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## Man arrested for stalking, impersonates an officer

By Avery Martinez  
Staff Writer

A local man allegedly invited a juvenile to his condo on Saturday, then followed the juvenile's family, forcing his way into their residence and claiming to be a law enforcement officer.

The suspect, identified as Jacob Kovacs, 39, was arrested on several charges, including enticement of a child, impersonating a peace officer and second-degree burglary, according to Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez.

Around 11 a.m. on Dec. 8, Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) deputies were dispatched to a residence in the Vista area for "an adult male who had forced his way into a residence" who claimed to be a law enforcement officer, Valdez

■ See Arrest A8



Elk grazing with Pagosa Peak in the background create a picturesque view of Pagosa Country earlier this week. Many have gotten a chance to view our wild neighbors lately, with several herds hanging out near and in town.

Photo courtesy Beth Tollefsen

## Bridging the gap: School resource officer looks to be more than a badge to students

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

Affectionately known as "Bubba" to many Pagosa Springs locals, School Resource Officer (SRO) James Martinez is now looking to keep students safe while also building relationships and making a positive impact on their lives.

Martinez, a local of Pagosa Springs, graduated from Pagosa Springs High School in 2006 and in 2013 went to work for the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) as a detention officer.

"What made me want to get into law enforcement is I grew up with family members and friends who are always getting in trouble or being problematic. I've seen law enforcement from a kid's aspect. It was always fascinating to me," he explained.

With those personal experiences, Martinez felt that he could go into law enforcement and try to help kids, families and adults.

"I think it's important to always make your life better, but to help others to try and give them the quality of life, too," he explained.

After being a detention officer for a couple years, Martinez worked his way into the ACSO patrol division, which puts him in Archuleta School District schools as part of making the rounds.

"I think I developed some really good relationships and I really enjoyed doing it, and I think we got positive feedback. I know I did, as far as being in the schools and kids really liking me," Martinez explained.

### Back to school

The opportunity for Martinez to become an official SRO came from background work done by both Operations Lt. Warren Brown and Sheriff Rich Valdez.

Via his patrol visits to local schools last year, Martinez enjoyed being around the kids and felt that the kids enjoyed his presence as well.

Whether it was playing basketball or football with the kids or just asking about their academic lives, relationships were developed between Martinez and local students.



School Resource Officer James "Bubba" Martinez

"I think that got back to my peers," Martinez said. "So this summer when it came about, I know the sheriff and Warren Brown were kind of like, 'Hey, this is what we kind of want to get going. Are you interested

■ See Officer A8

## Town awarded \$30,400 grant for trail initiative

By Rosemary Dempsey  
Special to The SUN

Last week, the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Board awarded a \$30,400 Youth Corps grant to the Town of Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation Department for its Urban Single-Track Trail Initiative (USTT).

GOCO awards Youth Corps funding through the Colorado Youth Corps Association (CYCA), which represents a statewide coalition of eight accredited corps that train youth, young adults and veterans

(ages 14-25) to work on land and water conservation projects. Corps members earn a stipend for their service and an AmeriCorps education award to use toward college or reducing existing student loans. CYCA serves more than 1,500 participants annually.

"CYCA's partnership with Great Outdoors Colorado is a launching pad for Colorado's youth and young adults," CYCA Executive Director Scott Segerstrom said. "This invest-

■ Grant A8

## Route, timeline undecided for next phase of Town-to-Lakes Trail

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The next phase of the Town-to-Lakes Trail slated for construction is the section running from Aspen Village to Harman Park, but the route that trail will take remains undecided, as does when the segment will be built.

Leading to that indecision, as outlined at the Nov. 20 Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting, are the cost, property owners unwilling to convey easements to the town and council members uneasy with the trail running close to U.S. 160.

Also in question is when the trail segment will be built, with council directing staff to delay the work and formulate a more cost-effective solution and route by March 1.

At the meeting, Special Projects Manager Scott Lewandowski briefed the town council on what had happened since the last time town considered the trail alignment.

In August, as an agenda briefed used at the Nov. 20 meeting summarizes, staff presented two possible alignments for the Harman Hill phase of the trail, which included Boulder

■ Trail A8

## County awarded \$200,000 for courthouse assessment

By Avery Martinez  
Staff Writer

Archuleta County has been awarded \$200,000 from the Underfunded Courthouse Facility Fund.

At the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) work session on Tuesday, Greg Schulte, the interim county administrator, discussed receiving the award.

The awarding of the funding was announced in a letter dated Dec. 4 from State Court Administrator Christopher T. Ryan.

"The award is not final until the Grant Award is signed by an authorized representative of the Board of County Commissioners and the State Court Administrator," the letter reads.

Schulte spoke with The SUN

Tuesday about the grant award.

"We submitted the application to them, and [Commissioner Ron Maez] and Judge [Jeffrey] Wilson made the presentation," Schulte said.

The application was for \$200,000 for structural "and other types of building assessment for the downtown courthouse," Schulte explained, adding, "We got the full \$200,000."

The grant funds cannot be used to reimburse expenses incurred by the county before the "execution of the grant award," according to the letter.

Grant funds will only be available to reimburse expenses "incurred by the County after delivery of a final feasibility report to the State Court

■ See Courts A8

SUN photo/  
Randi Pierce

A youngster smiles for a photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus at last Saturday's breakfast with Santa hosted by the Pagosa Springs High School Music Department. Santa was, of course, popular at the event, chatting with a number of youngsters about their Christmas wishes throughout the breakfast.



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# Opinion

## EDITORIAL

### Bill of Rights Day

On Dec. 15, 1791, the first 10 amendments to the Constitution, later known as the Bill of Rights, were ratified. Those amendments spell out our rights as Americans and guarantee us freedoms unknown by many in our world.

Franklin D. Roosevelt called the Bill of Rights “the great American charter of personal liberty and human dignity.” He issued a proclamation dedicating Dec. 15, 1941, as Bill of Rights Day.

Unfortunately, far too many of us are unaware of the history and relevance of this document. As citizens who enjoy the protections guaranteed by the Bill of the Rights, we owe it to ourselves to be educated about the freedoms we possess.

We encourage you to take a few minutes to read through the following amendments that make up the Bill of Rights as cited from the Bill of Rights Institute’s website.

We are certain that you will find that there is plenty to celebrate on Bill of Rights Day, Saturday, Dec. 15.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

*Amendment I. Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.*

*Amendment II. A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.*

*Amendment III. No soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.*

*Amendment IV. The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.*

*Amendment V. No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.*

*Amendment VI. In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense.*

*Amendment VII. In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise reexamined in any court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.*

*Amendment VIII. Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.*

*Amendment IX. The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.*

*Amendment X. The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people.*

## WHADDYA THINK?

What is your favorite part of the holiday season?



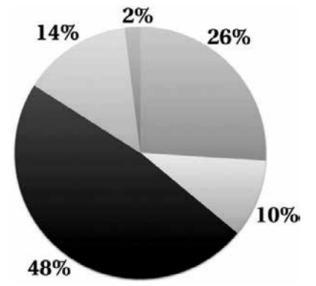
**Jason Luker**  
“Mostly hanging with family.”



**Carla Florez**  
“Love we share with family, and my son’s coming home for the holidays.”



**Janice Gardner**  
“Christmas.”



**Poll results (90 Votes)**  
The traditions — 26 percent  
The food — 10 percent  
Family — 48 percent  
Time off — 14 percent  
Gifts/shopping — 2 percent

This week online: Do you believe in Santa Claus?  
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## LOOKING BACK



From the Nov. 20, 1975, Pagosa Springs SUN. WRESTLERS — Pagosa Pirate wrestlers and coach are preparing for a busy season. Returning wrestlers that show good promise are, left to right, back row: Scott Baxstrom, Coach Don Heizer, and Anthony Branson. Front row, left to right: Ricky Martinez, Shane Bennett, David Rivera, and Wesley Bennett.

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of December 14, 1928

The Dyke school now has enrolled eight pupils. They are working on a little Christmas program to be given Friday, Dec. 21st, after two o'clock. The public is invited to come see the Christmas tree and hear the program.

Alfonzo Montano has opened his shoe repair shop on Pagosa street, in the quarters located between the Little Manhattan cafe and Mullins barber shop.

All roads lead to the D.D. Pargin ranch on the Piedra today, owing to the mammoth sale of registered purebred Hereford bulls now in progress.

David Hersch of Pagosa Springs and Walter Zarbriskie of Pagosa Junction, commissioners-elect of Archuleta county, are this week in Colorado Springs to attend the annual session of commissioners of the state.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of December 17, 1943

Monday afternoon Frank Conner, the County Clerk of Archuleta County, had almost the surprise of his life by inquiries regarding the delivering of a shipment of metal tubing to the county for use in their highway work. The real surprise of all was the fact of it being the fulfillment of a recent order and was the first supply of metal tubing the county has been able to obtain for over a year.

On Wednesday evening, December 22, at 8:00 p.m., the school with the help of others in the community, will present a program of Christmas music and drama at the school auditorium. The program will include a short playlet, “The Squanderbug,” presented by the 8th grade.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of December 12, 1968

The Christmas season means music to 200 students in the Pagosa Springs schools. These are the students who have studied general music, band, or chorus this past semester. The students will perform in a musical program entitled “Sounds of Christmas” on December 19 at 8 p.m. Most of the students are very anxious for the people of our community, especially their parents, to hear them, as this will be their first chance to sing or play their instruments before an audience.

Saturday, December 21, is a big date for the children of the community. At that time Santa Claus will visit a party for the children. In addition a movie is to be shown, and candy given to the children. The big Christmas party will be held in high school gymnasium starting at 2 p.m.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of December 16, 1993

Commissioner Roger Candelaria said Tuesday that he wanted the public to provide its input at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 21 when the county’s recently-adopted snow removal policy undergoes reconsideration. Candelaria said he wanted the policy reviewed after he learned that residents along Fosset Gulch Road expressed concerns about portions of the road not being plowed. Acknowledging that though he lived on Fosset Gulch Road, Candelaria said he wasn’t aware that some residents along the road had difficulties with driving their school-age children to the designated boarding site used by the school bus that services the southern portion of the road. Candelaria said, “I think we need to reconsider and clarify the policy.”

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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.

## Judge results, not noise

Dear Editor:  
Well, silly season is almost over. We are faced with a critically important decision. Here is how this "conservative/independent/libertarian" sees the options.

Here is what the democrats promise: 1) impeachment of the President, 2) re-establishment of the regulations that kill our booming economy, 3) putting the elitist back in charge and expanding their control over our lives, 4) higher taxes 5) open borders

The republicans promise; 1) more tax cuts, 2) secure borders, 3) fewer useless regulations, 4) giving states more decision making authority, 5) education vouchers for all students, 6) strong military.

I believe most, if not all, remember when Nikita Khrushchev stated they would conquer America without firing a shot by using our education system. This is happening now. Colleges are becoming radically liberal, denying free speech and teaching kids what to think not how to think.

I contend that we are rushing to socialism. Let's look at a few facts. No country has been successful under socialism. The argument put forward by those proponents is always, "it's never been done cor-

rectly". What really happens is that elitists, over educated and never been in the working world, are the ones running the show. They do not recognize the effects on the middle class. A perfect example is Obama Care. Effectively rates skyrocketed and the middle class couldn't afford coverage. Who designed this, professors. Basically, coverage was extended to some and the ones paying the bill were eliminated. Look at Venezuela, total chaos and people fleeing. How about welfare, we have virtually enslaved poor people by giving them money instead of creating opportunities. The examples are numerous.

Look at America. How did we become so prosperous? Our citizenry was able to make decisions without government interference. We were able to start businesses, create jobs and pay taxes. And yes, some restraints are necessary. We must protect our water and air. However a mud puddle is not a waterway worthy of regulation.

Let's use some common sense. Our federal government is massively bloated. One great example is federal control over education. All states have education departments. Putting it in farmer's language, why send \$100 to Washington and get back \$50. Makes absolutely no sense to me. How about our state and local communities keep that money, and have programs beneficial for our kids that are designed for their needs. Not all need to go to college.

Let's be candid with each other. Once elected, both parties control their members and play to their base. Therefore, Chuck Schumer, Nancy Pelosi and others will continue to be idiotic over appointments. I mean really, how they acted during the Kavanaugh hearings. Looked and sounded like grade school kids. It's the old saying "I was not picked for a team so I'm taking my ball and going home". Remember, the Republicans were considerate to President Obama's nominations, and virtually all voted yes.

Now, will the Republicans follow

their leadership? Most likely. But for me, give me the Republicans. I judge results, not the noise.

Bob Ashworth

## Theater clarification

Dear Editor:

At the Budget meeting of the Town Council on December 4th, member Matt DeGuise suggested that funding for one of the Service Organizations, the Thingamajig Theater Company ("Thingamajig"), might be withheld since they had enough funding to support installing lighting in their parking lot. The parking lot in question does not belong to Thingamajig or to the Pagosa Center for the Arts ("PSCA"). The property belongs to The Belvedere Art Center and the lighting is being installed at their expense. The owners of the Belvedere Art Center are looking to provide a central area for the arts in Pagosa. The lighting project will enhance the appeal and safety of this project. A positive venture for our community.

Mr. DeGuise appears to have also confused Thingamajig with the PSCA. Thingamajig is in residence at the PSCA. Similar to the Metropolitan Opera being in residence at the Lincoln Center in New York. Thingamajig operates as a not for profit 501(c)(3), the PSCA is a for profit corporation. PSCA pays commercial property tax to the Town and other applicable taxes. Unlike most Centers for the Arts, which are funded and supported by Town or County funds, PSCA was funded entirely by private individuals. PSCA receives no taxpayer help and supports itself from facility rentals, a gift shop, an art gallery and proceeds from beverage sales.

Thingamajig does receive some tax payer support. The National Endowment for the Arts, Colorado Creative Industries and the Town of Pagosa Springs have contributed to help support highly professional Theater in our community. Thingamajig is particularly gratified by the support from the Town in the

last few years. Only 40 percent of the income required to sustain Thingamajig is generated by ticket sales. The bulk of the remaining funding is provided by local sponsors and donors. Approximately 12,000 people attend functions at the PSCA annually, principally for performances by Thingamajig. Around 60 per cent of attendees were local, 40 per cent were out of town of these 17 percent (2000+) came to Pagosa specifically for the Theater. Thingamajig also supports a very active children's program throughout the year.

The reputation of Thingamajig has grown steadily since its inception nine years ago. It is the recipient of many awards and accolades from around the country. Very few communities in Colorado are blessed with year round professional theater. It is a source of enormous civic pride and differentiation. Unlike most Service Organizations, Thingamajig mission is not narrowly focused on a particular worthy need. It exists for the benefit of the community as a whole and for our visitors. It is an asset that most communities would covet.

For more information on shows and times visit the Theater website at [pagosacenter.org](http://pagosacenter.org)

Simon Fuger, President of the Friends of the Thingamajig Theater Company

## A sad day

Dear Editor:  
Pagosa Springs has been our  
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# Letters

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summer home for 15 years plus. At first we came up for a month, then two months and finally the past few years we came up for five months arriving on June 1st and leaving the first of November. We did all of our shopping for groceries at City Market, stopped by the Liquor Store there by City Market, had a wonderful barber just down the street, a wonderful nail salon in the shopping center adjacent to the City Market parking lot, a beauty shop across the street, one of the best Vets our little puppy ever has had, so many awesome places to eat out in wonderful restaurants, lots of activities in the park for fun and fund raisers, the awesome Colorfest, the 4th of July parade, the awesome rodeo and the wonderful fishing in all the Lakes of Pagosa Lakes and two wonderful music concerts along with at least three nights out at the local theater. Then a vacation rental company invaded the Vacation Rental Business in Pagosa and our condo rental went from \$1750 per month to \$4123.00 per month. That invasion has made it impossible for us to ever come back to Pagosa. There are so many of us that have enjoyed Pagosa for so many years. Yes, It is "A Sad Day." Our monthly budget for Pagosa was \$5000.00 per month. Guess we will spend it in another town from now on.

John From Texas Gosselink  
Willis, Texas

## 'A fire, a family and a tiny dog'

Dear Editor,

In your last issue of the paper I came across a letter entitled "A fire, a family and a tiny dog".

Besides the appeal and tragedy of the story I realized I was involved. The letter references a gentleman leaving the scene with a small dog. Allegedly the dog belonged to the poor people whose home was burning. I am that gentleman who carried the dog away. Unfortunately, the dog I carried away is named Harley and is twelve years old and belongs to a friend of mine. I live on Fireside street and when I came home that day I noticed the fire and realized it was close to my friends place.

I came down and got Harley and then inquired of one of the firefighters if they thought the fire was contained. They thought that the fire was under control so I believed my friends home was safe. Due to the amount of smoke and activity I thought it best to bring Harley back with me. So I turned and headed back down the street towards my home. I am in total sympathy with the owners of the puppy as I too have had dogs who were very close to me. I have been unable to contact the owners so hopefully someone will pass on this information. My thoughts and prayers go out to you.

God Bless.

Gordon Holmes

a pleasant modern sound that even a gray hair like myself found most enjoyable. They will and are going far in their musical career. Thank you Americana Project.

Cedar McGrath

## Put a price on pollution

Dear Editor:

It seems like there has been a barrage of bad news about climate change lately. Reports from the United Nations and US Federal Agencies confirm the very real and urgent threat we face if we continue to ignore the problem. Unmitigated, it will be soon become a runaway train that cannot be stopped.

An ambitious plan was just introduced with bipartisan support in Congress to propel our country into action — The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividends Act. It is the perfect response to reduce our carbon emissions. By placing a price on polluting greenhouse gasses, we wean our economy off fossil fuel and transition to a stable renewable energy economy. We create a fertile ground for new energy innovation. Fees collected from polluters would be returned to the American people as a dividend check. Estimates show a 45% reduction in our carbon emissions in just the first twelve years from this act.

Climate change is a complex challenge. Transitioning is never easy or cheap. But doing nothing will amount to a much greater cost to our tourism, our agriculture, our wildfire-prone forests, our disaster relief costs, our economy, and our quality of life. Please encourage Sen Cory Gardner, Sen Michael Bennett, and Rep Scott Tipton to support this critical legislation that creates jobs while fighting climate change.

Holly Metzler

## Pagosa Ranger District

Dear Editor:

With the backpacking season two months gone, and hunting seasons finished, it seems a good time to give a public Thank You to the Pagosa Ranger District of the United States Forest Service. As someone who makes regular use of these lands that bless our community, I so highly value the rangers' work in helping us to use, manage, and protect these areas. To Ros, Anthony, Elizabeth, and a host of other folks who keep our Ranger District working well: Thank You. Your labors can be difficult and most certainly we're underfunding your efforts — yet you persevere. You are a blessing to us all, and I thank God for you.

Emrys Tyler

## Christmas Services Schedule

8:15 AM — Contemporary Sunday Service, Dec. 23  
11 AM — Traditional Sunday Service, Dec. 23  
5 & 7 PM — Traditional Christmas Eve Service  
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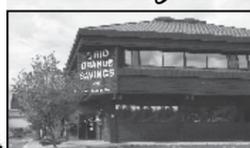
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## Town to hold second reading on Wings property annexation Dec. 20

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

On Dec. 4, the Pagosa Springs Town Council took the first steps in annexing the property on Backswing Drive that is slated to host the Wings Early Childhood Center.

Those steps forward came in the form of three items on the agenda — a resolution of findings of fact and conclusions regarding the annexations and the first reading of two ordinances that, if approved upon second reading on Thursday, Dec. 20, will annex the property and zone it mixed-use corridor.

"The property has been unused for several years," Planning Director James Dickhoff told council, adding, "Any renewed use of the property would be a benefit to the community, and reuse as an early childhood education center would be a needed asset."

Dickhoff explained that the project stemmed from the town's and county's joint priorities work group centering on early childhood centers, with the group receiving a 10-year, rent-free lease for the building.

The center is anticipated to serve 40 toddlers and preschool-age children starting in the fall of 2019.

It was noted that the annexation will not include the driveway easement that leads to the property.

The only public comment on any of the items related to the annexation came in response to the resolution, with audience member Bill Hudson suggesting the town consider annexing the road because there are other streets nearby that the town plows already.

After the public hearing closed, Dickhoff explained that there are no other roads in the area that the town maintains, and that there are a number of other privately owned access road easements that are privately maintained.

Dickhoff further explained that who owns that easement is currently unknown and planning staff has suggested the owners pursue a quiet title to that easement.

All three items related to the annexation were approved unanimously by the seven members of the town council.

The second reading of the two ordinances will be conducted at the town's next meeting, which is set to begin at 5 p.m. on Dec. 20 at Town Hall.

In other business at the same meeting, the council:

- Approved the town's 2019 budget.

That budget anticipates \$12 million in revenue across all town funds and with expenses that will dip into reserves by \$12,299 to reach a total of \$9.3 million across all funds.

Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained that the town's and community's needs are met "to the degree that the budget can support it."

With council discussion touching upon funding for the town's and county's joint strategic priorities and with it unknown at the time of the meeting if the county would be able to provide funding, Mayor Don Volger pointed out the town could amend its budget as necessary in 2019.

"This isn't cut in granite," he said.

- Appointed Diane Knutson as an assistant municipal court judge and approved her independent contractor agreement.

- Approved an extension to a storage building to store the town's vacuum truck for \$22,893 and the purchase of a combination roller for \$62,000.

"Welcome to another episode of 'All Purchases Considered,'" Special Projects Manager Scott Lewandowski joked before presenting the potential purchases to council.

The vacuum truck requires conditioned storage space, according to an agenda brief used at the meeting, with Lewandowski explaining that the extension would be a temporary solution until the town's new maintenance facility is completed.

Following council questions regarding the cost for a temporary fix, Lewandowski explained that the town's own rules required engineering on the project, with that engineering requiring a foundation.

Phillips added that Streets Supervisor Brad Lattin was asked to "look under every stone" for conditioned space that was cost effective for the town to rent, with that search coming up short.

The town's current roller, Lewandowski explained, is no longer sufficient to meet the town's goals, which now include doing more in-house road maintenance.

Lattin indicated that the roller could be used for patching, trails and more.

The purchases of both items were approved unanimously.

- Approved a contract amendment with the town's consultant that is working on the North 8th Street Safe Routes to School sidewalk project.

- Set the next meeting for Jan. 8, 2019, at 5 p.m. at Town Hall.

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# Obituaries

## Juliana Sunn Ellsmore

I was asked to write an obituary for my daughter when she passed away, but couldn't bring myself to do it. It has taken almost a full year of grieving and processing the death that these words can now leave me.



Juliana Sunn Ellsmore, age 19, passed away from a car accident on Wolf Creek Pass, 28 miles away from her home in Pagosa Springs, Colo. She was driving from her school in Denver, Colo., to visit with her family for the Christmas vacation. It is believed that she fell asleep at the wheel and drove her car off the steep cliff edge of Highway 160. The cause of death was blunt-force trauma and she was determined to have died immediately.

She is survived by her parents, Darren and Sarah Ellsmore, and her siblings, Kalei, Hunter, Kirra and Malaya Ellsmore.

Juliana was a wonderful person who was loved by all who had the privilege of knowing her. She was a kind-hearted, beautiful soul who shared encouragement and support to the many friends who she adored.

She loved many things, from children to animals, travel, music and the arts.

Her family has set up a scholarship in her honor allowing for young people in the Pagosa area to receive musical training.

This day will be forever etched into the hearts of the family and friends of this young woman, remembering her beauty and love, her spunky attitude and her gracious presence. She will be dearly missed.

## Larry Charles Olin

On the morning of Dec. 3, we lost the pleasure and privilege of skiing, fishing, hunting, playing cards, volunteering, having a drink, enjoying a meal and sharing a story with Larry Charles Olin (71), when he passed away at home in Pagosa Springs, Colo.



Larry was the firstborn of three sons to John and Rosalie (Zimmerman) Olin. He grew up in Redondo Beach, Calif., and graduated from Aviation High School, where he played football and baseball.

Following graduation, he joined the United States Navy, played on the Navy football team and lived on a submarine for two years. He would want you to know that men of his stature and physique were usually not tapped to serve on submarines. It was a blessing and a curse to be tall and broad-shouldered in a tiny vessel 400 feet below the surface.

In 1970, he met the love of his life, Lassie (Wynkoop) Olin, in Manhattan Beach, Calif. She was working at a burger joint and he was running deliveries for a liquor store. Both were enjoying life at the beach and attending college classes as the surf, sand, sun and the 1970s permitted.

Lassie and Larry were married in 1971 and, in 1973, Larry earned a bachelor's degree in industrial arts with a minor in English from California State University, Long Beach. Later in life, he earned a master's degree in English from Pepperdine University.

Lassie and Larry joined the Peace Corps in 1973, serving three years in Southeast Asia teaching educational programs and starting their married life without a toilet or running water.

When they returned to the United States, they bought a home in a new area called Orange County, Calif. Larry was hired to teach English and woodshop and coach football and baseball at El Toro High School (ETHS), where he became an iconic and beloved fixture on campus.

The greatest years of his 33-year career were the ones he spent teaching and coaching his sons, Matt (41) and Tyler (39).

ETHS reluctantly watched a legend leave when Larry retired in 2009. He packed up his tools, fishing poles, hunting gear, skis, music and wife and eagerly headed

northeast to Pagosa Springs.

His years in Pagosa Springs were few, but they were full of adventure, friendships and service. He was proud past president of the Gray Wolves Ski Club; an inaugural board member for the Veterans Memorial Park of Archuleta County; committee member for Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association; and a volunteer for the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association and Vets for Vets.

Larry's charm, charisma and tales live on in his wife, Lassie Olin; his sons, Matt (Lori) Olin and Tyler (Fereshteh) Olin; and his four grandchildren (Clayton, Cooper, Cyrus and Soraya).

Join family and friends in celebrating a life well lived at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019, at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse.

