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Adobe: Owners won't rebuild

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Adobe lot, which was home to the Adobe building before it burned in October of 2016, will be sold.

The news came after a meeting of different owners of the property, known as the Adobe Condominium Owner's Association.

"I can confirm that a necessary super majority of the owners voted not to rebuild," said ACOA Vice President Duke Eggleston. "As part of this process, the property will be sold."

Continued Eggleston, "The association will be accepting offers to purchase the property by interested parties in the immediate future."

In October of 2016, the building burned due to what is believed to be a grease fire that began in one section of the building.

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These birds of a feather are flocking together and are on high alert so they don't end up on someone's table for Thanksgiving.

Photo courtesy Holly Hasenbuhler

Sales tax collections 5.72 percent ahead of last year

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

Sales tax collections for September 2017 were 7.6 percent higher than sales tax collections in September of 2016, with the year-to-date collections for 2017 being 5.72 percent higher than the same period last year.

The total sales tax collection in September for Archuleta County was \$929,590.83, according to a report issued on Nov. 9 by Archuleta County Finance Director Larry Walton.

The town and county each received \$464,795.42.

"The month of September 2017 was about 7.6% (\$65,504) higher than the month of September 2016," reads Walton's report. "The 2017 year to date revenue (Janu-

■ See Sales A8

Wolf Creek Ski Area opens for season

Special to The SUN

Wolf Creek Ski Area opened daily for the 2017-2018 ski season on Tuesday, Nov. 21.

A welcomed 12 inches of wet, dense snow blanketed the ski area on Friday, Nov. 17, creating a base for skiers and boarders.

Nova Lift, Wolf Creek's beginner double chairlift, will operate from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with both natural and man-made snow conditions. Nova and Susan's runs will open for

skiing and snowboarding.

Treasure and Bonanza lifts will also operate with very early season conditions. These lifts will give access to skiing on the upper mountain. Unmarked obstacles should be expected.

The ski school is available for both adults and children, including the Wolf Pup Program with the Magic Carpet running for lessons.

Visit WolfCreekSki.com for more information.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

The cast and crew of Curtains Up Pagosa's "Elf The Musical Jr." ushered in the holiday season with four performances of the festive show last week and weekend. The musical followed the story of Buddy, an orphan raised by elves at the North Pole, as he traveled to New York City to meet his dad.

Town and county snow removal guidelines

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

While there may be more sun than snow in the forecast currently, local officials are gearing up for winter and have released information regarding snow removal guidelines that residents new and old should be aware of.

Following are snow removal guidelines for residents and business owners in the Town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County, as provided by each entity.

More information can be found on each entity's website.

Town of Pagosa Springs

The town plows about 30 miles of streets and roads in the winter.

The time required to clear snow and ice from roads varies depend-

ing on the conditions, including the water content of the snow, temperature, traffic conditions and time of day. Because of those reasons, the town may not be able to plow or sand roads at the same time each day or on the day of the storm.

The town has adopted a designated snow route with signage designating no parking during snow events. Violators will be fined and/or towed at the owner's expense. The snow route is effective through the last snow event of the season.

Resident, business owner and snow plowing contractor responsibilities

It is unlawful to push or throw snow onto or across roadways, or to put snow on any public or private property or right of way;

snow must be disposed of on your own property.

It is the property or business owner's responsibility to provide snow and ice removal on sidewalks abutting their property by noon the day following the storm.

Do not use ice melt. Sidewalks damaged by ice melt are the responsibility of the adjoining owner for repair or replacement.

Trash carts should be placed in

■ See Snow A8



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Kim Moore, Pagosa Springs Rotary Club president, and Horacio Jaramillo look at flags from around the world Thursday. As they do annually, Rotary Club members presented every third-grader at Pagosa Springs Elementary School with a picture dictionary to keep, also showing the students how to look up words, presidents, flags and more.

