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## School board moves forward with BEST grant application

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

A facilities recommendation was approved by the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE) at a special meeting on Tuesday morning.

The recommendation, concluded upon by the Planning Assistance Team (PAT) at a meeting on Monday, is still subject to revisions.

By approving the recommendation, it allows for the application for the Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) grant to proceed.

Along with the help of RTA Architects, a phased master plan has been created in order to improve ASD facilities.

■ See Application A8



Pagosa's junior scientists recently met at Pagosa Springs Middle School to present their research projects. Pictured are the top 10 scientists at the middle school, as determined by their Science Fair projects.

Photo courtesy Al Myatt

## School district receives input on facility scenarios, addresses security concerns

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

At its most recent community engagement meeting held on Thursday, Archuleta School District (ASD) looked for more community feedback regarding ASD facilities.

Board of Education member Brooks Lindner began the meeting by describing the history of the PAT and the work it has done up to this point, which has been reported on in previous issues of The SUN.

Lindner then took the time to explain the Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) grant to the community members.

"The BEST grant allows our school district to get matching funds for capital projects," Lindner said.

The timeline for the facilities project is being driven by the application deadline for the BEST grant, Lindner added.

"In doing so, that does not mean that our community process is over. There will be lots of room for community input and community involvement before and after submitting for the BEST grant," he added later.

Stuart Coppedge, a representative of RTA Architects, then added further information on the BEST grant.

"The Colorado constitution actually requires that every child has a, more or less, equal education. Part of that is facilities," Coppedge said.

In small, rural communities such as Pagosa Springs it can be hard to

■ See Scenarios A8

## Mayor, three council seats up in town's April 3 election

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

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

"On the ballot are the 3 district Town Council seats currently held by Clint Alley District 1, John Egan District 2 and Nicole DeMarco District 3," reads the town's website. "Also on the ballot is the seat for Mayor which is an at large seat."

The deadline for turning in nomination packets was Monday, Jan. 22.

"I received one petition Monday, from Don Volger for the mayor seat," wrote Town Clerk April Hessman in an email to The SUN. "The three district seats had no candidates turn in petitions."

Hessman went on to outline how the town would proceed after not receiving any nomination packets for the district seats.

"The next option for the district seats would be a write in candidate. If we don't have any affidavits by the Monday deadline then the seats will be appointed by the council after the election," wrote Hessman. "Depending on the out-

■ See Election A8

## Town adopts regulations for Hilltop Cemetery

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

During its regular meeting on Thursday, Jan. 18, the Pagosa Springs Town Council took steps forward in adopting rules and regulations for Hilltop Cemetery.

Multiple agenda items pertaining to the issue were presented by Town Manager Andrea Phillips.

"We brought some draft rules and regulations to you all in November and talked quite a bit about the goals of this project," Phillips said. "We currently don't have any rules or regulations in place for Hilltop Cemetery, and staff really felt that it was important to establish some

■ See Cemetery A8

## County, courts to discuss courthouse remodel

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

A trio of Archuleta County representatives are slated to meet with representatives of the Colorado Judicial Department on Monday, Jan. 29, to discuss possible future plans for the existing courthouse to meet the courts' future needs.

At its Jan. 2 meeting, following an executive session, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) 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 read from a prepared motion, saying, "So, Mr. Chair, I move that the chair, county administrator and county attorney meet with the state court administrator to present a place 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 continued that the meeting is to 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."

Later, County Administrator Bentley Henderson reported to The SUN that he, BoCC chair Steve Wadley and County Attorney Todd Starr had scheduled the meeting for Jan. 29 in Denver.

According to Jon Sarché, deputy public information officer for the Colorado Judicial Department, that meeting will be at 9 a.m. at State Court Administrator Christopher Ryan's office and will include him and Chief of Staff Mindy Masias and possibly others.

The BoCC has also scheduled a special meeting for 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 31.

■ See Courthouse A8

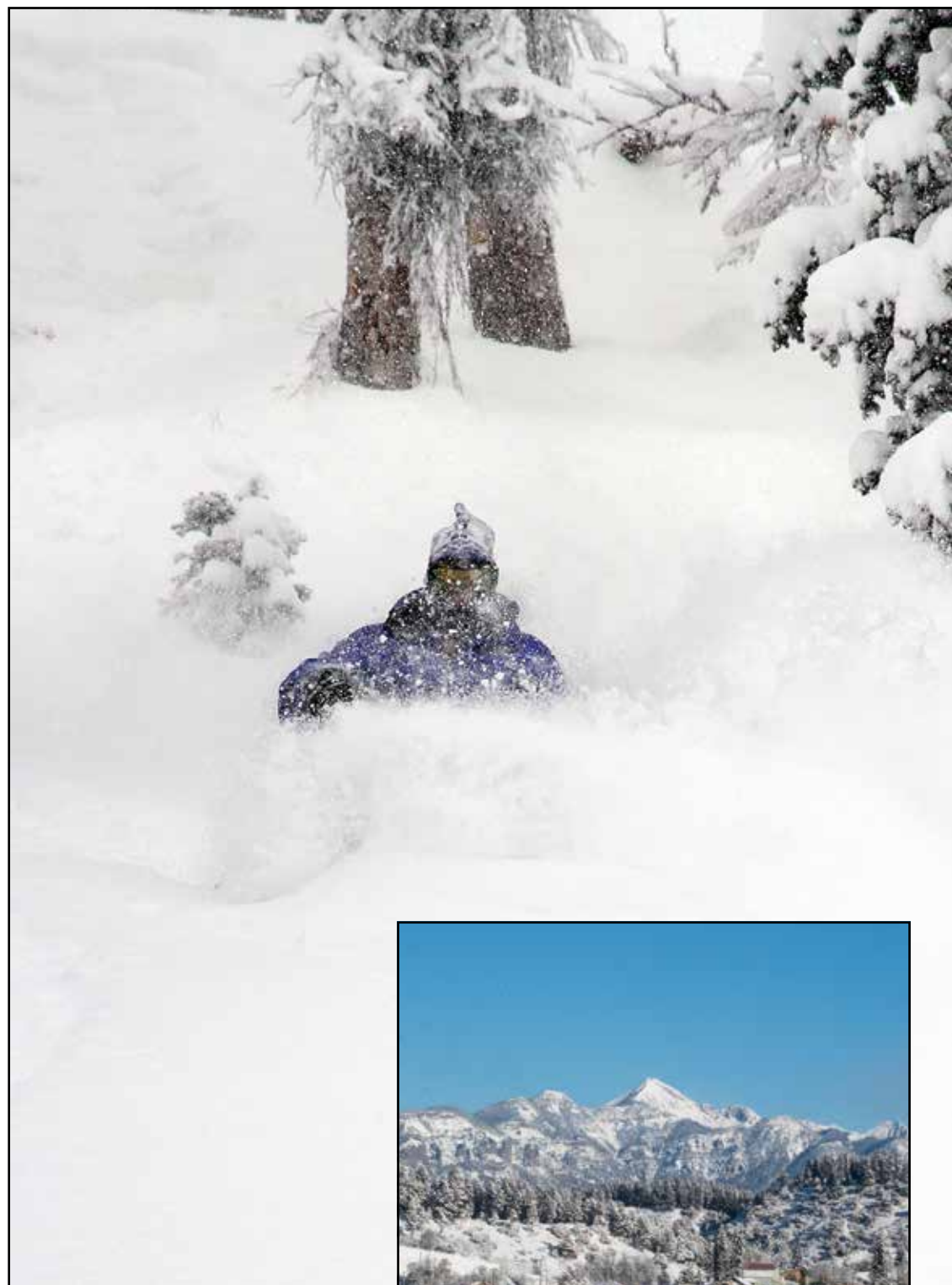


Photo courtesy Josh Baker/Wolf Creek Ski Area

Wolf Creek received 23 inches of fresh powder in 24 hours, according to the Jan. 21 snow report. The nearly 2 feet of fresh powder rejuvenated the slopes and opened 100 percent of the mountain. Skiers and snowboarders enjoyed the snow that fell throughout the day. On Wednesday the summit depth was 48 inches with a midway base of 39 inches. Between 3 and 6 inches was reported at lower elevations.

SUN photo/Randi Pierce

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## EDITORIAL

### More ideas for 2018

Bryan Looper shared: "Need our county, town, and school board to get along so they can get things accomplished (New schools, new jail, new low income housing, new rec center)."

Nikki Taylor wrote: "Educate visitors and new residents more. Enforce the speed limits on dirt roads. Teach people not to harm our wildlife and trash our forests. Their play ground is our home!" She later added: "We need to not rely on the tourist dollar so much."

Kathy Kelley responded: "We lived there for 2 years and there needs to be affordable stuff for kids to do inside and better jobs also to many bars and the housing is expensive. A go cart place a bowling alley, roller dome or paint ball arena."

Krissy Gardikis added: "Jobs or the lack thereof are something you take into consideration when relocating, that isn't the community's responsibility. We are a resort town, Kathy, hence the bars."

Krissy Gardikis wrote: "Many folks here work 2-3 jobs to be able to live here. It's all in what you want and are willing to do."

Dana Cannon wants: "A decent internet connection! More people could make a living from home here if the cell/internet service was a improved."

Laura 'Faith' Moore wants: "Better internet and cell service!"

Chris Borne wrote: "A side walk on fifth street. It's got two blind hills and there's always kids walking on the street."

Jeanelle Marie Wychesit included: "This is more a county thing but the highway between Pagosa and the Turkey Springs store needs to be a 4 lane highway. I am tired of people either driving too slow or too fast and feeling like I am pulling out in front of people because the roads are so curvy and there is a very limited sight distance. Aspen Springs is growing as much as Pagosa."

Allison Hart added: "How about a planetarium! We live in one of the most amazing spots to learn about stars! It also could be used as a science center or laser concert venue!!!"

LaVonne Graves wrote: "Agreed a town Rec Center. A place for young children to play indoors during the winter time. A nice indoor pool at the rec center. An Improvement on the children's Library section, with a play area. A downtown dog park. Some kind of huge Pavilion where we can hold community-wide events and people can not be squished and be covered when the weather is cold."

Lucinda Morris Tagliareni wants: "Bike trail uptown to downtown, have county repair roads, fix N Pagosa Blvd at US 160 (and have City Market shopping center take care of their parking lot), a town recreation center, build new pickle ball courts, and have PLPOA get along with rest of County (open Gate 5, and let non residents pay for use of their Rec Center), have Town enforce junk ordinances and clean up junky places in town, and somehow force something to be done with old motel at west end"

Nikki Adams Taylor wants: "An indoor/outdoor activity center for kids of all ages. A swimming pool/roller or ice rink/bowling alley or a Jump Zone (trampoline jump center)."

Evelyn Breaux Tennyson added: "I'd love to see the portion of Aspen Springs that is along 160 cleaned up. As the first thing you see coming into town, it really doesn't make a very good first impression."

Diane Maun shared: "Diane Maun How about a few "different" types of restaurants like a nice Greek one, A Japanese one like Benihana's with sushi bar, Indian and Korean, German food would be great. More variety so our town can be complete. Would also love to see the Court Clerk, Courts and Probation Departments back in Pagosa...somewhere."

Space doesn't allow for us to print every idea that we received. If you have something to add to the list, feel free to send a comment or Letter to the Editor by emailing editor@pagosasun.com.

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?

Would you consider running for elected office?



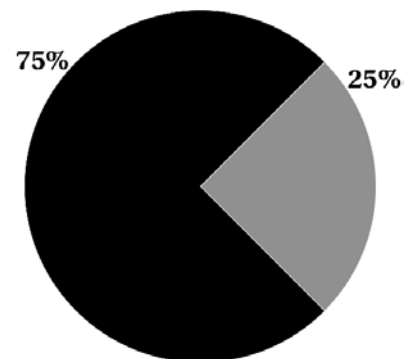
**Leora Mannara**  
"Yes. I would make substantial changes."



**Adolph Mestas**  
"No. It's not worth it."



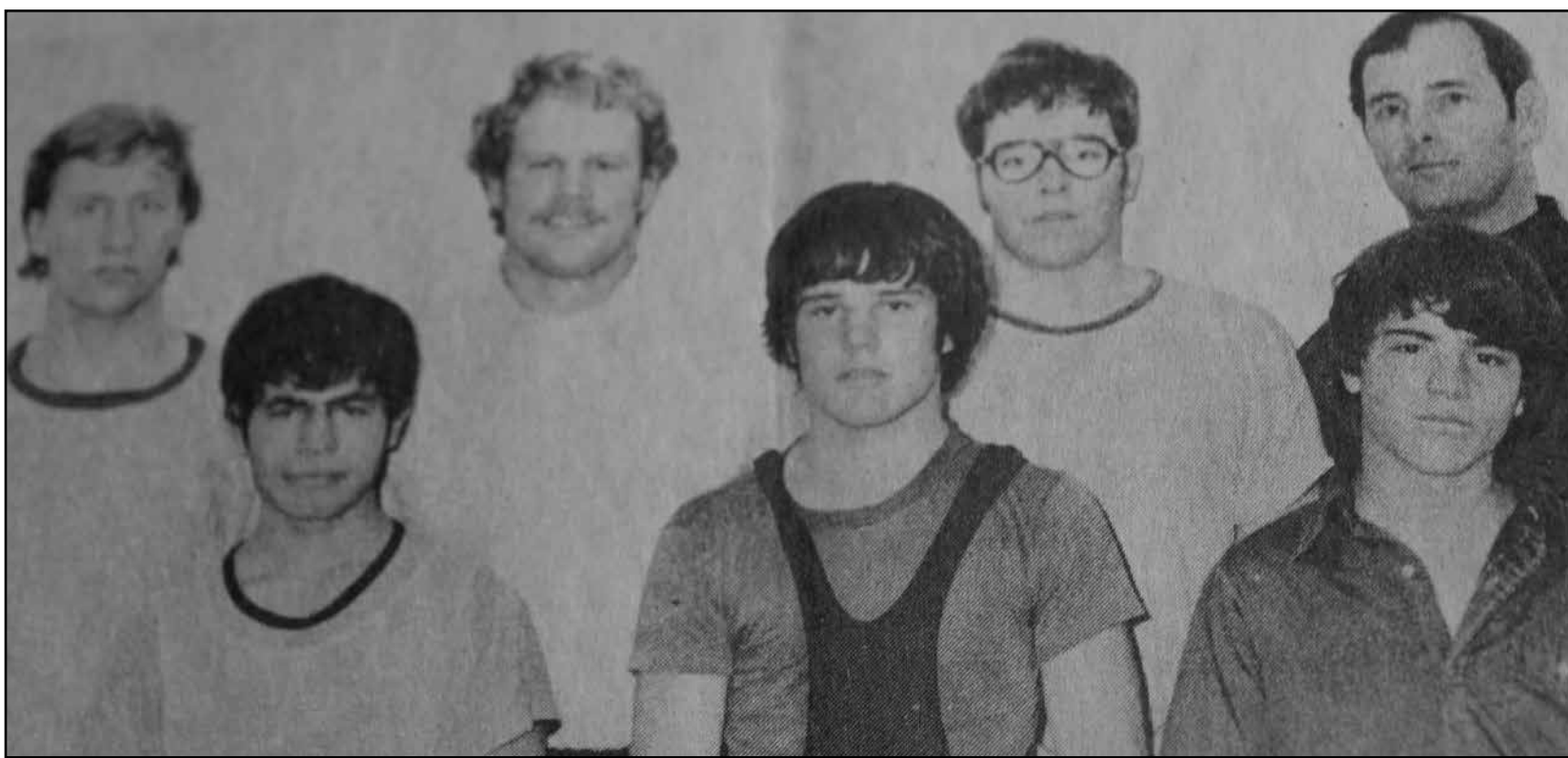
**Robert Shoffner**  
"I would not."



**Poll results (95 Votes)**  
Yes, I think I could affect change. — 25 percent  
No, I have no desire. — 75 percent

This week online: Where do you think a new elementary school should be built?  
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## LOOKING BACK



From the Feb. 20, 1975, Pagosa Springs SUN. PIRATE WRESTLERS — Pagosa Springs High School wrestlers qualifying for the state tournament and coaches are, left to right, back row: Jack Eaklor, Coach Patterson, Scott Baxtrom, and Coach Mitchell. Front row, left to right, Ricky Martinez, Joe Bennett, and Wesley Bennett. The squad wrestled at the state tournament last weekend with Joe Bennett making it to the semifinals in the consolation bracket.

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of January 20, 1928

**Weather permitting**, the Aztec Tigers and Tigerettes will be in Pagosa Springs tomorrow night to meet the local Wolverines and Wolverettes on the High School court. Your attendance is desired at these games.

**The San Juan National Forest** in the year 1927 earned a total of \$9,103.64, which was exceeded by only one other forest in the state. The revenue may be used for schools and roads in the counties in which the forests are located.

**Last Sunday** twenty-four of the neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Toner in the upper Piedra section to participate in the big birthday dinner provided in honor of Mr. Toner, John Hubler and Jas. Martin, whose combined ages total 183 years.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of January 29, 1943

**New snow which began falling last Friday** and which ranged from 16 inches in the Coyote Park area to 6 feet on Wolf Creek Pass had traffic at a standstill in Pagosa Springs until Wednesday noon when snow plows succeeded in forcing a one-way lane over the pass to the north. Ranchers and townspeople, alike, have been "digging out" since last Saturday, but the heavy fall of very wet snow, together with the slides on the Pass, made progress very slow for the road crews which worked day and night to overcome the obstacles. This was the worst storm since 1937. All communication lines out of here were down over the weekend, but wire service was resumed late Monday.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of January 25, 1968

**Final negotiations** were completed this week by the School Board for a bond election to be held February 27. The amount was set at \$605,000 with practically all of this to go for construction of a new elementary school. The election will ask the taxpaying electors to approve the bonds in that amount.

**There is good news today** for the water consuming citizens of Pagosa Springs. Congressman Aspinall, in a telephone call to town officials on Wednesday of this week, informed them that a grant to aid in the construction of an improved water supply system had been approved. The grant totals \$396,500 and is being made of the Economic Development Administration. The total cost of the proposed water supply system is \$793,000.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of January 28, 1993

**Thanks in part to efforts by state Sen. Sam Cassidy**, low-interest loan money will be made available to Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District for creation of a new domestic water storage reservoir at Hidden Valley, north of Pagosa Springs. The money for the Hidden Valley reservoir project was added to another loan for a Water and Sanitation District project announced last week by the Colorado Water Conservation board. The board granted the district a \$1.9 million loan to enlarge Stevens Reservoir — a primary domestic water storage area for the district. Stevens Reservoir presently holds 628 acre feet of water. The expansion will increase its capacity to between 1,700 to 1,800 acre feet of water. The proposed reservoir at Hidden Valley would hold around 3,700 acre feet of water.

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# 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.

## Pipe dream

Dear Editor:  
I grieve, beyond words, for the readers of letters written by Dave (either one). They get nastier with each one printed. Why do they have such vile, repugnant and atrocious views; why try to exact them upon The SUN readers? Do they honestly view themselves as the needed heralds of full and complete truth?

Although I deeply regretted, and winced, at the verbiage of President Trump's depiction of various nations; a clear-thinking head would presuppose that he was not talking about race in any negative manner. He appeared to be talking about the corruption and abuses of some disgusting "governments" ... their countries in deliberate poverty and devastation.

Even though I am a medically retired minister, I still have good

friends doing never-ending missionary work in countries such as Haiti and Zimbabwe, Africa. It's not the color of the people, it's the horrible governmental conditions that make the countries "offensive." My friends deplore the governments that have devastated these countries. They must watch their every step what-with corrupt authorities watching their every "shameful" moves: building/fixing wells and family shelters, feeding, clothing and providing medical assistance to the destitute people.

One doesn't need to look too far to hear other's using offensive language. Former Vice President Biden dropped the "F-bomb" several times. Did the liberal news media decry his verbiage? How about former President Obama calling Libya the "S" word ... was he being racist? Or, his calling Midwest America a bastion of bible and gun "clingers." Then, there is Hillary calling half of Trump's supporters "deplorables." Oh, and let's not forget people being repeatedly called Nazi, Fascist

or Clansmen just because they think differently than a particular loud group of people. I don't recall any protests from either Dave or the liberal media.

Please, stop the lies, spins, and one-sided judgments. In fact, let's have all party members speak without deceptions to their constituents. Or, is that a pipe-dream? Be well, Pagosa.

Stan F. Counsell

## Medical care

Dear Editor:  
Last week I attended the open house at the Pagosa Springs Medical Center. It was a lovely event celebrating the ten year anniversary of the PSMC and introducing the staff of the new Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders,

PSMC is a very impressive facility with an impressive staff that didn't exist when my husband and I retired here 10 years ago. Two key factors in stabilizing and expanding health care options in Pagosa Springs are changes in Medicare

reimbursement rules that now allow rural medical centers to receive higher reimbursement rates and the expansion of Medicaid eligibility and other insurance options under the Affordable Care Act. Roughly 60% of local patients are covered by one or the other of these programs.