In lieu of flowers and priceless treasures, please consider making a donation in Larry's name to: Veterans Memorial Park (VMPAC), P.O. Box 2642, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

## Allen West Paschal

Dec. 12, 1956-Nov. 30, 2018.

Allen West Paschal passed away peacefully on Nov. 30 in Fort Worth, Texas, surrounded by his family.

Allen was born in Oklahoma City on Dec. 12, 1956, to William Raymond and Lois Marie Paschal. In 1993, he married the love of his life, Adrienne Stocker, and together they built a life filled with love, faith and laughter.

A lover of adventure and life, Allen's personal motto was to "live life passionately and make a difference" as well as to "do right, fear not." He loved all of God's creation: eddylines, rivers, mountains, oceans, deep powder snow, waterfalls and 12-string guitars. And, most of all, he adored his family and friends.

He graduated from Casady School in 1975 and the University of Colorado at Boulder in 1979. Following college, Allen was the director of Adventure Bound/Bear Pole Ranch, an outdoor wilderness camp for youth, and worked on the ski patrol at Monarch Ski Mountain. Returning home to Oklahoma City in 1981, Allen co-founded Data Times Corporation, the first company to digitize newspaper archives for online research before the Internet, where his leadership ensured the success of the company and the future of its employees. In 1998, Allen became CEO of Gale Group, a subsidiary of the Thompson Corp. A member of Young Presidents Organization, he was an entrepreneur who successfully built/managed/consulted for several businesses, including Lone Star Resources, Fort Worth Energy Co., Ft. Worth Pipeline Co., onTargetJobs, Global Medical Management and Ecotest Energy.

Allen was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, William Raymond Paschal Jr.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Adrienne, of Ft. Worth; and five children: Christina Paschal, Nick Paschal with wife Ceelah, Callie Johnston, Christopher Paschal and West Paschal; as well as five grandchildren. He is also survived by brothers John Mark Paschal and partner Billy, Oklahoma City; David Paschal, Austin; and his sister Carolyn Paschal; as well as his nephew, West Jackson and wife Sarah and their children, all of Pagosa Springs.

A memorial service for Allen was held on Dec. 6 at Christ Chapel Bible Church in Fort Worth.

Should friends desire, memorials may be given to charities of choice, the American Heart Association, Compassion International, Children's Relief International (Rockwall, Texas) and/or All Church Home (Fort Worth, Texas).

## Ilamae Olson Watters

Jan. 3, 1926-Dec. 10, 2018.

Ilamae (Olson) Watters died on Dec. 10 at her home in the Animas Valley in Durango, Colo. She was 92 years old.



She is survived by her children: John Watters (wife Nancy); Mary Jo Watters Gage (deceased husband Randy); and Donna Lee Watters Pettingill (husband Richard). She is also survived by grandchildren Melinda Gage Goodson, Bree Pettingill McDonald (husband Jeremy), Lara Gage, Christine Gage and Stacy Pettingill, as well as numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Ilamae was born on Jan. 3, 1926, at her family home in Pagosa Springs, Colo., to Eva (Shields) and A.W. Olson. She attended elementary school in Pagosa Springs before moving to Portland, Ore., to attend junior high and high school. She was very active in high school and served as the president of the Jr./Sr. Honor Society, president of the Music Club, vice president of the Senior Class and was first-chair flute in the high school band.

Following graduation, she attended University of Colorado, where she was a member of the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority as well as other organizations on campus. She often joked that she majored in extracurricular activities, but in reality earned a degree with a distributed major in mathematics, psychology, physics and education.

Her first job out of college was as a teacher in Sterling, Colo., where she was the top-paid teacher in the district. Her salary was \$200 per month.

The following summer, she returned to Pagosa and began working for Dr. John Button as his assistant. They married in 1948 and would have a son, John Jr., and a daughter, Mary Jo. The marriage ended in tragedy when Dr. Button's plane was lost near Creede, Colo., during the winter of 1951. She would marry a second time in 1954 when she met Don Watters. To this union would be born a daughter, Donna Lee.

Ilamae was a well-known teacher in Durango, having taught for the Durango School District for 33 years. During that time, she was a member of Neo-Delphian, Eastern Star, the Durango Reading Club, charter member of the Durango Sewing Club and an active member of the First Presbyterian Church for over 65 years. Her true passion was bridge and in 2018 she was awarded the Golden Age Master certificate from the American Contract Bridge League.

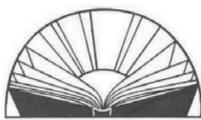
Most importantly, Ilamae was the matriarch of a large and loving family. She enjoyed traveling with her sister and mother while they were alive and, afterward, with her children and grandchildren. One of her favorite things to do was to go to Pagosa Springs to take a hot bath in the mineral waters. Of her life, she wrote, "I am blessed. I have such a nice family, a multitude of wonderful friends, apparently good health and my memories."

She is preceded in death by her mother, Eva (Shields) Olson; father A.W. Olson; husbands Dr. John Button and Donald Watters; and her dear sister, Eva Jean.

A funeral is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 15, at 10 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church at 1159 Third Ave., Durango, Colo. Interment at the Greenmont Cemetery will immediately follow the service. Following interment, the family invites everyone to join them at Ilamae's home, 335 County Road 250, Durango, Colo., for a light repast.

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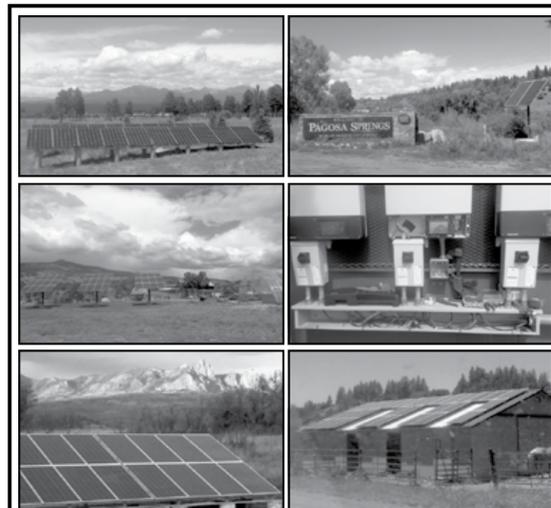
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# Business

## CHAMBER NEWS

### Chamber announces 2019 slate of board candidates

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
SUN Columnist

The Chamber of Commerce has announced the 2019 slate of board of director candidates. The board of director process that the Chamber uses is that every year, three members go off the board after a three-year service stint. Every year, three new candidates come onto the board for a three-year service stint.

The nomination is open to the

Chamber membership in a public process, as well as a nomination process. Nominees must be Chamber member-businesses in good standing and members for at least a year. They must be the owner or in a managerial/decision-making position with the approval of the owner.

The slate of candidates this year in alphabetical order are: Shelly Cox, co-owner of Riff Raff Brewing and Riff Raff on the Rio; Dr. Katie McCalley, owner of Springs Chiropractic;

Veronica Medina, human resources manager for The Springs Resort; the Rev. Leighton Mckee, pastor of Community United Methodist Church; Kevin Metzler, owner of Wilderness Journeys Pagosa and Pagosa Rafting Outfitters; and Selena Touchstone, co-owner of High Altitude Closet and Elevation Head Shop.

Information on the candidates is listed on the Chamber's website at [www.pagosachamber.com](http://www.pagosachamber.com), under the Chamber and Community News section. If you click on the Vote button, you will be directed to the site where you can view more information about the nominees and also vote for the candidates.

Chamber member-businesses in good standing can cast one ballot for each business membership. They will vote for up to three candidates per ballot. If you own and are a member with more than one business, you may cast a ballot for each registered business. Voting ends at 5 p.m. on Jan. 4, 2019. The votes are tallied and the winners notified.

The new board members will be announced at the Chamber's annual gala, which this year will be held on Jan. 25, 2019, in conjunction with the 2019 WinterFest activities — "Snow Much Fun." The community award winners will also be announced at this celebration. Get your com-

munity award nomination forms, which are also available online at the Chamber's website, into the Chamber by 5 p.m. on Jan. 4, 2019.

Tickets for the annual gala are also available online at [www.pagosachamber.com](http://www.pagosachamber.com) through the Calendar of Events. Along with an evening of fun, great food and the awards, the Tylor Brandon Band will provide great live music for an evening of dancing.

You do not need to be a Chamber member to attend the annual gala. We encourage the community to attend this festive event and support our local award winners as well as enjoy an evening of entertainment. For more information on the voting or community award nomination process or about purchasing tickets for the gala, please contact the Chamber at 264-2360.

#### Membership news

We have one new member to welcome this week and quite a few renewals. Welcome to The Lift Coffee House.

Our renewing members this week include Wyndham Pagosa, JEM Jewelers in the Country Center Plaza, Memory Lane and Skymuse Drone Productions. Thank you to all the latest new and renewing members as we close out 2018.

### Medical Center pays \$111,400 for 2013's HIPAA violations

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) has paid \$111,400 to the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and adopted a substantial corrective action plan to settle potential violations of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy and Security Rules.

The settlement stems from a 2013 complaint alleging that a former PSMC employee continued to have remote access to PSMC's Web-based scheduling calendar — which contained patients' electronic protected health information (ePHI) — after separation of employment.

OCR's investigation revealed that PSMC impermissibly disclosed the ePHI of 557 individuals to its former employee and to the Web-based scheduling calendar vendor without a HIPAA required business associate agreement in place, according to a press release.

The event, PSMC CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb told The SUN Tuesday, occurred in 2013, and the fine and plan are the final resolution on the matter.

"The corrective action plan was done in 2014 and 2015," Webb said, explaining that, following the event, the staff who worked at the facility at the time conducted a "root-cause analysis."

"To us, this sort of was settled back then," Webb said. "They just finally gave us our fine."

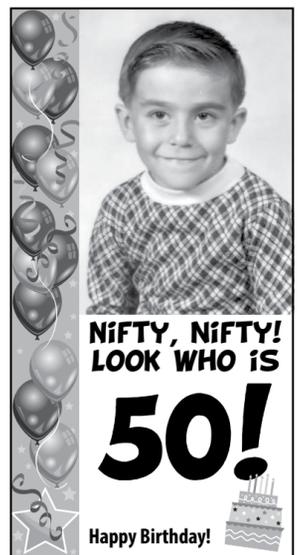
Webb added that PSMC no longer uses Google calendars for scheduling.

Under the corrective action plan, PSMC has agreed to update its security management and business associate agreement, policies and procedures, and train its workforce members regarding the same, with Webb stating those things have been completed and PSMC now only has to send a once-a-year report.

"It's common sense that former employees should immediately lose access to protected patient information upon their separation from employment," said OCR Director Roger Severino. "This case underscores the need for covered entities to always be aware of who has access to their ePHI and who doesn't."

Covered entities that do not have or follow procedures to terminate information access privileges upon employee separation risk a HIPAA enforcement action, according to the press release. Covered entities must also evaluate relationships with vendors to ensure that business associate agreements are in place with all business associates before disclosing protected health information.

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# Trail

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Drive and Cornerstone Drive approaches to the U.S. 160 corridor.

But, at that time, the brief notes, it was not known how much right of way would be required for the Boulder Drive alignment in comparison with the Cornerstone Drive approach, and staff directed its consultant to do additional survey work.

That consultant determined that the Boulder Drive alignment would fit within the existing town and Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) right of way with no need for additional right of way acquisition, the brief states, with Lewandowski stating, "is a good thing, because it reduces the CDOT design review by like a year."

The brief then includes the pros and cons of the Boulder Drive alignment.

Listed pros for the Boulder alignment include:

- Increased visibility of the trail segment along the U.S. 160 corridor.
- It closes the trail gap "by a block within Aspen Village," according to Lewandowski, referencing where the west phase of the trail terminates a couple blocks from Boulder Drive.

- The trail segment would not need to abide by the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act, condensing design review by up to a year.

Listed cons of the Boulder alignment include:

- There would be a higher construction cost at \$1.8 million and an increased town match of an estimated \$600,000 or more depending on bids received for construction.

- The route would require the town to abide by CDOT design standards.

"There's been previous references to the Cadillac model of trails. Lewandowski said. "We would be signing up for that Cadillac, essentially."

- A longer trail segment would mean more maintenance responsibilities.

- The highway portion of the trail would mean difficulties with snow being deposited on it after being plowed from the highway.

The Cornerstone alignment, the brief explains, would run an estimated \$1.55 million plus property acquisition.

In response to a question from Mayor Don Volger, Lewandowski

noted that the property owner was more inclined to sell his entire property to the town instead of an easement.

"I won't divulge details, but it was pretty expensive," Lewandowski said.

The town has a total of \$1,344,595 of CDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding for the project, with that breaking down to \$1,075,000 in federal funds and a 20 percent match of \$268,919, the brief explains.

Within that funding, \$133,410 is dedicated for the project's design work. To date, the brief notes, the town has spent about \$15,000 on conceptual design.

"CDOT has not formally designated funding for construction but it will be \$1,211,185," the brief states.

"So, what we're looking forward to tonight is some direction on whether or not you want to move forward with the Boulder Drive alignment, if you want us to delay decision and try to come up with another, cost-effective means of doing this, which most likely means we opt out of CDOT grant funds for this segment, or we can entertain any alternatives

you want to go with," Lewandowski said.

"How does opting out of the CDOT grants for this section affect future grant applications?" council member Matt DeGuise asked.

Lewandowski explained that the staff had not had those conversations with CDOT, but that he anticipates it could affect the town in future applications, and the town would have to take on the full cost of the project.

"Is taking on the full cost a bad thing?" council member Mat deGraaf asked.

"Not necessarily," Lewandowski responded, with deGraaf then asking, "Do we have an idea what that might look like?"

Lewandowski noted that staff did not have that information, but could get it and bring it back.

deGraaf then noted that the council has discussed doing more projects without federal funding, and this project could be a good exercise to see what that might look like.

Volger echoed deGraaf's sentiments on seeing what the options are with and without the CDOT funding, then asking how long the town would have the CDOT funding available.

Lewandowski noted that he believed the grant funds were safe until 2020.

deGraaf then shifted to discussing the trail's alignment.

"I would prefer to see the trail stay as far away from the highway as far as possible," he said.

He added that purchasing prop-

erty may not be a bad idea, though he acknowledged that he did not know what the owner was asking for it.

Council member David Schanzenbaker then asked if the town would still have to design the trail segment to CDOT standards if it is located within CDOT's right of way.

"We would still need to comply with their design standards," Planning Director James Dickhoff explained shortly after Schanzenbaker's question, adding that the town follows CDOT's criteria for trails even outside of the right of way.

He added that there could be some savings in wages paid and due to other requirements, but the trail construction costs would be the same.

Lewandowski noted that the town looked at a non-CDOT option on a sidewalk project and it was about a 20 percent savings without the CDOT funding and without CDOT's oversight requirements.

Schanzenbaker also stated he did not like the trail running so close to the highway.

"It's right on the highway, right on the highway," Schanzenbaker said, noting it wouldn't even be as far off the highway as the stretch near Walmart.

Lewandowski responded that he was unsure of what other options there are for alignments, stating, "We're kind of down to the few and far between at this point."

Town Manager Andrea Phillips noted that the town's 2019 budget only includes funding for design and

engineering.

Staff also outlined some of the other concerns with other routes, including property owners unwilling to work with the town, property owners being worried about "vagrants," the town encroaching too much upon private property.

Dickhoff then suggested there could be an option to lessen the distance along the highway by using the cul-de-sac, and noted there are other things to keep in mind, such as the steepness of the trail (no more than a 5 percent grade is allowed unless the trail runs along an existing roadway).

"I would like to know how much money we've got into this already," Volger asked, with Phillips responding that staff had spent quite a few hours on it.

Volger added that without a time crunch, he would like to know what the town had put into it.

Council member Madeline Bergon asked if ideas like increased law enforcement patrols would alleviate some of the concerns of property owners, with Dickhoff suggesting they could take that idea back to the property owner.

Schanzenbaker later added that instead of just taking something from property owners, maybe there was something the town could provide.

In the end, deGraaf moved to direct staff to delay the trail phase as proposed in order to formulate a more cost-effective solution by speaking with property owners and to bring back the costs of the project to date.

# Arrest

## Continued from front

explained.

Once ACSO officers arrived, and during the course of their investigation, it was discovered that the owners of the residence and their children were at Walmart "just prior" to the incident, Valdez explained.

While at the Walmart, the two juvenile members of the family, a 16-year-old boy and a 10-year-old girl, were allegedly approached by Kovacs, who "attempted to get them to leave the store with him," Valdez explained.

At the time, the two juveniles were away from their parents, Valdez noted, later confirming the parents were in another part of the store.

Allegedly, Kovacs told the two juveniles to come with him to his condo, where he had two "large" TVs and they could watch TV, according to Valdez.

"While at the Walmart, he basically began enticing the one juvenile female, asking her basically to go home with him," Valdez said.

Kovacs allegedly made comments about the juvenile female being "hot" and continued to follow her around the store, according to Valdez.

The two juveniles were able to return to their parents, and the family checked out and left the store, Valdez explained.

"At that time, Kovacs followed them to their residence, and when they got to the residence, Kovacs approached the door and pushed the father out of the way and entered into the residence," Valdez said.

Kovacs then allegedly told them that "it was an investigation," and allegedly claimed he was a law enforcement officer and was investigating murders at Walmart, Valdez explained.

"At that point, the parents had stepped in, and they called 9-1-1. At that point the subject left ..." Valdez said, adding later that the subject drove away.

After being provided with a description of Kovacs, ACSO deputies were able to locate him and placed him under arrest, Valdez explained.

"He was caught immediately," Valdez said.

Kovacs was arrested on charges of harassment—follows in a public place, second-degree burglary, stalking, impersonating a peace officer and enticement of a child.

## Tips to spot a law enforcement impersonator

What should you do if you believe someone is impersonating a law enforcement officer?

Some ways to tell an impersonator from a real officer, per Valdez,

are:

- The officer has a form of ID, police commission card or a badge.
- Officers will not force their way into a residence without a legitimate reason, and an explanation or search warrant.

- Look for things such as radios on officers, the officer calling in his location, and forms of identification.

You can tell that an individual is impersonating an officer if:

- The officer does not introduce their agency or themselves.
- The officer makes inappropriate or odd requests.

If you are suspicious that someone is pretending to be law enforcement, contact dispatch at 911 or 731-2160.

If you've seen suspicious activity, Valdez explained, call it in immediately to aid in identifying those involved.

"Call early and call often," Valdez said, adding that they would rather be called for a false alarm than for it to be called in later when it is more difficult to investigate.

Valdez also noted that the local agencies have good working relationships with outside agencies such as the FBI and U.S. Marshals Service and often either know when they are in town or local officers may be accompanying the federal officers.

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# Grant

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USTT is a collaboration be-

tween local partners, including the Archuleta School District and DUST2, a local trail advocacy nonprofit, with the goal of expanding outdoor recreation opportunities in the area. USTT provides places for more than 200 elementary, middle and high school students to recreate each week, and DUST2 facilitates annual service learning projects that offer hands-on, experiential learning opportunities in geology, hydrology, botany and more. Additionally, the elementary and middle schools have invested in bike fleets to expand their health and wellness programs with most of their bike programming taking place at USTT.

To date, GOCO has invested \$9.2 million in projects in Archuleta County and has conserved more than 21,000 acres of land there.

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# Courts

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Administrator in accordance with the following schedule:

- Execute a contract with a vendor within 45 days of execution of the grant.
- Receive a final report by the vendor within 90 days of executing the contract.
- The final report must be provided to the Office of the State Court Administrator no more than 10 days after receipt from the vendor.

The final feasibility report must include development of proposed conceptual plans, "which meets the needs of the court as determined in conjunction with Judicial Department representatives," according to the letter.

The feasibility report must also include:

- An assessment of the site to evaluate "any site and geothermal related concerns" that could affect the "ability to build and occupy" the existing location.
- An engineering assessment of the "existing primary systems" including structural, plumbing,

mechanical, electrical and life safety, among others.

- Development of a conceptual estimate of the proposed conceptual plan and all costs to design and build it.

- Development of a conceptual project schedule for completion of the design and construction.

"Failure to include any required element in the final feasibility report and/or failure to adhere to the mandatory schedule of deliverables will result in termination of the Grant Award and reversion of award funds," the letter reads.

The letter ends with congratulations and "we look forward to working with you."

The next step was for the county to sign a document to be sent to them, according to Schulte.

"Essentially, and that we have agreed to the timeline of—because they want to make sure that we're moving in a timely matter," Schulte said.

The two groups agreed to continue the use of Reynolds Ash + Associates (RAA), an engineering and architecture group, for the as-

essment as they were "essentially" already under contract, Schulte explained.

"We will amend the scope of work for them to do this assessment, and we committed to getting them under contract by, essentially, mid-January," Schulte said.

Once RAA is under contract it can begin work, Schulte continued.

The grant agreement should include that 60 days after "call it the middle of January" that the county will have the work and report completed, Schulte explained.

He noted, "That report will tell us whether it's worth continuing to invest additional money."

Schulte added that the county wanted to "avail" itself of additional money out of this "pot."

"They want to make sure that they're going to be investing their money in a facility that is worth investing in," Schulte said.

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# Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

## Thursday, Dec. 13

**Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation Hospitality Subcommittee meeting.** Noon, Chamber of Commerce conference room, 105 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

**Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors special meeting.** 5 p.m., 7 Parelli Way.

## Friday, Dec. 14

**Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation Advocacy Subcommittee meeting.** 9 a.m., Chamber of Commerce conference room, 105 Hot Springs Blvd.

**Tuesday, Dec. 18**

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

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

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners regular meeting.** 1:30 p.m., Archuleta County

administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

## Thursday, Dec. 20

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

**Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District 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.*

# County, town discuss joint priorities

By Avery Martinez  
Staff Writer

Recycling, development services, joint strategic priorities and the possibility of the town and county collaborating on planning and building departments were some of the topics discussed by the town's and county's governing boards during their joint meeting on Nov. 20.

Members of both the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) and the Pagosa Springs Town Council discussed these topics as joint strategic priorities, as well as ways of supporting them, during the meeting.

In attendance alongside the BoCC and town council were Interim County Administrator Greg Schulte and Town Manager Andrea Phillips.

After a discussion over monetary funding and the continuation of joint strategic priorities, the discussion turned to other topics of mutual interest. For more information on the monetary funding and continuation of priorities see the Nov. 29 issue of The SUN.

Schulte asked if there were any other items in the community the two groups would be interested in showing support for — politically, monetarily or otherwise.

## Recycling

Schulte began by bringing up recycling.

"Is that something that we want to explore?" Schulte asked, adding he wondered if that was something for the two groups to partner on.

Council member Nicole DeMarco expressed her belief that recycling was something to be discussed with the Southwest Colorado Council of Governments (COG), "because I think that some of the solution is going to be regional recycling centers."

She further reminded the two groups that the county's public works director was instructed to look into other markets for recycling previously.

Schulte agreed that a regional approach would "most likely breed success."

"What we're up against with recycling is commodity prices," he said.

Due to the circumstance, location and "isolation," the commodity prices "suck," he explained, adding, "It is really hard to get people to take our stuff — even when we pay them for it."

That was a challenge, according to Schulte.

However, the regional approach made the most sense, especially if "we were to ... repurpose some of this stuff ourselves," Schulte explained.

Matt Archuleta, the operations manager for the county's public works department, gave a report on work done on recycling.

First, Archuleta spoke about glass.

The county is still taking glass, Archuleta explained, however, "we are running out of room."

An option that became available was from the city of Alamosa, Archuleta mentioned.

The city of Alamosa has a grinder, according to Archuleta, "they won't charge us to take it, it'll just be the trip over there and back."

The glass would be used to create aggregate, he explained.

Another option was a glass recycling plant in Gunnison, he mentioned.

The San Juan Basin Recycling Association had a meeting recently, Archuleta mentioned, explaining, "It was trying to determine whether or not to just do away with the organization, because it has been so stagnant for the last few years, and we chose to keep it."

During the meeting, board members were selected, he added.

"There is an option to go with the COG, because we do have \$30,000 sitting in a fund that's been sitting there for quite a long time," Archuleta said, adding later that this was for five counties in the southwest Colorado area.

He further mentioned that \$30,000 could "go a long way."

If a partnership with COG was created, a grant could also be possible partnered "possibly" for \$104,000, Archuleta added.

Archuleta County was "probably" one of the only counties still taking glass, he mentioned.

"There's just no market for it," he said.

In a rural area, the transportation costs to Salt Lake City, Utah, or Denver are just too much, according to Archuleta.

He expressed some hope over a possibility in Gunnison.

Archuleta mentioned again that space for glass was running out, adding that taking it to Alamosa was a possibility.

DeMarco added that sounded like a good option.

"We won't make anything on it, but they won't charge us to take the glass," Archuleta said.

Durango previously had a glass crusher, but got rid of it because the costs of maintaining it were too high, according to Archuleta.

Archuleta added he had not asked if the county could bring aggregate back, but would investigate that option.

Commissioner Michael Whiting suggested creating a regional approach with the glass located in a certain location.

Mayor Don Volger mentioned that he appreciated the work done on the glass.

## Development services

Another joint priority discussed was the town's and county's development services.

Whiting brought up the topic, saying, "Our development services, in both the town and the county, we have two separate silos ..."

Further, Whiting added that the county and town staff and leadership did work and communicate together.

He then explained his desire for more "seamless relationship on development."

"We can certainly take a moment to discuss whether or not that's something we can consider," Whiting said, adding there were instances of redundancy in having two groups.

One item Whiting discussed included bringing the building codes into alignment between the town and county, saying that was something "we are committed to ... and hopefully we'll have that done by the end of the year."

And while the building codes may come into alignment, the land use codes could use "some fine tuning," according to Whiting.

It made no sense for a one-town county and one town in one county to have "multiple layers of staffs and costs," Whiting explained.

Impact fees were another item addressed by Whiting, and DeMarco also mentioned the planning

departments and building code.

