risks. Before purchasing furniture, ask if a product is treated, and select naturally fire-resistant materials like wool and cotton.

- Lighten up. Lighting is often underappreciated but can have a dramatic impact on whether a home feels inviting, warm and/or uplifting. Experiment with different types of bulbs and lighting fixtures to turn drab and dreary environments into brighter places. Lighting may improve mood and

productivity.

- Let the sun shine in. Modify window treatments to let more sunlight into the house. There is evidence that the sun, particularly UV light, is a potent bactericide. The Sunlight Institute advises that there's no harm in letting natural sunlight do its work, as bacteria within 8 feet of low-intensity UV

light can be killed in 10 minutes.

- Inspect and service wood-burning appliances. A study published in the American Journal of Respiratory Cell and Molecular Biology has found regular inhalation of wood smoke limits immune activity and function, and anyone who burns wood indoors should be aware of these potential health

risks. Ensuring proper ventilation of smoke and routinely cleaning the chimney can help cut down on particulate matter.

- Turn to nontoxic cleaning products, pesticides and insecticides. Always opt for nontoxic, natural products when cleaning in and around the house.
- Declutter the home. A cluttered, hectic space can affect emotions and mental state, never mind attracting dust and making a home harder to clean. Spending time in spaces that do not elicit stressful feelings is healthier and can help residents to rest and recharge.

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