In other words, our medical facilities and medical providers are highly dependent on two federal programs that are endangered right now. Our Congressional representative, Scott Tipton, voted for every attempt to repeal or replace the ACA (Obamacare). Had he been successful in dismantling ACA, many of his constituents would have lost medical coverage. Even though the worst of this legislation failed, his votes have caused instability and stress for those who depend on ACA and Medicaid. We need to remember his voting record because it is indicative of loyalty to large contributors and partisan ideology and not the needs of his constituents.

Johnny Pickett

# Archuleta County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan update available for public review and comment

By Mike Le Roux  
Special to The SUN

Would you like to learn more about what Archuleta County is doing to minimize the impacts

of floods, dam failures, wildfires, hazardous materials incidents and other hazards?

A draft of the county's updated Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan is being made available for public review and comment. The plan assesses risks posed by natural and man-made hazards, identifies ways

to reduce those risks and allows the county to remain eligible for mitigation funding from FEMA.

A Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee that includes representatives from various county departments, Pagosa Springs, Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District, and the Pagosa Fire Protection District updated the plan over the past eight months with assistance from a consultant.

The plan identifies hazard mitigation goals and a variety of mitigation projects with the intent of reducing losses from hazard events before they occur again.

The planning committee is now soliciting public comment on the plan before it is finalized and submitted for FEMA review and approval.

The comment period will close

Feb. 1.

The plan can be accessed at: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kb2TQuwjDaB'TzmBDf8cmVRhD-9vxMlt3x/view?usp=sharing>.

The comment form can be accessed at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/ArchHMPcomment](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ArchHMPcomment).

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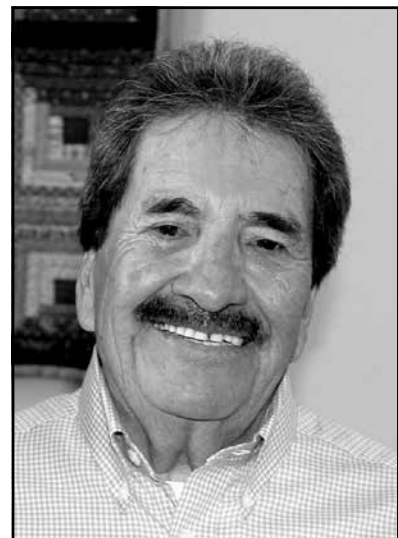
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## Local



Last week, Ross Aragon announced his December 2017 retirement as manager of Archuleta Housing for the past 43 years. This property acquired a HUD FHA insured loan in 1973 and became a participant of the Section 8 subsidized program in 1982. In 2015, Aragon received the HUD Manager of the Year award for his contribution to affordable housing, hard work and commitment, and also for having the foresight of identifying issues with the site's wastewater infrastructure and developing a plan to set aside funds to address the issues.

## Thanks

### Daniels

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce, Mary Jo, her staff and board members for the wonderful event they hosted Saturday night. It is an honor to have been selected as Volunteer of the Year and I am truly appreciative and humbled. This community is so amazing. Thank you.

Karin Daniels

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# Obituaries

## Mavis Nellis

Mavis Nellis entered into eternal life on Jan. 17. She was 83.

Mavis was born and raised in Queens, N.Y., the daughter Marvin and Frieda Freudenberg. She was a graduate of Richmond Hills High School and Wagner College, earning her bachelor's degree in 1955. After graduation, Mavis had the opportunity to board the French ocean liner SS Ile de France bound for Europe, where she traveled for two and a half months.



Upon her return, she took a position with Banker's Trust in New York City.

In 1956, she married her college sweetheart, Staten Island, N.Y., native and service veteran William Nellis. In 1961 they moved to rural Middletown, N.J., where they raised their family.

Mavis was a stay-at-home mom for 20 years and frugally ran her household on her husband's teaching salary. She looked forward to each summer when they would load camping gear and their children into their VW bug and travel up and down the east coast, visiting places from Nova Scotia to North Carolina. The family also enjoyed several week-long summer gatherings in Crystal Springs, N.H., with

the Freudenberg side of the family. Mavis liked to spend time on the New Jersey shore and swim in the ocean. She kept the flowers blooming in their gardens.

Mavis began her teaching career in 1980, working as a remedial math and reading teacher in the Middletown Public Schools. She loved her students and the opportunity to help them learn in a small-group setting. She was an expert seamstress and enjoyed playing the piano. When the grandchildren came along, she became expert at knitting children's sweaters.

In June of 2017, the family moved Mavis to Pine Ridge Extended Care Center in Pagosa Springs. She spent the last six and a half months of her life with the other adorable residents and being cared for by the wonderful Pine Ridge staff.

She was predeceased by her parents, brother Marvin Freudenberg and sister Lillian Armbrust. Surviving are her husband, William, of Middletown, N.J.; sister Marian Thorpe, of New York City; brothers William Freudenberg, of Queens, N.Y., and Howard Freudenberg of Rockford, Ill.; stepmother Ellen Freudenberg, of Rockford, Ill.; son Kurt Nellis, of Keyport, N.J.; daughter Kristen Nellis, of Pagosa Springs; son Jed Nellis, of Oceanside, Calif.; and her eight grandchildren: Daniel Crenshaw, Laurel Cammack, Olivia and Ian Reinhardt, Louis, Samantha and Erik Nellis, and Joseph Nellis.

A memorial service is being planned in Middletown.

## Nancy Mae Savage

May 2, 1954-Dec. 31, 2017

Services will be held in memory of Nancy Mae Savage at gravesite, Vale of Peace, Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Hollywood Hills, Calif. on Feb. 4 at 12:30 p.m.



Nancy was born in Los Angeles on May 2, 1954, and was received by her Lord and Savior on Dec. 31, 2017, in Phoenix, Ariz., where she was visiting a friend and returning from a wonderful Christmas holiday in California seeing family and many friends. Nancy grew up in Torrance, Calif., and maintained close relationships with those she grew up with and happily had just seen many of them.

Nancy attended junior college in Palo Alto and earned her associates degree at Mesa College, San Diego, in computer programming. She worked as a computer programming analyst at Hughes Aircraft and at General Dynamics in San Diego, Calif., and Scottsdale, Ariz.

Nancy was married and divorced to Robert Robinson, of Los Angeles, and Scott Wilson, of San Diego.

When health complications forced her to take an early retirement, she moved to Pagosa Springs. She played an active part in the

local music scene, was a charter member of the San Juan Stargazers and a volunteer with the Chimney Rock Interpretative Association. For years, Nancy brought her telescope to the summer Night Sky Programs at Chimney Rock National Monument and she also worked regularly at Life at Chimney Rock, which happens annually on a weekend in late July. What brought her the greatest joy was working with kids and showing them objects in the night sky or explaining something in astronomy. She loved it when they caught her curiosity, interest and excitement for our extraordinary universe.

The San Juan Stargazers will have a memorial at Chimney Rock National Monument after it opens in May and we will dedicate a star party to her memory. We will put an announcement later in The SUN so other friends and neighbors can join us in celebrating and honoring her life.

Nancy is survived by a brother, Michael Savage, and two sisters, Barbara Savage Rey and Carol S. Polizzi, all of California. She lived a full and joyful life in spite of pain and illness, and her love and caring for others will be greatly missed by her family and friends. She helped many people in Pagosa, having learned the wonder of unconditional love. We hope she has become a star somewhere in the universe because she has left a big hole on planet Earth in the hearts of many people who knew her. Written by sister, Barbara Savage Rey, and friend Joan Mieritz.

## Campbell appointed to medical center board, election set for May 8

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The board of directors of the Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD), which oversees Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) is again full following Tuesday evening's appointment of Dr. Garrett King Campbell.

Campbell filled a vacancy created by the resignation of Dr. Richard Zak, who resigned from the board effective Dec. 31, 2017, in order to begin an employment contract at PSMC on Jan. 1.

"Since the Board was provided sufficient notice by Dr. Zak, staff was able to advertise the vacancy for the month of December to solicit self-nominations to be appointed for the remainder of Dr. Zak's term of office (until May 2018). The minimum qualifications to serve on the Board are: a.) 18 years of age; b.) being an eligible elector in the District; and c.) residing within the USJHSD boundaries," a memorandum to the board states.

That memo was written by

Mark Floyd, board chair, and Greg Schulte, vice chair, who served on the Board Vacancy Appointment Subcommittee.

The memo also notes that there were five self-nominations received by the Dec. 31, 2017, deadline, with those applicants being Campbell, Albert Northrop, Eric Smith, Blair Watson and Mark Ziegler.

"I was, quite frankly, quite gratified to see that we had five applicants for the ... position," Schulte told his fellow board members during the meeting, adding later, "I was really impressed with all five. I would have taken any of the five. They were all very credible and very interested in doing the best for the community. So it was a really, really tough decision."

Schulte then drew the board's attention to the six criteria the committee looked at in addition to the minimum qualifications, which were enumerated in the memo:

"1) Motivation to serve on the Board.

"2) Skills or experience they would bring to the Board.

"3) Current or prior community involvement.

"4) Current or prior experience in health care.

"5) Experience in finance/business.

"6) Candidate background research or investigation of PSMC."

Schulte further explained that, following the interviews, three candidates stood out: Campbell (a dentist), Smith (a dentist) and Ziegler (a physical therapist).

"In a certain sense it came down

to what was going to be the ... element that kind of tipped it over, and I guess I would say ... I was surprised to kind of find this out, but before King Campbell was a dentist, he was an accountant," Schulte explained.

Schulte added that, in his mind, having that background as an accountant and that skill set was the tipping point to recommend Campbell for the appointment.

Schulte also explained that they explained to the applicants that the appointment was only to fulfill the rest of the term, until May, at which point there will be an election.

After Schulte formally stated the committee's recommendation to the board, Floyd noted that he and Schulte came to the same conclusion about the recommendation almost immediately.

With that, Dr. Jim Pruitt made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-01, appointing Campbell to the board.

Following a unanimous vote, Campbell signed an oath of office and took his seat with the board for the remainder of the meeting.

### An upcoming election

Also approved at Tuesday's meeting were a pair of resolutions regarding the district's upcoming May 8 regular special district election.

The first was a resolution appointing the USJHSD's designated election official, Heather Thomas, and authorizing Thomas to cancel the election in the event that there are no more candidates than

positions to be filled and no other matters than election to the board.

The following resolution declares that four board seats will be on the ballot. The seats are those currently held by Floyd, Schulte, Jerry Baker and Campbell.

All are four-year terms. The successors for the board seats will take office on May 22.

According to the resolution, "Self-Nomination and Acceptance forms are available at the Designated Election Official's office located at 95 S. Pagosa Blvd., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. All candidates must file a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form with the Designated Election Official no later than the close of business (time: 4:30 p.m.) on Thursday, March 1, 2018."

If on March 6 there are not more candidates than offices to be filled at the election, the designated election official will cancel the election and declare the candidates elected.

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# Marijuana Offset Impact Fund grants available

By **Andy Guinn**  
Special to The SUN

The Archuleta County Community Marijuana Offset Impact Fund Committee is accepting applications for grants up to \$5,000. The grants are meant to support projects and programs that develop awareness within Archuleta County about marijuana and programs that will help Archuleta County citizens, especially children, make positive lifestyle choices.

Funds for these grants come from a percentage of application, license and operating fees on all types of marijuana establishments in the county.

The committee, made up of community members, will review the applications and make recommendations to the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), which will administer the grants.

The committee encourages any local nonprofit organizations

looking to make a positive impact on our community's youth to apply. We are particularly interested in organizations that have ideas to help children make alternative choices to using drugs and alcohol.

The committee is also looking for projects to develop awareness throughout the community about the risks associated with the use of marijuana, especially underage use.

Grant applications can be found at [www.archuletacounty.org](http://www.archuletacounty.org) under

"County News" and must be submitted to the county by Feb. 28. Applications can be submitted electronically by email to [fgoheen@archuletacounty.org](mailto:fgoheen@archuletacounty.org) or hand delivered to 398 Lewis St.

The committee will review applications in March and make recommendations to the BoCC, who will announce the recipients in April.

Questions can be directed to Flora Goheen at [fgoheen@archuletacounty.org](mailto:fgoheen@archuletacounty.org).

# La Plata Electric board candidate election packets available Feb. 2

By **Indiana Reed**  
Special to The SUN

Election packets for those interested in running for a seat on the La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) Board of Directors will be available Feb. 2 at LPEA offices in Durango and Pagosa Springs and online at [www.lpea.coop](http://www.lpea.coop).

To be placed on the ballot, candidates must return completed petitions to either LPEA office by 1 p.m. on March 14. LPEA's offices are located at 45 Stewart St. in Durango (Bodo Industrial Park) and 603 S. 8th St. in Pagosa Springs.

As per LPEA bylaws, one-third of

the directors' seats are up for election annually, one in each of LPEA's four districts. Candidates are required to be members in good standing and permanent residents of the district they seek to represent, and cannot work for a competing enterprise or supplier of the cooperative, plus not be employed or have a spouse or child employed by the cooperative in any position. A complete list of director qualifications can be reviewed in LPEA's bylaws ([www.lpea.coop/pdf/policies/LPEA\\_Bylaws.pdf](http://www.lpea.coop/pdf/policies/LPEA_Bylaws.pdf)).

Submitted election petitions must contain at least 15 signatures from co-op members in a candidate's district. A map of LPEA's voting dis-

tricts is available on the cooperative's website ([www.lpea.coop/company\\_info/board/district\\_map.html](http://www.lpea.coop/company_info/board/district_map.html)).

Directors are elected for three-year terms. Incumbent directors up for re-election are Bob Formwalt (District 1 — Archuleta County), Kohler McInnis (District 2 — south and west La Plata County), Britt Bassett (District 3 — City of Durango) and Karen Barger (District 4 — north and east La Plata County).

"LPEA is a cooperative, owned by and operated for the benefit of those who use its services," said Mike Dreyspring, LPEA CEO. "So, if you purchase your electricity from La Plata Electric and haven't opted

out of membership, you are entitled to run for a director seat and join the board that determines company policy."

Ballots are scheduled to be mailed to the membership in April and all those returned tallied by an independent third party. Results will be announced at LPEA's annual meeting set for May 12 at Sky Ute Casino Resort in Ignacio.

The candidate packets contain additional election information and instructions, including copies of LPEA's bylaws and board policies. Candidates with questions should contact Jeannie Bennett, 382-3505 or [jbennett@lpea.coop](mailto:jbennett@lpea.coop).

# Community members, board recognized at school district meeting

By **Kim Elzinga**  
Special to The SUN

At the Jan. 16 Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education meeting, members of the community were recognized for their outstanding service to ASD.

Pagosa Springs Elementary School Principal Justin Cowan took the opportunity to recognize the efforts of Partners In Education (PIE), a highly productive group of committed and involved parents who organize activities that provide extra funding and boost school spirit.

PIE members Aubrie Limebrook, Renea Smith and Sanya Peterson, three of many dedicated parents, were commended for their contributions.

Board member Brooks Lindner acknowledged the presence of

The Pagosa Springs SUN's staff writer Chris Mannara, a graduate of Pagosa Springs High School and Fort Lewis College, who has attended every board meeting and planning advisory meeting since he was assigned to cover the district in August. Lindner called him a "success story" and praised him for his continued efforts.

Also at the meeting, in commemoration of January School Board Appreciation Month, ASD Superintendent Linda Reed formally acknowledged the contributions from current board members Dr. Greg Schick (president), Bruce Dryburgh (vice president), Brooks Lindner (secretary) and Jason Peterson (treasurer).

"Education today is extremely complex with an increasing number of challenges, such as limited resources, evolving academic of-

ferings and shifting expectations. As volunteers, our board members spend countless hours trying to figure out how to provide the best learning environment possible for all students. They develop policies and make tough decisions on issues affecting the entire community," said Reed. "This is a board that works very well together. They respect each other. I applaud their efforts and feel honored to work side by side with them."

ASD board meetings are usually held at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month with work sessions beginning at 5 p.m. Meetings are open to the public and are generally in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.

ASD posts agendas at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

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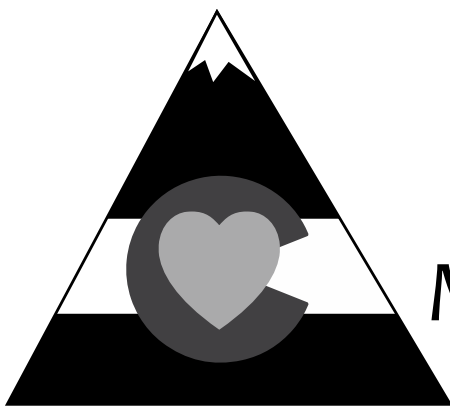
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# Business

## CHAMBER NEWS

### Community Award winners announced at Chamber Annual Gala

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
SUN Columnist

The evening of Jan. 20 at the Chamber of Commerce's Annual Gala was filled with new faces, long-time residents and lots of laughter brought to us by the Creede Repertory Theatre.

Along with the performance, the evening culminated with the annual Community Awards. The winners are as follows:

The Citizen of the Year award went to long-time residents and ranchers John and Jean Taylor. Creating a legacy of stewardship to the land, natural resources and Pagosa's history, the Taylors have been involved in everything from planning commission and county commissioner in Hinsdale County to sitting on numerous water conservancy boards locally, regionally and statewide, along with numerous other nonprofit contributions. They were members of the local 4-H group its first year in Archuleta County, as well as the building committee for the Methodist Church back in the 1960s. So many of the groups or activities that we take for granted now were initially mentored by John and Jean Taylor.

The other Citizen of the Year nominee was Kimberlie Fleming Hamilton for her philanthropic contributions to the community.

The Volunteer of the Year award went to Karin Daniels, also for her wide-reaching volunteer efforts including the Veterans Memorial Park, where she is the grant writer, event coordinator and girl Friday. Daniels is also involved in the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, GECKO, PROST, San Juan Basin Public Health, Seeds of Learning, Search and Rescue, the Empty Bowls Program and many more organizations as a worker bee or sponsor. Her other volunteer passion outside the community includes involvement with the 10th Mountain Division, of which her father is a veteran.

Other Volunteer of the Year nominees included Jason Cox, Dennis Schick, Lee Voorhies, Gloria Bissmeyer and the Pagosa Fire Protection District volunteers.

The Non-Profit of the Year winner was Loaves and Fishes. Growing from a vision of four women who saw a need to feed people in Pagosa to serving over 14,000 meals a year, this group also collaborates with over 25 other organizations to provide meals to people on Thursdays at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall on Lewis Street as well as Meals on Wheels that day.

Other nonprofit organizations nominated were THRIVE, DUST2 and the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership.

The Small Business of the Year winner was the relatively new Pagosa Mountain Sports located on U.S. 160. This business, owned by four partners, have created numerous avenues to expand cycling athletics into Pagosa, collaborating to install single-track trails, being coaches for the new Youth Cycling Team, hosting fundraisers, creating special events for Colorado's Bike to Work month, as well as community events such as Bike Nights for all

skill levels.

The other Small Business nominee was Raymond Rent-a-Nerd with owner Kurt Raymond.

The Pagosa Pride award is given to those businesses that have made a significant improvement to the outside esthetics of their building or property. The winner this year was James Perry, who has made significant improvements to the property formerly known as The Corner Store property on the corner of U.S. 160 and Piedra Road. Gas tanks were removed and environmental mitigation completed. The exterior of three buildings were renovated and he then renovated two buildings inside: FedEx and Old West Spirits and owner of Feather Your Nest, Jamie Miller, is renovating the other building.

The other Pagosa Pride nominee was The SUN Publishing Company for the façade work on their new building on Lewis Street.

A new award this year was the Revitalization Award. This award is given to an entrepreneur who took an vacant, stressed or abandoned building and converted it into a viable business location. This award went to the owners of Motel SOCO, Colin and Autumn Gilbertson, with manager Chris Jarc accepting the award. Motel SOCO renovated the former Sky View Motel, taking the guest rooms down to the studs, replacing the septic system, renovating the office, reception area, installing solar panels and many more improvements. These renovations turned this blighted property into a vibrant new lodging facility.

Other nominees for this award were Belvedere Art Studio and Boulder Coffee Café.

The new Chamber board members were also announced that evening. The new members coming onboard for a three-year term are: Jim Hayes with The Hub, Jesse Hensle with Pagosa Springs Medical Center and Mary Hunt with US Health Advisors.

We want to congratulate all of the nominees and those who took time to nominate these individuals and businesses. We also want to thank the Creede Repertory Theatre for their Boomtown Improv presentation and a hysterical performance.

Congratulations also to the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership for winning the "Best Decorated Hat" centerpiece award and to Natalie Carpenter and Ron Gustafson for their men's and women's creative hats, and all the volunteers who helped make this event happen.