"I think as many things as we could cooperate on the better," Volger said, adding that he thought the public would like to see "us working together to eliminate as much duplication as possible."

## Six priorities and other comments

Volger added during the meeting that a joint parks and recreation group had been previously discussed. For more information on the possible joint parks and recreation group between the town and the county, see the Nov. 1 edition of The SUN.

In 2019, Volger explained, the town and county should work on becoming closer.

Phillips mentioned that it sounded as if the town and county would continue the three 2018 joint strategic priorities while adding planning and development coordination, parks and recreation coordination, and recycling/landfill.

"So, six, is that right, or am I making assumptions?" Phillips asked.

Volger added he thought that Phillips was right.

"At least placing our political will, or whatever we can contribute — not necessarily different pots of money to be accessed, I don't think we've talked about that or how much ... — but definitely work together on that as much as possible," Volger said.

Volger added he knew that was general, adding, "as things start cropping up we can figure out ways to do that."

"We certainly want to participate where we can, as long as it's free, I guess," Wadley said.

Commissioner Ron Maez agreed.

Schulte mentioned that he liked to think in outcomes.

For some topics discussed, such as parks and recreation, Schulte added that he believed that "we are on a path to come back to you, to demonstrate what does that look like" with a potential memorandum of understanding.

"In that regard, we're headed towards an outcome," Schulte said, at which point the groups would have to decide to pursue that or not.

When it comes to planning and building, what he was hearing was

that the groups wanted staff to spend energy for what that might look like, Schulte added.

"I'm not going to say merge, but if we collaborated in some way, and maybe merging is part of it, but there's a lot that's implied in that," he said, stating that he wanted to make sure that was what was being said.

"That would be helpful for me, personally," Volger said, "to have some options presented on what we could do, what it might look like, what would be most cost-effective, that kind of thing."

How much time should be spent on it, he did not know, Volger added.

Council member David Schanzenbaker added he would like to see some discussion by each entity individually about the topics.

"We updated our building codes over a year ago," Schanzenbaker said, adding that trying to combine the planning and building was premature.

First, things must become aligned in practices, he explained, and then they could consider joining.

"I would say that, generally speaking, our respective planning and building departments do communicate," Schulte said.

Land use codes, for example, were an outcome of policy decisions, according to Schulte.

"To say that we want to align, or to see how we can do better, that's absolutely worthwhile," Schulte said. "Just know, that that's a significant policy statement that you want to do that."

Schulte added comments on efficiency.

There was a possibility for efficiency in administration and staffing by that merger, but "there's a whole Pandora's box that goes along with that," he added.

Wadley added that there was commonality between the town and county, but not always involving Chromo or Arboles.

Maez added that the two groups were starting a "baby step" with aligning the building codes.

Whiting added the word merger should not be used at this point "at all."

The next joint town and county meeting will take place Tuesday, Dec. 18, at noon at Pagosa Springs Town Hall.

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# Sports

## SWIM

### Lady Pirate swimmers show inexperience and growth at meets in Durango and Farmington

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

With two meets in two different states over the past weekend, the Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate swim team saw mixed results.

#### Durango

To begin the action, the Lady Pirates found themselves taking on the 4A Durango Demons on Dec. 7 and found themselves on the wrong side of a 216-44 final result.

However, in individual competitions, the Lady Pirates showed promise against the Demons.

In the 200-meter freestyle, Valeria Monterroso came in with a time of 3 minutes, 6.85 seconds.

Mackenzie Wedemeyer finished right behind her Lady Pirate teammate in that same event with a fifth-place finish and a final time of 3:08.79.

Nell Taylor took a third-place finish in the 200-meter individual medley with a time of 3:16.68.

Of the eight Lady Pirates who placed in the 50-meter freestyle Sierra Liverett placed the best, finishing within the top five, specifically at fourth place with a 29.98 final time.

Taylor also had a successful run in the 100-meter fly, finishing second with a time of 1:41.29.

In the 100-meter freestyle, seven Lady Pirates finished in spots 10-17, with Darian Dominguez placing 10th with a time of 1:29.99.

For the 200-meter freestyle relay, four Lady Pirate teams took the fourth through seventh places.

A team consisting of Wedemeyer, Taylor, Monterroso and Liverett took fourth with a time of 2:16.70.

Another team comprised of Dominguez, Sydney Kohler, Liberty Bonin and Cheyenne Booth took fifth with a time of 2:41.11.

The third team for the Lady Pirates, which included Catalina Aguilera, Beatrice Polczynski, Annabelle Bowles and Ivory Carpenter, took sixth in the 200-meter relay with a final time of 3:05.73.

And, finally, a team with Rylie Knapp, Michelle Saucedo, Ella Blechman and Marina Guillen finished seventh with a final time of 3:54.84.

Liverett took second in the 100-meter backstroke with a time of 1:29.72.

In addition to Liverett, two other Lady Pirates cracked the top five for the 100-meter backstroke, with Guillen coming in fourth with a

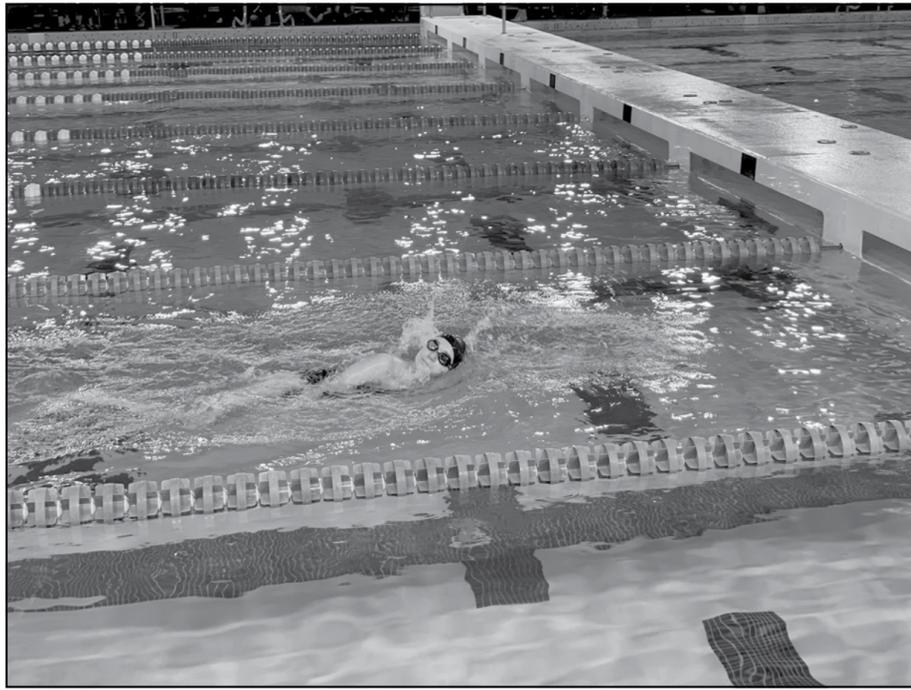


Photo courtesy Heather Miller

Lady Pirate swimmer Ivory Carpenter maintains form while competing in the 400-yard relay event at the Scorpion Invitational in Farmington on Dec. 8. Pagosa came in third out of six teams at the invitational and are now preparing for two days at the Montrose Invitational starting tomorrow and ending on Saturday.

1:58.95 finish and Knapp finishing fifth with a time of 2:29.34.

Blechman was the lone Lady Pirate to place in the 100-meter breaststroke with a time of 2:18.81, which was good enough for a fourth-place finish.

To close out the Durango meet, Pagosa had a team finish second in the 400-meter free relay.

That team, finishing with a time of 4:27.19, consisted of Liverett, Taylor, Monterroso and Wedemeyer.

#### Scorpion Invitational

The Lady Pirates were right back in the water on Dec. 8, in New Mexico this time around, to take part in the Scorpion Invitational.

Being the only team from Colorado participating in the meet, Pagosa ended the day finishing third out of six teams with 343 points.

Along with the Lady Pirates and host Farmington Scorpions, the Hope Christian Huskies, Piedra Vista Panthers, Miyamura Patriots and Gallup Bengals all participated in the invitational.

Hope Christian took first place at the invitational with 422 points.

Two teams for the Lady Pirates competed in the 200-yard medley relay, with one team consisting of Wedemeyer, Taylor, Liverett and Monterroso taking fifth place out of eight teams with a time of 2:34.19.

The other team for Pagosa, which included Booth, Blechman, Dominguez and Bonin, took eighth place with a time of 3:19.40.

Liverett finished second in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of

2:35.94.

Dominguez had a time of 3:32.77, good enough for a seventh-place finish, while Booth finished eighth with a time of 3:33.93.

In the 200-yard individual medley, Taylor finished with a time of 3:23.40, which was good enough for third.

Of the 33 girls who competed in the 50-yard freestyle, six Lady

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## WRESTLING

# Pirates take first at Columbine Invitational

By Avery Martinez  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirates fought their way to victory at the Columbine Wrestling Invitational last weekend, coming in first place as a team — beating the second place team by 134 points.

"We had a good tournament," coach Dan Janowsky said.

The Pirates finished with a score of 258.5 points, compared with the second-place score of 124.5 points for Littleton's Heritage High School and the third-place score of 117 for Broomfield's Legacy High School. Both Heritage and Legacy are 5A-division high schools.

Several members of the Pirates' crew took the gold as individuals, while many others placed in the top three.

"To me, the big takeaway from the tournament is not the results, but the practice that we got in. I like the way our guys really extended what we've been practicing into their competition," Janowsky said.

Another aspect of the tournament was the level of competition.

"Throughout, there was good competition there, good enough to test us, and ... allow us to get better,"

he said.

Further, none of the Pirates who wrestled at Columbine lost more than one match.

"I don't think that I've ever had a tournament where not one guy lost two matches," Janowsky said.

To the coach's recollection, the team won 42 out of 49 matches on Saturday.

"I don't like to get overly excited about that, because we've got to keep getting better," the coach said.

Individually, four Pirates took first place.

James Thomas, senior, took first in the 132-pound division, with four match wins and no losses.

Thomas also went up against the No. 1-ranked wrestler in his weight at the invitational, the coach mentioned.

"And we beat him," Janowsky said, adding that he was "good competition."

Cameron Lucero, sophomore, took the gold in the 145-pound division, also finishing 4-0.

Ian Reinhardt, senior, took first place in the 170-pound division, winning all three of his matches.

The coach mentioned that Reinhardt beat three ranked opponents to take first at the invitational.



Photo courtesy Stacia Aragon

Senior Ian Reinhardt is in the midst of one of his three matches at the Columbine Wrestling Invitational in Littleton last weekend. Reinhardt took first place in the 170-pound division, winning all three of his matches. As a team, the Pirates finished first with a score of 258.5 points, 134 points ahead of the second-place score of 124.5.

Caleb Janowsky, senior, took first place in the 195-pound category, winning all three of his matches in the tournament.

Many other Pirates placed in the top five of their respective divisions.

In the 113-pound division, Erik Wyman, sophomore, took second place, winning three of his matches and losing one.

Trevor Torrez, sophomore, placed fifth in the division with a final tally of four wins and one loss.

Dillon Tressler, sophomore, took second in the 120-pound division, finishing with four wins and one loss.

Tressler wrestled really well, according to the coach, after dropping from the 126-pound division to the 120.

In the 138-pound division, Cam Hinger, sophomore, took second place finishing with a tally of 3-1.

Ethan Evans, senior, placed second in the 152-pound division, leaving the mat with a tally of 2-1.

The coach mentioned that Evans

wrestled well.

In the 160-pound division, Paul Farrah, senior, took fifth place with a final tally of 4-1.

The coach added it was Farrah's first varsity wrestling experience and he won four matches.

Connor Aragon, senior, took the silver in the 182-pound division after winning three matches and losing one.

In the 220-pound division, Skylar Hill, freshman, placed third, with three match wins and a loss.

"...so the addition of putting [Hill] in the lineup, also, you know the lineup was just better, but that was one of the changes we had to make it better," the coach said.

Tressler, Lucero and Caleb Janowsky were mentioned by the coach as being dominant wrestlers throughout the day.

Dan Janowsky also mentioned that having a fuller lineup for this tournament helped the team.

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## Swim

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Pirates placed. Monterroso finished highest of all the Lady Pirates with an 11th-place finish that included a time of 35.12.

Wedemeyer placed sixth in the 100-yard freestyle with a final time of 1:20.87.

Six other Lady Pirates finished within the top 22 for the 100-yard freestyle.

In the 500-yard freestyle, Liverett was the lone Lady Pirate to place, finishing third out of six girls with a time of 7:01.10.

For the 200-yard freestyle relay, four Lady Pirate teams competed, with a team that featured Monterroso, Liverett, Taylor and Wedemeyer finishing fourth with a time of 2:16.30.

Guillen placed highest of the four Lady Pirates in the 100-yard backstroke finishing eighth out of 12 swimmers with a time of 1:59.18.

Of the three Lady Pirates who placed in the 100-yard breaststroke, Monterroso placed the highest at sixth out of 11 swimmers with a time of 1:36.66.

Closing out the invitational,

a team consisting of Aguilera, Carpenter, Kohler and Polczynski placed fifth out of five teams with a final time of 7:39.35.

For coach Heather Miller, the Lady Pirates are showing great improvement from their first meet in Salida on Nov. 28.

Praise was also heaped by Miller onto Saucedo, who took over a minute off of her backstroke.

Aside from swimming, Miller added that the Lady Pirates' spirit was certainly a thing of note.

"The girls were cheering and supporting each other, I dare say at the Farmington meet they were the loudest team out there," Miller indicated in an email.

The Lady Pirates will now shift their focus to tomorrow and Saturday as they will compete in the Montrose Invitational.

The Lady Pirates will start the invitational tomorrow at 4 p.m. and then continue the action on Saturday at 9 a.m.

For the Montrose Invitational, Miller hopes to see the Lady Pirates improve on their starts, turns and finishes.

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## BASKETBALL

# Pirates leave Buena Vista Invitational with a win, compete in Montrose tournament today

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate boys basketball team was able to break even over the weekend at the Buena Vista Invitational, falling to the Gunnison Cowboys but also earning a win over the University Bulldogs, improving the team's record to 2-1 overall.

### Double overtime thriller

Pagosa kicked off the invitational against Gunnison on Dec. 7, and despite needing two extra periods of play, the Cowboys were able to pull away and defeat the Pirates 50-45.

Gunnison came out strong in the first half as they were able to hold a 20-12 advantage over Pagosa going into the break.

In the third quarter, both teams broke even, scoring 10 points each, while in the fourth, the Pirates held Gunnison to only five points whilst scoring 13 of their own.

Heading into overtime knotted up at 35 apiece, neither team could gain any ground over the other. And with the game tied up at 40 each, a second overtime period was needed.

That second overtime period was enough for Gunnison to outscore Pagosa 10-5 and capture a victory.

Mason Snarr led Pagosa in scoring against Gunnison, finishing with 17 points while also adding seven rebounds and a steal.

Mitch Lewis followed by posting

a near triple-double with 13 points, eight rebounds and nine assists.

Lewis also added a steal for good measure.

Ryan Lewis contributed eight points along with two rebounds, two assists and a block.

Jesus Pacheco and Cade Cowan rounded out the scoring duties, with Pacheco finishing with four points and Cowan adding three.

Pacheco also added three rebounds and three assists as well as a block.

Cowan contributed two steals and a couple assists to go along with his three points.

The Pirates struggled from the charity stripe against the Cowboys, finishing with four makes on 13 attempts, a 31 percent success rate from the free-throw line.

In addition to their free-throw woes, Pagosa again struggled to take care of the ball against Gunnison, accumulating 21 total turnovers.

Against Gunnison, Pagosa was just simply not ready to play, coach Randy Sorenson explained in an email to The SUN.

"Our shot selection in the first quarter was not very good, only scoring four points in the first quarter. We still struggled scoring the ball in the second quarter and we got into foul trouble. In the second half the kids made a good comeback," Sorenson explained.

Sorenson gave credit to the Pirates for fighting back in the second

half and sending the game into two overtimes.

However, Sorenson cited Pagosa's free-throw woes and turnover problems as issues that hampered them against Gunnison.

"Gunnison is greatly improved and you have to give them credit for playing well," he added.

### University

On Dec. 8, Pagosa was able to close out the Buena Vista Invitational on a high note as they defeated the University Bulldogs 56-49.

The Pirates found themselves down 29-20 going into the second half against University, but found their stride both defensively and offensively in the third quarter, holding the Bulldogs to only five points while scoring 16 themselves.

The Pirates continued that scoring outburst into the fourth, adding 20 more points while giving up 15 to the Bulldogs.

The second-half adjustments proved to be enough for the Pirates to complete the comeback and leave the invitational with a win.

Mitch Lewis led the team in scoring against University, becoming the first Pirate this season to eclipse the 20-point mark, as he finished with 22 points.

To go along with those 22 points, Lewis snagged seven rebounds and added two assists, a steal and a block.

Snarr also had himself a game against the Bulldogs, finishing with

a double-double with 12 points and 12 rebounds.

Snarr also added a pair of blocks and a steal.

Pacheco added another eight points, as well as three rebounds, two steals and a block.

Pagosa also got scoring contributions from Cowan, Aidan O'Donnell, Ryan Lewis and Javier Mariñelarena.

Cowan ended with six points and two rebounds, while O'Donnell finished with five points, five rebounds and a couple of steals.

Ryan Lewis contributed across the board for Pagosa with two points, four rebounds and three assists.

Mariñelarena added one point and four assists.

Collectively, Pagosa did better at the free-throw line, converting 14 of 27 attempts, which was good enough for a 52 percent mark.

Pagosa also cut down on the turnovers from the Gunnison matchup, only committing 13 of them.

Sorenson explained that against University, Pagosa got into foul trouble early, but the outburst in the third quarter was huge.

"The kids played great in the third quarter and we had a one point lead at the end of the third quarter. We got some great minutes from the young kids and that was huge," he wrote.

In the fourth, Pagosa was able to get some starters back into the game and knock down some free throws to win the game, which was a much-needed win against a good team, Sorenson added.

"We are really proud of the kids for finding a way to win coming off of a double overtime loss," he stated.

### On the road, again

Starting today at 4 p.m., the Pirates will kick off play at the Montrose Tournament against the 4A Palisade Bulldogs (4-2 overall).

Last season Pagosa defeated Palisade by a score of 43-28.

Tomorrow, Pagosa will take on the hosting 4A Montrose Indians (3-3 overall).

The Indians bested the Pirates in their lone matchup last season by a score of 48-38.

The Pirates will then close out the tournament on Saturday at 11 a.m. against the Roaring Fork Rams (1-3 overall).

The Rams are currently riding a three-game losing streak.

"We have three tough games this weekend and we will have to play well. We are looking forward to the challenge," Sorenson wrote.

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Photo courtesy Stephen Firth

Pagosa taekwondo students show well at the Santa Fe karate tournament with 16 students bringing home 19 medals including one fourth place, five third places and 11 second places. Xavier Sanchez took first in both events. Pictured, left to right, are Andres Martinez, Enrique Quezada, Cole Bass, Hazel Blue, Shawn Martinez, Viktory Quezada, Canaan Palmer, Arasely Ponce de Leon, Sanchez, Zaiden Adams, Kaleb Lokey, Noah Martinez, Jovanka Ponce de Leon and Rylan Chavez. Not pictured are Gavin Lugenbeel and River Johnson. Instructors pictured are Rick Bass and Sarah Martinez.

## Wrestling

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There were multiple opportunities for every wrestler on the Pirate team to work on what had been done in practice, the coach explained.

He explained that in order to get feedback, you have to have matches.

And at the Columbine Wrestling Invitational, there was a chance to get feedback, the coach added.

"You can kind of start to see some tendencies in your own kids that you need to work on," he said.

The coach also mentioned that he was pleased with the results of the invitational; however, he was very excited for the opportunity that the team had to progressively become better over the week and through the tournament.

"We've got to keep moving forward," he said.

The coach added that the team has a long way to go.

"That's what it's all about, just getting better," Dan Janowsky said.

### Future matches

This weekend, the Pirates head to Grand Junction's Central High School to take part in the Warrior Classic Dec. 14 and 15.

The Warrior Classic matches are

slated to begin at 10 a.m. on Dec. 14 and 9 a.m. on Dec. 15.

The coach added that the Warrior Classic is one of the oldest and largest tournaments in the country. The level of competition at the tourna-

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Then, at 6 p.m. on Dec. 19, the Pirates will defend their home mat for the first time this season against the Durango High School Demons.

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## BASKETBALL

# Lady Pirates go 1-1 in Buena Vista

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The No. 7 Pagosa Springs Lady Pirates left the Buena Vista Invitational last weekend with a 2-1 record, having gone 1-1 at the invitational.

The first game of the invitational for Pagosa was against the No. 1 St. Mary's Pirates, with that Pirate-versus-Pirate battle falling in favor of St. Mary's, 52-30.

"Well, obviously they beat us by a large margin," coach Wes Lewis said. "I don't think the score indicates how close we are in comparison with them."

St. Mary's took the lead early in the game, logging 16 points in the first quarter compared to Pagosa's nine, and built upon that in the second quarter with another 11 points while limiting Pagosa to three free throws.

Pagosa was only able to add five points in the third quarter, while St. Mary's posted another 12.

The two teams were even in the final quarter at 13 each, giving St. Mary's the 52-30 win.

"We just shot the ball terrible and we had some costly turnovers that led to easy baskets for 'em," Lewis

said. "And, I think if we could shoot the ball a little bit better and take a little better care of the basketball, we'd be in a lot better shape, but they're a very talented team."

Lewis explained that St. Mary's is "very active" and anticipated well out of their zone, but added that Pagosa needs to value possession more and make better decisions with the basketball when there is pressure.

Pagosa gave up 10 turnovers in the first half and another five in the second.

Halley Griego led Pagosa in the game with 11 points, five rebounds and one steal.

Devin Wilson followed with 10 points, three rebounds and two steals.

Teagan Stretton put up a 3-point-er in the game while also logging a rebound.

Elsa Lindner tallied two points and four rebounds, and DeAnn Schaaf logged two points, four rebounds and one block.

The Lady Pirates' scoring was rounded out with two points from Molly Graham, who also had a rebound and a steal.

Taylor Lewis did not score in the game, but tallied four rebounds, an

assist, a block and a steal.

Pagosa landed seven of 13 free throws in the game for a success rate of 53 percent.

Wes Lewis noted Pagosa needs to get its better free-throw shooters to the line more.

"They're a talented group," the coach said of St. Mary's.

St. Mary's is the reigning 3A champion.

"I think we can play with them," the coach said, adding that he hopes Pagosa can "get another crack at them by March."

The following day, Pagosa's Lady Pirates bounced back to log a 21-point win against the Colorado Academy Mustangs.

"Colorado Academy is not a bad team. They're certainly not in the same conversation as St. Mary's, but they're not a bad basketball team," the coach said.

He explained that the Lady Pirates jumped out and played well in the first half, posting 26 points.

In the second half, the Lady Pirates put up only 14 points.

"Our scoring dropped off significantly in the second half. We kind of were trying to work on some stuff late, but early in that third quarter, I thought we should have been able

to put some more points up," Wes Lewis said. "But, I was proud of the kids to bounce back after a tough loss on Friday and come back with a 20-point win."

Griego again led the Lady Pirates in scoring, this time with 10 points. She also tallied seven rebounds.

Wilson followed with eight points, eight rebounds, one assist and three steals.

Graham put up six points in the game, three rebounds, one block and one steal.

Taylor Lewis tallied five points, two rebounds, one assist and two steals in the game.

Stretton had four points in the game, as well as five rebounds and two steals.

Lindner logged four points, three rebounds, two blocks and a steal in the game.

Adelyn Dozier added two points and a rebound, and River Pitcher put up a free-throw.

Pagosa logged 13 turnovers in the game.

Tomorrow, the team will head to the Lutheran Tournament, hosted by the No. 3 Lutheran Lions.

The Lady Pirates will first take on the Manitou Springs Mustangs at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow, with the following day's game to be determined by the game against the Mustangs.

The Mustangs, the coach said, have a "really good guard" in Caileen Sienknecht who the Pirates will have to contain.

"She's played varsity since she was a freshman, she's averaging 20 points a game, she's a really good guard," he said, adding that the Pirates' defense will have to do its job and not let anyone get on a run.

Beyond that, the Lady Pirates will need to make their shots, especially the easy ones.

And while the team is over the illness that plagued it last week, now it is battling injury.

"We're over the illness, but the injury bug's hit us," he said, noting that one junior varsity player and two varsity players — Dozier and Schaaf — are battling injuries and may not be back by tomorrow.

With those injuries, the team may look to other options in guard. [randi@pagosasun.com](mailto:randi@pagosasun.com)

## Pagosa Pickleball Club sees success at Festival of Trees



Photo courtesy Annie Jacobi

The newly formed 501(c)3 nonprofit organization Pagosa Pickleball Club recently took on the challenge to enter Pagosa Springs' Festival of Trees. The club's tree won the evening's highest bid and was voted the Peoples' Choice Award. Pictured, from left to right, are Marie Thatcher, Terry McGaughy, Eileen Costa and Annie Jacobi. Not pictured are Melody Dean, JoAnn Laird and Julene Campbell.

By Annie Jacobi  
Special to The SUN

The newly formed 501(c)3 nonprofit organization Pagosa Pickleball Club recently took on the challenge to enter Pagosa Springs' Festival of Trees.

Not only did this group enter and decorate a tree, it sought out supporters and founded the Friends of Pagosa Pickleball to help fund its efforts.

The results were amazing. The tree won the evening's highest bid, was voted the Peoples' Choice Award and was the first item up for auction.

The Pagosa Pickleball Club's mission is to enhance the health and welfare of the general public by encouraging, organizing and promoting the development and growth of pickleball in the Pagosa Springs area and surrounding region.

Pickleball is the fastest-growing sport in America, appealing to all age groups and every skill level. The rules are simple and the game is easy for beginners to learn. It appeals to those wanting to enjoy a fun, healthy social interaction as well as those looking for a fast-paced competitive challenge.

Pagosa Pickleball Club members teach new players at no cost and even loan them the related equipment.

See more information at [pagosapickleball.org](http://pagosapickleball.org).



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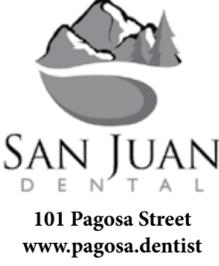


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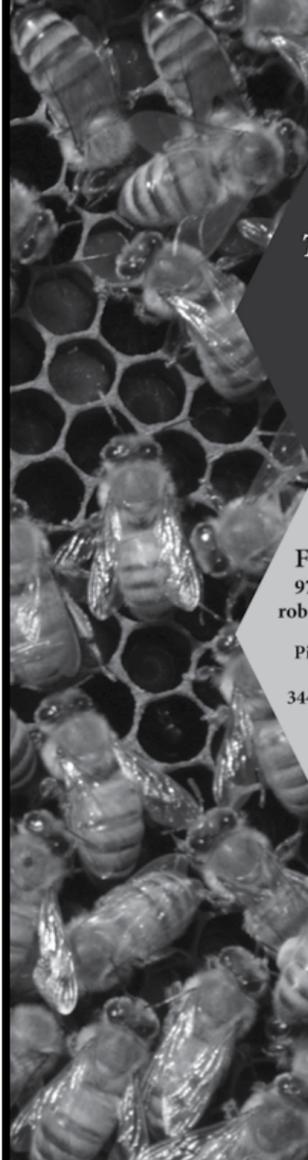
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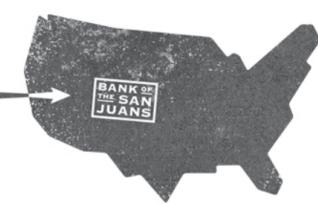



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# Education

## Future of PPOS's leadership discussed

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

With School Director James Lewicki's resignation effective in the fall of 2019, the Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) board as well as multiple advisors discussed the first steps in implementing new leadership at a meeting on Tuesday.

Lewicki announced his resignation in an email to The SUN and in a letter to parents on Dec. 1.

Within his letter, Lewicki noted that he will finish out this school year and not return to PPOS in the fall of 2019.

According to PPOS second- and third-grade advisor Thomas Davenport, PPOS faculty and staff had spoken amongst themselves and questions were raised on what the next steps were.

However, the staff and faculty are excited to help and support the board in making a successful transition, Davenport noted.

One question raised by Davenport was whether or not the board had an idea of what the process looks like for hiring a new school director.

"We haven't developed a process. And I'm hoping we're going to discuss the process this evening," PPOS board member Bill Hudson said.

The PPOS board wants input

from everyone who is involved with the school on this process, PPOS board member Clay Buchner added, "especially our advisors. I think that our process would be your typical process."

Whether the candidate is from within PPOS or outside of the school or community as a whole remains to be seen, Buchner added later.

When the time came to hire a new director, Ursula Hudson noted that the school had planned on convening a hiring committee to help in the search.

In terms of a timeline on searching for a candidate to fill Lewicki's shoes, PPOS board member Mark Weiler noted that, "Sooner the better."

"My personal vision is that I hope that we would select a candidate that best fits the needs of our school, and have them be here during a transition period while James is still in his role here," Weiler explained.

For Weiler, the timeline could include advertising for the position by Jan. 1, beginning the interview process in February, narrowing down the candidates and making job offers by March 1.

PPOS would utilize the services of two board members, three faculty and staff members, and two or three parents of students on its

hiring committee, Weiler indicated.

"As you know, we've identified collaboration as one of our core values and we feel strongly that we'd like to have a voice as this plays out," PPOS fourth- and fifth-grade advisor Kobe Biederman added later.

Since PPOS is not a large organization, the school should be successful in being inclusive and navigating this process, Biederman explained.

Whoever PPOS chooses, they need to buy into the mission and vision fully, Weiler added later.

Along with providing an excellent education for students, moral values and purpose of PPOS are also important, Biederman added.

"Because there's lots of ways you can get to an outcome, and sometimes those values can be overlooked," Biederman said.

Being mindful of what the future holds for PPOS, making sure that the candidate understands living in rural areas, education and being innovative were other ideas thrown out by PPOS advisors.

Having someone who also has a proven track record in rural areas with a strong moral purpose were also qualities for potential candidates discussed during the meeting.

PPOS first- and second-grade advisor Kelle Bruno noted that

PPOS shouldn't just hire someone just because they are working on a deadline.

### Shared leadership

Another idea that had been floated is the idea of having co-directors, which would divide the job into two positions.

"Let's face it, being school director is a profoundly demanding position," PPOS lead kindergarten advisor Karla Parker-Choat stated.

That idea is something to be put out there and discussed even further, Parker-Choat noted.

Within the staff and advisors, Buchner noted that there already is a lot of "public eye" on this position.

"Just be mindful when you talk to anybody, especially amongst yourselves, if you are interested in a position," Buchner stated, adding that those who are interested in the position should be careful to not create a conflict or drive a wedge between staff.

This process does not have to be divisive, but rather it can be a very encouraging and productive process that is very good for PPOS, Buchner explained.

PPOS has a special meeting scheduled for today to further discuss the process of hiring a new school director. That meeting will begin at 5 p.m. at 7 Parelli Way. [chris@pagosasun.com](mailto:chris@pagosasun.com)

## FBLA to hold toy giveaway

By Emma Happ  
Special to The SUN

As the holiday season begins, joy and stress can fill the air. Christmastime, while it can be a joyous season, can oftentimes have a lot of financial stressors around it.

In order to combat the stress, Emma Happ, Ally Ashbaugh and the Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) chapter of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) have set out on a mission to provide families in need with Christmas presents.

With the help of students and local businesses, the FBLA chapter has been collecting toys to be handed out to less fortunate families.

On Saturday, Dec. 15, these toys will be provided to families in need. The event will be held at Pagosa Springs High School from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will be run by the PSHS FBLA chapter. Because there is a limited number of toys, each family can receive two toys per kid. All of the toys will be handed out on a first-come, first-served basis. So, if your family is in need of toys this year, FBLA can help.



Photo courtesy Emma Happ

Pagosa Springs High School chapter of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) members Ally Ashbaugh and Emma Happ show off toys collected by the group's members. The toys will be distributed to families in need on Saturday, Dec. 15.

## A blueprint for the future: Charter school touches on educational improvement plan

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

Following the school being issued a priority improvement plan recommendation by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE), a unified improvement plan (UIP) was briefly described and explained at the Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) board of directors meeting on Tuesday.

PPOS School Director James Lewicki began the presentation explaining that the entire UIP is based on four improvement strategies.

Those four areas, outlined in the UIP's executive summary, are:

- increasing writing efficacy and capacity,
- increasing math skills and achievement,
- increasing reading skills and

achievement, and

- developing restorative practices to build productive learning culture.

For those three core academic areas, the UIP denotes that those skills will improve by using common items such as: assessment practices during blocks, utilizing portfolios and subject-specific projects.

Those improvement strategies will be measured by growth on each subject's respective Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) test.

In addition to growth and meeting or exceeding benchmarks on the CMAS test, growth benchmarks will also be measured for the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) test.

"I don't think you put halfway goals. You try to make them. You try

to meet them," Lewicki said.

The UIP also notes goals for the 2019-2020 school year and not just the upcoming one, Lewicki noted.

In regard to restorative practices to build productive learning, the UIP document notes that students will have the power to grow from mistakes as well as make good choices and support each other in a restorative learning community.

"Trajectories of positive behavior will be established, consistent application of norms will be assured, and social justice will permeate the daily life of the school," the UIP executive summary notes.

Parent and student meetings will also increase along with open forum discussions with the "principal" occurring at least every other month, the UIP executive summary notes.

The executive summary later explains that PPOS will address inadequate instructional differentiation for the range of student's ability levels, the lack of vertically aligned curriculum embedded in project learning and the lack of coordinated K-5 data analysis and targeted instruction.

In addition to those three items, PPOS will also need to target the lack of teacher professional de-

velopment in restorative justice practices, the summary notes.

"The timeline on this is you would approve a UIP that would go to the CDE about Jan. 15. It's not signed, sealed and done," Lewicki stated.

Once submitted, the CDE reviews the UIP and suggests changes to be made to the plan, Lewicki noted.

PPOS has already started to implement some of the changes outlined in the UIP so as to get started on improvement of the school, Lewicki noted.

The UIP will be voted on by the PPOS board at a special meeting today at 5 p.m. at 7 Parelli Way. [chris@pagosasun.com](mailto:chris@pagosasun.com)

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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 Friday, December 21, 2018, to the District Office at 309 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs; by email, [rbennett@pagosa.k12.co.us](mailto:rbennett@pagosa.k12.co.us); or by mail to Executive Assistant Robyn Bennett, PO Box 1498, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. The letter of intent must address the following: 1. Why do you want to be on the Board? 2. Do you plan on running for the position once your term expires in November of 2019? 3. What is your philosophy of education as it relates to serving on the Board?

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

# Outdoors

## Public Notices

### Why count birds at Christmastime?

By Becky Herman  
Special to The SUN

Lately, some questions have arisen about the Weminuche Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count. Why in the world would we choose to have a bird count when the holiday season is upon us, when the summer months would provide a much greater variety of bird species and when the weather is, at best, iffy?

A historical perspective of this activity reveals some answers to these questions. What we today call the Christmas Bird Count started before the turn of the century as something quite different.

Bird-Lore, an illustrated bi-monthly magazine devoted to the study and protection of birds, described it this way in 1899: "It is not many years ago that sports-

men were accustomed to meet on Christmas Day, 'choose sides' and, then, as representatives of the two bands resulting, hie them to the fields and woods on the cheerful mission of killing practically everything in fur or feathers that crossed their path — if they could. These exceptional opportunities for winning the laurels of the chase were termed, 'side hunts,' and reports of the hundreds of non-game birds which were sometimes slaughtered during a single hunt were often published in our leading sportsmen's journals, with perhaps a word of editorial commendation for the winning side."

Bird-Lore goes on to recommend to its readers a radical change, a Christmas bird-census on Christmas Day and, before retiring at the end of the day, a report detailing the results of the hunters'

"side hunts."

The idea of change was slowly becoming more attractive to bird enthusiasts. Conservation was in its beginning stages in that era, and many observers and scientists were becoming concerned about declining bird populations. On Christmas Day 1900, American ornithologist Frank M. Chapman's proposed "Christmas Bird Census" would become a reality.

So began the Christmas Bird Count. Thanks to the inspiration of Chapman and the enthusiasm of 27 dedicated birders, 25 Christmas Bird Counts were held that first count day. The locations ranged from Toronto, Ontario, to Pacific Grove, Calif., with most counts in or near the population centers of northeastern North America. Those original 27 Christmas bird counters tallied around 90 species

on all the counts combined.

And that's why today's birders count birds at Christmastime. The data that is collected every year is compared to data collected in previous years at the same time, in the same place, and, following established rules of observation, in the same way. This year's count is the 119th since that first time. Those who participate in the count come away with a feeling of accomplishment for a job well done and the knowledge that their efforts pave the way for scientists to analyze and evaluate trends in bird populations as they reflect the earth's changing ecology.

It's not too late to contact Audubon Rockies' Keith Bruno at (503) 729-8196 or kbruno@audubon.org to participate in the count on Saturday, Dec. 15. It's fun and rewarding.

### Snowpack levels statewide drop, no snow on the horizon this week

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

As of Dec. 12, local snowpack levels are at a lower mark than what they were last week, according to data from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Specifically, the San Miguel,

Dolores, Animas and San Juan River basins are 68 percent of median, compared to last week's total of 79 percent of median.

The South Platte River Basin saw a large drop from being 141 percent of median last week to 128 percent of median this week.

The Arkansas River Basin also

saw a drop in snowpack levels, with a current total of 131 percent of median compared to last week's total of 144 percent of median.

Drops in the snowpack levels were also recorded for the Yampa and White River basins, with current levels sitting at 117 percent of median. Last week those basins were 128 percent of median.

The Upper Rio Grande Basin's snowpack levels took a dip since last week, with amounts totaling 77 percent of median this week compared to 84 percent of median last week.

A drop was also recorded at the Gunnison River Basin, with that basin falling from 105 percent of median to 93 percent of median.

The Laramie and North Platte basins are currently at 116 percent of median and last week those basins were 125 percent of median.

To round out the snowpack levels this week, the Upper Colorado River Basin also saw a drop in its snowpack levels.

This week that basin is 117 percent of median and last week it was

124 percent of median.

The Wolf Creek Summit, located both within local snowpack totals and the Upper Rio Grande basin, was 81 percent of the Dec. 12 median and 24 percent of the Dec. 12 median peak.

Last week, Wolf Creek Summit was 87 percent of median and 22 percent of last week's peak.

The National Weather Service (NWS) has no projections of snowfall locally for Pagosa Springs or on Wolf Creek Pass from today through Sunday.

In terms of when you can look at snowpack levels and be "comfortable," NRCS District Conservationist Jerry Archuleta explained that the end of January is when the snowpack surveys will be worked on.

"That's going to be when we start to really scrutinize it and feeling like we're far enough into the season now that we're starting to get a better understanding of our potential stream flows," Archuleta explained.

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Photo courtesy Cynthia Cobden

**Cub Scouts from Pagosa Springs visit the Southern Ute Cultural Center in Ignacio recently. The Wolf Den visited a special exhibit on wolves and saw a movie, "Living with Wolves." The scouts were Jonah Dobson, Desmond Murphy, Bruce Kubelka, Levi Denton and Kieran Kurz, and were led by Jonathan Dobson.**

### Snow water equivalency, precipitation levels fall below average

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

Another week has shown minimal changes in terms of lake levels, according to a press release created by Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsey.

Lake Hatcher saw a small increase from last week's total of 57 inches from full as it now sits at 55 inches from full.

Stevens Lake also saw a slight increase as this week it is 136 inches from full when last week it was 138 inches from full.

Lake Pagosa, Village Lake and Lake Forest levels all remain unchanged from last week, with Village Lake remaining full.

This week also notes an increase in cumulative available lake water for treatment and delivery with 71 percent being available, up from 70.5 percent last week.

Total diversion flows saw a drop of 1.5 cubic feet per second (cfs) from last week.

This week, cumulative diversion flows are at 4.5 cfs compared to last week's total of 6 cfs.

West Fork's diversion flow remains the same at 3 cfs, while the Four Mile diversion flow dropped from 3 cfs to 1.5 cfs.

Same as last week, Ramsey's press release notes that the Four Mile diversion flows are inconsistent due to fluctuating flows and ice dams.

Ramsey explained that the fall at the Four Mile diversion was due to freezing.

"Again, that's kind of a real rough estimate because it's fluctuating," Ramsey said. "The flow in the river is down quite a bit because it's been cold."

Last week, collective water production totaled 9.38 million gallons.

Total water production from Nov. 30 through Dec. 6 of this year totals 8.61 million gallons.

The Snowball water treatment plant produced 2.51 million gallons in that time period this year, while the Hatcher water treatment plant

produced 6.10 million gallons.

The San Juan water treatment plant did not produce any water in that time frame.

Last year, also from Nov. 30 through Dec. 6, water production collectively totaled 11.52 million gallons, with the Snowball plant producing 2.58 million gallons and the Hatcher plant producing 8.94 million gallons.

#### Snow water equivalency

As presented in last week's press release, Ramsey also notes the snow water equivalency (SWE) and precipitation totals at the Upper San Juan SNOTEL site for this week.

As of Dec. 10, SWE currently has a total of 4.5 inches, compared to the median of 8.1 inches.

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

Last week, SWE totals were at 4.2 inches while the median was 7.1 inches.

This week, precipitation totals are

9.2 inches compared to the median of 12.2 inches.

Last week, precipitation totals were 8.9 inches while the median was 11 inches.

Being below average in those two categories is concerning, Ramsey noted, adding that he is going to let things play out.

"Certainly being below average is concerning still, but one snowfall and that can change," he said. "We're still close enough now; it's not worth losing sleep over. It's something to look at and hope it turns around."

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Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses, recorded on August 2, 1990, at Book 303, Page 104, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.  
Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Peregrine Townhouses Property Owners Association, Inc.  
Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.  
Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No 51651, 700 South  
21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901  
Association Assessments Due to: Peregrine Townhouses Property Owners Association, Inc.  
Debtor(s):  
See attached Exhibit "A" Amount Due:  
See attached Exhibit "A"  
Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"  
Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act  
THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.  
The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.  
**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST**  
THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will, 10:00 o'clock A.M., on Wednesday, January 9, 2019, Sale Number: 2018-08 in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff, Civil Division, 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor thereon, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.  
First Publication: [November 15, 2018]  
Last Publication: [December 13, 2018]  
Name of Publication: [Pagosa Springs Sun]  
**NOTICE OF RIGHTS**  
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### PROCESS.

The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:  
Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72301  
INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Sheriff's Department for Archuleta County, Civil Division, 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147.  
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed September 12, 2018.

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

### PEREGRINE TOWNHOUSES PHASE I

Matter Amount  
Property Owners: SUSAN KELLEY & R L KELLEY  
Building Number: 2 & 3  
Lot (Unit) Number: NA  
UDI Points: 77,000  
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,238.76  
Costs: \$373.45  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$2,612.21  
of Peregrine Townhouses Phase I, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173553, subject to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.  
Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

### PEREGRINE TOWNHOUSES PHASE II

Matter Amount  
Property Owners: JOHN FACHKO & AMY FACHKO  
Building Number: 4 & 5  
Lot (Unit) Number: 7807-7810  
UDI Points: 126,000  
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,286.16  
Costs: \$373.45  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$2,659.61  
Property Owners: BETTY L DONNER & DONALD L DONNER  
Building Number: 4 & 5  
Lot (Unit) Number: NA  
UDI Points: 105,000  
Unpaid Assessments: \$ 973.56  
Costs: \$373.45  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$2,347.01

of Peregrine Townhouses Phase II, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173554, subject to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.  
Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

### PEREGRINE TOWNHOUSES PHASE III

Matter Amount  
Property Owners: MARIA HOCKE  
Building Number: 7 & 8  
Lot (Unit) Number: 7813-7816  
UDI Points: 84,000  
Unpaid Assessments: \$913.43  
Costs: \$373.45  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$2,286.88  
Property Owners: VILIS J ZIGURS & CHRISTY B ZIGURS  
Building Number: 9 & 10  
Lot (Unit) Number: 7817-7820  
UDI Points: 126,000  
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,797.70  
Costs: \$373.45  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$3,171.15  
of Peregrine Townhouses Phase III, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173555, subject to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.  
Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

### PEREGRINE TOWNHOUSES PHASE IV

Matter Amount  
Property Owners: SAMUEL A FINLEY & BARBARA J FINLEY  
Building Number: 12  
Lot (Unit) Number: 7823-7824  
UDI Points: 105,000  
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,128.15  
Costs: \$373.45  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$2,501.60  
Property Owners: BRIAN PADGETT  
Building Number: 15  
Lot (Unit) Number: 7829-7830  
UDI Points: 154,000  
Unpaid Assessments: \$ 1,945.02  
Costs: \$373.45  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$3,318.47  
Property Owners: CHARLES A MILLAR & HELEN M BRASFIELD  
Building Number: 18  
Lot (Unit) Number: 7835-7836  
UDI Points: 154,000  
Unpaid Assessments: \$ 1,515.67  
Costs: \$373.45  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$2,899.12  
of Peregrine Townhouses Phase IV, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 98002629, subject to First Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 98002628, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.  
Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

### PEREGRINE TOWNHOUSES PHASE V

Matter Amount  
Property Owners: JOYCE H JOOSTEN  
Building Number: 24  
Lot (Unit) Number: 7847-7848  
UDI Points: 210,000  
Unpaid Assessments: \$ 1,525.24  
Costs: \$373.45  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$2,898.69  
of Peregrine Townhouses Phase V, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 99006555, subject to Second Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 99006556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.  
Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

### PEREGRINE TOWNHOUSES PHASE VI

Matter Amount  
Property Owners: JIMMY MCCARTNEY  
Building Number: 27  
Lot (Unit) Number: 7853-7854  
UDI Points: 154,000  
Unpaid Assessments: \$ 1,945.02  
Costs: \$373.45  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$3,318.47  
Property Owners: JAMES P VEALE & SALLY I VEALE  
Building Number: 26  
Lot (Unit) Number: 7851-7852  
UDI Points: 69,000  
Unpaid Assessments: \$907.46  
Costs: \$373.45  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$2,280.91  
of Peregrine Townhouses Phase VI, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 99019174, subject to Second Supplemental Declaration of Protective

Covenants and Interval Ownership of Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 99006556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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

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

of Peregrine Townhouses Phase VIII, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 20010666, subject to Third Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 20002414, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.  
Published November 15, 22, 29, December 6 and 13, 2018 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado  
Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
Tel: 970.264.2400

**Plarmigan Property Owner's Association, Inc.**,  
Plaintiff  
v.  
**WTA Services, LLC, et al**  
Defendants

**Case No. 2018CV030024  
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF  
TIMESHARE INTEREST  
AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM**

This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Plarmigan Townhouses, recorded on February 18, 1988, Reception No 0153260, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered August 7, 2018, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows:

See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof Owner(s):  
WTA Services, LLC  
July Cattle Co  
Tania Quintana  
J H Chastain Jr  
Wanda J Chastain  
Marilyn Staruska  
Henry Staruska  
Jack E Green  
Irene C Green  
Heather R Parrott  
Richard W Atencio  
Maria Atencio  
Richard Perillo

TriVe Holdings LLC  
James P Veale, Trustee of The Veale Family Trust,  
dated 9/15/1986

Sally I Veale, Trustee of The Veale Family Trust, dated 9/15/1986

Blue Wildcat Ventures, LLC  
GTG Inc.

Grant N Randall  
Donelda D Randall  
Mark D Randall  
F Jeanne Randall  
Nicholas Peters  
Howard W Cannon

Debra L Cannon  
Resa Vaco  
Tammy Vaco

Ingrid Amber Benussi  
Gerard Vidale  
Julia Wasson  
David Townsend

Angel Onwardo, LLC  
Dale J Ackerman  
Melody Lee Ackerman  
Marilyn A Graboff  
Crystal Y Eddy  
Mildred Caplan

Right Choice Transfer  
Tarp Enterprises, Inc.  
WRS Holdings LLC  
Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Plarmigan Townhouses, recorded on February 18, 1988, Reception No 0153260, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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

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

Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72001  
Association Assessments Due to: Plarmigan Property Owners Association, Inc.  
Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A"  
Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"  
Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act.

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

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

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST**

WHEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will, 10:00 o'clock A.M., on Wednesday, January 9, 2019, Sale Number: 2018-09 in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff, Civil Division, 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

First Publication: [November 15, 2018]  
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IF YOU BELIEVE THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN §38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN §38-38-103.2, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL (1-800-222-4444), THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (1-855-411-2372), OR BOTH, BUT THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:

Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72001  
Attached hereto as EXHIBIT B are copies of certain Colorado statutes that may vitally affect your property rights in relation to this proceeding. Said proceeding may result in the loss of property in which you have an interest and may create personal debt against you. You

may wish to seek the advice of your own private attorney concerning your rights in relation to this foreclosure proceeding.

INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Sheriff's Department for Archuleta County, Civil Division, 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147.

**THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed September 12, 2018.

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

Exhibit A  
Plarmigan Townhouses – PHASE I  
Matter Amount

Property Owner: WTA Services, LLC  
Building Number: 7202  
UDI Points: 69,000  
Unit Week Number: 31B  
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,180.05  
Costs: \$283.42  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$3,463.47  
Property Owner: July Cattle Co  
Unit Number: 7201  
Building Number: 001B  
UDI Points: 69,000  
Unpaid Assessments: \$6,430.48  
Costs: \$283.42  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$7,713.90

in that property on which is located three(3)one-story buildings containing two(2)one-level townhouse units per building which are designated, respectively, as Building No. 9, Units 7217 and 7218; Building No. 10, Units 7219 and 7220; and Building No. 11, Units 7221 and 7222 as per plat recorded on June 7, 1988, in Plat Sheet No. 326 under Reception No. 156202, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, and subject to that certain Second Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Plarmigan Townhouses recorded on June 7, 1988, under Reception No. 156203, Book 219, Page 43-48, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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

Plarmigan Townhouses – PHASE IV  
Matter Amount

Property Owners: Dale J Ackerman & Melody Lee  
Building Number: 7224  
UDI Points: 69,000  
Unit Week Number: 012B  
Unpaid Assessments: \$6,430.48  
Costs: \$283.42  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$7,713.90  
Property Owners: Crystal Y Eddy  
Unit Number: 7225  
Building Number: 013B  
UDI Points: 69,000  
Unit Week Number: 21  
Unpaid Assessments: \$6,430.48  
Costs: \$283.42  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$7,713.90

in that property on which is located three(3)one-story buildings containing two(2)one-level townhouse units per building which are designated, respectively, as Building No. 12, Units 7223 and 7224; Building No. 13, Units 7225 and 7226; and Building No. 14, Units 7227 and 7228 as per plat recorded on November 3, 1988, in Plat Map No. 327 under Reception No. 159241, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, and further subject to that certain Third Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Plarmigan Townhouses recorded on November 2, 1988, under Reception No. 159242, in Record Book 233, Page 171 and rerecorded on November 21, 1988, under Reception No. 0159517 in Record Book 234, Page 283, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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

Plarmigan Townhouses – PHASE V  
Matter Amount

Property Owners: WRS Holdings LLC  
Unit Number: 7230  
Building Number: 015B  
UDI Points: 69,000  
Unit Week Number: 51  
Unpaid Assessments: \$6,204.98  
Costs: \$283.42  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$7,488.40  
in that parcel of land being a portion of Parcel D, Third Replat of South Village Lake, recorded under Reception No. 193930, Plat Filed 314A-C, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado, on which is located one building containing two, one level townhouse units designated, respectively, as Building 15, Units 7229 and 7230 described as Plarmigan Phase V as recorded in Plat File No. 341, under Reception No. 179510 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, and subject to that Fourth Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Plarmigan Townhouses recorded on May 22, 1991, Reception No. 179511, Book 331, Page 164 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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

Plarmigan Townhouses – PHASE VI  
Matter Amount

Property Owners: WRS Holdings LLC  
Unit Number: 7230  
Building Number: 015B  
UDI Points: 69,000  
Unit Week Number: 51  
Unpaid Assessments: \$6,204.98  
Costs: \$283.42  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$7,488.40  
in that parcel of land being a portion of Parcel D, Third Replat of South Village Lake, recorded under Reception No. 193930, Plat Filed 314A-C, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado, on which is located one building containing two, one level townhouse units designated, respectively, as Building 15, Units 7229 and 7230 described as Plarmigan Phase V as recorded in Plat File No. 341, under Reception No. 179510 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, and subject to that Fourth Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Plarmigan Townhouses recorded on May 22, 1991, Reception No. 179511, Book 331, Page 164 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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

Plarmigan Townhouses – PHASE II  
Matter Amount

Property Owners: Grant N Randall, Donelda D Randall, Mark D Randall & F Jeanne Randall  
Unit Number: 7214  
Building Number: 007B  
UDI Points: 69,000  
Unit Week Number: 5  
Unpaid Assessments: \$6,430.48  
Costs: \$283.42  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$7,713.90  
Property Owners: Nicholas Peters  
Unit Number: 7214  
Building Number: 007B  
UDI Points: 69,000  
Unit Week Number: 6  
Unpaid Assessments: \$6,430.48  
Costs: \$283.42  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$7,713.90

in that property on which is located four (4) one-story buildings containing two (2) one-level townhouse units per building which are designated, respectively, as Building No. 5, Units 7209 and 7210; Building No. 6, Units 7211 and 7212; Building No. 7, Units 7213 and 7214; and Building No. 8, Units 7215 and 7216 as per plat recorded on June 7, 1988, in Plat Sheet No. 325 under Reception No. 156199, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, and subject to that certain First Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Plarmigan Townhouses recorded on June 7, 1988, under Reception No. 156200, Book 219, Page 33-38, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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

Plarmigan Townhouses – PHASE III  
Matter Amount

Property Owners: Resa Vaco & Tammy Vaco  
Unit Number: 7219  
Building Number: 010B  
UDI Points: 69,000  
Unit Week Number: 26  
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,180.05  
Costs: \$283.42  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$3,463.47  
Property Owners: Ingrid Amber Benussi  
Unit Number: 7220  
Building Number: 010B  
UDI Points: 69,000  
Unit Week Number: 6  
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,180.05  
Costs: \$283.42  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$3,463.47

in that property on which is located four (4) one-story buildings containing two (2) one-level townhouse units per building which are designated, respectively, as Building No. 9, Units 7209 and 7210; Building No. 6, Units 7211 and 7212; Building No. 7, Units 7213 and 7214; and Building No. 8, Units 7215 and 7216 as per plat recorded on June 7, 1988, in Plat Sheet No. 325 under Reception No. 156199, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, and subject to that certain First Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Plarmigan Townhouses recorded on June 7, 1988, under Reception No. 156200, Book 219, Page 33-38, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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

Plarmigan Townhouses – PHASE I  
Matter Amount

Property Owners: WTA Services, LLC  
Building Number: 7202  
UDI Points: 69,000  
Unit Week Number: 31B  
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,180.05  
Costs: \$283.42  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$3,463.47  
Property Owner: July Cattle Co  
Unit Number: 7201  
Building Number: 001B  
UDI Points: 69,000  
Unpaid Assessments: \$6,430.48  
Costs: \$283.42  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$7,713.90

in that property on which is located three(3)one-story buildings containing two(2)one-level townhouse units per building which are designated, respectively, as Building No. 9, Units 7217 and 7218; Building No. 10, Units 7219 and 7220; and Building No. 11, Units 7221 and 7222 as per plat recorded on June 7, 1988, in Plat Sheet No. 326 under Reception No. 156202, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, and subject to that certain Second Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Plarmigan Townhouses recorded on June 7, 1988, under Reception No. 156203, Book 219, Page 43-48, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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

Plarmigan Townhouses – PHASE IV  
Matter Amount

Property Owners: Dale J Ackerman & Melody Lee  
Building Number: 7224  
UDI Points: 69,000  
Unit Week Number: 012B  
Unpaid Assessments: \$6,430.48  
Costs: \$283.42  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$7,713.90  
Property Owners: Crystal Y Eddy  
Unit Number: 7225  
Building Number: 013B  
UDI Points: 69,000  
Unit Week Number: 21  
Unpaid Assessments: \$6,430.48  
Costs: \$283.42  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$7,713.90

in that property on which is located three(3)one-story buildings containing two(2)one-level townhouse units per building which are designated, respectively, as Building No. 12, Units 7223 and 7224; Building No. 13, Units 7225 and 7226; and Building No. 14, Units 7227 and 7228 as per plat recorded on November 3, 1988, in Plat Map No. 327 under Reception No. 159241, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, and further subject to that certain Third Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Plarmigan Townhouses recorded on November 2, 1988, under Reception No. 159242, in Record Book 233, Page 171 and rerecorded on November 21, 1988, under Reception No. 0159517 in Record Book 234, Page 283, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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

Plarmigan Townhouses – PHASE V  
Matter Amount

Property Owners: WRS Holdings LLC  
Unit Number: 7230  
Building Number: 015B  
UDI Points: 69,000  
Unit Week Number: 51  
Unpaid Assessments: \$6,204.98  
Costs: \$283.42  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$7,488.40  
in that parcel of land being a portion of Parcel D, Third Replat of South Village Lake, recorded under Reception No. 193930, Plat Filed 314A-C, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado, on which is located one building containing two, one level townhouse units designated, respectively, as Building 15, Units 7229 and 7230 described as Plarmigan Phase V as recorded in Plat File No. 341, under Reception No. 179510 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, and subject to that Fourth Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Plarmigan Townhouses recorded on May 22, 1991, Reception No. 179511, Book 331, Page 164 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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

Property Owners: Gerard Vidale, Julia Wasson & David Townsend  
Building Number: 7221  
Building Number: 011B  
Unit Week Number: 45  
Unpaid Assessments: \$6,430.48  
Costs: \$283.42  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$7,713.90

Property Owners: Angel Onwardo, LLC  
Unit Number: 7219  
Building Number: 010B  
UDI Points: 69,000  
Unit Week Number: 26  
Unpaid Assessments: \$6,430.48  
Costs: \$283.42  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$7,713.90

in that property on which is located three(3)one-story buildings containing two(2)one-level townhouse units per building which are designated, respectively, as Building No. 9, Units 7217 and 7218; Building No. 10, Units 7219 and 7220; and Building No. 11, Units 7221 and 7222 as per plat recorded on June 7, 1988, in Plat Sheet No. 326 under Reception No. 156202, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, and subject to that certain Second Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Plarmigan Townhouses recorded on June 7, 1988, under Reception No. 156203, Book 219, Page 43-48, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County

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purchase therefore to JOHN M RITCHEY REVOC. TRUST

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property(special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2014

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of KIM GIESE and WYN GERALINE BEYNON for said year 2014.

That said JOHN M RITCHEY REVOC. TRUST on the 2nd day of November 2018, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;

That a Trustee's Deed will be issued for said property to JOHN M RITCHEY REVOC. TRUST

On the 10th day of April 2019, unless the same has been redeemed.

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

Witness my hand this 15th day of November 2018 /s/ Betty A. Diller

Betty A. Diller, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published November 29, December 6 and 13, 2018 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

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

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

DIANE CHONOS  
496 CALLE CANELA  
SAN DIMAS, CA 91773

RONALD CHONOS  
496 CALLE CANELA  
SAN DIMAS, CA 91773

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 7th day of November 2013, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

SUSAN D MARCH, TRUSTEE SUSAN D CHATTAWAY REVOCABLE FAMILY TRUST DATED 12/04/2007

the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:

LOT 413, LAKE FOREST ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD JUNE 4, 1973 AS RECEPTION NO. 77889

Account Number: R009165  
Schedule Number: 569918307046

Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2013-02677

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to SUSAN D MARCH, TRUSTEE SUSAN D CHATTAWAY REVOCABLE FAMILY TRUST DATED 12/04/2007

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property(special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2012

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of DIANE CHONOS and RONALD CHONOS for said year 2012.

That said SUSAN D MARCH, TRUSTEE SUSAN D CHATTAWAY REVOCABLE FAMILY TRUST DATED 12/04/2007 on the 2nd day of November 2018, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;

That a Trustee's Deed will be issued for said property to SUSAN D MARCH, TRUSTEE SUSAN D CHATTAWAY REVOCABLE FAMILY TRUST DATED 12/04/2007

On the 10th day of April 2019, unless the same has been redeemed.

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

Witness my hand this 15th day of November 2018 /s/ Betty A. Diller

Betty A. Diller, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published November 29, December 6 and 13, 2018 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

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To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

BENT PINE PAGOSA LLC  
6325 N. BENT PINE DRIVE  
ELMONGTON, IN 47408

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

JOHN M RITCHEY REVOC. TRUST

the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:

Site Address:  
574 S 5TH ST  
Legal:

Subdivision: TOWN OF PAGOSA SPGS BLOCK: 62; Lot: 4; PS DOES NOT INCLUDE

MH 990012351508, 990012350441, 990012350162, 99001235171, 990012351375, 990012351537, 990012351276, 990012351511

Account Number: R011819  
Schedule Number: 569924211002

Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2015-03540

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to JOHN M RITCHEY REVOC. TRUST

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property(special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2014

That said JOHN M RITCHEY REVOC. TRUST on the 2nd day of November 2018, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;

That a Trustee's Deed will be issued for said property to JOHN M RITCHEY REVOC. TRUST

On the 10th day of April 2019, unless the same has been redeemed.

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

Witness my hand this 15th day of November 2018 /s/ Betty A. Diller

Betty A. Diller, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published November 29, December 6 and 13, 2018 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO

449 San Juan Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

BARBARA ROTUREAU Plaintiff

v

KENNETH L. UNSELT, ANDREA I. UNSELT, BETTY DILLER, AS PUBLIC TRUSTEE OF ARCHULETA COUNTY Defendants

Robinson & Henry, P.C.  
Boyd A. Rolfsen, #40035  
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Attorneys for Plaintiff

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to file with the Clerk of this Court an answer or other response to the attached Complaint. If service of the Summons and Complaint was made upon you within the State of Colorado, you are required to file your answer or other response within 21 days after such service upon you. If service of the Summons and Complaint was made upon you outside of the State of Colorado, you are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after such service upon you. Your answer or counterclaim must be accompanied with the applicable filing fee. If you fail to file your answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within the applicable time period, the Court may enter judgment by default against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice. This is an action affecting the real property described in the Complaint and is a proceeding in rem as well as a proceeding in personam. DATED this 12th day of October, 2018.

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DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO  
Court Address: 449 San Juan Street,  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
Phone Number: (970) 264-8160

Plaintiff:  
WILLIAM H. WATTERSON

Defendants:  
SAMUEL DEAN STEWART; and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION.

Submittal Address: 24985 Duke Eggleston, #24985  
Eggleston Kosnik LLC  
556 Main Ave.  
Durango, CO 81301  
Phone Number: (970) 403-1580  
E-mail: deggleston@e-klaw.com  
Case Number: 2018CV30096

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: SAMUEL DEAN STEWART and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after such service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.

This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows:

Lot 44 of Block 15 in Amended Aspen Springs Subdivision No. 2, according to the plat thereof filed for record June 15, 1971 as Reception No. 74503, all in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado.

Respectfully Submitted this 27th day of November, 2018.  
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Eggleston Kosnik LLC  
/s/ Duke Eggleston  
Duke Eggleston, #24985  
556 Main Ave.  
Durango, CO 81301  
(970) 403-1580  
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ARCHULETA COUNTY ORDINANCE 20-2018 ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ARCHULETA, STATE OF COLORADO ARCHULETA COUNTY NOXIOUS WEEDS ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, in Archuleta County, Colorado (the "County"), noxious weeds are, or may in the future be detrimental to the public health, safety, welfare and comfort of the citizens of Archuleta County; and

WHEREAS, noxious weeds have been demonstrated to bring harm to agriculture, public health, navigation, irrigation, natural resources, or the environment;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County, Colorado (the "Board") approved and adopted the Archuleta County Integrated Pest Management Plan ("IPM") through Resolution 2017-54 on October 10, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Noxious Weed Act (the "CNWA") and the Plant Protection Act (the "PPA") (collectively, the "Acts") require the management of all noxious weeds on public and private land.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County, State of Colorado does hereby adopt the regulation and abatement of noxious weeds, and the following rules and regulations for the administration of this Ordinance are set forth as follows:

SECTION 1 - NAME  
Section 1.0 This Ordinance shall be titled the "Archuleta County Noxious Weeds Ordinance".

SECTION 2 - PURPOSE & SCOPE  
Section 2.0 The Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County is charged with providing a comprehensive mechanism for identifying, abating and compelling the integrated management and control of noxious weeds.

Section 2.1 Pursuant to the Colorado Noxious Weed Act, Section §35-5.5-105, the Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County has the authority to adopt ordinances for the control of those matters of purely local concern, including compelling and providing for the removal of noxious weeds within unincorporated Archuleta County.

Section 2.2 This Ordinance shall apply to all property within the unincorporated territory of Archuleta County, Colorado.

Section 2.3 Any condition which would constitute a violation, but is duly authorized under any other County, State or federal law, is and shall be an affirmative defense to prosecution.

Section 2.4 Where possible, the County, through the Enforcement Officer(s) or designee, shall consult with the affected Owner or occupant in the development of a notification for the eradication of noxious weeds on the premises or Parcel.

SECTION 3 - DEFINITIONS  
Section 3.0 "Abatement" as used herein means the management of noxious weeds under the definition of the Ordinance, whether by removal and proper, legal disposal, or other plan of mitigation acceptable to the County and in conformance with this Ordinance.

Section 3.1 "Agricultural Land" as used herein means any land the term is defined as C.R.S. §39-1-102(16) as amended from time to time.

Section 3.2 "Archuleta County Integrated Pest Management Plan" ("AC-IPM") means the guide for noxious weed control that was developed by the Local Weed Advisory Board that seeks methods which are least environmentally damaging and most practical and economically reasonable to be referred to in County Weed and Pest operations. Methods of control include cultural, mechanical, biological and chemical controls to eradicate and manage noxious weeds. The Local Weed Advisory Board is comprised of landowners' representatives of ownership in Archuleta County and have elected a chairman and secretary.

Section 3.3 "Board" as used herein means the Board of County Commissioners for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Section 3.4 "County" as used herein means Archuleta County, Colorado.

Section 3.5 "Enforcement Officer(s)" as used herein means that County employee(s) responsible for enforcement of this Ordinance. The County Weed and Pest Supervisor and the CSU Extension Director shall act as the Enforcement Officer(s) as they shall have demonstrated prior experience in the area of code or law enforcement and have a full working knowledge of this Ordinance.

Section 3.6 "Eradication" as used herein means destruction of all visible noxious weeds and annual treatments/monitoring for the duration of seed viability.

Section 3.7 "Integrated Pest Management Plan" ("IPM") means the guide for noxious weed control developed by a landowner or a group of landowners that seeks methods which are least environmentally damaging and most practical and economically reasonable. Methods of control include cultural, mechanical, biological and chemical controls to eradicate and manage noxious weeds.

Section 3.8 "Management" as used herein means the control of noxious weeds via removal of existing plants, the reduction of reproductive success, and chemical treatment as suggested by the AC-IPM.

Section 3.9 "Noxious Weed(s)" as used herein means a plant which has been designated illegal by the Colorado Department of Agriculture or the Archuleta County Local Weed Advisory Board via the Integrated Weed Management Plan. Noxious weeds are defined by the Colorado Department of Agriculture as:

(a) a plant which has been determined to be a pest of agriculture, public health, navigation, natural resources, or the environment. Provided further, Noxious Weeds include an alien plant or parts of an alien plant that have been designated by rule as being noxious or have been declared a noxious weed by the Board, and meets one or more of the following criteria: (a) aggressively invades or is detrimental to economic crops or native plant communities; (b) is poisonous to livestock; (c) is a carrier of disease, or parasitic; (d) has a direct or indirect detrimental effect on the environmental sound management of natural or agricultural ecosystems.

Section 3.10 "Noxious Weed Population" as used herein means a group of designated noxious weeds of the same species occupying a particular geographic region and capable of interbreeding.

Section 3.11 "Owner" as used herein means the owner of record of a Parcel or any person with legal, financial or equitable interest in a real property subject to these regulations and on which the alleged noxious weed activity exists at the time of the violation.

Section 3.12 "Parcel" as used herein shall mean a tract or plot of land; a contiguous area of land, except for intervening easements or rights of way with a continuous boundary defined either by: (a) an Aliquot part of a section; (b) a metes and bounds description; (c) a book and page or reception number reference; or (d) any so called "split lot", all of which above shall require the description of the tract or a Surveyor's Plat describing the parcel having been recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Archuleta County, Colorado, at which a

population of noxious weeds is alleged to exist.

Section 3.13 "Posted" as used herein means sending a Notice of Violation to the Owner via Certified Mail.

Section 3.14 "Title Record Owner" shall mean that person(s) that is the owner of record of the real property in question.

SECTION 4 - APPLICATIONS FOR MAINTENANCE Section 4.0 Applicability. Every Owner of a parcel of real property within Archuleta County is required to manage noxious weed populations on their Parcel, as defined herein.

SECTION 5 - COMPLAINTS Section 5.0 Complaints from the Public. Any person may file a complaint alleging a violation of this Ordinance. Such complaint shall be in writing and signed by the complainant. The County shall not be obligated to investigate anonymous complaints or complaints not filed in writing. All complaints will automatically grant permissioned the Enforcement Officer to inspect on the complainant's property before conducting an inspection of the property with the alleged violation.

Section 5.1 Enforcement Officer(s). The Enforcement Officer(s) designated by the County under separate Resolution may act to investigate any complaint when provided with information by: a) law enforcement; b) health services; c) other governmental and quasi-public entities; d) where there is reasonable and sufficient cause to believe that a violation affecting public health, safety, or welfare exists; e) where in the normal conduct of their duty, the Enforcement Officer(s) become aware of a potential violation; or f) upon receipt of a complaint from one or more members of the public.

Section 5.2 Documentation of Complaints. All complaints shall be logged and recorded on written forms approved by the County.

Section 5.3 Complaints Maintained Consistent with Retention Policy. All complaints will be maintained consistent with the Archuleta County Records Retention Policy.

SECTION 6 - INSPECTION Section 6.0 Procedures for Inspection. Except as provided pursuant to Section 35-5.5-104.5(1)(a) of the Colorado Noxious Weed Act, properties affected by a Noxious Weed Population are subject to inspection, and if necessary, to enforcement pursuant to Section 11, when at least one of the following conditions has occurred: (a) the affected Owner has requested the inspection; (b) a neighboring landowner or occupant has reported a suspected Noxious Weed Population and requested an inspection; or (c) the Enforcement Officer(s) or designee or other authorized agent of the County or the Board, has made a visual observation from a public right-of-way or area and has reason to believe that a Noxious Weed Population exists.

Section 6.1 Verbal Presentation. If verbal presentation to inspect the land by the affected Owner is not obtained, no entry upon any premises, lands, or places shall be permitted until the County has notified the affected Owner that such inspection is pending by Certified Mail if the Owner's mailing address is within the United States or mailed in a comparable manner to an Owner whose mailing address is outside of the United States. Where possible, inspections shall be scheduled and conducted with the affected Owner or occupant, if an occupant. The County may notify an affected Owner in an electronic format, in addition to notices by Certified Mail. Nothing shall require the County to send a noxious weed inspection notification or any other notification required under this Section 6 to all Owners or occupants of a Parcel. Mailing to at least one Owner or occupant of the affected Parcel is sufficient.

Section 6.1.1 If after ten (10) days from the date of the County's sending notification of no response from the affected Owner, or upon denial of access before the expiration of ten (10) days, the Enforcement Officer(s) or designee may seek an inspection warrant issued by the county or district court having jurisdiction over the land. The court shall issue an inspection warrant upon presentation by the County of an affidavit containing: (a) the information that gives the Enforcement Officer(s) or designee reasonable cause to believe that there is or has been a violation of any provision of this Section 6, including the prohibition against the eradication of any Noxious Weeds designated for eradication under the Acts and/or the AC-IPM and/or Section 8 of this Ordinance, below; (b) a statement that the affected Owner has failed to respond to the Owner or occupant has denied access to the Enforcement Officer(s) or designee; and (c) a general description of the location of the affected land.

Section 6.1.2 No affected Owner or occupant shall deny access to the Enforcement Officer(s) or designee or other authorized agent of the County or the Board in possession of an inspection warrant. If the Owner or occupant is not present at the time of the inspection as provided in the warrant, the Enforcement Officer(s) or designee may proceed with the inspection, and shall post a copy of the warrant on the Parcel at the time of the inspection.

Section 6.1.3 An affected Owner shall notify any lessee or occupant of land subject to inspection and enforcement under this Ordinance of the County's inspection and eradication efforts as soon as practicable.

Section 6.2 Documentation. The Enforcement Officer(s) shall maintain a detailed record of all findings, including time, date, persons spoken to and titles or agency (if applicable), photographs and copies of any maps, ordinances, or other materials relevant to the inspection.

SECTION 7 - NOTIFICATION PROCESS Section 7.0 Noxious Weed Declared. If, after inspecting the Parcel, the Enforcement Officer(s) determines that noxious weeds exist, as defined within this Ordinance, then the following abatement procedures shall be followed.

Section 7.1 Notice. A written Notice of Violation (hereinafter "NOV") that a documented Noxious Weed Population exists shall be prepared by the designated Enforcement Officer(s) and the NOV shall be Posted at the Parcel, mailed to the Title Record Owner at the address listed in the records of the Archuleta County Assessor's office and to the mailing address of the Parcel if such address is different from the address in the Assessor's records. Said mailed NOV's shall be sent by Certified Mail if the mailing address is within the United States or mailed in a comparable manner if the mailing address is outside of the United States.

Section 7.2 Service Defect Not Fatal. Failure or refusal of the occupant or Owner to receive the NOV does not affect the right of the County to seek abatement, prosecution or other remedy.

Section 7.3 Contents of Notice. The NOV shall, at a minimum, contain the following: (a) a description of the alleged Noxious Weed Population; (b) the general location of the alleged noxious weed; (c) the date the noxious weed was discovered; (d) a description of the integrated weed management techniques prescribed by the Board and as may otherwise lawfully be required by the County for management or eradication; (e) a statement setting forth the requirements to abate the violation; and (f) the date by which abatement must occur, which shall not be less than thirty (30) days from the date of issuance of the NOV; (f) the penalties for failure to abate the alleged violation; (g) the contact person for the County and contact information for appealing the NOV or obtaining additional information; and (h) a statement that the recipient of the NOV may appeal the NOV and a description of how to appeal the NOV.

Section 7.4 Within ten (10) days after the County mails the NOV, the Enforcement Officer(s) or designee shall notify the Owner shall comply with the terms of the notification or submit an acceptable management plan and schedule to the County for the completion of the specified management objective.

Section 7.5 For purposes of this Section 7, the date of receipt shall be the third day after the date on which the notification is mailed, excluding postal holidays.

Section 7.6 Once a noxious weed management notification has been issued, the Enforcement Officer(s) established under this Section 7, the Enforcement Officer(s) or designee shall have the right to perform routine inspections of the Parcel during regular County business hours, upon giving reasonable prior notice to the responsible Owner or occupant, until the level of management specified in the management plan is achieved. Once the Enforcement Officer(s) or designee determines that the required level of management has been achieved, the Enforcement Officer(s) or designee shall notify the Owner or occupant of that fact, and that compliance with the management plan is no longer required, although it may be encouraged.

SECTION 8 - ABATEMENT/ERADICATION Section 8.1 Remedies of Law. Consistent with this Ordinance, failure to respond or comply with a NOV shall result in the seeking by the County or its designated agents, of any and all permissible remedies under the law to abate the conditions which constitute the noxious weed violation, as identified in the NOV and may include:

Section 8.0.1 Seeking a complaint by the Sheriff's Office to be served upon the Owner and/or parties identified in the NOV.

Section 8.0.2 Requesting the court to award an administrative entry and seizure warrant for the County to execute or to contract to execute abatement of the violations.

Section 8.0.3 Any and all other remedies applicable to the condition to be abated/remediated and consistent with and permissible under the laws of Archuleta County, the State of Colorado and the United States Government.

Section 8.1 Responsible Parties. The Title Record Owner of the Parcel, premises, location or structure at the time of a NOV shall be responsible for complying with the NOV, and will be liable for any costs incurred by the County therewith, notwithstanding the fact that an interest in said Parcel is transferred to any other party(ies) after said NOV is issued.

Section 8.2 Abandonment Vacancy not a Defense. It shall not be a defense if a determination is made where a Noxious Weed Population exists when the Parcel is vacant, abandoned, foreclosed, under contract, boarded up or otherwise enclosed, unoccupied or encumbered.