#### Membership news

We welcome new members High Altitude Closet and SNIPS Salon.

Our renewals this week include Walmart, Visiting Angels, Home-spun Comforts and Happy Camper RV Park.

One more reminder that we are hosting the free Maximizing Your Membership breakfast from 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 30. Call now to book your spot and start the new year off by utilizing your Chamber benefits better.



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The Small Business of the Year winner was Pagosa Mountain Sports.



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The Volunteer of the Year award went to Karin Daniels.



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The Revitalization Award went to the owners of Motel SOCO.

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A person who desires to be considered for the vacant school director position needs to submit a letter of interest by 3 pm on February 8, 2018, to the District Office at 309 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs; by email, rbennett@pagosa.k12.co.us; or by mail to: Executive Assistant Robyn Bennett, PO Box 1498, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. The letter of intent must address the following: 1. Why do you want to be on the Board? 2. Do you plan on running for the position once your term expires in November of 2019? 3. What is your philosophy of education as it relates to serving on the Board?

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# LPEA to host college scholarship open house Jan. 29

By Indiana Reed  
Special to The SUN

To assist high school seniors and their parents with the application process for college scholarships available through La Plata Electric Association (LPEA), the cooperative will host a second open house, Monday, Jan. 29, at LPEA's Bodo Park headquarters, 45 Stewart St., Durango, scheduled during a new, earlier time period: 3 to 6 p.m.

LPEA staff members will be on hand to answer questions and provide guidance. No reservations are necessary, and copies of all applications will be available.

All high school seniors, including home-school students, in LPEA's service territory who

receive their electricity from LPEA are eligible to apply for the variety of funding opportunities. The deadline for application is March 1. Attendance at the open house is not a requirement of application.

LPEA directly offers the LPEA Scholarship (four-year), LPEA/John Voelker Memorial Scholarship (two-year), and Lineman Scholarship for aspiring electric line workers. The co-op also provides for additional affiliated rural electric scholarships/awards offered by Tri-State Generation and Transmission and Basin Electric Power Cooperative.

Specifically, LPEA will award two four-year scholarships (140 credit hours) for students attending any college or university beginning with the 2018-2019 academic year.

LPEA will cover tuition, books and fees, up to \$28,000 over four years, given that the students maintain minimum qualifications.

The LPEA/John Voelker Memorial Scholarship recognizes two students attending accredited vocational schools, technical schools or junior college. This two-year scholarship covers fees, books, tools and supplies up to \$10,000 over two years, per student.

The La Plata Electric Lineman Scholarship funds two annual scholarships covering tuition, fees and books, not to exceed \$12,000 for each scholarship for up to one year at an accredited institution, including a vocational school, technical school, junior college or university in the United States, majoring in

an electric line worker program. Any scholarship coverage, following payment of tuition and fees, can be applied to purchase of tools and supplies required in the trade.

Funds for the LPEA, LPEA/John Voelker Memorial and Lineman scholarships come from LPEA's unclaimed capital credits. Each year, the co-op endeavors to find "missing" members who are due a share of retired capital credits. Those funds unable to be returned to members are then put back into the community — in this case, into college scholarships.

For further information and to download applications, visit [www.lpea.coop](http://www.lpea.coop) or contact Jeannie Bennett at 382-3505 or [jbennett@lpea.coop](mailto:jbennett@lpea.coop).

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Our hearts are overflowing with all the love and support we have been given during the passing of my mother and our sister, Carmen Valdez. We are truly blessed to live in Pagosa Springs, where we have a beautiful family and a lot of really great friends surrounding us during this difficult time.

We would like to thank all of the doctors, nurses, EMTs and care providers who cared for my mom. She loved each and every one of you. A-MED for the many years of assisting with her oxygen and medical needs. The MET bus and all the drivers for making the trips to doctors appointments and physical therapy so much easier.

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Please forgive us if we have forgotten anyone, there are too many people to name. Just know that we love you and we appreciate every one of you.

May God bless you all, Joey, Renee, Brock and Trenton Cordova; Bob and Tessie Curvey and family; Virginia Maes and family; Lupe Sanchez and family; Mencor and Janet Valdez and family; and Phil and Ruby Stauner and family

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Christina Crain, program manager of Archuleta County Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Colorado

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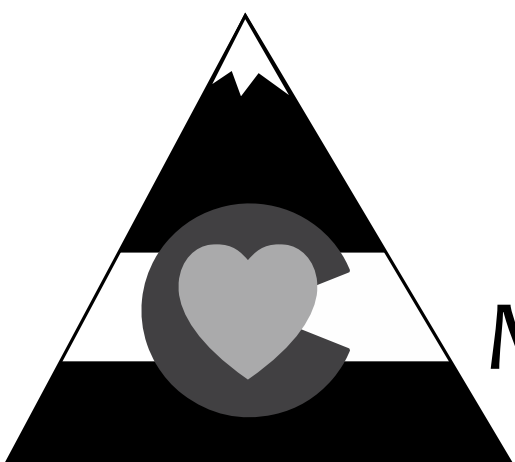
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## Multiple Archuleta County agencies discuss possibility of water workgroup

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

Members of multiple Archuleta County agencies met on Jan. 17 to come to a consensus on working together as part of a Growing Water Smart (GWS) workgroup.

Members of the Pagosa Springs Town Council, Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD), San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD), Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association board (PLPOA) and Pagosa Fire Protection District (PPFD) were all participants of the work session.

Town Planning Director James Dickhoff and PAWSD Manager Justin Ramsey began the work session by giving information on the GWS workshop held in September.

According to documentation provided at the work session, the workshop was attended by a seven-member community team from Archuleta County.

The workshop was held by the Sonoran Institute and focused on integrating land use and water resource planning.

After the three-day workshop concluded, the Archuleta County team concluded that in order to implement the goals of the Colorado Water Plan, better collaboration among the separate government entities was needed.

Further on in the document, it states that this work group would create a growth scenario that would assemble a better picture of where growth and increased water demand will be directed.

"From that workshop we learned

a lot. It was very intensive," Dickhoff said.

Dickhoff noted that the goal of the work session was to convey what was learned at the September work session, as well as to look at data to make growth projections.

"The intent is to really seek approval from each board to participate, in a nonbinding fashion," Dickhoff explained.

Dickhoff explained that the GWS workgroup is looking for a staff member and board member from each entity in attendance at the meeting to join the workgroup.

The workgroup would look at all the data sets available to it through-out Colorado, Dickhoff added.

Each member of the GWS workgroup would look at the data and pick out the most relevant pieces to their own entity for all future planning needs, Dickhoff added.

"We really see this as a collaborative effort, a good opportunity for all of these organizations to collaborate together," Dickhoff said.

Using the growth projections would be the best way to start because it would help understand Colorado, local and regional trends, Dickhoff noted.

"Each organization is going to use that data for their own purposes," Dickhoff said.

Ramsey noted that population projections can be wrong, but the data can still be useful.

The work session then was handed over to Marjo Curgus of Del Corazon Consulting to discuss the benefits of this potential collaboration.

### Benefits

Town council member Mat deGraaf noted that this workgroup

would be helpful for each individual organization to use funds as efficiently as possible.

"That happens when we're all on the same page, understanding who is doing what and why," deGraaf said.

PPFD board member David Blake then added that it would define the availability of water and service needs for the fire district.

"None of us want to waste time, energy, or money. Because, basically, we're all using tax money to try and get something good done," SJWCD board member Ray Finney said.

SJWCD board member Al Pfister also added that it would allow each organization to identify challenges and obstacles earlier.

Moving forward with the work session, Curgus then asked the group about any challenges with the collaboration.

### Challenges

Coordinating each of the various member's meeting schedules was noted as a challenge by town council member Nicole DeMarco.

deGraaf then noted that each organization may have differing perspectives on which way the data set is veering.

"Can anyone think of an example where one entity may like that it's veering in one way?" deGraaf asked.

The work session then transitioned to a variety of topics ranging from the benefits of a collective data source to how the workgroup should function.

### Other business

In regard to utilizing a collective data source, deGraaf noted that it will provide a better project, but also use less time and money.

"In my experience, the tension that gets built up and with a siloed situation, it's difficult to dissipate and it usually ends up in damaged relationships," County Commissioner Michael Whiting added.

The more people and more voices that are heard during the process will result in less "personal and professional casualties," Whiting added.

Another benefit noted by Blake is the ability for each organization to match long-term growth plans.

"And, thus, you would be matching budgetary support," Blake said.

The group also agreed that the scope and scale of the project was appropriate, as well as possibly having a board and staff member on the workgroup should the individual entity feel the work group was valuable.

Pfister later raised a question about the time frame of the workgroup's process.

"It shouldn't take a year. I will tell you that," Curgus responded.

"Until we probably start getting into it, it's going to be hard to define that. But I kind of see it probably being a six-month process to be honest," Dickhoff responded.

Later in the meeting, Curgus asked the group about holding these work group meetings as public sessions and when would be best to schedule them.

"We might be able to stack it on the times of day and days of the week and days of the month where we already are in proximity to each other as boards, as opposed to just winging it and looking at a calendar," Whiting added.

To close out the meeting, Curgus asked the group to nominate a member or two from each entity to take the GWS letter of intent back to its board.

The letter of intent would become an action item at that board's next regular meeting and at that meeting, each organization would nominate a board or staff member to be on the GWS workgroup.

PAWSD tasked Ramsey to bring the letter of intent back to the board's regular meeting.

PLPOA nominated general manager Allen Roth.

Whiting nominated himself and County Administrator Bentley Henderson.

PPFD board member Don Peterson nominated himself and Pfister noted he would take the letter to the next SJWCD meeting.

## PAWSD declines having representation in water workgroup

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) board discussed the possibility of joining the Growing Water Smart (GWS) workgroup at the board's regular meeting on Thursday.

The PAWSD board, along with other Archuleta County entities, were tasked at a work session held on Jan. 17 with identifying a board member and staff member to join the GWS workgroup by signing a letter of intent.

The workgroup members would be tasked to work together to research data sets for growth projections. The workgroup would then bring back a recommendation of the best data sets for all organizations to use for future growth projections and planning efforts.

PAWSD General Manager Justin Ramsey was nominated as the one to bring back the GWS letter of intent to the board meeting.

PAWSD board member Gordon McIver first offered his thoughts on the work session.

"My impression was we had a bunch of government entities collected in a room trying to decide what PAWSD oughta do," McIver said.

McIver noted that the data set was proposed to be used for land use and water planning, but there was not much talk about land use.

"My opinion is, PAWSD, No. 1, serves the ratepayers; they don't serve the whole county. So, we really don't care what happens in Arboles or Chromo, or any other place that we don't serve," McIver added later.

McIver then noted that PAWSD knows best what it should do when it comes to water planning.

"I hate to be a party pooper, but I'm really not interested in participating," McIver said.

PAWSD chairman Jim Smith noted that a potential benefit of the workgroup is that nothing is binding. "Of course, PAWSD has got the best criteria on growth, I think," Smith said.

"If you stay with it for a little while and you see that they were circling around to come back to this Dry Gulch deal you just say, 'We're out of here,'" Smith added later.

Smith did note, however, that he did not know if the GWS workgroup would be working toward another Dry Gulch-type reservoir project.

"I guess the question is, do we want to be involved with this for a little while, or not?" Smith asked the board.

The problem with being involved with the workgroup is once PAWSD starts going along with it, it is hard to back out from a public relations standpoint, McIver explained.

"To give it our approval at all may be a mistake is what I'm saying," McIver said.

PAWSD board member Mike Church, participating by phone, ultimately agreed with McIver.

Church explained that those meetings that are put together under some sort of agenda have very little to do with PAWSD customers.

"Those kinds of meetings are meetings that create Dry Gulches — big, public spending projects. I have no interest in that," Church added.

Board member Paul Hansen, also participating by phone, added that he believed there is not a way to predict growth.

Church stated that he believes that if PAWSD is a part of the workgroup they will not be able to direct development.

"In fact, what's going to happen is they're going to try and dictate to us what the growth rate is and what we got to do to make that growth rate work," Church said.

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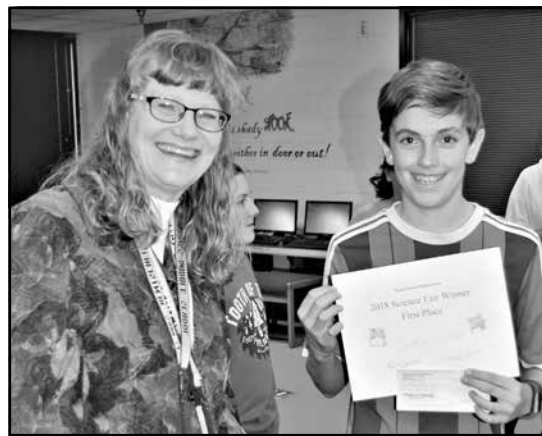


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**Kristin Hentschel, sixth-grade science teacher, presents the first-place award to Jonathan Nasralla with a check for \$100 from the Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs.**



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**Kameron Winkler listens to biochemist Gwen Taylor.**



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**Beatrice Carpenter explains her research to biochemist Bob Endres.**

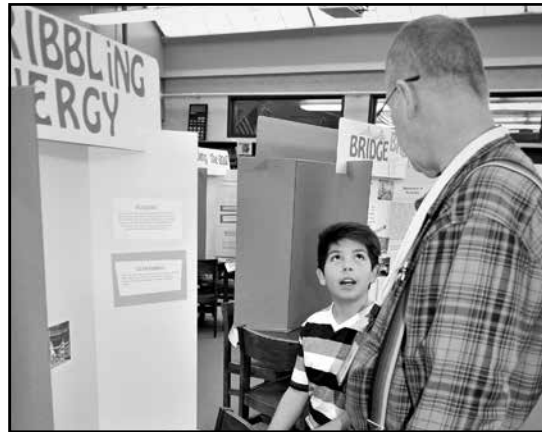


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**Elijah Pacheco listens to Mike Leitch, nuclear physicist.**



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**Kameron Winkler and Nancy Crouse discuss magnets.**

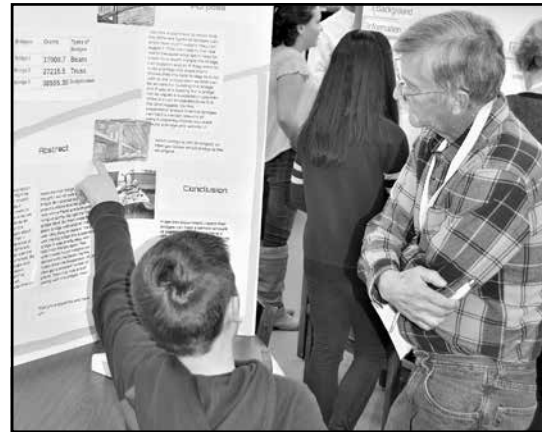


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**Dennis Kholostov explains bridge construction to engineer Ric Santopietro.**

## Junior scientists present projects at Pagosa Springs Middle School Science Fair

By David Smith  
Special to The SUN

Pagosa's junior scientists recently met at Pagosa Springs Middle School to present their research projects.

Students who chose the Middle School Science Fair as an elective started by selecting a topic and a hypothesis. They then designed experiments to test the hypothesis, and analyzed the results to determine whether the hypothesis was correct.

All research projects were judged by three scientists. With so many excellent projects, the competition was fierce.

First place went to Jonathan Nasralla for his research on the possibility of using a Fresnel lens to generate electricity from the sun's rays. Nasralla's lens, dubbed the "Solar Death Ray," was so powerful that it melted a metal can using only energy from the sun. Like most great experiments, initial attempts failed. In Nasralla's case, the high-temperature steam generated by the lens melted the plastic turbine that

was supposed to generate electricity. Also, like most great research, initial experiments showed what needed to be done next.

Second place went to Skylar Sherman for her study of the effects of caffeine and coffee on plant growth. The goal of this research was to enhance plant growth as a possible means of solving the world food shortage.

Third place went to Andrew Bowles, who explored the relationship between the weight of an airplane and the power required to fly the airplane. Related studies have shown the benefits of replacing aluminum with carbon fiber in airplanes and they have led to increased baggage fees charged by the airlines.

All science fair students are encouraged to present their research at the Regional Science Fair in Durango on March 1. Winners in Durango may have the opportunity to present at the state competition in Denver.

The reasons students chose the science fair elective were diverse. Teacher Kristin Hentschel said,

"Science Fair is different from other classes because students are expected to lead, to choose their projects, to do the research and to present it."

Most students said that science fair is "hard," but "fun."

Ridge Wilson said, "I wanted to research something that can change people's lives and memory is really important."

Hannah Girardin said, "Definitely learn to manage your time."

Nell Taylor said, "I like to conduct experiments to learn why things are as they are."

Most plan to enroll in Science Fair next year.

Many members of our community contributed to the success of this science fair. At the center of the effort are middle school science teachers Hentschel and Tiffany Candelaria. Al Myatt photographed the event. Many parents used science fair as an opportunity to work with their children. Finally, there are the judges who had the difficult task of selecting winners. Judges included Nancy Crouse (math-

ematics), Mike Leitch (nuclear physics), Jean Smith (analytical chemistry), Tim Taylor (biochemistry), Gwen Taylor (biochemistry), Roger Organ (chemical engineering), Bob Endres (biochemistry), Matt Ford (chemical engineering) and Ric Santopietro (electrical engineering). Lisa Scott and Larry McClintock were scorekeepers. The Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs funded awards for first place (\$100), second place (\$75) and third place (\$50).

This group of judges belongs to the generation of scientists who gave us compact, high speed computers, the sequence of human DNA and man walking on the moon. These young scientists belong to a generation that is likely to be even more successful. We can only wonder what their great achievements will be. We wish them success.

## School board continues to look for director for District 4

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

With a school board seat for District 4 still open, the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE) discussed ideas at its regular board meeting on Jan. 16 on how to fill the vacancy.

ASD Superintendent Linda Reed explained that the district had not received any candidates, so ASD will advertise the position again.

At the February meeting of the BOE, Reed explained that if the district receives any applicants, the BOE would then interview that candidate.

"We figured it would be out there for about a month," Reed said.

BOE board member Bruce Dryburgh then offered a suggestion that he would like to be more pro-

active in filling the position. "I think that 99 percent of the people who live in this county have no idea what district they're in," Dryburgh said.

The current members of the BOE could also call people they know, BOE member Brooks Lindner noted.

Dryburgh then suggested that ASD staff compile a list of people who live in District 4 who have expressed an interest in the past so that the BOE can follow up and see if they are interested in becoming a board member.

Dryburgh's suggestion then became a motion for the board to vote on.

The deadline would be before the board's February meeting.

BOE president Greg Schick then advised the board to amend the motion that allows the board to "continue the process again on the

board member vacancy, with the comments you [Dryburgh] made being included in that."

The board approved the vote unanimously.

The director of District 4 was most recently Lisl Keuning, who resigned from the board at its Nov. 14 meeting.

According to an email from ASD Executive Secretary Robyn Bennett, a person who desires to be considered for the vacant school director position needs to submit a letter of interest by 3 p.m. on Feb. 8.

The BOE plans to conduct interviews on Feb. 13, according to the email.

In a separate email from Reed, she explained that her plan would be to include the interview portion at the next BOE meeting, but it ultimately depends on what the board would like to do.

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# Sports

## BASKETBALL

### After big wins, Lady Pirates face tough battle against Centauri

By **Randi Pierce**  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) girls' basketball team dominated on the court again last week, with the Lady Pirates outscoring their opponents, Bayfield and Montezuma-Cortez, 135-17.

With the pair of wins, the Lady Pirates are 10-2 on the season and 4-0 in league play, and own a five-game win streak.

But extending that win streak will be no easy task as the Lady Pirates host the undefeated Centauri Falcons tomorrow evening.

"It's a big game; it's an exciting game," coach Wes Lewis said.

While the Lady Pirates sit as the No. 6 team according to Wednesday's RPI standings and are the No. 4 team in this week's rankings voted upon by coaches and select media members, the Lady Falcons are No. 2 and No. 3, respectively.

"They work as hard at it as we do as far as scouting and breaking down film and ... traveling everywhere they can in the summer, and I think there's a lot of similarities in our two programs," Lewis said. "We both have high expectations to get to state and that kind of thing."

But, while the coach acknowledged that the affair versus Centauri is a big game, he explained he's not looking to put too much pressure on the team, noting it's not the district tournament or the end of the season.

"I feel personally like we've been playing better since Christmas," he said, adding that whether the Pirates win or lose, the team needs to show it can compete with the best teams in the state, which it has failed to do in earlier games this season against St. Mary's and Colorado Springs Christian.

Tipoff is set for 5:30 p.m. in the PSHS gym.

Then, the Lady Pirates will face a short turnaround before heading to Monte Vista to again take on that town's iteration of the Pirates Saturday.

Pagosa previously defeated Monte Vista 74-12 at home on Jan. 12, with Monte Vista now holding a 4-8 overall record and 1-3 league mark.