Section 8.3 Eradication Done by County. In the event the affected Owner or occupant fails to comply with the notice to eradicate the identified noxious weed Population, the County may appropriate eradication program pursuant to this Section 8, the County shall: (a) provide for and complete the eradication of such Noxious Weed Population at such time, upon such notice, and in such manner consistent with achieving the management

objective as the County deems appropriate; and (b) do one of the following: (1) assess the whole cost of the eradication, including up to one hundred percent (100%) of inspection, eradication, and other incidental costs in connection with eradication, upon the Parcel or tract of land where the Noxious Weed Population is located; except that no local governing body shall levy a tax lien against land it administers as a part of a public right-of-way. Such assessment shall be alien against each lot or tract of land until paid and shall have priority over all other liens except general taxes and prior special assessments. Such assessment may be certified to the County Treasurer and collected and paid over in the same manner as provided for the collection of taxes. Any funds collected pursuant to this Ordinance shall be utilized in furtherance of the County's weed management efforts; or (2) in the event a state board, department or agency fails to comply with a notice to eradicate the identified Noxious Weed Population, the County may enter upon such lands and undertake the management of such Noxious Weed Population or cause the same to be done. The expenses associated with inspection and eradication shall be paid by the state board, department, or agency that has jurisdiction over the lands. An agreement for reimbursement shall be reached within two (2) weeks after the date the County submits such statement of expense for eradication. Such reimbursement agreement shall be in writing. If no reimbursement agreement has been reached or the amount reflected in the agreement is not paid upon presentation, the amount in the agreement shall be submitted to the State Controller, who shall treat such amount as an encumbrance on the budget of the state board, department or agency involved or such charge may be recovered in any court with jurisdiction over such lands. The expense associated with eradication may be recovered in any court with jurisdiction over such lands.

Section 8.4 The County shall not provide for or compel the eradication of an identified Noxious Weed Population on private or public property without first applying the same measures to any land or rights-of-way owned or administered by the County that are adjacent to the Parcel.

Section 8.5 Once a notice to eradicate has been duly issued, the County, through its Enforcement Officer(s) or designee, or other authorized agent shall have the right to enter upon any premises, lands, or places during reasonable business hours for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the requirements of the notice concerning noxious weed eradication.

Section 8.6 If, in the opinion of the Board, the County fails to adequately perform any of the duties set forth in this Ordinance, the Board is authorized to conduct any of the functions or duties of the County pursuant to this Section.

Section 8.7 The Board or the County may require the affected Owner to pay a portion of the costs associated with eradication of the noxious weeds.

Section 8.8 Affected Owners may apply to the Board for a waiver of compliance with an eradication designation or other obligation related to specified eradication requirements in accordance with Section 35-5.5-108 (2.7) of the CNWA and the associated rules promulgated by the Board (see Exhibit A).

Section 8.9 The Board or the County may require, as an "occupant" shall not include the owner of an easement or right-of-way.

SECTION 9 - MANAGEMENT IN LIEU OF ERADICATION Section 9.1 Required Integrated Management Plans on Private Properties. Whenever an inspection shows the presence of a Noxious Weed Population which has been designated by the County (vs. the State) for eradication, or upon notification to the terms of an abatement plan, the Enforcement Officer(s) or designee shall determine whether an AC-IMP should be required to control the infestation. The Enforcement Officer(s) or designee may consult with the Agricultural Extension Agent in making this determination. If the Enforcement Officer(s) or designee determines that an AC-IMP should be required, it shall send a noxious weed management notification to the Owner or occupant advising the Owner or occupant of the requirements for the AC-IMP, including the following: (a) the names of the noxious weeds (common and scientific) found on the property; (b) the requirement to manage the noxious weeds found on the property; (c) a plan setting forth the required, best available integrated management methods or techniques for controlling the noxious weeds found on the property; (d) a statement that if the Owner or occupant does not comply with the management notification, the Board may authorize the County to undertake the required management and bill the Owner or occupant, without further prior notice; and (e) that the Owner is responsible and shall take all necessary measures to prevent the

# County, town dole out joint strategic priority funding for broadband, child care projects

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

At their respective meetings on Dec. 4, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) and Pagosa Springs Town Council unanimously approved funding requests for two joint strategic priorities.

Those requests were for the broadband, and early childhood and education funding, with both requests recommended for funding by the Joint Strategic Priorities Funding Advisory Group at its Nov. 19 meeting.

For broadband expansion, a request of \$38,473 was made, with four ways those funds would be

used:

- The development of a carrier-neutral location, possibly to be located at the Pagosa Springs Medical Center.

- A fiber-optics mapping tool.
- Assistance with grant application and preparation for a grant to the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies.

- The placement of a monopole in Aspen Springs.

Only \$35,000 (\$17,500 from each governmental entity) of new funding was requested, however, with the remaining funding having been previously allocated for other purposes.

The Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation, which

has been the recipient of the funds, asked that remaining funds be re-allocated for the current projects.

The other requests totaled \$70,000 and fall within the umbrella of early child care and education.

Those funds were requested by the Archuleta County Education Center (ACEC), which merged with the strategic priority task force in order to become a nonprofit.

One request was for \$20,000 total for a workforce recruitment and scholarship program that would, according to the ACEC's Jan Santopietro at the town council meeting, be for the recruitment of new home day care providers, as well as to incentivize quality improvement.

She explained that home pro-

viders, with there being seven at the time of the study on child care needs, can increase their credential level through additional education.

The second request totaled \$50,000 and is slated to be spent on additional renovations of the former Greenhouse Restaurant, which is planned to open as a child care center in the fall of 2019 to serve 40 toddlers and preschoolers.

More specifically, Santopietro explained to town council, the funding would be for improvements to the parking lot and driveway.

Both requests were approved by both boards and come from the 2018 funding set aside for the joint strategic priorities.

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# Structure fire in Cemetery Road area under investigation

By Avery Martinez  
Staff Writer

A structure fire in the area of Cemetery Road is currently under investigation by members of both the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) and Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO).

At approximately 7:17 a.m. on Dec. 6, a fire page was sent out to the PFPD for a report of smoke coming out of vents and flames on the porch of a residence in the

Cemetery Road area.

"Actually, upon arrival it was a full-on structure fire with fire coming out of a partial basement," Deputy Chief Karn Macht of the PFPD said.

The PFPD arrived on scene at 7:21 a.m., according to Macht.

Macht explained that it seemed that "the fire went from basement into the first level, and then was coming out of the vents and eaves upon arrival," Macht said, adding later there was "a lot of fire in the

basement."

The PFPD responded with multiple engines and crew, including himself, Chief Randy Larson and 16 PFPD personnel, Macht mentioned.

The first truck to arrive immediately began putting water on to the fire from the outside, he explained.

Once enough PFPD personnel arrived, the firefighters went into the interior of the structure, he explained.

When interior crews were sent in, "it seemed like most of the fire

was originating" from the basement, Macht explained.

The PFPD was able to use the fire hydrant located near the cemetery entrance on the fire, Macht explained.

The residence was unoccupied at the time of the fire, he noted.

The fire is currently under investigation, according to Macht, by a team consisting of two PFPD personnel and three personnel from the ACSO.

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# No injuries reported in Yellowjacket Hill accident

By Avery Martinez  
Staff Writer

A New Mexico woman was cited for careless driving on Dec. 6 after her vehicle came off U.S. 160 and

rolled one-quarter roll on Yellowjacket Hill.

Rebecca Garcia, 35, of Farmington, N.M., was identified as the driver of the vehicle, a 2000 Toyota 4-Runner, in an email from Master

Trooper Doug Wiersma of the Colorado State Patrol.

Garcia, along with a passenger, was traveling westbound along U.S. 160 on Yellowjacket Hill on Dec. 6, according to the email.

Then, around milepost 117, due to the "icy and slushy" conditions of the road, Garcia lost control of the 4-Runner. The vehicle slid across the oncoming/eastbound lanes and came off the south side of the road, according to the email.

The 4-Runner rolled a quarter time, and came to rest on its right side, Wiersma explained in the email.

Neither Garcia nor her passenger were injured, according to the email.

"She was cited for careless driving," the email reads.

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# County clerk-elect changing name

By Avery Martinez  
Staff Writer

A public notice appearing in this week's edition of The SUN indicates that Melanie Kristy Arzu, the Archuleta County clerk-elect, has filed a petition requesting her name be changed to Kristy Archuleta.

That Petition for a Change of Name of an Adult had been filed with the Archuleta County Court to change Arzu's name to Kristy Archuleta.

Arzu spoke with The SUN about

the change on Monday.

"Well, I was planning to do the name change, I actually had started the process in July," Arzu said.

She explained that she had submitted fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Colorado Bureau of Investigations, "and it took forever."

"So, I've been wanting to do my name change — but it took way longer than I thought it would," Arzu said.

Arzu confirmed that she had planned to change her name prior to the concerns raised over the

name Archuleta/Arzu being on the 2018 ballot. For more information on that, see the Nov. 15 issue of The SUN.

After the public notice appears in The SUN for three weeks, and proof of publication is obtained from the same, Arzu will submit them to the court, "and the judge will sign off on my name change," Arzu explained.

When asked if she had any other comments to make, Arzu responded, "Just happy to be Kristy Archuleta again."

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# 'A Christmas Carol'

Opens at Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts Friday, Dec. 14



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December 13, 2018

# Thingamajig's 'A Christmas Carol' to open this Friday

By Tess Wisher  
Special to The PREVIEW

This Friday, Dec. 14, Thingamajig Theatre Company's production of "A Christmas Carol" opens at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

"A Christmas Carol," originally written by Charles Dickens, is the classic tale of Ebenezer Scrooge as he meets the three spirits of Christmas Past, Present and Yet to Come.

There are countless adaptations of "A Christmas Carol." This particular adaptation, by Dennis Elkins, is full of Dickens' original text and celebrates the beautiful descriptive language present in the novella. Each statement brings the novella to life on stage as if you had stepped directly into the book. Each bit of narration brings you further into the world of Ebenezer Scrooge as his life is shown to him in a new light.

The Thingamajig Theatre production, directed by Elkins, makes use of a cast of 12 actors — all shifting and transforming on stage to become the large cast of characters and narrators in "A Christmas Carol." This ensemble-based story-

telling is energetic and captivating, while staying true to the beauty of Dickens' original story.

For this production, every inch of the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts theater is used to pull the audience into the story. The cast of characters that tells this story walks through the audience. They sing. They dance. They yell "Merry Christmas" at a grumpy old Scrooge as he dismisses the joyful season with a "Bah! Humbug!"

*The important distinction made in this production is that Scrooge has humanity. It's deep in there.*

Matthew D. McCarren, the resident scenic designer and technical director at Thingamajig Theatre, is back in Pagosa after his scenic design for "West Side Story" in the 2018 summer season. For "A Christmas Carol," McCarren has created a set that beautifully combines the crumbling nature of London's poverty-stricken areas with a stunning, transformable play area for the actor-narrators.

The costumes, designed by Nanette Cheffers, capture 1850s

London fashion while giving the actors the tools to transform into multiple characters without ever leaving the stage.

Heather Sparling, the lighting designer, illuminates the stage while transporting the audience into the realm of dreams and spirits with Scrooge through use of breathtaking color and surprising moments of light and darkness.

The joyful sound of Christmas is present throughout the show through carols, laughter and the sound design by Robert Hornbostel. Hornbostel's sound creation emphasizes the joyful times of Christmas, the dreadful lows of the poverty-stricken people of 1850s London even around such a joyous time, and gives power to the spirits as they visit Scrooge one by one.

All of these design elements come together to create an immersive theater experience that feels like Dickens' book has come alive on stage with a desperate and captivating need to tell this imperative story.

The important distinction made in this production is that Scrooge has humanity. It's deep in there. It's not particularly obvious at the beginning, but his humanity is there, as it is in all of us.

This is a joyful production that has elements that can be appreciated by everyone. "A Christmas Carol" is a great way to spend the holiday season with your loved ones. Come see "A Christmas Carol" with the whole family. Visit [pagosacenter.org](http://pagosacenter.org) or call 731-SHOW (7469) to get your tickets today.

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### Friday

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

### Tuesday

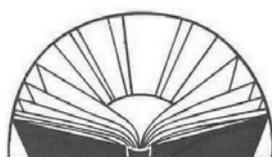
Pagosa Brewing Company:  
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# Our Savior Lutheran Preschool and Classical School Christmas programs announced

By Pennie DeClark  
Special to The PREVIEW

Pagosa Springs will have two opportunities to see Our Savior Lutheran Preschool and Classical School children this December in Christmas programs.

First, today, Dec. 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the gym, the preschool will be presenting “What Child Is This?” Each stanza in the well-loved hymn “What Child Is This?” addresses important people in the nativity account: Mary, angels, shepherds, wise men and even us. But, the main focus is on the child sleeping on Mary’s lap. In this Christmas program, the preschool children point to the Bible for the answer, “This is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing.”

Second, on Thursday, Dec. 20, at 6:30 p.m., the elementary children of Our Savior Lutheran Classical School will be presenting a Christmas program based on a children’s program written by the Rev. Friedrich Lochner for his congregation, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Milwaukee, Wis., in 1869. For several decades, it was the only children’s program used by the congregation. It is a celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God who was born to save the world from sin and death.

In keeping with the classical and traditional content of Lochner’s program, the children of Our Sav-

ior Lutheran Classical School will perform “Adeste Fideles” in Latin, which is the language taught in the school’s classical curriculum.

“Silent Night” will also be sung in German using the original composition written by Franz Gruber and accompanied on guitar by Joseph Mohr at St. Nicolas Church in Oberdorf, Austria, on Dec. 24, 1818. The children will perform the original composition and be accompanied by guitar, also using the original guitar arrangement.

The upper-grade students will also perform “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” by Johann Sebastian Bach. This selection is well-known as one of the composer’s greatest and most beautiful hymns.

Please mark your calendars and plan on attending the historic Christmas program presented by Our Savior Lutheran Classical School on either Thursday, Dec. 13, or Thursday, Dec. 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the gym.

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# Holiday Church Events



All events listed in December Church Events Calendar are free of charge.

## Sunday, Dec. 16

**Christmas Choir Performance.** 9 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. For more information, call 731-3120.

## Saturday, Dec. 22

**Candlelight Holiday Service.** 6 p.m., Pagosa Community New Thought, 40 N. 15th St. Become fully present in the wonder and higher meaning of the season of light and love.

## Monday, Dec. 24

**Christmas Eve Mass.** 4 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church (JP II). Christmas songs will be sung half an hour before Mass.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.**

6 p.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. For more information, call 731-3120.

**Christmas Eve Service.** 5 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Family service with Holy Eucharist. For more information, call 731-5801.

**Candlelight Service.** 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Community gathers at 4:30 p.m. All are welcome. Bring a treat to share.

**Candlelight Service.** 6 p.m., Amazing Grace Community Church, 77 Navajo Circle. For more information, contact Pastor Mark at 444-2111.

**Classical Christmas Music.** 7:30 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. For more information, call 731-5801.

**Christmas Eve Service.** 8 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church,

225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Candlelight Eucharist service with choir and orchestra. For more information, call 731-5801.

**Christmas Eve Mass.** 8 p.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Christmas songs will be sung half an hour before Mass.

## Tuesday, Dec. 25

**Christmas Day Mass.** 9 a.m., JP II. The Nativity of the Lord. Pagosa Catholic Community family Mass.

**Christmas Day Service.** 10 a.m., Amazing Grace Community Church, 77 Navajo Circle. Christmas morning devotional. For more information, contact Pastor Mark at 444-2111.

## Tuesday, Jan. 1

**New Year's Mass.** 9 a.m., JP II.

# The Heralds of Christmas concerts Sunday and Monday

By Kathy Wadenpfuhl  
Special to The PREVIEW

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church is the host of The Heralds of Christmas concerts. Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society (PSIMS) is the sponsor of these concerts. The sanctuary at St. Patrick's will be beautifully decorated by the aesthetically talented Richard and Carol Larsen. The Larsens bring a beautiful Christmas setting to these concerts.

This year's concerts will feature three of Pagosa Springs' premier vocalists: Robert Neel, an incredible tenor; Brandye Kiker, the most pure soprano voice you have ever heard; and Brandye's daughter, Gracelyn, an adorable alto.

Sally Neel, St. Patrick's music director, will be very busy at the organ and piano. In addition to Neel, Venita Burch, accompanist for the Pagosa Springs High School music program and a piano and voice teacher, will also be warming the piano bench. These talented ladies are both blessings to the Pagosa Springs musical world.

They have both practiced many hours with the solos and ensembles for The Heralds of Christmas performances.

While Pagosa Brass is the "anchor" ensemble for Heralds, attendees will also hear the talents of Jarrett Chaney on clarinet, Malinda Burnett on saxophone, Susy Mekeal and Kathy Wadenpfuhl on flute, Heidi Tanner on violin, and Glynis Tanner and Karen Mesikapp on trumpet.

Also offered again this year is the Heralding Angel Tree, in which the concert attendees have an opportunity to purchase a variety of "needs" for instrumental music students in Pagosa Springs. The "needs" are attached to an ornament that the public can take as a gift for their donation. The donations will go directly to the student and range in price from \$6 to \$250. What a lovely Christmas present for a promising instrumental student in our own Pagosa Springs.

The Heralds of Christmas Chamber Concerts are this coming Sunday, Dec. 16, at 3 p.m. and Monday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. Tickets

are selling rapidly. If you have yet to purchase tickets, they can be purchased from Bookends, the Chamber of Commerce, Airport Self Storage and Choke Cherry Tree. Cash or check purchases only. Tickets will possibly be available at the door, but both concerts were sold out last year. If tickets are available at the last minute, you can call (409) 720-7445 for will call.

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Because of the huge popularity of the show when it played here in October, Dennis Elkins' "box." returns to the Thingamajig Theatre stage at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts on Sunday, Dec. 23, at 7 p.m. for a one-night-only encore performance. Tickets for "box." are available at [pagosacenter.org](http://pagosacenter.org) or by phoning 731-7469. If you purchased a Thingamajig season ticket with festival pass but did not see "box.," your season ticket is good on Dec. 23.

## Encore performance of Elkins' 'box.' set for Dec. 23

By Carole Howard  
Special to The PREVIEW

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encore performance.

This biographical solo play written and performed by Elkins resulted in standing ovations and rave reviews by audiences at Thingamajig's Playwrights Festival in October. Among the reactions: "Brilliant." "Deeply incisive." "Alternating very funny and hugely sad." "A special treat to see such first-class acting in

our little mountain town."

Elkins' "box." focuses on the psychological trials in our lives associated with packing and unpacking boxes — literally and figuratively. We follow Elkins through major events in his adult life including his mother's death, his son's overdose, coming out of the closet and leaving

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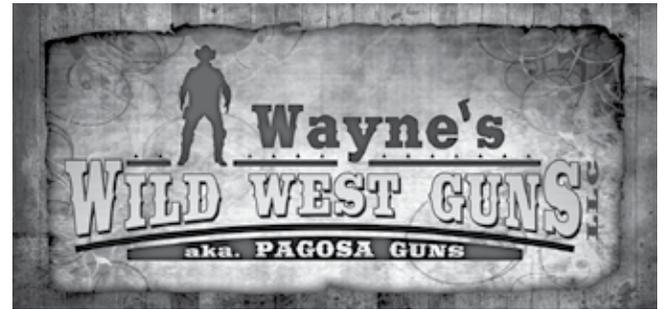
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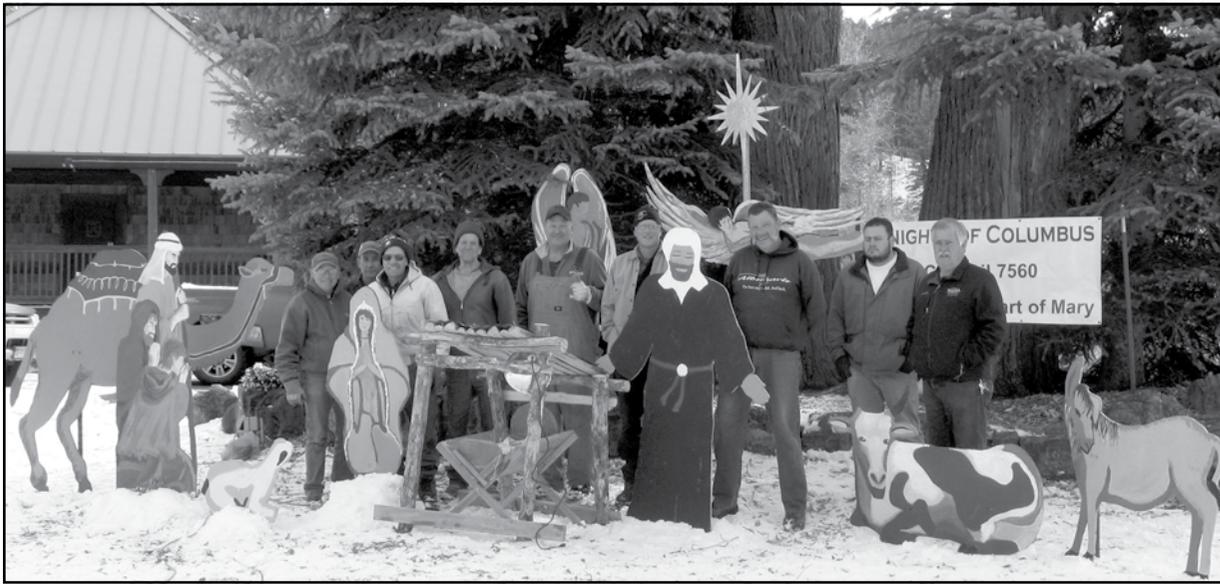


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Immaculate Heart of Mary Knights of Columbus council members pose with the nativity scene in Town Park. The night-lighted display, which is set up in the park each year, will be set up through December. The council members invite the public to stroll by and enjoy the message to “Keep Christ In Christmas.”

## Encore

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academia. It is an intensely moving and intimate portrayal, even comedic at times. The colors red, blue and green play an important role in the show, representing organization, order and compartmentalization as we pack and move from location to location in our lives.

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Before coming to Pagosa, the opening section of “box.” debuted in a workshop in 2012 in Vancouver, Canada. The full play premiered in February in Savannah, Ga., and was performed in March in Elkins’ home town of Elkhart, Kan. Elkins then took the show to Seattle, Wash., as well as London, England, and Cape Town, South Africa. After the Pagosa performances in October, “box.” played at the United Solo Festival

in New York City.

Over the eight years that Thingamajig has brought professional theater to Pagosa Springs, Elkins has impressed both locals and out-of-town visitors with his brilliant acting, keen directing and remarkable versatility. He starred in significant dramas including “Red,” “A Picasso,” “A Few Good Men” and “Proof”; played major roles in musicals like “Cabaret,” “Hair-spray” and “Sister Act”; and earned laughs in comedies like “Lend Me a Tenor” and “Tuna Christmas.” This summer, he directed the musical “Thoroughly Modern Millie.” This Christmas he is directing “A Christmas Carol” and “Little Women, the Musical.”

Elkins spent 25 years in the academic theater arena, including a five-year tenure as head of the theater department at Fort Lewis College. He made a name for himself in other major venues including the Colorado Shakespeare Festival, the

Utah Shakespearean Festival, the Single Carrot Theatre in Baltimore and the Clarence Brown Company at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. He also directed “Comedy of Errors” in 2017 and “The Merry Wives of Windsor” last summer at Albuquerque’s Shakespeare on the Plaza.

Elkins’ current home base is the South Harlem area of New York City, where he divides his time between acting, directing, teaching and writing.

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Local Pi Beta Phi sorority alumnae gather at the home of Carole Howard on Dec. 3 for a Christmas potluck luncheon. The event included an angel gift exchange and a concert of Broadway and pop tunes sung by tenor Dale Scrivener of the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, ending with a beautiful rendition of "O Holy Night," with Howard accompanying him on the piano. The ladies also donated 200 pounds of food and toiletries to the St. Patrick's Episcopal Church food bank supporting people in need over the holidays. In the front row, left to right, are Joni Rose, Lisa Scott and Dale Scrivener. In the second row are Melissa McDonald, Carole Howard and Maribeth Hill. In the third row are Mary Bailly, Paula Tennant and Marilyn Chippis. In the top row are Constance Clark, Mary Rothchild and Penny Hart.

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# Call it love, call it reclaiming sacred space

I bit the bullet, rolled up my sleeves and told my Sweet Al, "This has to be a labor of love. There is no other reason I would sit out here in the middle of the baseball diamond in downtown Pagosa at night, shivering and acting like a crazy woman."

My daughter said to Al and I, "We need you as volunteers in the haunted house. It's for the Boosters so they can buy uniforms and sports equipment for the school kids. All you have to do is sit there and be scary."

"I don't want to, but it's important to help our children. I guess we have to do it."

I sat with an ax embedded in my head with chains around my arms. I cried, "Help me. Help me. Somebody help me." Al carried a saw and walked around the table and pretended to come after me. We were behind a big drop cloth with a spotlight, which showed us in silhouette to anyone who passed by on the other side of the tarp.

I said to Al, "You're in my light. Move over to the other side. We look like one giant blimp." He continued to hover around me. We made it through two nights and talked our younger daughter into taking our place on the third night. When we left, one of the ghostly clowns said, "Your performance was stellar."

"Well, thank you." Someone appreciated it, even if it was a clown. On the other hand, our son and younger daughter came by our station and made fun of us. "You were so funny. 'Help me, help me.'" They mimicked me. "It looked like you were knitting."

I informed them that I was being chained to the chair and I wasn't knitting. "By the way, you could've

## Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



stopped, helped us out and had given us a break."

"We didn't want to bother you during your performance." Again, teasing, more slapping the knee and falling on the floor with uncontrollable laughter.

How did we get ourselves into this? This seems to be our cry whenever our family pulls us out of our comfort zone into one of their projects. The only answer that makes sense is because we try to keep our hearts open to our family.

I heard a term this week I hadn't heard before. Reclaiming sacred space. It is a heart posture of sacrifice. It's costly. It's where two hearts meet, humbling oneself and receiving God's sacred space of blessing in that relationship.

Love is a sacrifice. Did our children think we were making a sacrifice? No. They thought we were

having fun. I guess we were. In a way, we were claiming sacred space and opening our hearts to family, even in a haunted house. We showed up and humbled ourselves.

We do it all the time without thinking. We show up in a marriage. Being a friend when we are misunderstood. Volunteering, without a thank you and also forgiving when we've been offended. It's a sacrifice to maintain an open heart with each other. We are actually reclaiming God's space in our lives when an offense comes.

It sounds like pie in the sky, so I asked my Sweet Al what he thought about it all. I knew he would bring it down to earth. He's that practical voice which brings me out of the clouds and puts my feet on solid ground.

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## UUs to address the two functions of religion

By Dean Cerny  
Special to The PREVIEW

Unitarian Universalism is a faith that has always walked the fine line of progressive adaptation with boldness. This Sunday, Dec. 16, at 10:30 a.m., Unitarian Universalists will investigate the two major functions of religion.

According to philosopher Ken Wilbur, these two functions are “meaning-making” and “radical transformation.” The measure of any religion’s success, including that of Unitarian Universalist’s, is how well these two goals are integrated and achieved.

A fully functional religion is a work in progress. How well does

the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (PUUF) measure up to these functional challenges? Ultimately, your participation in our fellowship will make that determination. Hopefully, PUUF can and will assist you, the individual, and we, the community, in walking this path of religious functionality.

In an effort to make that happen, this Sunday we will look at some pragmatic ways in which “meaning” and “transformation” can be enhanced both during and after our Sunday services. Interestingly enough, we will again look to the research of psychedelics to assist us in the pragmatic task of enhancing the two religious functionalities of our Sunday services.

If this discussion intrigues you, or perhaps the possibility of fellowship with other spiritual seekers appeals to you, then please join us this Sunday, Dec. 16, at 10:30 a.m. This service will be led by Pastor Dean Cerny.

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

If you would like to schedule a private meeting with Cerny or, for further information about Pagosa UU Fellowship, visit [pagosauu.org](http://pagosauu.org) or call 731-7900.

## PCNT to focus on ‘A Mindful Christmas’

By Lisa Burnson  
Special to The PREVIEW

All are welcome to join the Rev. Janet Wyrick and Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT) on Sunday, Dec. 16, at 10 a.m., as we present the topic “A Mindful Christmas.”

Let us all join together in being fully present to the wonder and higher meaning of this season of light and love. Christ’s birth is the blessing of eternal love.

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## Lane

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Al was logical as he expounded, “It’s like a couple having trouble in their marriage. Why wouldn’t they love each other enough to work it out? Why would a woman want to support herself, raise children by herself and deal with the hardship of being alone?”

I said to him, “Yes, it’s easy to say, but it takes two to show up in a marriage. In the beginning, they love each other, they take an oath before God to love, cherish and protect the other person no matter what comes. Then they close their hearts to each other, the cost is too much and they lose that sacred place in their marriage.”

Al continued. “Why would a man want to fool around? Why would I want to take care of someone else’s wife when I have my own wife to take of?”

“Good point.”

Then he said, “I always wanted the pretty one on my arm. I never

wanted to be the pretty one.”

Heavens, I think we are getting somewhere. Is my Sweet Al saying, bow down to your mate, make your partner the special one, and let them shine? Don’t try to be the special one. Love them and keep your heart open and reclaim that sacred space.

Final brushstroke: Back to the haunted house. How did my Sweet

Al and I end up in the middle of the softball field, cold, making total fools of our selves? It’s all about love. We were humbling ourselves to our children, claiming a sacred space and keeping our hearts open.

### Readers’ comments

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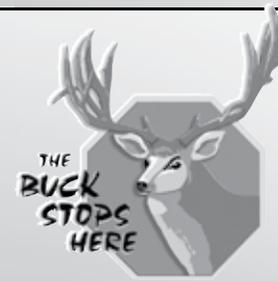
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# God is good, but is he safe?

By Peggy Bodde  
Special to The PREVIEW

I sat in a room packed with volunteers for a nonprofit agency that helps children who have been abused and neglected. The guest speaker was talking about adverse childhood experiences (ACE) scores and how understanding these scores can help us in our volunteer work.

Each of us was given an ACE sheet to calculate our scores and the speaker asked us to take a few minutes to complete it. I quickly read through the list of 10 questions, which included: "Did a parent or other adult in the household swear at you, insult you, put you down, or humiliate you?" And, "Did a parent or other adult in the household push, grab, slap, or throw something at you?" A score of 1 was assigned to every question answered "yes."

I could feel my face burning as I tallied up my score and wrote "7" in the blank, which I immediately covered with my hand. We didn't have to share our scores, but the speaker explained how the scoring works and how it correlates to the way we live our lives and the choices we make. The higher the score, the greater the risk of being an addict, marrying an addict, being exposed to domestic violence, experiencing depression, having health complications and the list went on.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention drew these conclusions after extensive research and multiple studies. The speaker explained that if your score is four, compared to zero, you have a 40 percent greater chance of experiencing everything on that list.

Four compared to zero. What about seven compared to zero? I glanced over at the woman sitting next to me. She was tapping her pencil and trying not to yawn. Her score sheet sat proudly in the open with a big "1" circled at the top of it. I flipped my paper over and felt sick to my stomach. This was not a standardized test. A high score was not, in this case, a good thing. Have you ever felt like you were on the outside of normal, looking in?

Someone asked me once if I ever wondered why God allowed me to be adopted into a family of abuse and mental illness. Families were designed by God to create a refuge of safety and love, but the Bible shows us that families can also be places of deep hurt and brokenness. Children may be abandoned, orphaned or neglected. How can we trust a God who allows children to suffer? In "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe," Mr. Beaver says, "Who said anything about safe? 'Course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the King I tell you."

## A Matter of Faith

*I could feel my face burning as I tallied up my score and wrote "7" in the blank, which I immediately covered with my hand.*

He's talking about Aslan the Great Lion, a parallel to Christ. Reading these words can be upsetting to some Christians. How can such a thing be said, that God isn't safe? He's supposed to be our strong tower, our rock, our refuge — how can God not be safe?

Then I think of Jonah, thrown over the side of a boat while a fierce storm raged and waves piled over. What terror he must have felt when he saw the great whale coming for him. Job: the devastation and extent of his losses, all in life ripped from him as God and Satan looked on. The disciples: 11 out of 12 killed for their beliefs. John the Baptist, Christ's forerunner and cousin, sat in a dark dungeon knowing that Jesus had the power to save the world but wouldn't lift one finger to save him. And Jesus: he was rejected by all He came to save and forsaken and denied by His closest circle of friends and God himself.

It's painfully clear to me that Mr. Beaver was right: God's character is good, but He is not safe. The end is certain — eternal life — but the suffering that comes before the

end is just as certain. It's for this reason that God gives us seasons in life, and each has a beginning and an end.

The time I spent in an unstable home environment had a beginning and an end, as did the time I spent directing anger and questions toward a God I wasn't sure I wanted to believe in. I had to come to the end of myself before I could make room for Him. The more I tried to disprove Him, the bigger He showed up and the more He loved. I've learned that to trust in Him doesn't mean I believe I'll be protected from any harm; it means I believe He stands in it with me and allows it for a reason.

What a relief to know that the whale gave up Jonah in a big, smelly burp — that Job experienced restoration by the same divine hand that allowed all to be taken — that the disciples went to their deaths willingly and were immediately in the presence of the Lord they died for — that John the Baptist's heart, though heavy with the truth, was not broken; Herod's sword released him from his earthly duties into the Kingdom he spoke so passionately about — that suffering and death had no hold on Christ and they have no hold over us. These truths, these beginnings and endings, show us the heart and intentions of God.

His divine plan works its way through the story of our lives and transforms what others intended as harm into something good that grows and strengthens us, so we can in turn breathe hope into others. He has granted us the power of choice and the ability to believe in what we can't see and sometimes don't understand. As we learn the character of our Creator and begin to embrace the mystery of Him, our faith calls us out of the rolling waves of doubt to rest on the shore of the One who isn't always safe, but whose love and presence are as sure and unchanging as His promises.

"You intended to harm me but God intended it all for good." — Genesis 50: 20 (NLT).

"You keep track of all my sorrows. You have collected all my tears in your bottle. You have recorded each one in your book." — Psalm 56:8 (NLT).

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." — Psalm 107:1 (NIV).

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

## Thursday, Dec. 13

**A Course in Miracles Study Group.** 10-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Call Karen LeCour at 264-0111 for more information.

**Loaves and Fishes Community Lunch.** 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. All are invited to enjoy a hot meal in a welcoming atmosphere.

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

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

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

**Computer Class: Smartphone Basics.** 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. No registration required. Learn how to navigate commonly used features on your Android or Apple smartphone or tablet. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

**Teen Advisory Board.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For youth in the 7th-12th grades. Bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

**PALS Adult Education.** 4:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Our Savior Lutheran Christmas Program.** 6:30 p.m., Our Savior Lutheran School gym. The preschool will be presenting "What Child is This?" Each stanza addresses the important people in the nativity scene with the main focus on the child sleeping on Mary's lap.

## Friday, Dec. 14

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

**Pagosa Stitching Group.** 9:30-11:30 a.m., second floor of the Pruitt building, Pagosa Springs Medical Center. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

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

and increasing an overall sense of well-being.

**Business Training and Consultation.** Noon-1:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Robert Blaise, the local Small Business Development Center consultant, will be on hand to help you start, expand or work through any business issues. Interested clients can book a noon-1 p.m. or a 1:30-3 p.m. appointment on the second Friday of every month. If these two sessions are filled, a 3-4:30 p.m. session can be added. Call 264-2360 for more information.

**Movie.** 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Once upon a time in a faraway kingdom lived a brave and virtuous mouse who dreamt of becoming a knight. Banished from his home for having such lofty ambitions, the brave mouse sets off on a noble quest to rescue the princess and save the kingdom. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Free Legal Clinic.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. No registration required. Please check in at the front desk. Everyone will be helped on a first-come, first-served basis. This is a free legal clinic via computer link for parties who have no attorney. Volunteer attorneys will answer questions, help fill out forms, and explain the process and procedure for the legal issues in the areas of family law, civil litigation, property law, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law, veteran's benefits and civil protection orders. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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## Saturday, Dec. 15

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

**Allison-Arboles Old-Fashioned Holiday Bazaar.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Mt. Allison Grange. For more information, call 946-0164.

**Paws to Read with Hondo.** 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the K-5th grade. Come and share your favorite book with Hondo, a dog who loves listening to stories. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Santa at the Visitor Center.** Noon-2 p.m., Visitor Center. Come see Santa and tell him what you want for Christmas.

**Weminuche Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count 2018.** 4-7 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. The wrap-up tally and chili dinner. For more information, visit <https://www.audubon.org/conservation/join-christmas-bird-count> or [www.weminucheaudubon.org](http://www.weminucheaudubon.org).

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**Sunday, Dec. 16**

**Thingamajig Theatre Presents 'A Christmas Carol.'** 2 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. This Christmas classic adaptation comes as close to the original book by Charles Dickens as you can get. With a majority of the text coming straight from Dickens' pen, Dennis Elkin's adaptation stays true to the book while highlighting Scrooge's forgotten humanity. For more information and tickets, go to [www.pagosacenter.org](http://www.pagosacenter.org) or call 731-SHOW.

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

com, or contact Steve Keil at 731-0044 or Jim Park at 731-9910.

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

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

**The Heralds of Christmas.** 3 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Tickets are a \$10 donation and can be found at the following locations: Bookends, Chamber of Commerce, Airport Self Storage and The Choke Cherry Tree. Tickets can be purchased with cash or check.

**Monday, Dec. 17**

**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.** 9:15-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners at 9:15 a.m., advanced group at 10:15 a.m. Call Beverly for information at 264-2064.

**Medicare Mondays.** 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Senior Center, Area Agency on Aging office. For benefits, explanation, questions and assistance for enrollment regarding Medicare parts A, B,

D and supplemental policies. Call 264-0501, ext. 1 to make an appointment.

**Qigong.** 10 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Maintain and improve health, strength and balance

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

**TEFAP Food distribution.** 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Restoration Fellowship Church, 264 Village Drive. We will have fresh milk available this month and we will have inventory clearance from 1-2 p.m., during which any remaining inventory will be distributed.

**Total-Body Conditioning.** Noon-1 p.m., Community Center. Total-body exercise class using the court and basketballs. Bring a mat.

**Computer Class: Resumes.** 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. No registration required. Whether you already have a resume or need to start from scratch, learn how to use Microsoft Word to create a professional-looking resume using basic formatting tools. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Otaku.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 5th-12th grade. If you are into anime or manga, this is for you. Come and watch some anime with your friends

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## Tuesday, Dec. 18

**Veterans for Veterans.** 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.  
**Yoga Fusion Class.** 10 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave.  
**Yoga.** 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center.  
**Tech Time.** 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Drop-in with your technology questions. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.  
**Hand-Drumming Class.** Noon, PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join musician and music therapist Paul Roberts for a hand-drumming class. All are welcome. Hand drums will be provided for those who don't have one. For further information, call 731-3117.  
**Pickleball.** Noon-3:30 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.  
**PALS Adult Education.** 4:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.  
**Teen Gaming.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson

Library. Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks. For teens in the 7th-12th grade. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

## Wednesday, Dec. 19

**Pickleball.** 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.  
**Family Storytime.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for great stories, fun songs and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. For all ages. Call 264-2209 for more information.  
**Flow Yoga Class.** 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Please bring a mat and a towel. For more information, call Roz at (281) 435-0563.  
**DIY: Cardboard Rudolph.** 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Create this fun looking, 3-D reindeer made from cardboard and some basic supplies. Your finished reindeer can be used as standalone decoration or they can be placed in a wreath you have at home. Call 264-2209 for more information.  
**Jelly Beans After-School Club.** 3:30-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, room 9. Free to all ages. For information, call 903-8104 or (702) 556-5649.  
**Yoga.** 4-5 p.m., Community Center.  
**Role-Playing Game.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters in our ongoing RPG. This is a recurring program. If you want to be a part of the game but missed the last event, don't worry, you can join

in anytime. For those in the 7th-12th grade. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

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

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**Loaves and Fishes Community Lunch.** 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. This will be an early Christmas dinner. All are

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**Teen Book Club.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us for snacks and

discussion of "Warcross" by Marie Lu. Stop by and pick up a copy. 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.

**Thingamajig Theatre Presents 'Little Women the Musical.'** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Based on the 1869 classic of the same name written by Louisa May Alcott, "Little Women" is the ultimate tale of sisterhood told through four sisters living and growing in the Civil War era. This heartwarming musical will have sisters, mothers, brothers and fathers captivated by these young women. For more information and tickets, go to [www.pagosacenter.org](http://www.pagosacenter.org) or call 731-SHOW.

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2	City Market Bus Stop		8:04 AM	9:04 AM	10:04 AM	11:04 AM	12:04 PM	1:04 PM	2:04 PM	3:04 PM	4:04 PM
3	Navajo Trail & Hopi		8:07 AM	9:07 AM	10:07 AM	11:07 AM	12:07 PM	1:07 PM	2:07 PM	3:07 PM	4:07 PM
4	Prospect & Lyn	7:11 AM	8:11 AM	9:11 AM	10:11 AM	11:11 AM	12:11 PM	1:11 PM	2:11 PM	3:11 PM	4:11 PM
5	Bonanza Ave @ Vista Blvd	7:14 AM	8:14 AM	9:14 AM	10:14 AM	11:14 AM	12:14 PM	1:14 PM	2:14 PM	3:14 PM	4:14 PM
6	Lakeview Estates	7:17 AM	8:17 AM	9:17 AM	10:17 AM	11:17 AM	12:17 PM	1:17 PM	2:17 PM	3:17 PM	4:17 PM
7	Pagosa Springs Medical Center	7:20 AM	8:20 AM	9:20 AM	10:20 AM	11:20 AM	12:20 PM	1:20 PM	2:20 PM	3:20 PM	4:20 PM
8	Wal-Mart (eastbound)	7:24 AM	8:24 AM	9:24 AM	10:24 AM	11:24 AM	12:24 PM	1:24 PM	2:24 PM	3:24 PM	4:24 PM
9	AspenVillage/Cornerstone/Boulder Dr	7:25 AM	8:25 AM	9:25 AM	10:25 AM	11:25 AM	12:25 PM	1:25 PM	2:25 PM	3:25 PM	4:25 PM
10	Harman Loop (Wells Fargo)	7:27 AM	8:27 AM	9:27 AM	10:27 AM	11:27 AM	12:27 PM	1:27 PM	2:27 PM	3:27 PM	4:27 PM
11	Ruby Sisson Library	7:31 AM	8:31 AM	9:31 AM	10:31 AM	11:31 AM	12:31 PM	1:31 PM	2:31 PM	3:31 PM	4:31 PM
12	So. 8th & Piedra	7:32 AM	8:32 AM	9:32 AM	10:32 AM	11:32 AM	12:32 PM	1:32 PM	2:32 PM	3:32 PM	4:32 PM
13	So. 8th & Apache	7:33 AM	8:33 AM	9:33 AM	10:33 AM	11:33 AM	12:33 PM	1:33 PM	2:33 PM	3:33 PM	4:33 PM
14	Town Hall / Senior Center	7:35 AM	8:35 AM	9:35 AM	10:35 AM	11:35 AM	12:35 PM	1:35 PM	2:35 PM	3:35 PM	4:35 PM
15	Post Office	7:36 AM	8:36 AM	9:36 AM	10:36 AM	11:36 AM	12:36 PM	1:36 PM	2:36 PM	3:36 PM	4:36 PM
16	Hot Springs (east side of street)	7:37 AM	8:37 AM	9:37 AM	10:37 AM	11:37 AM	12:37 PM	1:37 PM	2:37 PM	3:37 PM	4:37 PM
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18	2nd Street @ Hwy 160	7:40 AM	8:40 AM	9:40 AM	10:40 AM	11:40 AM	12:40 PM	1:40 PM	2:40 PM	3:40 PM	4:40 PM
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23	N. 8th Street & Rosita	7:45 AM	8:45 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM	11:45 AM	12:45 PM	1:45 PM	2:45 PM	3:45 PM	
24	Eagle Drive @ Majestic	7:48 AM	8:48 AM	9:48 AM	10:48 AM	11:48 AM	12:48 PM	1:48 PM	2:48 PM	3:48 PM	
25	Giant Gas Station (Piedra Rd.)	7:50 AM	8:50 AM	9:50 AM	10:50 AM	11:50 AM	12:50 PM	1:50 PM	2:50 PM	3:50 PM	4:50 PM

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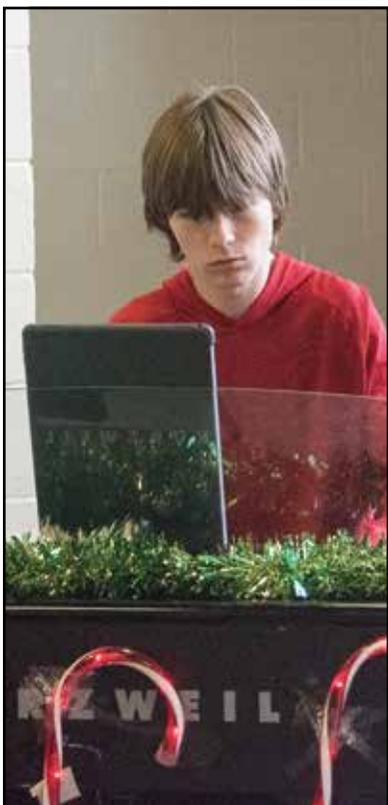
# PAGOSA SCENE

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

PREVIEW photos/Randi Pierce

Scene ... at Breakfast with Santa Dec. 8. The Pagosa Springs High School Music Department invited Santa and Mrs. Claus for a morning of fun at Pagosa Springs High School, with the event offering a full breakfast, games, crafts, face painting, live music and, of course, a chance for youngsters to tell Santa their Christmas wishes.





# Senior Center announces tax, legal and health program dates

By Cheryl Wilkinson  
PREVIEW Columnist



VITA will be returning to prepare federal and state income tax returns at no charge as part of the IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

The planned dates are Feb. 23, 2019, and March 16, 2019, by appointment only. The gross income limit this tax season is \$54,000. Please call 264-2167 for more information or to make an appointment.

## Free legal document preparation

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

Following are the legal services Fiedler can assist with:

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

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

## Health and wellness

The Senior Center has a pilot

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

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

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

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

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

## Medical alert system

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

## Memberships

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

# The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

## ACROSS

- 1 Word in a Tolkien title
- 5 Latest fad
- 9 Mirror \_\_\_\_
- 14 Reedy instrument
- 15 Bakery need
- 16 Kind of jar
- 17 Mosaic piece
- 18 Restaurant handout
- 19 Ornamental loop
- 20 Carol Brady, for one
- 23 Minuscule margin
- 24 Part of G.M.T.
- 25 Six Flags sight
- 27 Widely recognized
- 29 Pageant wear
- 30 Serling of Sci-fi TV
- 31 Naval officer
- 36 On the rocks
- 38 Court divider
- 39 Big name in building toys
- 40 Many green homes have them
- 45 Deck (out)
- 46 Bused
- 47 Power problem
- 49 Type of valve
- 52 Calf meat
- 53 "Get \_\_\_!"
- 54 Heel spur healer
- 59 Sponsorship
- 61 Dig
- 62 Meal in a shell
- 63 Film part
- 64 Immunity item on "Survivor"
- 65 Looking down from
- 66 Shakespearean title character
- 67 Roadwork marker
- 68 Nightly TV staple

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## DOWN

- 1 Quite a few
- 2 Final notice?
- 3 One to look up to
- 4 Intensify, as feelings
- 5 Bookstore section
- 6 Declare
- 7 Heredity unit
- 8 Pronounce distinctly
- 9 Mischief maker
- 10 Schooner feature
- 11 Knotted neckwear
- 12 Gagger member
- 13 Invitation from within
- 21 Part of a full house
- 22 Pond dweller
- 26 Escort's offering
- 27 Bulb flower
- 28 First name in fashion

## 29 Pollster's find

- 32 Lacking oxygen
- 33 Practice tit for tat
- 34 Enthralled
- 35 Opera house box
- 37 NBC staple with Lester Holt
- 41 Do away with
- 42 Make ready, briefly
- 43 Easy to fall for

## 44 It's for the birds

- 48 Bagpiper's wear
- 49 Military bigwigs
- 50 Bloodsucker
- 51 Rarin' to go
- 55 Carpenter's groove
- 56 It may be pumped
- 57 Garbage boat
- 58 Very best
- 60 Clinch, with "up"

## Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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# Dutch Henry Born: Wild West legend

Kit Carson was already a legend in 1864 when he marched troops from Santa Fe down the Canadian River and into the Texas Panhandle. Surprisingly, Carson could neither read nor write; was maybe 5 feet, 5 inches and 140 pounds; and very soft spoken. Nevertheless, he was more than legend; he was



## Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter



Photo courtesy John M. Motter

Before cars were invented, almost every town had a livery stable. Pagosa Springs was no exception, as this picture shows. Visitors rented saddle horses, teams and wagons. Feed was available and visitors with their own saddle horses or teams and wagons could leave their stock overnight for a nominal fee.

the real thing.

Carson led 260 cavalry, 75 infantry and 72 Ute and Jicarilla Apache scouts onto the Texas Panhandle in search of the winter camp of Kiowa and Comanche Indians who had been preying upon wagons trains carrying supplies back and forth between Kansas City and Santa Fe.

Two days after leaving Santa Fe, Carson arrived a little west of Adobe Walls with two mountain howitzers, 27 wagons, an ambulance and 45 days' rations. In their first engagement, Carson's troops routed a Kiowa village of 150 lodges. Other nearby villages learned of Carson's presence and prepared for battle. Carson moved into the old Adobe Walls Fort, where he had served Bent 20 years earlier. That's where things went downhill. Carson learned of a Comanche village of 500 lodges within a mile of Adobe Walls. He was soon surrounded by between 3,000 and 7,000 warriors, far more than he had anticipated.

When supplies started running low, Carson took advantage of the fire power and range of his howitzers and adroitly retreated

back to New Mexico. In all, Carson's troops had three killed and 25 wounded. Indian casualties were estimated from 100 to 150. Once home, Carson contended that 1,000 fully equipped troops would be needed to capture the Adobe Walls Fort.

Ten years later, Dutch Henry Born, along with 28 other bison hunters, hunkered down in the old fort, staring across the prairie grass at an estimated 300 to 1,500 menacing warriors. Included among the trapped buffalo hunters were 20-year-old Bat Master-son, William "Billy" Dixon and one woman, the wife of cook William Olds.

A small community which included a saloon had blossomed near the fort. Some of the defenders occupied the saloon.

Dixon described the initial attack this way: "There was never a more splendidly barbaric sight. In after years I was glad that I had seen it. Hundreds of warriors, the flower of the fighting men of the southwestern Plains tribes,

mounted on their finest horses, armed with guns and lances, and carrying heavy shields of thick buffalo hide, were coming like the wind. Over all was splashed the rich colors of red, vermilion and ochre, on the bodies of men, on the bodies of running horses ..."

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# Applications being accepted for Colorado Beekeeping Mentorship Program

By Robin Young  
PREVIEW Columnist

A comprehensive beekeeping course is being offered at through the Colorado State University (CSU) Extension office starting in January. Colorado Beekeeper Mentorship Program (CBMP) participants can choose either the volunteer track or non-volunteer.

Volunteers assist the county office of CSU Extension to extend research-based information on home and small-scale beekeeping. Colorado Beekeeping Mentors are involved in a wide variety of ways, including assisting with office phone calls and walk-in customers, staffing information booths, writing for local newspapers or electronic media, and (potentially) mentoring youth groups.