Due to a shortage of officials, the game times in Monte Vista have been changed, with girls' JV playing at 2 p.m. and the girls' varsity squads taking each other on at 5 p.m. There will be no C team games.

#### Bayfield

Pagosa's Lady Pirates recorded their fourth consecutive victory on Friday, Jan. 19, with a 61-6 victory over the Bayfield Wolverines, who are now 4-9 on the season and 1-3 in league play.

It was a dominant affair for the Pirates from the beginning, with Pagosa holding Bayfield scoreless in the first quarter while scoring 11.

In the second quarter Pagosa allowed four points from Bayfield, but countered with 20 to take a 31-4 lead into halftime.

The Pirates' dominance continued in the second half, with Pagosa outscoring Bayfield 22-1 in the third and 8-1 in the fourth.

"The first thing I told them was just that, you know, I think we got better tonight, not because of what the score said, but because some of the things we've been working on, it kind of clicked for us a little bit tonight, so that was, it was nice to see some of that stuff coming to fruition a bit for us," Lewis said following the game.

Morgan Lewis led the team with 22 points in the game, followed by 12 from Devin Wilson (with nine coming in the form of 3-pointers), nine from Taylor Lewis, five from Hailey Griego, four from Keena Murphy, and one each from Teagan Stretton and Adelyn Dozier.

Fourteen of the team's points came in 23 chances at the free-throw line for a success rate of 61 percent.

The team logged 29 rebounds, turned the ball over 15 times and stole the ball 17 times.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Pagosa's Devin Wilson looks to sink a 3-pointer Friday against the Bayfield Wolverines. Wilson logged 12 points in the 61-6 victory, including three 3-pointers.

#### Montezuma-Cortez

That momentum carried over for the Lady Pirates the following day in Cortez, with Pagosa returning home with a 74-11 win on the books.

"It's a lot like our Bayfield game," the coach said. "Our defense was good, our offense was balanced. ... They're in a rebuilding year, and we're not."

The Panthers are 2-11 on the season, with an 0-4 league record.

And, like the day before, the Pirates held their opponents scoreless in the first, this time while

putting 18 of their own points on the board.

The Panthers countered with six in the second quarter, but Pagosa put up 23, stretching their halftime lead to 41-6.

The same trend continued in the second half, with the Lady Pirates outscoring their hosts 22-2 and 11-3 in the remaining two quarters, respectively.

Again, Morgan Lewis led the team in scoring, this time with 26 (including a 3-pointer), followed by Wilson with 13 (including three 3-pointers), Taylor Lewis with 10, Stretton with eight, Griego with six, Murphy with five, Elsa Lindner with four and Ada Peshlakai with two.

Twelve of the team's points came in 17 chances at the charity stripe — a 71 percent success rate.

The team logged 33 rebounds, 15 turnovers and 18 steals.  
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## WRESTLING

### Pirates to host Panthers tonight, battle in Ignacio Tournament Saturday

By **Marshall Dunham**  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) Pirate wrestling team participated in several duals over the last week, including one against the Centauri Falcons and several against New Mexico teams.

On Thursday, Jan. 18, the Pirates defeated the Centauri Falcons 38-34.

Then, on Saturday, Jan. 20, the Pirates traveled to Aztec to participate in the Tiger Duals.

The Pirates fought four teams at the Tiger Duals, and the results are as follows:

The Pirates beat the Farmington Scorpions 43-33.

They beat the Gallup Bengals 66-12.

The Pirates lost to the Manzano Monarchs 36-39, and lost to the Aztec Tigers 19-51.

"Last weekend (Florence) was a

long 3 day trip and this past week was finals week. We made the decision to rest some guys that were dinged up, sick, and in some cases needed to crack the books," wrote Janowsky in an email to SUN staff. "It gave us a chance to put some guys in the line-up that should be getting more varsity time."

Janowsky added that, in some

cases, the Pirates forfeited a weight that they'd usually win, which is reflected in the scores.

"I was very pleased with the overall performance under the circumstances," wrote Janowsky.

Seniors Colton Castro, Nolan Stretton, and sophomore Caleb Janowsky each had a win-loss record. ■ See Wrestling A12



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## BASKETBALL

### Pirates split with league opponents, take on Centauri next

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

It was a week of close battles for the Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) boys' basketball team over the last week, with the Pirates splitting a pair of conference matches.

#### Bayfield

A battle between league rivals resulted in a competitive contest on Jan. 19, but ultimately the Pirates lost to the Bayfield Wolverines by a score of 50-57.

The first two quarters were neck and neck between both teams as Pagosa outscored Bayfield 16-15 in the first quarter, while the Wolverines came back in the second to outscore the Pirates 15-14.

Heading into the third quarter tied up at 30 apiece, Bayfield again narrowly outscored the Pirates by a score of 9-8 heading into the final quarter.

In the fourth however, Bayfield's offense kicked in, scoring 18 points in the fourth while holding Pagosa to 12.

Coach Randy Sorenson wrote in an email to The SUN on Tuesday that it was a close game throughout and Bayfield just made more plays than Pagosa.

Sorenson went on to commend Ryan Phelps of Bayfield for having a great game.

"Turnovers really hurt us. We need to take better care of the basketball if we are going to beat good basketball teams like Bayfield. Our kids played their hearts out but unfortunately we came up short," Sorenson wrote.

Two Pirates scored in double figures for this game, with Isaiah Griego leading the team with 16 points and Keaton Laverty following with 11.

Cade Cowan and Jesus Pacheco both added six points.

Ty Kimsey and Mason Snarr added four points each, while Ryan Lewis added three.

Griego led the team in rebounds with 14, while Laverty led the team in assists with four.

The Pirates turned over the ball 14 times against the Wolverines.

The Pirates would need to bounce back from this loss as they

faced off against another league opponent, the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers, on Jan. 20.

#### Cortez

And indeed, Pagosa returned to its winning form, winning a close one against Cortez 53-49.

The Pirates struggled in the opening quarter, only scoring five points while giving up 15 to the Panthers.

Pagosa then responded in a big way by scoring 21 points in the second quarter and holding Cortez to seven to take a 26-22 lead heading into halftime.

Pagosa and Cortez then drew even with each other in the next two quarters combined, but Pagosa held on for the 53-49 victory.

Despite the slow start in the first quarter, Sorenson wrote that he was proud of the team for finding a way to win.

"After a tough loss the night before and getting behind by ten early in the game it would have been easy to fold, but the kids realized how important it was for us to get a win and they found a way," Sorenson explained.

Hopefully, the close win against Cortez gives the team confidence throughout the season, Sorenson added later.

Three Pirates scored in double figures against the Panthers with Pacheco, Laverty and Griego all having 13 points.

Mitch Lewis added seven points while Kimsey added four.

Pagosa shot 61 percent from the line against Cortez, converting 14 of 23 chances at the charity stripe.

Defensively, Griego led the team in blocks with three, and Pacheco and Laverty led the team in steals with two each.

#### Upcoming games

The Pirates are again tasked with two more league matchups over the next week, the first of which will be played against the Centauri Falcons (8-5 overall, 1-3 in league play) at home Friday.

Varsity action against Centauri is set to begin at 7 p.m.

This is the first time the Pirates have faced off against the Falcons



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Pirate Isaiah Griego floats a shot through a sea of Wolverine defenders during the contest between the two league rivals on Friday. Pagosa came up short against Bayfield, however, losing 50-57.

this season.

Then, on Saturday, Pagosa will travel to Monte Vista (4-8 overall, 0-4 in league play.)

Pagosa defeated Monte Vista 67-49 at home on Jan. 12.

In an email sent to The SUN on Wednesday morning, PSHS Assistant Principal and Athletic Director Marcie Ham noted that, "Due to a shortage of officials the basketball games scheduled for Saturday, January 27 at Monte Vista will begin at 2:00 PM,"

With this schedule change, varsity action against Monte Vista will tip off at 6:30 p.m.

"We have two more tough games this weekend. Centauri has a good team and they play hard. They run the floor really well and they have quick hands defensively. Monte Vista has kids that can score and if they get hot they can make shots in bunches. We are going to have to be really good defensively this weekend," Sorenson explained.

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## Wrestling

Continued from A11  
cord of 5-0 over the week.

"I think that was probably the best Nolan's wrestled all year," said Janowsky. "I thought Caleb wrestled really good too. He wrestled through some pretty challenging circumstances."

Dan Janowsky added that Caleb Janowsky was suffering from a knee injury, and that he did a great job wrestling through the pain.

Senior Tate Hinger, Trevor Bryant and freshman Dylan Tressler went 4-1.

"Tate and Trevor both lost one point matches, in fact they both lost 1-0," Dan Janowsky said. "Trevor in particular, he lost to a state champion from New Mexico 1-0. Tate lost to a really good wrestler too. There aren't any red flags there. There are things we have to get better at, but individually our performances are still on target."

Continued Dan Janowsky, "As a team, maybe we took a step back because our lineup wasn't identical, and that might be the case from here on out. We'll just have to see."

Hunter Smith, Ian Reinhardt

and Erik Wyman all went 3-2.

Dan Janowsky explained that switching up the lineup was due in part to experimentation and in part due to necessity.

He also commented that he was afraid the lineup might not be as good as it previously was due to injuries on the team.

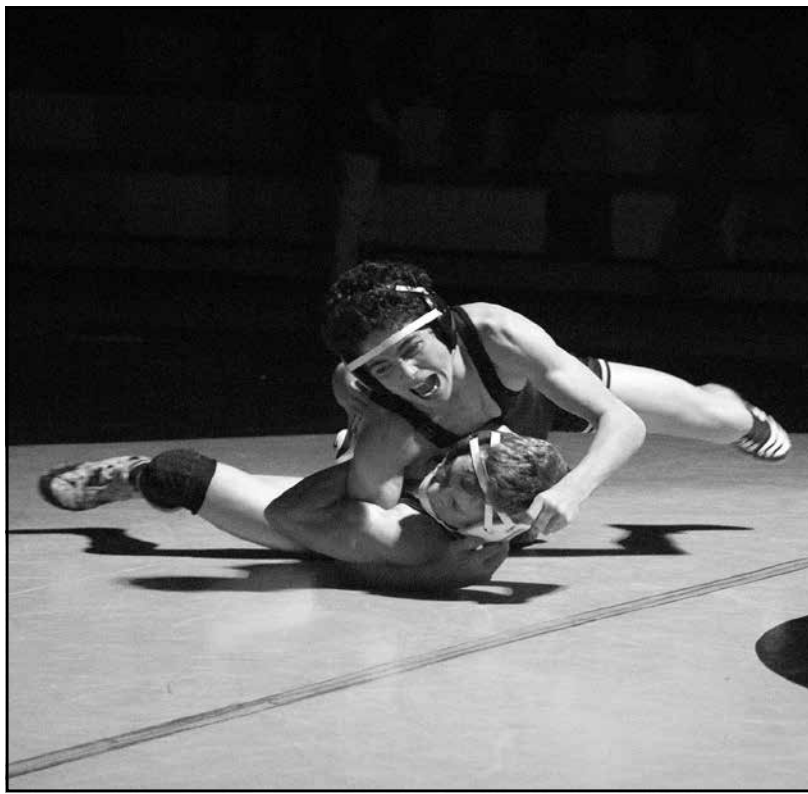
Freshman Cameron Lucero has a back injury, and junior Connor Aragon has a shoulder injury, explained Dan Janowsky.

"We've had a really good week of practice. The kids in the room, they're sharp. We're kind of going back to the things we worked on in the beginning of the year, and we're also working on wrestling at a high pace," said Dan Janowsky. "We've got a set of drills we use to develop aggressive offensive wrestling, and I thought it went really well."

Today at 6 p.m., the Pirates will host a dual against the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers at PSHS.

Then, on Saturday, Jan. 27, the Pirates will travel to Ignacio to take part in the Ignacio Tournament, with action beginning at 9 a.m.

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Freshman Dylan Tressler lets his war face show during a dual against the Centauri Falcons last week. Tressler fought in five different matches over the course of the week, finishing with a win-loss record of 4-1.

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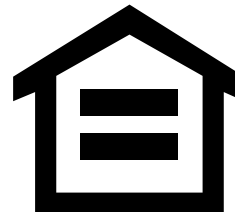
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## Pagosa Peaks Volleyball Club competes in Alamosa tournament

By Shane Lucero  
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Peaks Volleyball Club played in its first tournament, the ASU Winter Scramble, at Adams State University in Alamosa over the weekend.

They entered a 14's-age team and a 15's-age team.

The ASU Scramble had 11 teams participating from cities including Denver, Pueblo, Alamosa, La Junta and Durango.

At this tournament, both teams were placed in the same division. Both teams started strong in pool play. The 15's took the No. 2 seed in the bracket and the 14's took the No. 5 seed.

Competition was tough and our 14's team (comprised of eighth-graders and one seventh-grader) lost to Four Corners Volleyball Club from Durango, ending their journey to the championship game. The team played well together and is looking forward to a successful season.

Many of the girls on the 14's team are new to club volleyball and are pushing themselves by learning new positions, rotations and skills. This group of young athletes are full of potential. With the first tournament jitters worked out, we look forward

to what this team will accomplish the rest of the season.

The 15's team (comprised of freshmen and one eighth-grader) started strong as well, dropping only one set during pool play. They pushed through the bracket taking each game in two sets, which is important to save energy. With their win over Pueblo in the semifinals, they faced the Vikings, another team out of the Pueblo area. They came back from an eight-point deficit to take the first set. With the momentum of the first set, they dominated the second set, closing it out and winning the championship.

The 15's team is a really solid team with each athlete able to play in multiple positions. It is energizing and exciting to watch this team. We look forward to the growth this team will make this season and how they elevate their level of play.

The Peaks 14's team is coached by Angel Stahr, Katie McCalley and Aaron Lokey. The Peaks 15's team is coached by Shane Lucero, Chelsea Hamilton and Marissa Talamante.

Club volleyball has a different format than high school or middle school volleyball programs. Teams are separated by age groups instead of being broken into A or B teams, or freshmen, JV and varsity teams.



Photo courtesy Shane Lucero

The Pagosa Peaks Volleyball Club 15's team wins the championship in their first tournament, the ASU Winter Scramble, at Adams State University in Alamosa over the weekend. Pictured, from left to right, are Kameron Bass, Kori Lucero, Jillian Jolley, Chloe Bridges, Samaya Dunn de Pulido, Brigid Parken, Sierra Smith, Mackenzie Wedemeyer and Sasha Hampton. Not pictured is Makayla Perea.

Athletes may play up to a higher age division, but they may not play down in age divisions.

Pagosa Peaks Volleyball Club is an affiliate of Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) volleyball. The AAU is one of the largest, nonprofit, volunteer sports organizations in

the United States. A multisport organization, the AAU is dedicated exclusively to the promotion and development of amateur sports and physical fitness programs. AAU offers athletes an opportunity to receive a high level of training and competition.

## Inaugural Thomas Hayes Memorial Hockey Tournament this weekend

By Brian Collabolletta  
Special to The SUN

For those of you who remember our last great donut shop, Thomas Hayes was the owner of Daylight Donuts. He was an avid hockey player and fan of the game. A few weeks ago, his widow, Linda Lee, approached the staff at the rink and stated that she wanted to make a donation in her late husband's honor.

The Pavilion board thought they could do one better and hold a tournament in his memory.

This Saturday and Sunday, the Pagosa Multi Purpose Pavilion presents the inaugural Thomas Hayes Memorial Tournament at the rink in

South Pagosa Park.

Games will begin each day at approximately 8 a.m. The format for the tournament will be a three-on-three pond-hockey style. Pond hockey is generally played on a smaller surface than a full-size ice rink and players shoot at 6-foot wide by 6-inch tall goals. It has 1-foot wide openings on each side, encouraging skillful puck placement to score.

Teams will consist of three to six players with no more than three players per team taking the ice at a time. Games will be two 15-minute halves with a brief break in between. Pond hockey rules are much different than regular hockey. There is no goalie, slap shots and checking are not allowed, no offsides, penalties or icing, and

you have to pass the puck at least twice before scoring. This type of play leads to fast-paced and exciting action from the teams.

Registration is still open for teams, but space is limited. Free agent single players are encouraged to sign up as there will be space available on teams that are short on players.

Cost is \$200 per team or \$40 for free agents. Guaranteed at least four games with single-elimination playoffs starting Sunday afternoon.

The championship game will start at approximately 4 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, visit [www.skatepagosa.org](http://www.skatepagosa.org), or contact Brian at 903-2394 or Jeff at 903-2997.

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## Night of fun planned for those interested in youth soccer

By Dorman Diller  
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Youth Soccer Club is beginning to put together teams

for the 2018 spring soccer season. We will host a night of soccer fun and information at the Community Center on Friday, Jan. 26.

Players born in 2008-2010 are


invited to attend with their parents from 5 to 6 p.m. Players born in 2006-2007 are invited to attend from 6 to 7 p.m. with their parents.

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Pagosa Youth Soccer is an organization that competes


through Colorado Youth Soccer with other teams from the Four Corners region. Teams usually practice twice a week beginning in March. Two games are usually played on Saturdays beginning in April. Games may be played in Pagosa Springs, Durango, Cortez, Crested Butte, Telluride, etc. Practice, travel and fees are required to join a team. Sliding-scale fees are available.

For more information, you may contact Dorman Diller at 264-4454 or Stephanie at 769-2163.



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better, and is always in good spirits to make that happen. He is reliable outside the practice room, and coaches never have to spend extra time checking on his grades or behavior. As a wrestler is a "fighter" in the best sense of the word. He never backs down, never "psyches" himself out and he never quits. He is a great teammate."

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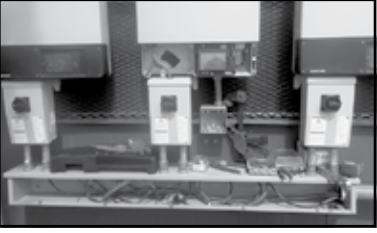


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# ACSO makes multiple arrests

**By Marshall Dunham**  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) made several arrests recently, including one where a female allegedly resisted arrest and attempted to elude officers.

Paige Swinehart, 24, was arrested on Jan. 16 on charges of vehicular eluding, resisting arrest and driving a vehicle with a suspended license.

"On January 16 at 10:10 p.m., a deputy observed a vehicle traveling on the frontage road and it turned into the First Inn Motel parking lot," explained ACSO Undersheriff Tonya Hamilton. "The deputy knew the owner of the vehicle had several active felony warrants, so they tried to initiate a stop."

Hamilton explained that the driver of the vehicle was Swinehart, and that she allegedly parked the car and ran into the motel.

"There were two deputies in this vehicle, and one went inside to try and contact her and the other stayed outside because there was a passenger in the vehicle," explained Hamilton. "He was compliant, and was escorted into the motel."

Hamilton went on to explain that it was believed one of Swinehart's relatives was staying in the motel, but that Swinehart wasn't in that room.

"They also had a room next to him, and (deputies) were able to gain consensual entry into the adjoining room," Hamilton said. "Swinehart was found hiding under the bed."

Hamilton explained that Swinehart allegedly resisted arrest and was subsequently charged with vehicular eluding, resisting arrest and driving a vehicle with a suspended license.

## Sibling dispute

On Jan. 17, the ACSO arrested a man on charges of false imprisonment and harassment near Hidden Drive.

Because the case involves a juvenile, the name of the arrestee is not being published.

Hamilton explained that the conflict was between a man and his juvenile sister.

"It was alleged that he got into a verbal argument with his mother and little sister," explained Hamilton. "The mother and sister reported that he had allegedly had a few drinks after work and became aggressive towards the daughter."

Hamilton went on to explain that the man allegedly pushed his sister to the ground, threw her on the bed and held her down.

"The sister didn't complain of any injuries, but he was arrested," said Hamilton, adding that it was alleged the man pushed over his sister's dresser and knocked her television down.

She explained that the man was arrested on charges of false imprisonment and harassment.

## Perez

The ACSO also took Ricky Perez, who had escaped from a community corrections facility in 2017, into custody.

On Sept. 22, 2017, Perez failed to return to the community corrections facility Hilltop House in Durango from an approved employment pass.

Perez was serving a 30-month sentence for assault 2-strangulation, a class 4 felony.

On Jan. 2 at 10:11 a.m., a deputy received a phone call from an off-duty officer referencing Perez, explained Hamilton.

The deputy had prior knowledge of a felony warrant that was out for Perez's arrest.

"The deputy advised he watched Perez enter the passenger side of a silver Toyota SUV and was following him westbound on 160 at 8th Street," explained Hamilton. "The deputy caught up with the vehicle. He pulled the car over and walked up to the passenger side and told him it was over."

She added that Perez was taken into custody without incident. He was arrested on a felony warrant for escape.

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## BLM to host transportation planning open houses

**By Shannon Borders**  
Special to The SUN

On Jan. 30 and 31, the Bureau of Land Management Tres Rios Field Office is hosting two open house meetings to share information regarding route designations for travel management on public lands in Archuleta, La Plata and Montezuma counties.