Class periods are three hours per day from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Classes are taught by CSU Extension and experienced, professional beekeepers. Class information is focused toward the noncommercial, home beekeeper. Topics include the following:

- CBMP overview.
- Understanding bees and bee management.
- Beekeeping tools, equipment and hive setup.
- Pathogens, pests and parasites of bees.
- Pollinator habitats.
- Pesticides and honeybees.
- Special management problems.
- Mentorship skills.

Participants will have extra reading between classes and will be expected to “report” to their classmates on a topic of their choice from the textbook. This aids in retention of the materials and in developing mentorship and presentation skills. Sign-ups for presentations will be on the first evening of classes.

Participants will also read and report on one scientific article related to beekeeping. This should be from a research-based journal,

## Extension Viewpoints

agriculture research service website or extension-related website.

The trainings will take place at the Extension office at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds on Tuesdays, Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 and Feb. 5, 12 and 26, 2019, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuition and fees: \$300 for the non-volunteer and \$120 for the volunteer course; \$85 limited income scholarships available upon request. Visit our Facebook page, CSU Extension-Archuleta County, for more information and download an application, or pick one up at the Extension office. Applications are due by Jan. 2.

### Youth disaster preparedness class

The Extension office is offering a disaster preparedness class for youth ages 13-19. This is a comprehensive 21-hour course that educates youth on how to prepare for a disaster and help others in with their planning.

This is a free course, but the youth must commit to the full 21 hours and helping seven families with their communication and disaster planning.

Please call Robin Young for more information. Go to our facebook page, CSU Extension-Archuleta County, and download the application or come by the Extension office to pick one up.

### CPR and first aid classes

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

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Level: Beginner

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# Two talented local authors donate their new books to your library

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

In yet another demonstration of the artistic talent in our little mountain community, two more local authors recently donated their books to your library. Two are nonfiction books by Victoria Rose about finance, written for women, and the other is an excellent novel titled “White Roses” by Ellen Greenfield.

Greenfield’s book takes the reader back and forth between New York and Tanzania in a beautifully written story about a woman named Erica tracing the life of her lover, Cal, a paramedic who died at the World Trade Center on 9/11. She travels to Africa to explore what she thought was his life as a Peace Corps volunteer, tracking down his friends there to try to understand more about him. What she discovers gives her an understanding of his occasional outbursts when he felt she was prying into his past life. As one of the book’s characters says, “Africa is more complicated than most people are prepared to accept.” Tanzanite, more rare than diamonds, becomes a metaphor for people who are quite different if you look at them from all angles.

Greenfield is a skilled storyteller. Her descriptions of life in Africa, and the Maasai in particular, are powerful. As the plot unfolds with unexpected threats and painful revelations, the reader becomes involved and enthralled.

This is Greenfield’s second novel, the first being “Come From Nowhere” about seven women experiencing an historic blackout in New York City, which also will be available at your library soon. Technically she is not a local author, but she has several friends in Pagosa Springs whom she visits, and she also was a speaker in October in this fall’s Lifelong Learning Lecture series on the writing process, so we are claiming her as our own.

Rose’s new books are titled “Money 101: A Basic Handbook for Women,” and “Money101.b: Bonds for Women.” The purpose of both books, the beginning of a series, is to help women understand the often complex world of finance.

“Money 101” explains the financial maze of investment products available, from basics like checking accounts to more complicated topics like IRAs, certificates of deposit and mutual funds. The author also discusses concepts like inflation, risk, and supply and demand.

The second book, “Money 101.b,” focuses on various types of bonds. Both provide space for readers to make notes about their personal goals and plans.

## Library News

A prolific author, Rose has 18 other books in your library’s collection — short stories, fiction and nonfiction.

### Teen advisory board

Today, Thursday, Dec. 13, the teen advisory board meets from 4 to 5 p.m. Bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs. Share an idea to pick out a free book.

### Legal clinic tomorrow

Friday, Dec. 14, from 2 to 3 p.m., a free legal clinic for parties who have no attorney will take place via computer link.

Volunteer attorneys will answer questions, help fill out forms, and explain the process and procedure for legal issues in the areas of family law, civil litigation, property tax, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law, veterans benefits and civil protection orders. Please check in at the registration desk.

This clinic takes place the second Friday of every month.

### All-ages movie tomorrow

Join us Friday, Dec. 14, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. to enjoy a free G-rated movie with your friends and family. Our contract does not allow us to name the film in the media, but you can find the name in the activities calendars.

### Paws to Read on Saturday

Saturday, Dec. 15, from 11 a.m. to noon, youngsters from kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to share their favorite books with Hondo, a therapy dog who loves listening to stories, at a Paws to Read session. This is a great way for beginning readers to build confidence.

### Teen gaming

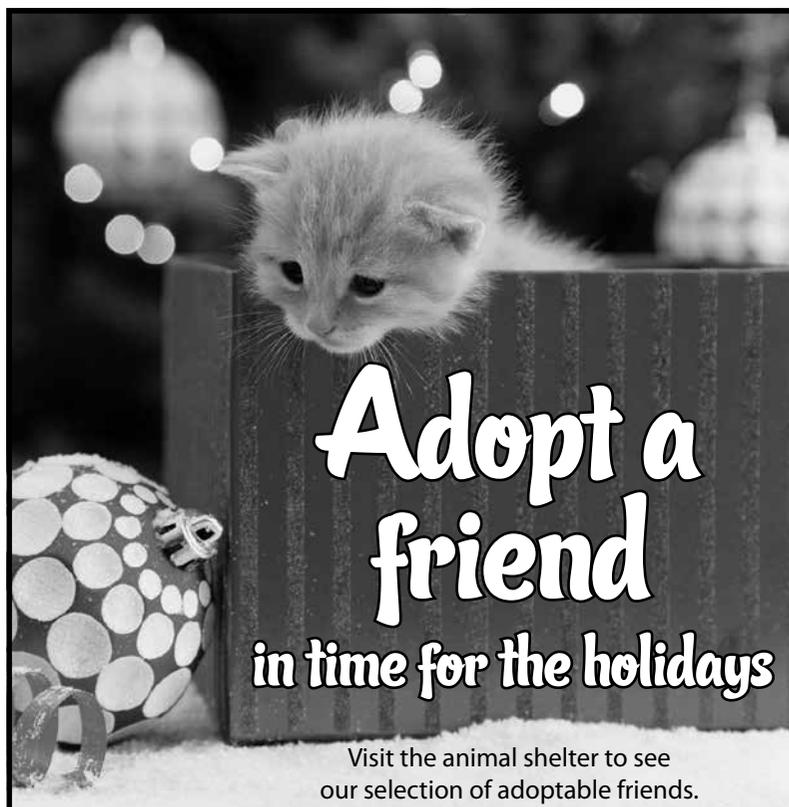
Free teen gaming happens on Tuesday, Dec. 18, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for teens in the seventh through 12th grades. Enjoy Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks.

### Teen role-playing

The free role-playing game for seventh- through 12th-graders will take place Wednesday, Dec. 19, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters. You can join this group any time.

### Otaku Club

The Otaku (Anime/Manga)  
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## DIY for adults

At this month's free DIY event on Wednesday, Dec. 19, from 1 to 2 p.m., you'll use cardboard and basic supplies to create fun-looking three-dimensional reindeer. Your finished Rudolphs can be placed in a wreath. No registration is required.

## Computer classes

Join us for free sessions from 1 to 2 p.m. to learn a useful technology skill or application. Today, Thursday, Dec. 13, is Smartphone Basics, when you'll learn how to navigate commonly used features on your Android or Apple smartphone or tablet. Thursday, Dec. 17, shows you how to use Microsoft Word to create a professional looking resume. No registration is required.

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## Family storytimes

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Both storytimes are open to babies, toddlers and youngsters of all ages to make it easier for parents to attend with their children depending on their busy schedules rather than

the age of their little ones.

## Activities calendars

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

## Nonfiction

"Frommer's Hawaii" and "Fodor's Travel Paris" are the 2019 editions. "Perfectly Clear" by Michelle LeClair is the memoir of the former "poster girl for Scientology." "The Hidden Life of Trees" by forester Peter Wohlleben reveals the social life of trees. "The Spectrum of Hope" by Dr. Gayatri Devi is an optimistic and new approach to Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. "Make Something Good Today" by HGTV stars Erin and Ben Napier is a memoir about seeking the good in life and celebrating the beauty of family and friends. "The Greatest Love Story Ever Told" by Megan Mullally and Nick Offerman explores their unlikely romance. "Adrift" by Brian Murphy is the true story of tragedy on the icy Atlantic. "The Battle of Arnhem" by Antony Beevor reveals details of the deadliest airborne operation of World War II. "Represent Yourself in Court" is a NOLO guide to preparing and winning your case.

## Large print

"Teach a Woman to Fish" by Ritu Sharma is a firsthand account of how women are overcoming the forces that keep them in poverty. "Signed, Sealed, Delivered" by Nina Sankovitch celebrates the joy of letter writing with examples through history.

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"Kingdom of the Blind" by Louise Penny brings together three executors who have never met the dead woman who appointed them. "Robert B. Parker's Blood Feud" by Mike Lupica features PI Sunny Randall. "Oath of Office" is a Jack Ryan

thriller by Marc Cameron. "The Fox" by Frederick Forsyth begins when the CIA, NSA and the Pentagon are hacked simultaneously.

## CDs

"Dark Sacred Night" by Michael Connelly is a Harry Bosch mystery. "Long Road to Mercy" by David Baldacci is an Atlee Pine thriller. "Answers to Questions You've Never Asked" by Joseph explains the "what if" in science, geography and the absurd. "Past Tense" by Lee Child is a Jack Reacher mystery. "The Reckoning" by John Grisham is a Southern Gothic legal suspense

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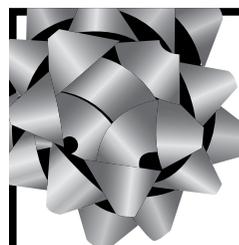
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# Get Christmas crafty with homemade ornaments

Special to The PREVIEW

Handmade gifts, trinkets and treats help make the holiday season special. Although cookies and other baked goods are some of the most popular homemade creations this time of year, gift-givers young and old can put their talents to use with various craft projects. Ornaments and decorations are one such idea.

Here are some clever and, not-too-time-consuming craft projects to try this holiday season.

- **Mini sleighs:** Create miniature replicas of Santa's famous sleigh. Paint several wooden craft sticks to form the main body of the sleigh and glue them together. Put one at the top perpendicular to the others to serve as the steering rudder. Two silver-painted sticks placed on their thin sides act as the blades of a sled.

- **Popcorn garland:** Garland

made of popcorn is a classic handmade holiday project. For a new twist, toss the popcorn with food coloring and allow it to dry before stringing for some bright color on the tree.

- **Photo ornaments:** Print out several different photos that you love. Purchase round or square thin wood pieces from a craft store and attach the photos with decoupage glue. When dry, drill a hole through the top and thread with twine.

- **Advent calendar:** Make an Advent calendar to count down to Christmas by covering a foam board with fabric. Use paper tags or small ornaments and write a number on each for each day of the month. Hang these all from the board. As each day passes, move the tag or ornament to the tree.

- **Wooden snowflakes:** Have children collect small twigs from outdoors, as well as holly leaves and some sprigs of evergreen. Arrange

similarly sized twigs in the shape of snowflakes and glue together, or tie with twine. Embellish with stickers, glitter, dried berries and more.

- **Dough ornaments:** Anyone can have fun molding their own ornaments, letting them dry and then painting them. Use cookie cutters to get perfect holiday shapes. Craft stores sell various types of modeling clays and lightweight modeling materials. Or, make your own salt dough.

- **Reindeer bottle topper:** Put to use any wine corks you have lying around. Attach googly eyes and a small fuzzy nose to the front of a cork. Insert twisted, brown pipe cleaners to make the antlers up top. Add ribbons, small snippets of faux fur or any other extras you desire.

- **Sweet sentiments:** Use old letter tiles to form a favorite holiday phrase, like "Joy to the World." Glue the tiles together and hang from the tree on a piece of ribbon.

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## DVDs

"The Indian in the Cupboard" is a family-friendly magical show. "Fences" stars Denzel Washington and Viola Davis. "The Amish" is an American Experience film. "Crazy Rich Asians" is a romantic comedy. "The Handmaid's Tale" is the second season.

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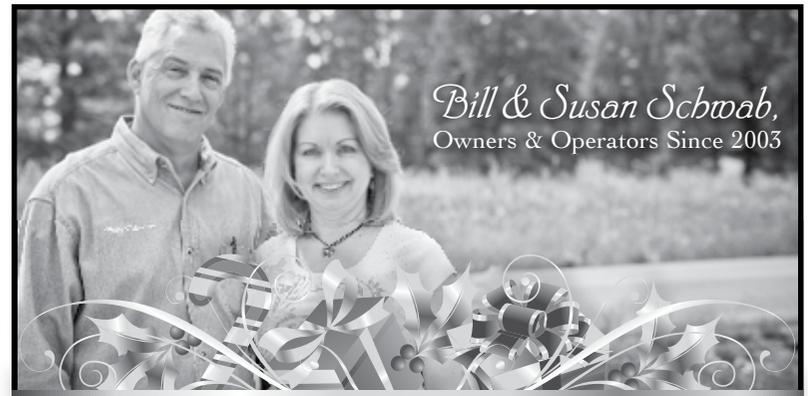
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"Sure, we're made of biological, physical things, but what really makes us is our stories. If you took our stories away from us, there wouldn't be much left." — Markus Zusak, author of several books, including the 2005 global YA hit "The Book Thief," based on stories told him by his parents, both post-WWII immigrants from Germany and Austria.

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# Don't let a holiday family visit become a holiday disaster

By John Lough  
Special to The PREVIEW

During the holiday season, advertisers and the media are constantly portraying families as all having these perfectly wonderful, caring and loving relationships. Unfortunately, for most of us, our families are probably less than perfect.

When it comes to holiday gatherings with our families, there's always the chance it's going to be less-than-perfect times. It's not uncommon to feel stress and anxious about an upcoming family visit. But if you take the time to understand the sources of the stress that can come with a family get-together, it often can help at least minimize those feelings.

A common problem is that you've become a different person than the image of you that parents, siblings and other family members still carry with them. For them, you may still be that little kid or imma-

ture teen, and they can't see how you've developed and matured. It's a source of annoyance when others can't recognize the changes that have made you who you are today.

Another source of anxiety for many is not having met family expectations. You may have faced a recent job loss, financial problems or a relationship that has ended badly. It can feel awkward and difficult to be back with family knowing you're not the success you think your family expected of you.

Family visits also bring with them family history. There may be memories of stressful times, past disagreements, awkward relationships or an unhappy childhood. It's not uncommon for family arguments or misunderstandings to rekindle once again.

One starting point in minimizing such issues is simply recognizing that the stress you're feeling is a very normal reaction. When you try to understand why an upcoming

family gathering is feeling stressful, you can begin to find ways to minimize such feelings. This might mean avoiding certain situations or people, or simply accepting that you won't have a wonderful time with everyone.

Seek out people to see and things to do that will make your visit more enjoyable. Try to avoid the trouble spots. When cornered in an awkward situation, use the cellphone excuse ("Oops, I forgot I have to call Sharon by 4...") to walk away from potential problems.

And if you find that the whole trip is really going to be significantly traumatic, consider shortening or even avoiding the visit completely. Don't let old problems ruin your current holiday enjoyment.

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## AARP Foundation survey finds positive feelings associated with holidays, concern for family members who may feel lonely

By Angela Cortez  
Special to The PREVIEW

A survey released by the AARP Foundation finds that people are feeling good about spending time with friends and family this holiday season, with many survey respondents noting that they are feeling happy (67 percent), loved (47 percent), joyful (46 percent) and excited (44 percent).

Yet the same survey also finds that three in 10 respondents say they have felt lonely during past holiday seasons. In addition, four in 10 respondents say they have worried about a friend or family member feeling lonely during the holidays.

The survey was released by the AARP Foundation in support of Connect2Affect, the AARP Foundation's ongoing effort to build awareness about the impact of loneliness and social isolation that also includes resources created to

help people learn about how they can stay connected.

"The survey results do give cause for concern," said AARP Foundation President Lisa Marsh Ryerson. "Social isolation, which can be particularly hard felt during the holidays, has severe consequences on both emotional and physical well-being. Research shows the health effects of prolonged isolation are equivalent to smoking 15 cigarettes a day."

Strong social connections are fundamental to physical and mental health, with recent research finding that loneliness and social isolation are growing and may represent a greater public health hazard than obesity. U.S. Census data shows that more than a quarter of the U.S. population is living alone, with isolation affecting more than 8 million older adults in the U.S.

Fortunately, opportunities to connect with each other appear to

be greater during the holiday season. Thirty-four percent of AARP Foundation survey respondents say they experience more kindness from strangers during the holidays, with 60 percent of respondents saying they experience the same level of kindness.

Led by AARP Foundation — in collaboration with the Gerontological Society of America, Give an Hour, the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging and UnitedHealth Group — Connect2Affect features tools and resources to help evaluate isolation risk and find practical ways to reconnect with the community. Connect2Affect also provides visitors with access to a self-assessment test that asks yes or no questions relating to relationships, mobility and major life changes.

For more information about the holiday survey, social isolation and Connect2Affect, please visit [connect2affect.org](http://connect2affect.org).

## Get gifts there in time for Christmas

Special to The PREVIEW

Thanks to families being more spread out than ever before, today's holiday shoppers must figure out ways to get holiday gifts to their destination on time. The holiday season tends to be the busiest time of year for many delivery services.

The following tips should help shoppers ensure their loved ones' gifts arrive on time.

- Ship directly. Adobe Analytics

reported that online shopping hit a record high of \$108.2 billion in the 2017 holiday shopping season, and all indicators suggest online shopping will only increase in the years to come. Holiday shoppers who want to ensure their loved ones will receive their gifts on time can rely on online shopping. When checking out, have gifts shipped directly to loved ones' homes. Many online retailers will even wrap gifts for a nominal fee.

- Research shipping options. This year, Christmas falls on a Tuesday. Shoppers who plan to rely on two-day or overnight shipping should keep that in mind. Some delivery services may be open throughout the weekend before Christmas, while others may only be open on Saturday. Last-minute shoppers, whether they're shopping online or in person, should

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# Anyone can see love

By Daris Howard  
Special to The PREVIEW

It was my second Thanksgiving far from home. I was invited to dinner with a family that I dearly loved. Norma, the mother, was a wonderful lady. Though she was blind, nothing slowed her down. She ran her home with efficiency and precision.

But there was something else that made her more amazing. She had eight children; four had mental disabilities and the other four had physical disabilities. Each mentally challenged child was paired with a physically challenged child. Together they became a team. The mentally capable children would direct their physically able sibling. Together they could accomplish things neither could do alone.

When I asked Norma about her family, she told me her story. When they were young, she and her husband, Tom, had fallen in love and had married. They both loved children and couldn't wait for their first baby to come along. But, just about that time, both Norma and Tom contracted a terrible disease.

It was a disease that very often

took a person's life. Though Norma and Tom both survived, each lost their sight. As devastating as that was, the fact that they would no longer be able to have children was even more disappointing to them.

After they learned to deal with their loss of sight, they decided that it was time to try to adopt some children. But every agency that they approached about adoption felt that it would be impossible for two blind parents to raise a child, and they were always turned down.

Finally, they applied to be foster parents. At first, the state would not place any children in their home. But, one day, Norma received a call. There was a young child that had a disability, and the state couldn't get anyone else to take her. Norma jumped at the chance. Though the state only meant it to be temporary, Norma and Tom showed they were very capable and, in fact, their own disabilities gave them more understanding and patience. It wasn't too long before the state allowed them to adopt Tina.

One after another, each time the state had a child that no one else wanted, Norma and Tom would take the child into their home, love them, and eventually receive permission to adopt them. And, thus, their family grew.

Then, due to complications from the disease, Tom's health started to fail. His passing was a great loss to the family, and the state was concerned whether Norma would be able to handle

all of the children on her own. She informed them that her children were more important to her than anything else in her life, and she would be fine. As the state monitored the situation, they agreed, and, in fact, even allowed her to adopt one more child to round out her family.

Little Emily was the last and was only 6 years old when she came into this unique family. She was a Down syndrome girl. In her young life, she had been in home after home, some for less than a month and none for more than a couple. By Thanksgiving she had been in Norma's home for almost a year, and, for the first time in her life, she had found consistency and security.

As the final touches for dinner were being finished, Norma invited me to read some stories to the children. Little Emily climbed on my lap, and all of the other children gathered around. I read some Bible stories appropriate for the season, as I felt that in this home there was a spirit truly representative of that day.

When we gathered around the table, as was their tradition, each person shared what he or she was most grateful for. When it was Emily's turn, she turned to look at Norma, and she smiled a smile Norma couldn't even see, speaking words I will never forget.

"I'm grateful for a momma that loves me."

Tears poured down Norma's face. It doesn't take seeing eyes to know love.

## Gifts

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confirm their shipping options well in advance of Christmas. Because Christmas is on a Tuesday this year, getting gifts to their destination on time may require shoppers to purchase and ship them earlier than they otherwise might.

- Purchase package insurance. Consumer Reports notes that UPS and FedEx shipments automatically come with declared-value coverage of up to \$100. (Note: Declared value is the carrier's maximum liability.) Purchasing additional insurance can ease shoppers' concerns about lost or stolen packages. Just be sure to keep all invoices and receipts in case claims must be filed. Shoppers also should ask for tracking numbers on all packages so they can confirm when packages are delivered.

- Properly secure the package. Many delivery services now have off-site drop-off boxes that can make it easy to send gifts. This is a convenient service, but shoppers who use them won't be able to have a company employee provide in-person confirmation that their packages are secured to company standards. Poorly packaged items may never be shipped. Visit the shipping company's website for packaging guidelines, and include a business card and duplicate label inside the package just in case it is damaged after being dropped off.

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# The Met: Live in HD will continue with Verdi's 'La Traviata' on Dec. 15

By Indiana Reed  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Met: Live in HD, presented by the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College in partnership with New York's Metropolitan Opera, continues its 2018-2019 series on Saturday, Dec. 15, with a new production of Giuseppe Verdi's "La Traviata."

The Met's performance will be screened in the Vallecito Room of the FLC Student Union, broadcast in high definition from the Metropolitan Opera beginning at 10:55 a.m. Run time is three hours, seven minutes, with two intermissions.

Yannick Nézet-Séguin conducts Tony Award-winning director Michael Mayer's richly textured new production, which features a striking 19th century setting that changes with the seasons.

Verdi's "La Traviata" premiered in 1853 at the Teatro la Fenice in Venice and survived a notoriously unsuccessful opening night to become one of the best-loved operas in the repertoire.

Following his larger-scale dramas of "Rigoletto" and "Il Trovatore," its intimate scope and subject matter inspired the composer to create some of his most profound and heartfelt music. The title role of the "fallen woman" has captured the imaginations of audiences and performers alike with the inexhaustible vocal and dramatic possibilities and challenges. Violetta is considered a pinnacle of the soprano repertoire.

In the current Met production, Soprano Diana Damrau plays the tragic heroine, Violetta, and tenor Juan Diego Flórez returns to the Met for the first time since 2015 to sing the role of Alfredo, Violetta's hapless lover. Baritone Quinn Kelsey is Alfredo's father, Germont, who destroys their love.

View a promotional preview of "La Traviata" at [www.metopera.org/season/2018-19-season/la-traviata](http://www.metopera.org/season/2018-19-season/la-traviata).

The "magic" of The Met: Live in HD events is that they are deliv-



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The Met: Live in HD will continue on Dec. 15 with Giuseppe Verdi's "La Traviata." The opera first premiered in 1853 in Venice. Tickets are available now.

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This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the black-capped chickadee.

These guys are kind of like our unofficial winter spirit bird. They stay close, feeding in forests, backyards and at our feeders, never abandoning us for climes further south where conditions may be more favorable. They stick it out.

We have two different species of chickadee here in southwest Colorado: the black-capped and the mountain. Both are likely to be seen in and around our region, but don some different field marks and characteristics. Small and rotund, the black-capped has a distinct black head with white slashes on the cheeks. The breast is generally a buffier white color with some tinges of brown. The mountain chickadee species also has a black head and white cheeks, but this species has a definitive white supercilium, or eyebrow line, that carries from the base of the bill arching over its eye. Both species have black, somewhat stubby, bills designed for specialized seed extraction and small insect predation.

The mountain chickadee tends to stay more in conifer forests, leaving deciduous and pine/oak mixed stands to their cousin, the black-capped. Both rely on tree cavities for nesting sites, compliments of our many woodpecker species.

As for songs and calls, the black-capped has a two-note song that has been likened to "cheeseburger"; in contrast, the mountain has one additional note at the beginning. Calls sound more like their name, "chickadee-dee-dee," with increasing "dee" notes if predators loom.

For information on local bird-watching events, visit [www.weminucheaudubon.org](http://www.weminucheaudubon.org) and [www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/](http://www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/).

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**AT YOUR DISPOSAL** has a FT opening for a driver with a CDL Class B or higher. We offer a great place to work with Healthcare, 401K plan and some overtime each week. Starting wage for the right candidate is \$17 per hour. Please call or come by our office 731-4892 and 128 Bastille Dr., Pagosa Springs.

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**GUN SAFE- AMERICAN SECURITY** used gun safe. LARGE, 20 plus rifles and shelves for storage. Combo lock. Asking \$450. Contact (970)903-9334.

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# PAGOSA SCENE . . .

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PREVIEW photos/Terri House Scene ... at the Festival of Trees public viewing on Dec. 6. As a lead-up to Friday's Festival of Trees event, the general public had the chance to view the trees and vote for their favorites. The top vote-getters were then auctioned off as part of Friday's live auction, with the proceeds from all of the tree sales benefiting local nonprofits.



## Letters to Santa



## Hey kids!

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

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

You can also email your letter to [editor@pagosahun.com](mailto:editor@pagosahun.com) or drop it off at the Santa mailbox at 457 Lewis Street

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