In 2017, the BLM released its route inventories on an online interactive map for public review. The open houses will serve as a forum to discuss the public's insight on transportation and

access.

"Transportation planning is vital so communities can access and enjoy the trailheads and travel routes on their public lands," said Connie Clementson, Tres Rios field manager.

As stewards, the BLM manages public lands to benefit current and future generations by supporting conservation through the multiple-use mission. The information from public input will assist in developing a proposed transportation system and associated trailheads to provide long-term access for hiking,

horseback, mechanized and motorized uses within the Tres Rios Field Office.

The Jan. 30 open house will be held in the Montezuma County Commissioner Meeting Room, 109 W. Main St. in Cortez, from 5 to 7 p.m. The Jan. 31 open house will be held at the Durango Public Library, 1900 E. 3rd Ave. in Durango, from 5 to 7 p.m.

For more information, contact Keith Fox at (970) 882-6856 or via email at kfox@blm.gov. To review the map of the existing route system, go to: <https://goo.gl/Fztm6h>.

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## Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

### Tuesday, Jan. 30

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

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

### Wednesday, Jan. 31

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

### Tuesday, Feb. 6

**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.

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

### Tuesday, Feb. 13

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session.**

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

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

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

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

**Pagosa Peak Open School Accountability Committee meeting.** 6 p.m., 7 Parelly Way.

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

### Wednesday, Feb. 14

**Town of Pagosa Springs Historic Preservation Board.** 4:30 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

### Thursday, Feb. 15

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

### Friday, Feb. 16

**Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors work session and regular meeting.** 3 p.m. work session, 4 p.m. regular meeting, 7 Parelly Way.

### Tuesday, Feb. 20

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

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

### Wednesday, Feb. 21

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

### Thursday, Feb. 22

**Archuleta School District Board of Education community engagement.** Noon, Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

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.

## Nordic club to host Red Ryder BB Gun Biathlon as part of Winterfest activities

**By James Dickhoff**  
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Nordic Club is hosting the Red Ryder BB Gun Biathlon as part of Winterfest at 9 a.m. on Feb. 3.

The event includes a 16km competitive course, 8km citizens and youth course and a KidK course.

This is a freestyle Nordic ski event, which means you can skate ski or classic cross-country ski the course. Participants will have three

opportunities to shoot at targets with a Red Ryder BB gun (provided) between ski laps.

This event is a great time for all ages and ability levels. Pagosa Nordic provides the BB guns and you provide the ski legs and target-shooting skills.

Event location will be announced soon.

To register and for more information, visit [PagosaNordic.com](http://PagosaNordic.com) under the events tab.

## Soak for Pagosa Springs Special Olympics on Jan. 30

**By Shane Lucero**  
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Springs chapter of Special Olympics Colorado will be the first recipient of #SpringsGiving in 2018.

Come to The Springs Resort on Tuesday, Jan. 30, to support your local Special Olympians.

Once a month, the public bath house donates 100 percent of net admission sales to a 501(c)(3) charitable organization selected by staff and ownership.

In 2017, over \$50,000 was donated to nonprofit organizations via #SpringsGiving efforts.

The event will benefit the Lo-

cal Special Olympics Colorado — Pagosa Springs team directly in purchasing new basketball uniforms, ski jackets and with travel expenses for the two-day Four Corners Softball Tournament in Farmington, N.M., where Pagosa Springs will represent the state of Colorado playing softball.

Pagosa Springs Special Olympics has approximately 25 athletes who participate in 10 out of 22 sports offered year-round.

Special Olympics is a global movement of people creating a world of inclusion and community, where every single person is accepted and welcomed, regardless of ability or disability. They are helping to make the world a better, healthier

and more joyful place — one athlete, one volunteer, one family member at a time.

If you would like more information, please contact Shane Lucero at 317-3800 or email at [slucero@pagosahotsprings.com](mailto:slucero@pagosahotsprings.com).

## Public Notices

### COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2017-022

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:  
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.  
Original Grantor(s) Maureen A. Munro  
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.) 2066957  
Original Principal Amount \$58,000.00  
Outstanding Principal Balance \$49,791.38  
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.  
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.  
Condominium Unit B, Fairway Condominiums, according to the Condominium Map for Fairway Condominiums file October 3, 1985, as Reception No. 134289 and as corrected by instrument recorded April 13, 1988, in Book 212 Page 293 and as defined and described in Declaration of Condominium for Fairway Condominiums recorded October 3, 1985, as Reception No. 134290, all in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado.  
Also known by street and number as: 21 W. Golf Place #2, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.  
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.  
NOTICE OF SALE  
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.  
HEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 03/01/2018, at 449 San Juan St. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorney's fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.  
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IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.  
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This is an in rem action of judicial foreclosure upon your timeshare (interest(s)) located at Village Pointe Condominiums for failure to pay assessments to Village Pointe Property Owner's Association, Inc. The legal description for your real property is below:  
Plaintiff Attorney: Christopher B. Conley, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901 and Samuel S. Vigil, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 40454, 437 6th Street, Las Animas, CO 81054.  
Defendant(s) / Legal Descriptions:  
CAROL A ENGLAND AND GEORGE L ENGLAND, Lien No. 21706911 filed in Archuleta County, CO on 11/03/2017 against the following described property, to wit:  
Unit 7507, Building 2, Unit Week 28, in that property which is described as a parcel of land being a portion of Parcel B, Third Replat of South Village Lake, recorded as Reception No. 130304; Village Pointe Phase I recorded in Plat File No. 331 A-E, under Reception No. 0168713, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado  
WILLIAM D SCHWARZER AND ROSEMARIE L SCHWARZER, Lien No. 21706912 filed in Archuleta County, CO on 11/03/2017 against the following described property, to wit:  
Unit 7511, Building 3, Unit Week 16, in that property which is described as a parcel of land being a portion of Parcel B, Third Replat of South Village Lake, recorded as Reception No. 130304; Village Pointe Phase II recorded in Plat File No. 332-332A-E, under Reception No. 171189, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.  
CAS B WINDHAM JR AND DONNA MARIE WINDHAM, Lien No. 21706912 filed in Archuleta County, CO on 11/03/2017 against the following described property, to wit:  
Unit 7513, Building 4, Unit Week 20, in that property which is described as a parcel of land being a portion of Parcel B, Third Replat of South Village Lake, recorded as Reception No. 130304; Village Pointe Phase II recorded in Plat File No. 332-332A-E, under Reception No. 171189, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.  
JOHN J PEPER AND JULIA G PEPER, Lien No. 21706913 filed in Archuleta County, CO on 11/03/2017 against the following described property, to wit:  
Unit 7528, Building 6, Unit Week 5, in that property which is described as a parcel of land being a portion of Parcel B, Third Replat of South Village Lake, recorded as Reception No. 130304; Village Pointe Phase III as recorded in Plat Filed No. 238A-F under Reception No. 179324 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.  
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**ALPHA ROCKRIDGE METRO DISTRICT  
A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**  
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and, particularly, to the electors of the Alpha Rockridge Metropolitan District of Archuleta County, State of Colorado.  
Notice is hereby given that an election shall be conducted as a mail ballot election in accordance with all of the code. The Designated Election Official shall develop a Plan for conducting the mail ballot Election, which will be made available to the public. There shall be no election precinct or polling places. All mail ballots shall be returned to the designated Election Official's mailing address and be received no later than the 8th day of May 2018. At that time, 2 directors will be elected to serve 4-year terms and 2 directors will be elected to serve 2-year terms. If an eligible elector of the Alpha Rockridge Metropolitan District is interested in serving on the board of directors, a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form may be obtained on the district's website as follows:  
[AlphaRockridgeroaddistrict.com](http://AlphaRockridgeroaddistrict.com)  
The district Designated Election Official is Gary Lansdale. Self-nomination forms should be mailed to him at: 1 Alpha Dr., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Telephone (505) 486-1437.  
A Self-Nomination and Acceptance form that is not sufficient may be amended once at any time prior to Thursday, February 22, 2018. The deadline to submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form is Thursday, February 22, 2018. Affidavit of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate forms must be received in the mail of the designated election official by Monday, March 5, 2018.  
Alpha Rockridge Metropolitan District  
Gary Lansdale, Designated Election Official.  
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**Archuleta County  
Pinon Causeway to Aspen Village  
Shared Use Path Project  
CDOT Project Number: STE C480-008  
CDOT Project Code: 19219**  
Archuleta County is in the process of finalizing the above listed project constructed by Crossfire LLC, 820 Airport Road, Durango, CO 81303. Any claims against this project by suppliers, subcontractors, or others should be delivered to the project engineering firm of Davis Engineering Service, Inc. at 188 South 8th Street, PO Box 1208, Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147. All claims shall be delivered prior to February 13, 2018. Any claims received on or after February 13, 2018 shall not be considered. Claim forms can be obtained from Davis Engineering Service, Inc. (Phone 970-264-5055).  
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## San Juan Outdoor Club to meet

**By Bob Milford**  
Special to The SUN

On Thursday, Feb. 1, the San Juan Outdoor Club will hold its meeting from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave.

The guest speaker will be Brandon Caley, and the program is titled "Connecting People, Places and Stories in the San Juan National Forest."

Caley has been with the Forest Service since 2006 and spent a great deal of time working in the Chugach National Forest and Tongass National Forest in Alaska before he came down to the San Juan National Forest. Since October 2013, he has been actively involved with visitor services, interpretation and conservation education on the Pagosa Ranger District. In 2016, he was named the Rocky Mountain Region Gifford Pinchot Interpreter and Conservation Educator of the Year.

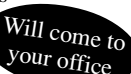
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# Review

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mended long-term levels for the general population.”  
 • Matt Dodson, Archuleta County's director of human services, made history on Nov. 28, being honored as the first-ever Colorado Human Services Directors Association Director of the Year.

The presentation came at the Colorado Counties Inc. conference in Colorado Springs.

• At a special meeting on Nov. 28 the Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) board released an executive session tape to The SUN after entering into the executive session improperly at its Nov. 17

meeting.  
 Within the executive session, Parelli building owner Mark Weiler discussed with the PPOS board various things from a facilities expansion, financial advice to school growth.  
 • It was announced in late November that the Geothermal

Greenhouse Partnership will begin construction of its Community Garden Dome and Innovation Dome in spring 2018.  
 These two domes will be installed next to the existing Education Dome in Pagosa Springs' Centennial Park on a parcel leased from the Town of Pagosa Springs.

## DECEMBER

• On Dec. 2, the PSPD investigated a bomb threat that was called in to the Seventh Day Adventist Church. The building was searched and later deemed safe.  
 • On Dec. 2, the Pirate wrestling team kicked off its wrestling season by competing in the Buena Vista Tournament and placed first out of seven teams.  
 • In an interview on Dec. 4, a representative of billionaire Sid Bass refuted claims made by Weiler during PPOS's executive session.  
 During the executive session, Weiler explained that Bass had offered to pay for the construction of a new vo-tech building at PSHS.  
 J.R. Ford, the representative for Bass, noted in the interview that Bass did not know who Weiler was.  
 • In early December it was announced that 12 PSHS Pirate football players earned postseason honors. Ty Kimsey was named Back of the Year, while Keaton Anderson was named Kicker of the Year.  
 Too, two members of the Pagosa Springs High School boys' soccer team were rewarded with postseason honors for their work on the field. Jason Monterosso received first-team all-conference honors as a striker. Tate Hinger received second team all-conference honors as a midfielder.

• On Dec. 5, Frank Ratliff, a former Archuleta County employee who has been charged with embezzling public property and first-degree official misconduct, entered a not-guilty plea to the charges during an arraignment.  
 Embezzlement of public property is a class-five felony, whereas first-degree official misconduct is a class-two misdemeanor.  
 • Charlotte Benally entered a not-guilty plea regarding the charge of being an accessory to first-degree murder during an arraignment on Dec. 5.  
 Benally is accused of being an accessory to the murder of Richard "Dick" Isaacs that occurred in May of last year.  
 A jury trial has been scheduled for April 16, at 8:30 a.m., and is scheduled to last for four days.  
 • The PSHS Pirate boys basketball team opened its season with a win at home against the Salida Spartans on Dec. 5 by a score of 51-32.  
 • After 22 practices, the Lady Pirates' basketball team was finally able to put its skills to the test in the Dec. 5 home and season opener, claiming its first victory of the season over the Salida Spartans 47-23.  
 • The PFPD responded to a grass fire on Dec. 8 that blackened a

40-by-40 piece of land near Jack's Pasture Road.  
 According to PFPD Deputy Chief Karn Macht, the fire was caused by hot ashes that came from a stove, and that a residence was threatened by the fire, but didn't receive damage.  
 • The PFPD responded to a structure fire on the evening of Dec. 8 that started in the chimney and then spread to the surrounding roof area.  
 The structure involved was a house near North Pagosa Boulevard and Mission Drive.  
 • The Pirate wrestling team placed first during the Columbine Tournament in Littleton on Dec. 9.  
 • On Dec. 9, the PSHS boys' basketball team extended its win streak to three games after defeating Gunnison and Buena Vista at the Buena Vista tournament.  
 • In a special interview on Dec. 11, Pagosa Area Builders Committee chair Larry Ash also sat down for an interview with The SUN to refute comments made by Weiler during PPOS's executive session concerning donations for the vo-tech program at PSHS.  
 Ash stated that he had never met Bass, nor has he ever corresponded with him.  
 • The PFPD Board of Directors further discussed the idea of going to the ballot for a mill levy increase in May of 2018 during its regular meeting on Dec. 12.  
 The PFPD board of directors later decided to ask the public for a mill levy increase of 3.783 mills, which would bring the district's total levy to 7.85 mills.  
 • The contention over the Archuleta County Courthouse continued on Dec. 12, with representatives of the Sixth Judicial District approaching the ASD BOE to discuss security concerns over using the county's administration building at 398 Lewis St. as a temporary court location — only to find out that the county's offer was no longer on the table when Commissioner Michael Whiting spoke during the meeting.  
 • The BoCC approved the county's 2018 budget on Dec. 12, which anticipates a total of \$28,111,144 in revenues and \$34,382,329 in expenditures across all funds.  
 One of the biggest pieces of that budget is the Road and Bridge Fund, with anticipated revenues of \$5,991,230 and expenditures anticipated at \$8,189,780 for 2018.  
 "The 2018 Road & Bridge budget is about \$480,000 higher than the 2017 budget. Both maintenance and capital outlay expenditures

were increased.  
 "To support these increases, about \$2,198,000 of Road & Bridge fund balance were appropriated; but a healthy fund balance remains," County Administrator Bentley Henderson's budget presentation reads.  
 The work is slated to include reconstructing the southernmost 1.3 miles of Piedra Road from U.S. 160 to roughly Cloud Cap Avenue, and will again include work on East Golf Place, Monument Avenue and Butte Drive that was deferred in 2017.  
 • Local snowpack was the lowest in the state in terms of snow water equivalent, with the area including the San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River basins sitting at 24 percent of normal as of Dec. 13.  
 • On Dec. 14, the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and PFPD responded to a three-vehicle accident that resulted in one fatality and multiple injuries.  
 The crash occurred near mile marker 137 on U.S. 160 at 10:22 a.m.  
 According to a CSP incident report, Neil B. Caryl, 27, of Loveland, suffered fatal injuries when his Dodge Ram hit an icy spot and crossed the median into oncoming traffic.  
 Two passengers, 24-year-old Talor B. Estrada and a 1-year-old infant, were transported to Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) by PSMC EMS with serious injuries.  
 Caryl was later found to have more than the legal amount of THC in his bloodstream at the time of the crash.  
 Caryl had 9.2 nanograms of THC per milliliter of blood, whereas the limit is considered 5 nanograms of THC per milliliter of blood.  
 • At the regular PAWSD board meeting on Dec. 14, Weiler pitched the idea of CMC to the board.  
 Weiler stated that he would like support from elected officials in the community.  
 • The final report expected regarding the air quality of the Archuleta County Courthouse arrived in mid-December, with the report coming from Dr. Michael Kosnett, a medical toxicologist hired by the Colorado Judicial Department.  
 The report, dated Dec. 14, came in the form of a 13-page letter from Kosnett that discusses his "assessment of the impact of the indoor air quality of the Archuleta County Courthouse Building in Pagosa Springs, Colorado ... on the health of employees who work in the building."  
 The report stated, "In conclusion, the indoor air quality in the Archuleta County Courthouse Build-

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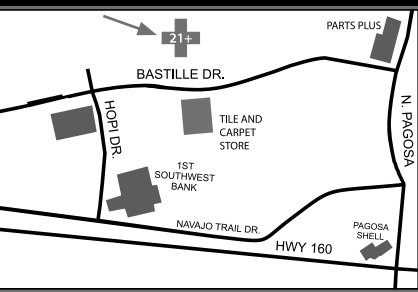


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# 2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

2017 was a busy and interesting year in Pagosa County. There was no want for controversial issues, no lack of interesting news events to keep SUN readers focused on local events, situations and personalities.

This week, The SUN will round out its look back at some of those events, selected by SUN staff writers.

## OCTOBER

On Oct. 2, Archuleta School District's (ASD) Planning Assistance Team (PAT) held a meeting to discuss various scenarios for district facilities.

These scenarios ranged from bringing everything within ASD facilities up to code baseline, to the building of new schools.

Despite Mother Nature messing with the event, the state golf tournament took place on Oct. 3 at the Indian Peaks Golf Course in Lafayette, with a pair of Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) Pirates among the 84 golfers taking part in the tournament.

Those Pirates, Nathan Smith and Jonathon Robel, finished tied for 33rd and 56th, respectively.

Due to rain that led to standing water on the course, it was announced on Oct. 2 (which was supposed to be the first day of the two-day tournament) that the tournament would be changed to a one-round championship. Then, on the morning of Oct. 3, it was announced that the 18-hole tournament would start on a 30-minute frost delay.

It was announced shortly after the tournament that the PSHS golfers had also garnered all-conference honors.

The PSHS Pirate football team defeated the Gunnison Cowboys 56-7 on Oct. 6.

At its monthly meeting on Oct. 9, the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) board formulated a job description for a general manager position.

Board president Rod Proffitt wrote in an email to The SUN that the board had no experience in employment law needed to create a new position, so they sought out legal help.

Board member John Porco raised concerns over certain language in the description that said, "However, the Board of Directors shall neither have, nor exercise any control or direction over the methods in which the general manager performs its services, its only requirement being that such services are performed in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner."

Porco had an issue with the term "any" in the job description.

After much deliberation, the board agreed to a revised contract that states "duties as outlined in this job description will be implemented through a contract with the selected individual."

The ASD Board of Education (BOE) approved at its regular meeting on Oct. 10, the use of PSHS property for new vocational construction.

Board member Greg Schick stated, "Essentially this action is just to approve the use of property with no specifics."

The PSHS Pirate football team's win streak was snapped at three games after losing to the Bayfield Wolverines 21-3 on Oct. 13.

The Hot Springs Boulevard bridge reopened on Oct. 13, following the completion of the repaving of the section of road.

The saga of the Archuleta County Courthouse continued at an Oct. 13 special meeting held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), with the board approving a resolution declaring the courthouse safe following air quality tests.

The resolution also states that, effective Oct. 31, the BoCC "will not support any direct or ancillary expenses associated with any alternative occupancy by any function, department or any historically customary user of the courthouse."

Air quality testing was conducted in the courthouse after the courts and sheriff's office moved out of the building, citing issues with air quality.

Leavell-McCombs Joint Venture (LMJV) declared it would be appealing the latest decisions made regarding the Village at Wolf Creek, with a notice of appeal dated Oct. 13 stating that the LMJV, "Hereby appeals to the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit ..."

LMJV intended to appeal, in part, a May 19 order halting the swap needed for the development.

The PSHS Lady Pirate volleyball team left the Monte Vista tri-tournament with two wins on Oct. 14.

The Lady Pirates defeated both Monte Vista and Alamosa, improving the team's overall record to 10-8 and bringing its league record to 5-4.

At its Oct. 17 meeting, the BoCC approved a resolution bringing the county back into alignment with the Colorado Noxious Weed Act and to help it take on the problem of noxious weeds in the county.

More specifically, the resolution approved the Archuleta County Integrated Pest Management Plan, which is required under the law and must be updated as needed or on a minimum of a three-year cycle.

An order from District Court Judge Jeffrey Wilson dated Oct. 17 declared that individuals who sued Archuleta County commissioners and the county attorney would have to pay Archuleta County's attorney fees.

The court finds that each plaintiff who signed the motion to show cause to be responsible for the contents of the motion to show cause and to have knowledge of what is contained in the motion to show

cause. The motion to show cause was clearly groundless," reads Wilson's order. "The court orders that each of the plaintiffs, with the exception of Plaintiff Pat Alley, who did not sign the motion to show cause, shall be jointly and severally liable for the County's attorney's fees in the amount of \$18,565.50."

The case came before the court after multiple individuals sued county commissioners and the county attorney, alleging that Archuleta County failed to present 11 ballot initiatives to voters in November of 2014.

After hearing SJWCD board member Ray Finney's request for a "good working peace treaty," the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) board concluded that it was still not interested in the San Juan River Headwaters/Dry Gulch reservoir project at its regular meeting on Oct. 19.

Also on an Oct. 19, a 400-pound male bear became stuck between Pagosa Springs Middle School and Pagosa Outside.

The bear was tranquilized and transported to an undisclosed location.

Oct. 20 was a good day on the "Delta Speedway" for the PSHS boys' cross-country team, which earned its way to the state meet with a third-place finish.

Joining the boys' squad at the state meet would be freshman Megan Greenly, who individually placed 13th to earn a state spot.

The girls' squad placed sixth at the windy (with gusts up to 30 mph) regional meet in Delta, with the top four teams from each region moving on.

It was the first time in several years the Lady Pirates would not be running as a team in the state meet (it made twice in Anderson's 17 years of coaching that the team has not made it to state).

After noting the girls' team would not lose any runners to graduation coach Scott Anderson said, "They'll live to fight another day."

In October, the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) and the Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD) were jointly investigating a suspected arson that occurred in the bathrooms near Mary Fisher Park.

On Oct. 23, the PAT narrowed

down its list of scenarios for school district facilities to four.

These scenarios ranged from building a new middle school on the high school campus to building a new high school.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) paid a visit to the Archuleta County Courthouse on Oct. 24 at the request of the sheriff, performing additional testing for hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) in the facility.

The results of that testing, according to an interoffice memorandum from County Administrator Bentley Henderson to the county's elected officials sent the next day that was obtained by The SUN, came back below Occupational Health and Safety Association thresholds.

"Once again, the scientific evidence indicates that there is no causal connection between the building and the illnesses reported," the memo states. "In addition, as of this date, I have not been presented with any opinion within a degree of medical certainty that the building presents a hazard to our public or employees."

Closing out its season on Oct. 27 on a two-game win streak, the PSHS Pirate football team headed to the playoffs for the first time since the 2011 season.

The Pirates finished its regular season with a 6-3 overall record and a 4-1 record in league play.

The No. 13-seeded Pirates would face the No. 4-seeded La Junta Tigers in La Junta in the first round of the playoffs.

On Oct. 28, the PSHS Lady Pirate volleyball team closed out its regular season at the Coal Ridge tournament and advanced to the regional tournament.

The Pirates finished the Coal Ridge tournament with a 1-3 record and ended the regular season with an 11-12 record and a 5-5 record in league play.

The No. 33-seeded Pirates would begin the regional tournament against No. 21 Colorado Springs Christian and No. 4 University.

While the state cross-country meet may not have gone exactly according to plan for the PSHS cross-country team on Oct. 28, the Pirates, nevertheless, walked away happy.

The team placed 20th at the meet

while Lady Pirate Megan Greenly, who qualified as an individual, finished 76th in the girls' race.

The meet was held at the Norris Penrose Event Center in Colorado Springs.

On Oct. 28, fire broke out in the engine compartment of the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs' thrift store delivery truck.

According to the PSPD, evidence at the scene indicated the cause of the fire was arson.

The 17th annual Worldwide Atlal Championship held in Portales, N.M., on Oct. 28, was taken by Pagosa Springs resident Ron Beckman, who works as a day manager at Chimney Rock National Monument.

Beckman, who has lived in Pagosa for seven years, took the Adult Division and the Grand Champion categories out of 40 competitors at the Eastern New Mexico University Blackwater Draw National Historical Landmark site.

Also, Beckman tied with an 18-year-old competitor for the longest spear throw using the ancient hand-held throwing stick and 7-foot-long spears at over 100 yards, sweeping the event in his first-ever participation in the sport.

During a special meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 31, the Pagosa Springs Town Council discussed potential options for acquiring land for the Riverwalk Trail and Cottonhole Park.

The council approved the first readings of several ordinances that authorized the lease purchase of several lots, as well as authorizing a land exchange for more lots along Hermosa Street.

Despite a resolution approved by the BoCC earlier in the month declaring the Archuleta County Courthouse safe, the Sixth Judicial District announced on Oct. 31 it would not return its operations to the building.

"For the reasons stated in the report from A.G. Wassenaar, my letter of Oct. 10, 2017, and the letter from former State Court Administrator Jerry Marroney to each of the county commissioners dated January 16, 2015, I have, in consultation with the Judicial Department, decided that the Sixth Judicial District will not return to the Archuleta County Courthouse," reads a letter from Wilson.

## NOVEMBER

On Nov. 3, the PSHS Lady Pirate volleyball team ended its season at the regional tournament, finishing with a tournament record of 1-1.

The Pirates finished its season with an overall record of 12-13 and a 5-5 record in league play.

Pirate volleyball players Faith Ahlhardt, Morgan Lewis and Keena Murphy all garnered post-season honors.

Ahlhardt was named first team all-conference, while Murphy and Lewis were named to the second team.

Ahlhardt was also named the Intermountain League Player of the Year.

The PSHS Pirate football team lost in the opening round of the playoffs to the La Junta Tigers by a score of 34-0.

The Pirates ended its season with a 6-4 overall record and a 4-1 record in league play.

The Archuleta County Courthouse was again the topic of conversation on the afternoon of Nov. 7, with the BoCC tending to a trio of agenda items related to the building at its regular meeting.

But one of those items, it was later discovered, was a moot point

— the commissioners' offer to switch spaces with the courts, because the courts were not able to use the facility.

That offer came in a Nov. 2 letter from BoCC chair Steve Wadley to Wilson and District Administrator Eric Hogue and was a response to the courts' test results and associated letter dated Oct. 31 in which Wilson stated the courts and probation would not be returning to the Archuleta County Courthouse.

"Simply put, we will switch space with you," the letter reads.

Archuleta County voters were not in a giving mood for the Nov. 7 election, turning down both the county's and SJWCD's ballot issues.

In total, 4,177 Archuleta County voters cast their ballots, with 9,145 ballots disseminated.

Ballot Issue 1A, Archuleta County's ask for a 1 cent sales tax increase for a new jail and sheriff's office, was defeated at the polls, with 51.52 percent of Archuleta County voters voting against the issue (2,146 votes) and 48.48 percent voting in favor (2,019).

Ballot Issue 5A, the SJWCD's request for an increase to 1 mill to help with the land acquisition

for and support the San Juan River Headwaters Project reservoir, was soundly defeated, with 75.44 percent of voters against the measure (2,697 votes). A total of 878 voters, or 24.56 percent, were in favor of the measure.

During its meeting on Nov. 7, town council received an announcement and an update: Pagosa Springs Municipal Judge William Anderson would be retiring at the end of the month.

"I'm sad to say that Municipal Judge William Anderson has decided to retire, so he's put in his letter of resignation," explained Town Manager Andrea Phillips. "He's been our municipal appointed judge for maybe 20 years or so, maybe longer."

On Nov. 8, Ahlhardt signed her national letter of intent to play volleyball for Maryville University, located in Saint Louis, Mo.

On Nov. 10, Lewis signed her national letter of intent to play basketball at Metropolitan State University.

Wolf Creek Ski Area began opening for weekends on Nov. 11, with the Nova Lift and two runs open and containing both natural and man-made snow conditions.

At a special meeting held on

Nov. 13, the SJWCD amended its bylaws and re-opened the general manager position.

The amended bylaws allow for SJWCD to have a reduction in the number of directors on the board of no more than nine and no fewer than three.

At its regular meeting on Nov. 14, BOE member Lisl Keuning resigned from her position as director of District 4 after moving out of her district.

The U.S. Forest Service, through the U.S. Department of Justice, filed a notice of appeal with the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals to appeal a federal court ruling that the agency acted "contrary to law" in approving a land exchange that would green-light a resort on Wolf Creek Pass.

They would be challenging a federal judge's ruling from earlier in the year that its Rio Grande office's approval of the Village at Wolf Creek was steeped in "predictive bias" and was "contrary to law." The developers of the proposed resort, LMJV, also appealed in October.

The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) arrested a man for bond violations who later spat blood and saliva onto an officer on Nov. 20.

ACSO deputies arrested 51-year-old Frederick William Calder on charges of resisting arrest, violation of bail bond conditions, violation of restraining order and second-degree assault on a police officer.

At its regular board meeting on Nov. 21, the BOE voiced its support for Colorado Mountain College (CMC) coming to Pagosa Springs after hearing a presentation from community member Mark Weiler.

The Archuleta County Planning Commission adopted a comprehensive update to the Archuleta County Community Plan on Oct. 11, with the BoCC later endorsing the plan on Nov. 21. The Community Plan provides a vision for the future development of Archuleta County, from Arboles to the West Fork, developed through extensive public input in 2001.

The Colorado Court of Appeals announced on Nov. 22 that it was reversing the conviction of Charles Ray Stane, who in 2013 was convicted of the 1988 murder of Vickie Dexter, and remanding the case for a new trial.

The case was not immediately remanded, however, and is still pending.

In late November, the Upper San Juan Health Service District,

which oversees Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC), began seeking applicants to fill an upcoming vacancy on its board of directors.

Dr. Richard Zak, it was announced, would be vacating his role in order to work at PSMC, with his resignation from the board effective Dec. 31.

Zak's contract with PSMC began Jan. 1, 2018. His term on the board of directors was slated to expire in May of 2018. Per the district's bylaws, no employees can serve as board members.

Another report found its way into the hands of Archuleta County concerning the air quality within the Archuleta County Courthouse at the end of November.

That report, completed by industrial hygienists with the CDPHE, is dated Nov. 27 and was delivered to Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez the same day. He then disseminated the information to the county's administration, elected officials and The SUN.

The report focused on concentrations of hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) in the facility, particularly in the west end, stating that levels were "substantially higher than recom-

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## Weminuche Audubon Society Year of the Bird



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# A recap from the 118th Bird Count and introducing Year of the Bird

By Keith Bruno  
Special to The PREVIEW

On Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017, volunteers from the Pagosa Springs community (and even a few folks from as far as Minnesota) came together to conduct the 118th Christmas Bird Count.

This tradition, an annual collaboration between the Weminuche Audubon Society (WAS) chapter and a regional office of Audubon Rockies, marks the seventh time that our strong birding community has come out to log winter bird residents for this effort.

Fifty-six observers split into eight groups to navigate a circle 15 miles wide in diameter around town by car and foot, tallying a number for each species noted. Unlike last year's oftentimes blizzard conditions, the weather this year behaved and observers were afforded a solid day of birding.

Collectively, the community tallied 70 species, with a few additions from count week observations (includes species seen three days before and after the count date). Participants spent a team total of 48 hours in cars (372 miles) and 11 hours on foot (9.25 miles) combing the area searching for species. Also, we had two dedicated bird-feeder watchers on count date that contributed.

The undoubtedly slow start to our winter in south-

west Colorado has equated to a rare array of bird species lingering in or visiting our region for longer than normal. Some highlights:

- A group that spotted three hooded mergansers and three pied-billed grebes in the Pagosa Lakes region were a little surprised to find these species hanging out this time of year.

- One group photographed a first-year northern shrike, a unique songbird known for its ability to impale prey on thorns and sharp branches. This species has never been sighted in our region for the count.

- Other unusual findings included late sightings of both Brewer's and chipping sparrows (typically further south by now).

- Outside of "fighter jet" flocks of honking Canada geese (tallied at 803), ring-necked ducks were certainly the most highly counted waterfowl species, with a total of 488 spotted.

- Pagosa residents were happy to see that our lone trumpeter swan had two friends that visited for the holidays (and the count).

Last year, only 61 species were reported, so this year was a fair improvement for species diversity. Despite this, we found a few oddities:


- Only one Lewis' woodpecker was seen during the count week.

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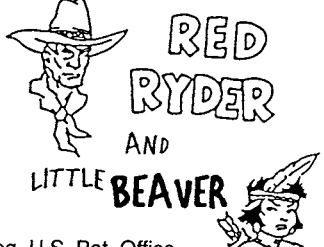


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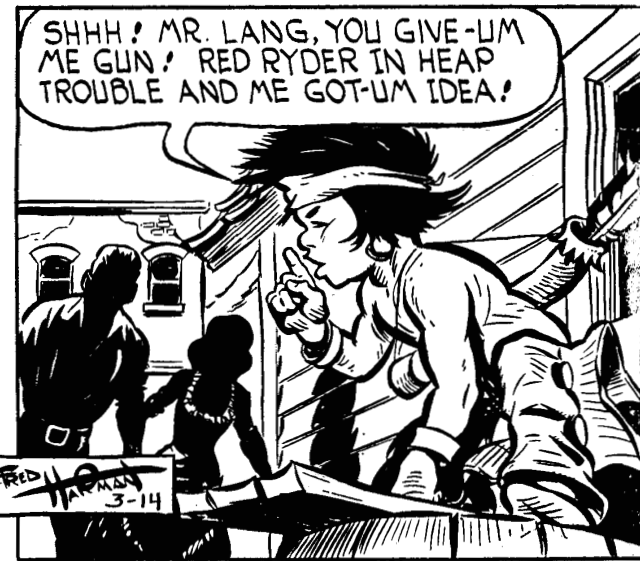
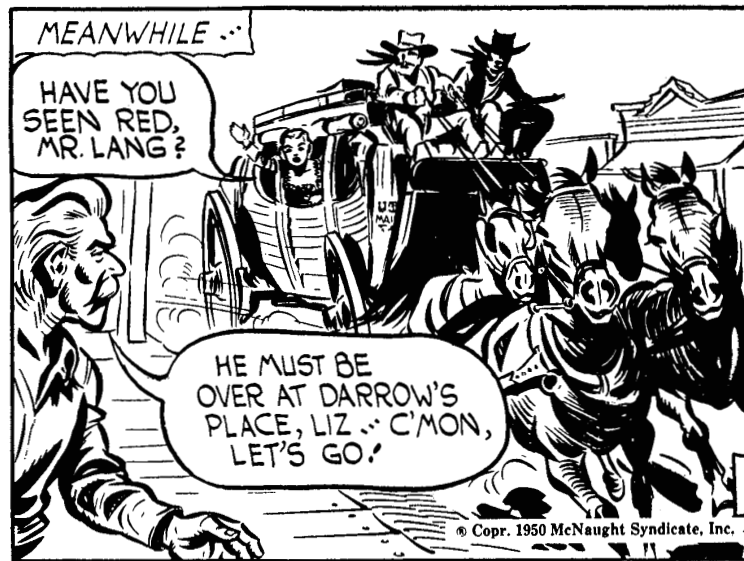


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By Fred Harman



# Bird of the Week



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The Barrow's goldeneye is one of our winter ducks that spends only a few months in Pagosa Springs. Because it leaves its breeding grounds in the northwest, Canada and Alaska, late in the fall and returns early in the spring, this duck is usually only seen here from December through early March.

The male is a handsome black-and-white duck distinguished by his purplish head with white crescent-shaped patch in front of a golden eye. Some of our local birders feel that the white shoulder patches on his black back resemble piano keys.

The female is a grayish-brown bird with dark-brown head. Her bill is often, but not always, orangish with a black tip. Even experienced birders have a difficult time telling her apart from her cousin, the common goldeneye. These two species are often seen swimming together here.

The Barrow's goldeneye is a diving duck when feeding. Its diet consists of aquatic invertebrates, small fish and eggs, and pond vegetation. These ducks are usually silent, but their wings make a whistling sound in flight. Look for them on the open waters of the San Juan River through town and occasionally on shallow lakes late in the season.

## Count

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- Zero canvasback ducks were seen over the count week.

- Great blue herons are apparently adept at skating on ice.

This year, 2018, we will be celebrating the Year of the Bird. The Audubon Society, National Geographic, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and BirdLife International have come together to bring special attention to birds, marking the centennial from when the Migratory Bird Treaty Act was formed.

The intention, above all else, is to bring awareness to bird populations and their diversity, protecting

them from modern day threats and honoring the role that they play as indicators of environmental health.

Let's start paying more attention. Stay tuned for our upcoming "Bird of the Week" series, highlighting a bird each week beginning soon. Feel free to come and check out what we're up to at our next WAS chapter gathering on Feb. 21 at the Community United Methodist Church on Lewis Street at 6:30 p.m.

You can find out more information at [weminuheadubon.org](http://weminuheadubon.org) or on our Facebook group site.

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Friends of the Theater follow the instructions of “Circle Mirror Transformation” director Melissa Firlit, who led them in a series of exercises typically used in acting classes on Jan. 15. This event at the Thingamajig Theatre is one of a series of behind-the-scenes activities for members of the Friends, an organization created to assist in fundraising and act as an advocacy group for the Thingamajig Theatre Company in the community. “Circle Mirror Transformation” is a five-actor, one-act drama by Pulitzer Prize-winner Annie Baker about an acting class at a community center in Vermont. This is its last weekend at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Performances take place at 7 p.m. on Jan. 25, 26 and 27, and 2 p.m. on Jan. 28. Thingamajig is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit professional theater in residence at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts that produces dramas, comedies and musicals year-round.

## Backcountry Film Festival coming to town Saturday

By Morgan Anderson  
Special to The PREVIEW

The 13th annual Winter Wildlands Alliance Backcountry Film Festival will show in Pagosa Springs on Saturday, Jan. 27, at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse.

All proceeds will benefit The Colorado Mountain Club (CMC) Conservation Department.

Through advocacy and stewardship, CMC Conservation works to preserve and enhance human-powered recreation in balance with natural resource conservation on Colorado’s public lands.

The Backcountry Film Festival is produced by Winter Wildlands Alliance as a celebration of the human-powered experience and a gathering place for the backcountry snow sports community.

Winter Wildlands Alliance is a national nonprofit organization that partners with groups like the CMC at the local level to inspire and educate the backcountry community to protect and care for their winter landscapes. Funds raised at each screening stay in the local community to support human-powered recreation and conservation efforts, winter education and avalanche/safety programs and to raise awareness of winter management issues.

Adventure, environment and climate, youth outdoors, ski culture — you’ll find it all in this award-winning lineup. Films in this year’s program include:

- “The Space Within,” DPS Skis Cinematic — 5 minutes, 28 seconds.
- “Ruth Gorge,” Noah Howell —

8 minutes, 1 second.

- “Below 0,” Itai Hagage — 4 minutes, 54 seconds.

- “The End of Snow,” Jane Zelikova and Morgan Heim, 20 minutes, 35 seconds.

- “Follow Through,” Anya Miller and Becca Cahall — 21 minutes, 48 seconds.

- “Genesis,” Ben Sturgulewski and Dan Pizza — 5 minutes, 50

seconds.

- “Idaho 12ver Project,” Mark Ortiz — 12 minutes, 10 seconds.

- “Adventure Not War,” Max Lowe — 7 minutes, 35 seconds.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and films begin at 7 p.m.

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# Final weekend for 'Circle Mirror Transformation'

By Dale Scrivenger  
Special to The PREVIEW

Thingamajig Theatre Company's current production of "Circle Mirror Transformation" (closing this Sunday at 2 p.m.) features actor Ivy King, a Pagosa Springs local who went on to a professional acting career nationally.

King anchors an ensemble cast which also includes Boni McIntyre, Dan Morrison, Dennis Elkins and Kathleen Macari, who are reuniting for the first time since their performances in last summer's blockbuster repertory season. Don't miss this opportunity to see King and all the amazing actors in this hilarious, beautiful, and touching piece by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Annie Baker.

**Synopsis:** In the small town of Shirley, Vt., five strangers gather in a dance studio to embark on a unique journey together in a creative drama class for adults. In this one small room, through these few seemingly trivial games, quiet wars are waged, emotional wounds are nursed and healing is finally, slowly, able to begin. In this quiet masterpiece, "Circle Mirror Transformation," the audience takes a transcendent journey through the mundane into the profound.

Thingamajig Theatre Company presents "Circle Mirror Transformation," playing at Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Rated PG-13. Thursday-Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. For tickets and information, visit [pagosacenter.org](http://pagosacenter.org) or call 731-SHOW (7469).



Photo courtesy Thingamajig Theatre Company

Ivy King stars as Theresa in Thingamajig's "Circle Mirror Transformation," showing at Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts through Sunday.

# Mercy to offer free education to those with prediabetes

By David Bruzese  
Special to The PREVIEW

People diagnosed with prediabetes are at a higher risk of developing type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease. Effectively managing prediabetes can help prevent diabetes.

In fact, studies have shown that the risk of developing type 2 diabetes can be significantly reduced through weight loss and exercise, which have been shown to be more


effective in managing prediabetes than medication alone.

Anyone identified as having prediabetes is invited to attend a free class by Sheena Carswell, CNS, BC-ADM, and Marge Morris, RD, CDE. Attendees will learn how to manage prediabetes and help prevent the onset of Type 2 diabetes.

The class will be held Feb. 2 from 9 to 11 a.m. in suite 140 of the medical office building at Mercy Regional Medical Center.

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# Air drumming: not just for the birds

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. 30, at noon.

The class offers a welcoming environment that encourages fun, creativity, playfulness and connecting with others.

Air drumming is a way of playing a drum in the imagination. When drumming is mimed, played with only gesture, expression and movement, we're free to explore limitless possibilities for a drum's dimensions, how its shape can transform and many ways it can be played.

Although it seems to be a purely expressive, soundless form of percussion that takes place solely in the mind's eye, one wonders what

may be occurring on a physical level when a group of people are stirring up air waves. Perhaps we don't hear these waves because we only hear sound waves with frequencies between about 20 Hz and 20 kHz. Animals have different hearing ranges from ours, so it would be interesting to try to determine how they experience air drumming.

Some would say drumming is for the birds. Woodpeckers, who drum on trees and houses, would agree. So would palm cockatoos, great drummers who perform with drumsticks they make themselves.

The male ruffed grouse is a percussionist who takes drumming to a whole new level. Standing on a resonant, fallen log, the grouse thumps the air with his wings. Air rushes to fill the vacuum created under his wings when they are rapidly flapped in front of his body,

creating a reverberating drum roll. This happens because the wings reach the same speed as the sound waves generated by their passage through the air, causing the waves to pile up into a penetrating shock wave, a sonic boom.

The male ruffed grouse drums mostly in the spring to attract females and ward off other males. Perhaps during a less demanding season, we could hire one to teach our drumming class how to bring air drumming into the spectrum of human audio perception. But even without sonic booms, air drumming can have its benefits. Just be careful not to let anyone outside the class see you doing it because they'll think you're out of your tree.

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

# San Juan Stargazers to study Hubble pictures of the Sagittarius star cloud and globular star clusters

By Joan Mieritz  
Special to The PREVIEW

The San Juan Stargazers will hold their regular meeting on Thursday, Jan. 25, at the Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center Conference Room, located on Hot Springs Boulevard.

We will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. You will be able to warm up with hot coffee, cocoa, tea and apple cider, and a treat. If the roads are unsafe, we will cancel the meeting and postpone the program. If that happens, look for an email blast or call 731-0186.

Our program will be a video lesson showing great photos taken by the Hubble space telescope of the Sagittarius star cloud. The photos are spectacular. We will also study globular clusters, which are compact groups of over a million stars held together by their mutual gravitational attraction.

The Milky Way has approximately 170 globular clusters and, next to black holes, are among the most amazing things our universe has to offer. We frequently are able to see closer globular clusters

with telescopes at Chimney Rock. We will also learn about the Hertzsprung-Russell Diagram. The program will be educational, entertaining and very interesting.

The color-coded schedules will be available for next summer's Night Sky Programs at Chimney Rock, including nine star parties, which are well attended by locals and visitors from around the world.

You are invited to join us any night by simply calling the cabin and checking for available space. We are so incredibly fortunate to have that many opportunities to view the amazing night sky in the darkness of Chimney Rock National Monument. Consider joining us at this January meeting to learn about becoming a volunteer. We have five CRIA telescopes that need operators and you will be painlessly trained and thrilled by the results.

We have available a beautiful star atlas with wonderful pictures and detailed directions on how to study the night sky. It is only \$10,

which is an unbelievable price for its beauty and detail.

The San Juan Stargazers are part of the Astronomical League, which includes clubs from all over the U.S. We have a website, www.SanJuanStargazers.com, as well as an email address, sjstargazers@gmail.com and a club phone number, 731-0186, to help communicate with the public. Out of town amateur astronomers are always welcome, as well as anyone interested in learning more about astronomy.

## Jan. 31 lunar eclipse

There will be a lunar eclipse visible in Pagosa on Wednesday, Jan. 31. It will begin at 4:48 a.m., enter totality at 5:51 a.m., end totality at 7:08 a.m. and the eclipse will end, invisible to us, after sunrise.

The Stargazers will not be holding a gathering because telescopes aren't needed, but early risers will have a wonderful treat, much better than a worm, Wednesday morning.

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# Your health matters: 9Health Fair set for April 28

By Constance d'Angelis  
Special to The PREVIEW

By caring for the health of your mind and body, you create a cascading effect on the world around you. Those who care about you and depend on you are not the only ones affected. It's like a snow fall that covers the earth, trees, buildings and mountains, or a pebble dropped into a calm pond of water and ripples out. Your good health creates an effect that is felt throughout the community. You are offering a gift to others, including your pets, animals you care for and how the world considers its health. Take charge of your health.

We at the 9Health Fair recognize the importance of your good health to you, those close to you and our community. As a health service, we are offering special testing, screening and educational opportunity.

This year, the fair will be held at Pagosa Springs High School on April 28.

For a minimal cost of \$35, you can get a general blood chemistry, which includes a blood sugar test.

Did you know that over 100 million Americans, with seniors topping the list at approximately 25 percent of the population, are either diabetic or pre-diabetic?

This potentially life-threatening and painful malady can be nipped in the bud through shifts in physical and mental changes that you can make on your own without

drugs and surgeries. You can do this before having to become involved with substantial medical intervention like insulin shots, loss of peripheral nerve function requiring surgery, heart disease and the other horrible effects of this disease.

But, first, you need awareness. Glucose testing is part of the Health Fair basic testing package.

One of our volunteers was having tingling in his feet and hands, urinating often, feeling very thirsty and fatigued. Through the glucose testing, he discovered that he was pre-diabetic. He's made the life-style shifts needed and now he's feeling quite well with no need for drugs.

He opted for an optional, more extensive glucose testing (A1c), but it was worth it. He conjured the mental discipline to make the changes that only he could make. He lost 20 pounds and has more energy than he has for 10 years. He started skiing again.

Your health matters. Take charge and join us at the high school on April 28 from 7 to 11 a.m. for the annual Health Fair.

Or, volunteer to help out. If you have questions or interest in volunteering, contact Constance d'Angelis by text/call (813) 373-8004 or email 7LawsofHealth@gmail.com.

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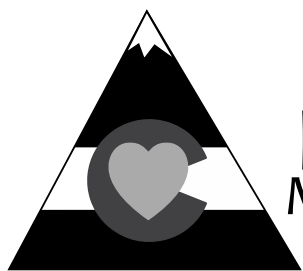
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# Don't count him out

Our grandson, Spencer, was a dark horse, a nerd and a late bloomer with a curious mind. This child spent weeks preparing how to ask a girl to prom only to be turned down. At 6 foot 3 inches in high school, he had outgrown his peers in size and they seemed to have outgrown him in social skills.

As a teenager, Spencer spent hours in his room editing his skateboarding videos. Comfortable behind the camera, he was asked to shoot his YWMA trip to China and make a video for their project. He was focused, driven and intent on editing his videos. He couldn't be bothered with people who weren't going somewhere. He declared many times that he had places to go and people to see.

Our grandson was home for the winter break from college and would be returning for his junior year. He was already working on his senior project in his film class. The student were asked to present a 10-minute film. He had written a 90-minute script and was working on it for his senior year's project.

Why were we surprised when my Sweet Al and me arrived in California for Christmas, only to be met by a film crew? The nerdy crew was comprised of a director, producer, scriptwriter, set and costume designer, and cameraman.

With computers on the dining room table, they were discussing scenes and locations for his storyline. I was not invited, but I took a seat anyway and became part of the roundtable discussion.

Sweet Al said, "What are you doing, Betty? You weren't invited."

I wanted to be a part. They were my kind of artists — idea people, movers and shakers, and progressive thinkers. I moved into character and conversed with the film crew. "I am also a writer, I've written three books and two scripts. I might be able to help you."

Needless to say, the young men from Biola University Film Department were slightly impressed with

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Betty Slade



my accomplishments.

My Sweet Al said, "Leave them alone. They know what they are doing."

"But, I know where the pitfalls are. I've learned a lot in writing books and scripts and my knowledge might be valuable to them."

"They're being nice because you're a grandmother and they're not going to beat up on Spencer's grandmother."

Spencer collaborated with the crew. I wanted to collaborate with them, too. As I listened to them, I marveled at the young minds and their ideas. Were we that smart when we were 22 years old? We weren't.

My grandson said, "Grandma, we are having a conference call in five minutes, you have to be quiet. Granddad has to be quiet, too."

"Well good luck in keeping him quiet, but I will try to stay out of it. It will be hard." I excused myself from the group and told them I needed to call home and let the family know we arrived safely.

I called our son. "How are the dogs? Your dad wants to know. We arrived safely and were met with a fanfare, a movie production team. I have been helping them with some of my ideas."

With his annoying quick wit, he said, "So, they're doing a movie about you?"

Another naysayer, I should know better than tell him anything. I said, "No. I was just helping them out. They said they learned some things they didn't know."

"Don't tell me that they have cast you as the lead character in Spencer's movie?"

"No. But they did invite me

to their premiere. It's not always about me."

"Since when?"

"It's about Spencer. He plans to be a director and hopes to direct young-adult and coming-of-age films. He wants to produce good, clean movies in Hollywood."

I spoke to Spencer about the path of an artist. I told him he had no idea about temptation or life itself. He is choosing a path that will chew him up and spit him out, but only he can walk this path and learn from it. I warned him he might skin his knees, bloody his shins and risk rejection. I was talking to a skateboarder.

He responded, "That's already happened. Thanks, Grandma, for the pep talk. But, I've already been faced with temptations and rejection."

Final brushstroke: I'm not ready to check out. He needs a lot of prayer. That's my job now. I'm so aware how the next generation has moved into that place where they will meet the world with their bright ideas and high ideals. They will find the world is not ready for them. But, he will grow in character and experience what it is to be an artist. I'm not counting him out. I'm putting my money on this dark horse. He's a winner.

### Readers' comments

I heard from a couple of you and I stand corrected about the nativity scene in the White House. Sorry. I heard it wrong. I checked and the nativity was there during the years of the former president.



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# Aikido students celebrate Kagami Biraki

By Lisa Jensen  
Special to The PREVIEW

Students of Aikido of the San Juans recently celebrated Kagami Biraki, a traditional Japanese New Year's ceremony.

This annual tradition is a time for families and friends to gather and, in martial arts dojos, is also a time for personal reflection, dedication to training and a wish for good training with no injuries in the upcoming year.

Kagami Biraki is when high ranks are awarded at Hombu Dojo, aikido world headquarters in Tokyo, Japan. Typically, someone receiving a rank of sixth dan (sixth-degree black belt) or higher will travel to Japan to accept the award personally from Doshu Moriteru Ueshiba, grandson of aikido's founder and the current head of aikido worldwide.

On a smaller scale and at the local level, Donovan Galabota was recently awarded his purple belt. Donovan is the highest-ranked child student at Aikido of the San Juans and this rank is the equivalent of an intermediate

adult student. Donovan has trained with dedication and sincerity since the day he began, and continues to develop leadership qualities along with solid technique.

At this year's local Kagami Biraki, students and some brave parents rang in the new year with 1,000 bokken (wooden sword) cuts. Afterward, everyone took a turn pounding rice into mochi (rice cakes).

The round mochi represent a mirror, which symbolizes self reflection.

Aikido's founder, Morihei Ueshiba, determined that the true purpose of martial arts training is to better oneself and to seek to protect or help others. He said, "True victory is self victory."

Aikido is often called the art of peace. Practitioners learn to first connect with their training partner and to maintain this connection throughout the technique. The emphasis is on blending with the other person's energy and redirecting it in such a way that neither person is hurt.

The physical practice of aikido reminds us of how we are all connected and inspires us to keep this connection throughout all our endeavors.

# Facing life's greater dangers with fewer tools

By Jeff Smith  
Special to The PREVIEW

We live in a world of skeptics. I am one of them. I question people's motives, including my own. I doubt others until there is clear proof they are sincere. I often see a larger world that does not care about me, that can be hostile and might even be a threat to my well-being. My

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tool box of skills and resources to deal with life are meager. Nothing is certain except death and taxes

and this morning, for the record, coffee cup in hand, I don't like this bit of wisdom from the Bible I am reading:

"The righteousness of the upright will be their salvation, but the false will themselves be taken in their evil designs." — Proverbs 11:6 (BBE).

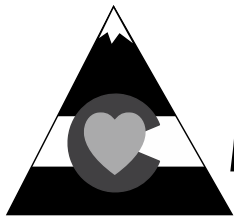
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# UU topic: ‘Letter from a Birmingham Jail’ and a legacy of hope

By Bob Lecour  
Special to The PREVIEW

Fifty-five years ago, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. penned what has now become known simply as the “Letter From a Birmingham Jail.” In honor of the life of King, this document will be the focus of our service on Sunday, Jan. 28, at 10:30 a.m.

King’s “Letter” is a superb example of the power of prophecy to “get in the face” of institutionalized evil. In King’s situation, it was the systemic evil typical of the white Christian America of his time.

For a message to be prophetic, its message must be timeless. Truly, this message remains prophetic for our current times. Those of us who pride ourselves as spiritual have not avoided the “sins” of organized religion. Catholic theologian Father Richard Rohr reminds us that “evil lurks powerfully in the shadows, in our unconscious complicity with systems that serve us at other’s expense.”

Using the actual text of this document with sidebar commentary, we will explore the timeless insight of King’s words as they express the historical hypocrisy and hope of the Christian faith in dealing with issues of race, social justice, nonviolence and peace. Coming from a long lineage of religious prophets, King speaks truth from the experience of his heart.

Unitarian Universalism (UU) has a historical record of supporting King. On March 7, 1965, King sent a telegram to UU headquarters in Boston asking for religious leaders and concerned citizens to join him in Selma, Ala. Hundreds of UUs responded by marching with King. Two of them did so at the cost of their lives.

To this day, it is still the nature of UU to be on the forefront of social justice issues. Likewise, the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship strives to be more conscious of the subtle racism in our personal lives and within the predominantly white Pagosa community. We enthusiastically invite you to be a part of this endeavor.

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is a caring, inclusive fellowship dedicated to spiritual growth, justice and serving the needs of our larger community. As a Welcoming Congregation, we invite everyone to share in our faith community. We cherish diversity and foster a safe environment for all.

Enjoy refreshments and conversation after services, which are held Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza. From North Pagosa Boulevard, turn onto Park Avenue, then turn into the Greenbriar Plaza, drive to the east side of the parking lot and look for the Unitarian Universalist sign, facing north.

For further information, see pagosauu.org or call 731-7900.

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goodness of good people rescues them.”

This verse wants to force me out of my funk.

So, there is one more thing to do to get control over my sorry fate and I may have to give up some of my best, go-to ideas to do so. I must give up being able to mislead, connive and coerce. Twisting facts to suit my needs, using people to

further my status and not hearing cries for help when I can do something, they need to go. I must do good things. In effect, I must face life’s greater dangers with fewer tools. Those left over will have to be enough.

No, this Bible verse is not a blanket promise that being good will spare me from all of life’s ills. That is not what it wants to say and yes, I can also pray. It reminds

me though, that simple goodness counts for much if I want a better destiny. At times, it may be all I need.

Humph.

And I so enjoyed feeling sorry for myself.

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# New Thought to explore the idea of living life on your own terms

By Janie Garms  
Special to The PREVIEW

Ernest Holmes was one of the preeminent thinkers of the 20th century. He created an organization known today as the Centers for Spiritual Living or New Thought.

One of his greatest contributions to New Thought and the world was his concept of affirmative prayer.

Through our studies, we understand that we are always at choice. The Law of Life can work for you through your thought patterns. Since it is possible to control your thoughts, it is possible to control your destiny.

One cannot live a choiceless life. Join Dr. Laura Metallo, cognitive psychologist and board member for Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT), as she explores living life on your own terms this

Sunday, Jan. 28, at 10 a.m.

In addition, joining her is a special guest for the Sunday service. Dale Scrivener is a well-known talent at Thingamajig Theatre. Scrivener is a graduate of Mansfield University of Pennsylvania with a bachelor's in vocal performance. Make a choice to spend an hour as he shares his voice and spiritual music with our community.

## About us

Unify in shifting the collective consciousness of this planet. What brings us together is much more powerful than what divides us. The Center for Spiritual Growth (PCNT) is establishing community and exploring all paths to the Divine.

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Request a concentrated affirmative mind treatment or obtain information by joining us, emailing PagosaCommunityNewThought@gmail.com, calling 749-9020 or snail mailing to P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1052. Find us on Facebook (Pagosa Community of New Thought) or our website: www.PagosaNewThought.org.

## Preview Calendar

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

### Thursday, Jan. 25

**Lecture: Healthy Grocery Shopping on a Budget.** 10-11:30 a.m., Sisson Library. Professionals from San Juan Basin Public Health will be on hand to discuss how to shop healthy while on a budget. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**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 malware threats and antivirus programs. 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.

**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

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## The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) is seeking to fill open positions on the Local Noxious Weed Advisory Board.

According to the Colorado Noxious Weed Act title 35 article 5.5, the local advisory board is appointed by the BoCC. Members will help update the Integrated Pest Management Plan at least every three years and voice suggestions to County staff for ultimate approval by the BoCC. If you are interested in a position please see <http://www.archuletacounty.org/582/Local-Weed-Advisory-Board> for eligibility and responsibilities. If you believe someone would be suited for the role, please nominate them for a position on the board using the form at <http://www.archuletacounty.org/582/Local-Weed-Advisory-Board>.

Applications and nominations will be accepted from January 18th-February 1st 2018.

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Wilderness Journeys	Alpen Haus	Quality Inn	Ski & Bow Rack	Wolf Creek
7:30 am	7:41 am	7:54 am	8:05 am	4 pm
9:30 am	9:41 am	9:54 am	10:05 am	4 pm

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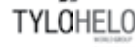
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**Thingamajig Theatre Presents 'Circle Mirror Transformation.'** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. In an artsy small town, an unlikely collection of strangers sign up for Marty's adult creative drama class. Unfolding like a charmingly funny indie film, the group plays Marty's imaginative (and sometimes awkward) theater games. But, as their relationships develop over the course of the summer, the seemingly silly games generate some real-life drama. For more information and ticket purchases, go to [www.pagosacenter.org](http://www.pagosacenter.org) or call 731-SHOW.

**San Juan Stargazers.** 7-8:30 p.m., Visitor Center conference room. Our program will be a video lesson showing great photos taken by the Hubble space telescope of the Sagittarius star cloud. We will also study globular clusters, which are compact groups of over a million stars held together by their mutual gravitational attraction. For more information, email [sjstargazers@gmail.com](mailto:sjstargazers@gmail.com), visit [www.SanJuanStargazers.com](http://www.SanJuanStargazers.com) or call 731-0186.

**Winter Outdoor Learning Fund (WOLF).** 7-11 p.m., Borde Rio. There will be a silent auction, food and drink specials. Live music featuring Gleewood. All proceeds will ensure that WOLF can grow its message while continuing to create outdoor learning opportunities for young people in our community.

## Friday, Jan. 26

**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.

**Literary Ladies Book Club.** 10:30 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. The Literary Ladies will discuss "The Walk" by Richard Paul Evans. Stop by to pick up or request a copy. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Tai Chi.** 11 a.m.-noon, Community Center. This is a slow, gentle exercise that improves balance, strength, flexibility and lung capacity while reducing stress and increasing an overall sense of well-being.

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

**Teen Book Club.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens in the 7th-12th grades. Join us for snacks and lively discussion of this month's book, "And Then There Were Four," by Nancy Werlin. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

**Youth Soccer Fun Night.** 5 p.m., Community Center. The Pagosa Youth Soccer Club is beginning to put together teams for the 2018 spring soccer season. We will host a night of fun and information. Players born in 2008-2010 with their parents are invited to attend from 5-6 p.m. Players born in 2006-2007 with their parents are invited to attend from 7-8 p.m. Players are asked to wear non-marking shoes to play on the gym floor. Players will run through a practice session. For more information, contact Dorman Diller at 264-4454 or Stephanie at 769-2163.

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## Saturday, Jan. 27

**Inaugural Thomas Hayes Memorial Hockey Tournament.** 8 a.m., Pagosa Multi Purpose Pavilion, South Pagosa Park. The format for this tournament will be a 3-on-3 pond-hockey style. Registration is still open for teams, but space is limited. Cost is \$200 a team or \$40 for free agents. For more information, visit [www.skatepagosa.org](http://www.skatepagosa.org), or contact Brian at 903-2394 or Jeff at 903-2997.

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

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Gives newness of life	Romans 6:3-4; II Corinthians 5:17
Clothes you with Christ	Galatians 3:27
Makes you alive together with Christ	Colossians 2:12-13

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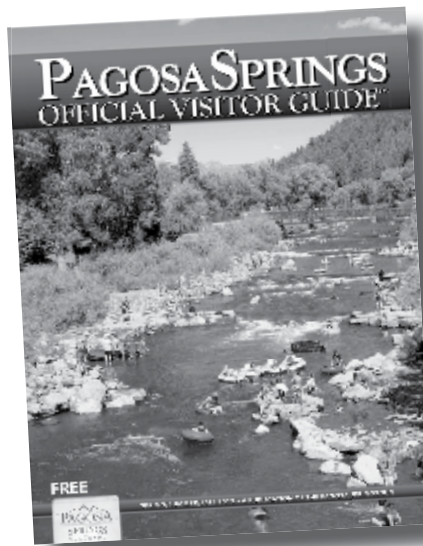
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**Baby Storytime.** 9:05-9:25 a.m., Sisson Library. For babies 0-12 months. Twenty minutes of stories, songs and fingerplays for you and your little one. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills in everyday family life. Call 264-2209 for more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

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

**Yoga with Charlotte.** 10:15-11:30 a.m., Community Center.

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

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

**Backcountry Film Festival.** 7 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. The Backcountry Film Festival is produced by Winter Wildlands Alliance as a celebration of the human-powered experience and a gathering place for the backcountry snow sports

community. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission: CMC member, \$12; nonmembers, \$15. Tickets are available online at [cmc.org/bcff](http://cmc.org/bcff) or at the door.

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**Sunday, Jan. 28**

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

**National Winter Playwrights Re-**

**treat.** 7 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Two staged readings will be presented: "Memoirs of a Forgotten Man," by award-winning playwright D. W. Gregory, and "How to Hide Your Monster," by Heidi Kraay. For more information, call Sarah Lawrence at (469) 236-0017.

**Monday, Jan. 29**

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

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

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

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**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.

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

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

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

**Paper Airplane Obstacle Course.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For fourth- through 12th-graders. Come fold paper airplanes and experiment with which one flies the farthest. Compete with your friends to see who can fly their paper airplane through a series of obstacles. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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**Tuesday, Jan. 30**

**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.

**WHIPS (Women Helping in Pagosa Springs).** 11:30 a.m., Junction Restaurant. Lunch is \$12. Everyone is welcome. RSVP to 946-1895. All baby wipes and diapers you bring are appreciated as a donation to THRIVE.

**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 in-

formation, email banjocrazy@centurytel.net or call 731-3117.

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

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

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## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

**ACROSS**

- 1 Fictitious, with "up"
- 5 Song and dance, e.g.
- 9 Percolate out
- 14 Agenda entry
- 15 Had on
- 16 Even if, briefly
- 17 "Eh"
- 18 Holiday carol
- 19 Handle the food for a party
- 20 Forger
- 22 Brewer's need
- 24 Low pitch
- 25 Clock part
- 27 Fish that swims upright
- 29 Follett or Kesey
- 31 Advocate for change
- 33 "Casino Royale" actress
- 35 Surgery tool
- 39 Scare badly
- 40 Ecstasy
- 42 Tire feature
- 43 Go under
- 44 Like certain assets
- 47 Campaign pro
- 48 Iron-horse driver
- 51 Four quarters
- 53 Preserve, in a way
- 54 Untamed
- 56 Cocktail garnish
- 59 Highway headache
- 61 Potting need
- 63 Grayish
- 64 Give the slip
- 65 Bring on board
- 66 Use a scythe
- 67 Extend, as a subscription
- 68 Start to freeze?
- 69 Margin

**DOWN**

- 1 Shoot wide
- 2 Quark's place

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- 3 Appoint
- 4 Wax theatrical
- 5 Beard on grain
- 6 Motel offering
- 7 Turncoat's crime
- 8 eBay party
- 9 Resinous deposit
- 10 Involved
- 11 \_\_\_ of roses
- 12 Game with kings and queens
- 13 Hoops game for two
- 21 Bossy old woman
- 23 Tasseled hat
- 26 Atoll protector
- 28 Biblical wife
- 29 Set aside
- 30 \_\_\_ and anon
- 32 Tina of "Date Night"
- 34 Thankfulness
- 36 Caught unawares
- 37 As a result
- 38 Casting need
- 40 BBQ spices
- 41 With proficiency
- 43 Steakhouse choice
- 45 Avant-garde
- 46 Obi wearer
- 48 Perfume compound
- 49 Unsophisticated
- 50 Gather bit by bit
- 52 Hardly oblivious
- 55 Lowdown
- 57 Lively dance
- 58 Hunt and peck, e.g.
- 60 Nave bench
- 62 Waikiki welcome

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

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**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. 31

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**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.

**Wellness Clinic.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Senior Center. Held by Tabitha Zappone, FNP-C.

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

**Jelly Beans and Squiggly Things After-School Club.** 3:30-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, room 9. For information, call 903-8104.

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

**Steampunk Crafts.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens in the 7th-12th grades. Stop by to make jewelry and knickknacks from gears, keys and whatever else we can find. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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## Thursday, Feb. 1

**Trail Fundamentals Workshop.** 10

a.m.-1 p.m., District Ranger Office. Join Tyler Albers from trails and wilderness on the Pagosa Ranger District as he leads a discussion on the functioning components of trails. Planned topics include: Forest Service trail management, evolution of trails, modern trail design and trail features. Space is limited.

Send an email to talbers@fs.fed.us to reserve your space.

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

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

**Computer Basics: Windows 10.** 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn the basics of using the Windows 10

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**San Juan Outdoor Club.** 6:30-8:30 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Guest speaker is Brandon Caley. The program is titled "Connecting People, Places and Stories in the San Juan National Forest." The public is welcome. For more information, go to [www.sanjuanoutdoorclub.org](http://www.sanjuanoutdoorclub.org).

## Friday, Feb. 2

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

## Saturday, Feb. 3

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

**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.** 10:15-11:30 a.m., Community Center.

**Archuleta County Genealogical Society.** 11 a.m.-noon, Community United Methodist Church. The guest speaker will be Frank Fristensky and the topic will be traveling through Central European countries.

**Paws to Read.** 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For kindergarteners through fifth-graders. Come and share your favorite book with Hondo, a therapy dog who loves listening to stories. Paws to Read is a great way for beginning readers to build confidence. Call 264-2209 for more information.

## Sunday, Feb. 4

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

## Monday, Feb. 5

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

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

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

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

## Tuesday, Feb. 6

**Veterans for Veterans.** 10 a.m., Dorothy's Restaurant.

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

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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.

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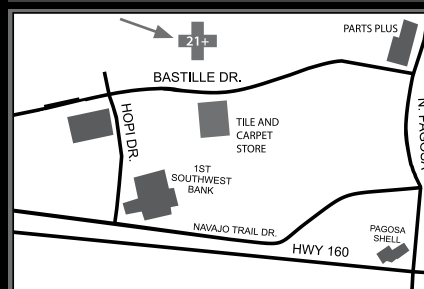
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# Dry, warm, windy, sunny winter days: A recipe for lawn winterkill

By Robin Young  
PREVIEW Columnist

It's been a dry fall and early winter throughout most of Colorado — in spite of the recent snow (that's rapidly disappearing as I write this).

Little precipitation, combined with windy, sunny and warm days, is a pretty good recipe for some winter turf injury (aka "winterkill"). Throw in some alternating extreme cold with the warm days and things get potentially worse for turf, trees and shrubs in our landscapes. But not all "winterkill" is the same when it comes to turf.

Turf, trees, shrubs and other landscape plants may not be growing and, thus, using much water during the winter. But when it's dry, windy, sunny and humidity is low, our landscape plants are losing water. When we don't receive enough snow to provide periods of snow cover during the winter and plants aren't mulched (like turf), are young and not fully established, or have poorly developed root systems, winter watering can be essential for preventing winter injury or death.

When weather allows (above freezing for a day or two), run a hose and sprinkler out to the drier parts of your landscape (especially south- and west-facing parts of your landscape), to new sod, trees and shrubs, and to areas where you have experienced winter injury in the past (perhaps from turf mites).

Apply enough water to moisten the crowns of the turf plants and to get some water into the root zone of new trees and shrubs. The goal isn't deep watering, but rather to prevent desiccation of crowns and young root systems.

Information for this article was taken from the Colorado State Uni-

## Extension Viewpoints

versity (CSU) Extension website: "Winter Lawnkill" written by Tony Koski, CSU Extension turfgrass specialist, horticulture and landscape architecture.

### Beef symposium

The 35th Annual San Juan Basin Extension Beef Cattle Symposium will be held on Feb. 7 at McGee Park in Farmington, N.M., and costs \$25. Please contact the San Juan County Extension Office at (505) 334-9496 to register.

### CPR and first aid classes

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# You remember that song, right?

Last week, I waxed sentimental and talked about milking the cow back about 1942 at a time when World War II was in full swing Atlantic and Pacific and I was attending a little country school near Grants Pass, Ore.

At that same time, we also had a herd of goats which supplied



Photo courtesy John M. Motter

During the old days, many folks made drinking troughs for their own livestock by whittling out a good-sized aspen log. Some of these troughs, such as the one pictured here, were still in use when I moved here, circa 1970. One of the better-known troughs was at Turkey Springs, the source of the name for Turkey Springs Road.

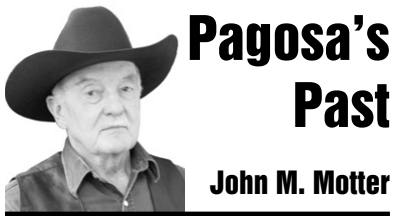
warm milk into the kitchen, where it was poured through a linen cloth to filter out the assortment of dust-like particles acquired during the milking process. The milk was allowed to sit in a clean container until a goodly portion of the cream accumulated on top of the milker's donation.

The cream was skimmed from the top and put in a separate container in which it could be saved for coffee, or maybe a shaky trip through the churn where it was converted to butter. Families like ours who couldn't afford a churn put the cream in a canning jar, tightened the lid, and one or more of the kids spent their evening shaking and rolling the jar full of cream until it solidified into butter. Homework was different during those times. The butter was ladled out of the jar and compressed in a way that removed the last of the moisture, leaving a nice cube of butter and a jar of curds and whey which was used to make buttermilk. I thought the buttermilk was yucky with its sour taste, but other family members liked it.

Early the next morning, which-

ever family member was the designated milker again milked the cow before going off to school or work. A short time later, a person hired for the task went to the home

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## Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

us with milk, meat and tallow for our shoes. I'm sure there are folks around here who have similar memories. I'm tempted to continue with the "Sentimental Journey." For sure, anybody who remembers those days remembers that song.

Pagosa Springs had a milking tradition that I learned about several years ago from local old-timers. Folks living here around the start of the 20th century had a town herd. A lot of the better-off folks during those days had a barn near the house in town where they could keep a milk cow overnight. Of course, the cow was milked during the evening between coming home from work and eating dinner.

Usually, the cow was given a scoop of oats or barley to keep her calm during the milking process. If you think about it while scratching your head a couple of times, you can probably understand why a cow might get resentful or at least a little bit feisty during the time she was being relieved of her latest leche accumulation.

Following the milking, the cow's head was released from the stanchion and she was given an armful of hay. She resumed her usual contented manner and chewed hay or munched her cud all through the night, waiting for the milking adventure to be repeated early the next morning.

Meanwhile, the milker took his bucket containing about a gallon of

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# Health and wellness event Wednesday

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: More verbal or mental abuse and exploitation examples

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 to promote quality of care and quality of life. These vulnerable residents may feel defenseless against abuse, neglect and exploitation due to

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their physical, emotional or mental condition.

Continuing Disability Law of Colorado examples begun in prior columns, facility staff or others might act toward residents in the following verbally and mentally abusive ways: communicate the attitude, "She's not my patient" when a resident needs help; enter a room without knocking and waiting for a response; perform a treatment without explaining it; refer to a resident as a room number or diagnosis; or threaten a resident with comments such as, "If you don't like it, you can leave" and "Do what I tell you or else."

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Anyone who witnesses or knows of such acts should contact the facility administrator, law enforcement, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment or the local ombudsman. Grievance procedures are posted in the facility.

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. 25 — Pork baked ziti, glazed carrots, broccoli with red peppers, focaccia bread and salad bar.

Friday, Jan. 26 — Beef barbecue meatballs, green beans with bacon, creamed corn, salad bar and brownie.

Monday, Jan. 29 — Lemon-baked salmon with lemon wedge, wild rice pilaf, green peas, roasted sweet potato and salad bar.

Tuesday, Jan. 30 — Chicken piccata, Italian spinach and mushrooms, roasted cauliflower with red peppers and salad bar.

Wednesday, Jan. 31 — Beef potpie, Brussels sprouts and salad bar.

Thursday, Feb. 1 — Chicken fajitas, charro beans, Mexicali corn and salad bar.

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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of each cow owner and persuaded that cow to join the growing herd of cows being driven from town to some grass-lined road outside of town where they grazed all day until the keeper of the town herd returned them to their owner for the evening milking session.

If you look carefully at some of the older homes in town, you'll see a building formerly used to house the family's milk cow. There might also be a carriage house or a chicken house. Those were the days, my friend; I thought they'd never end. Of course you remember that song, right?

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A person who desires to be considered for the vacant school director position needs to submit a letter of interest by 3 pm on February 8, 2018, to the District Office at 309 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs; by email, [rbennett@pagosa.k12.co.us](mailto:rbennett@pagosa.k12.co.us); or by mail to: Executive Assistant Robyn Bennett, PO Box 1498, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. The letter of intent must address the following: 1. Why do you want to be on the Board? 2. Do you plan on running for the position once your term expires in November of 2019? 3. What is your philosophy of education as it relates to serving on the Board?

The Board of Education plans to conduct interviews on February 13, 2018.

# Healthy grocery shopping and paper airplane fun

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Here are two new free programs at your library in the next week that provide excellent examples of the myriad activities for all ages that are available to you and your family on a regular basis:

• This morning, Thursday, Jan. 25, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., professionals from San Juan Basin Public Health will be on hand to give you tips on healthy grocery shopping while on a budget.

• Next Monday, Jan. 29, from 4 to 5 p.m., fourth- through 12th-graders are invited to come fold paper airplanes and experiment with which ones fly the farthest, go the straightest or do the most loops. You also can compete with your friends to see who can fly his or her airplane the best through a series of obstacles. We'll have some templates available, but you are encouraged to experiment with your own designs.

## All-ages gaming tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 26, 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.

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### LEGO Club

Kids ages 6-12 are invited to bring your imaginations — LEGOs are provided — this Saturday, Jan. 27, from 11 a.m. to noon for the free LEGO Club.

### 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.

### Steampunk crafts

Back by popular request, next Wednesday, Jan. 31, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. will be the free teen program called steampunk crafts from 4 to 5 p.m. for seventh- through 12th-graders. We'll make jewelry and knickknacks from keys, gears and whatever else we can find.

### Literary Ladies

This free book-lovers' group — formerly the Senior Book Club — meets on the fourth Friday of every

month from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 26, they will discuss "The Walk" by Richard Paul Evans. Stop by the library to pick up a copy. For more information, contact Marilyn Stroud at Bakestroud@aol.com. No registration is required.

### Computer/technology classes

Join us on Thursdays from 1 to 2 p.m. to learn a technology skill or application. Today, Jan. 25, is the basics of malware threats and antivirus programs.

### 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.

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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.

## DVDs

"Julia," starring Jane Fonda and Vanessa Redgrave fighting Fascism in the 1930s, won several Academy Awards. "Just Eat It" is a documentary about food waste from farm through retail to your fridge. "The Big Sleep" stars Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall. "Pretty Woman" stars Richard Gere and Julia Roberts. "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" stars Daniel Craig.

## How-to and self help

"You Need a Budget" by Jesse Mecham is a guide to help you break the paycheck-to-paycheck cycle, get out of debt and live the life you want. "Tell Me More" by Kelly Corrigan is a story-driven collection of essays on the 12 most powerful phrases we use to sustain our relationships. "When" by Daniel H. Pink unlocks the scientific secrets to good timing to help you flourish at work, school and home. "My iPad for Seniors/fifth edition" and "My iPhone for Seniors/fourth edition" are AARP guides with photos. "Do I Make Myself Clear? Why

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## Other nonfiction

"Home Sweet Murder" and "Murder, Interrupted" by James Patterson both contain two true-crime cases from the hit TV series "Murder is Forever." "Bad Jobs and Poor Decisions" by J.R. Helton is an unflinching but empathetic memoir of blue-collar Texas. "Tears of Salt" by Pietro Bartolo and Lidia Tilotta is the story of a doctor on the front lines of the migrant crisis. "San Juan Islands" by Don Pitcher is a Moon travel guide. "The Year of Less" by Cait Flanders is a memoir of a woman who stopped shopping, gave away her belongings and discovered life is more than your belongings. "Confessions Augustine" is a new translation by Peter Constantine of this fourth-century book, one of the most important autobiographical texts for Christians and non-Christians alike.

## Thrillers and suspense

"Operator Down" by Brad Taylor is a Pike Logan thriller. "The Chalk Man" by C.J. Tudor looks back at an incident that changed the lives of young English adolescents. "The Wife Between Us" by Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen is a psychological thriller.

## Novels

"Eternal Life" by Dara Horn follows the life of a woman who has lived for more than 2,000 years. "Rebellion" by Ethan and Lincoln Proud is book one in a new fantasy series.

## Large print mysteries

"Robicheaux" by James Lee

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# The friendly cow returns

By Daris Howard  
Special to The PREVIEW

Our cow, Leah, demanded to be petted. Justin, our daughter's friend, learned that when he came out to fish in our pond. Leah chased him until she had him cornered. I arrived just in time to pet her and save him. I explained to him that Leah was just being friendly and wanted him to scratch her ears.

"What would she do if a person doesn't scratch her ears?" Justin asked.

"When I didn't, she shoved her head in my back and pushed until she had me pinned against the barn wall," I replied.

I locked Leah in a pasture away from the pond so Justin could fish in peace.

A couple of days later, Justin called and asked if he could bring a roommate and go fishing again.

"Sure," I replied. "Just let me know ahead of time so I can lock Leah out of the pond area."

"It's OK," he said. "Now that I know what she will do and that she isn't going to kill us, I will be fine."

Justin and his roommate did come fishing. I wasn't home when they came, nor did I worry about them. I had shown Justin how to lead her into the pasture and how to secure the gate. I figured that Justin could take care of things if he needed to.

A few days after he came fishing,

my daughter informed me that there was a video she had on her phone that I needed to watch.

"What is it?" I asked.

"It's Justin and his roommate fishing," she replied.

"Did they pull out some big ones?"

She laughed, and said, "You'll just have to watch it. Justin didn't tell his roommate everything about Leah. He just said if she came up close it didn't matter because she was friendly and wouldn't hurt anyone."

My daughter turned on the video, and we watched it.

The roommate climbed through the fence in by the pond. He walked over to the fishing area. Leah, seeing someone whom she thought had a duty to pet her, immediately came over. Justin had told his roommate not to run, or Leah would give chase. That was the mistake Justin made when he first came. But the roommate didn't run. He just started fishing.

He didn't run, but he also didn't scratch Leah's ears, so she moved in closer. As he kept fishing, she kept moving closer, but he didn't take the hint. Finally, she had her head right against his back. But the roommate didn't know she expected him to pet her, so he tried to push her away with one hand while he held the fishing pole with the other.

Leah must have decided it was time to show this stranger she

meant business, so she bunted him with her head, sending him flying into the pond. At this point, the camera jiggles a lot and moves closer as Justin is apparently laughing and walking to the pond. But after a moment of the camera recording the roommate trying to pull himself from the water, the camera suddenly goes upward, and all a person can see is the sky. Then, after a brief moment, the video ends.

"What happened at the end?" I asked.

My daughter laughed. "Justin had planned all of this, thinking Leah might push his roommate into the pond. But the one thing he didn't remember in his calculations was that Leah was still there. After he came up to laugh at his roommate and film him in the water, Leah decided Justin should pet her. But he was too busy to pet her, so she shoved him in the pond, too. Luckily he was able to hold his phone up out of the water."

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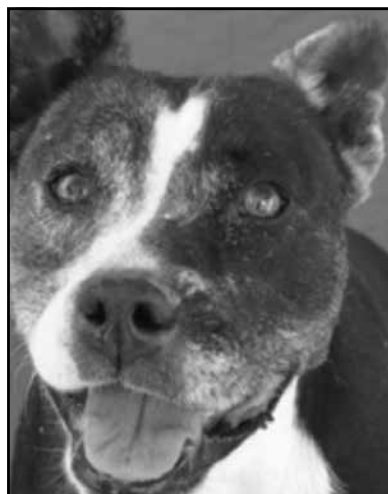
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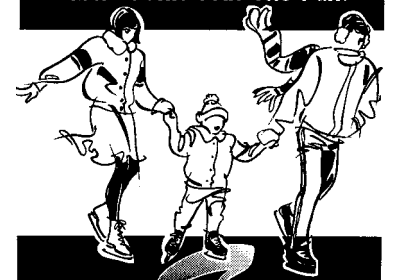
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