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EDITORIAL

Giving thanks

There is a lot to be thankful for in Pagosa Country. We asked SUN readers and Facebook friends what they were thankful for this Thanksgiving and the responses were overwhelming. The following is a sampling of what they had to share:

"Thankful to live in a town where folks genuinely care for one another." — Krissy Gardikis

"Thankful that Bill Esterbrook hired my husband to teach math back in 1998. I can't imagine living, working, coaching and raising my kids anywhere but Pagosa Springs." — Connie Sue O'Donnell

"I am thankful to have found doctors who knew a way to treat the tumor on my liver. I am thankful for whatever extra time that treatment has given me! And I am thankful for praying friends!" — Sally Logee Neel

"I may not have everything I want in life, but I'm blessed to have everything I need! For this...I am thankful! I have the best family in the world and it doesn't get much better than that." — Isabel Rivas-Vita

"Thankful for the peace and beauty of this beautiful town we get to call home!" — Nikki Taylor

"Warren and the life we share." — Kathleen Grams

"I am thankful to God for my wonderful family." — Katharine Frisbee

"I am thankful that I live in America. Where I am allowed to worship as I please, where as a woman I am allowed to dress the way I want and show my face in public. For my husband who is my rock, my children, friends and family, and my health." — Dianna Bell

"I am thankful for the opportunity to get to know Dick Babillis and for his contributions to healthcare in our community. You did many great things for Pagosa Dick. Thank you." — Jesse Hensle

"I am thankful for the Sheriff/Deputy Sheriffs... Policemen and women, all the EMT's, each and every firemen and women...and all those in the hospital who look after people in and visiting our community. Thank you all." — Mary Lou Sprowle

"I am thankful that somehow I've reached 77 years of age, have such a wonderful wife children and grandchildren and I've been fortunate enough to live in such a great community." — Bill Hudgins

"Thankful that God led us to Pagosa, and it will be our place of retirement in a couple of years." — Pennie Nisley

"Robert Mueller." — from both Mike Zeck and Maureen Kelly Magee

"Being blessed enough to live in Pagosa for five years. We sure do miss it. Such a wonderful little town." — Mistie Bezet Stephens

"Thankful that our 91 year old Momma is still with us for another family Thanksgiving." — Josephine Ribera

"I am thankful that my husband and I have a cabin in beautiful Pagosa Springs Colorado! We live and work in NM but spend almost every weekend in Pagosa! We are so thankful we get to share it with our children and grandchildren." — Cindy Hiser

"I'm thankful for the love from Pagosa Springs People!" — Bruce Young

"We are thankful for neighbors who look out for one another, family who care and pets who have become family and share our lives." — Linda Lutomski

"I am thankful for the many years of my life with my family, friends and God's creation of our beautiful area." — Betty Shahan

"This one life we are given...the good, the bad, the sad, the happy. How lucky are we to be here!" — Brandye Byrd Kiker

"I am thankful that this is our last Thanksgiving in California, and that all of our Thanksgivings from then on will be in Pagosa Springs." — JJ Stone

"Family!" — Rachael Joy Hunyadi

"I'm so thankful for our freedoms, and for women having freedoms, too. Freedom is courtesy of my twin sons, one is a veteran and the other is now deployed." — Lucinda Morris Tagliare

There were a lot more answers than what we had room for this week. We are thankful for your thoughtful responses. What are you thankful for this Thanksgiving?

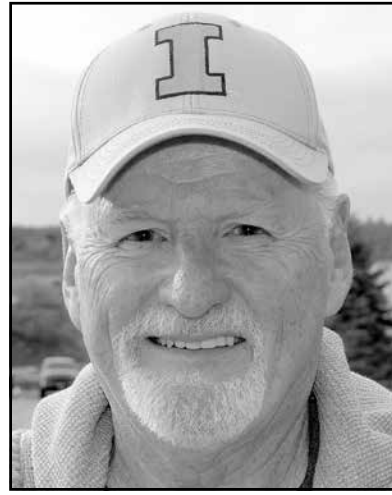
Terri Lynn Oldham House

WHADDYA THINK?

What are you most thankful for this Thanksgiving?



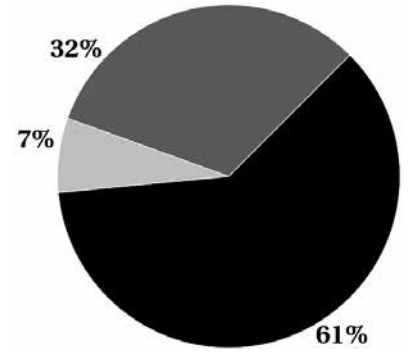
Moises Martinez
"Not being at war."



David Campbell
"My family is all healthy."



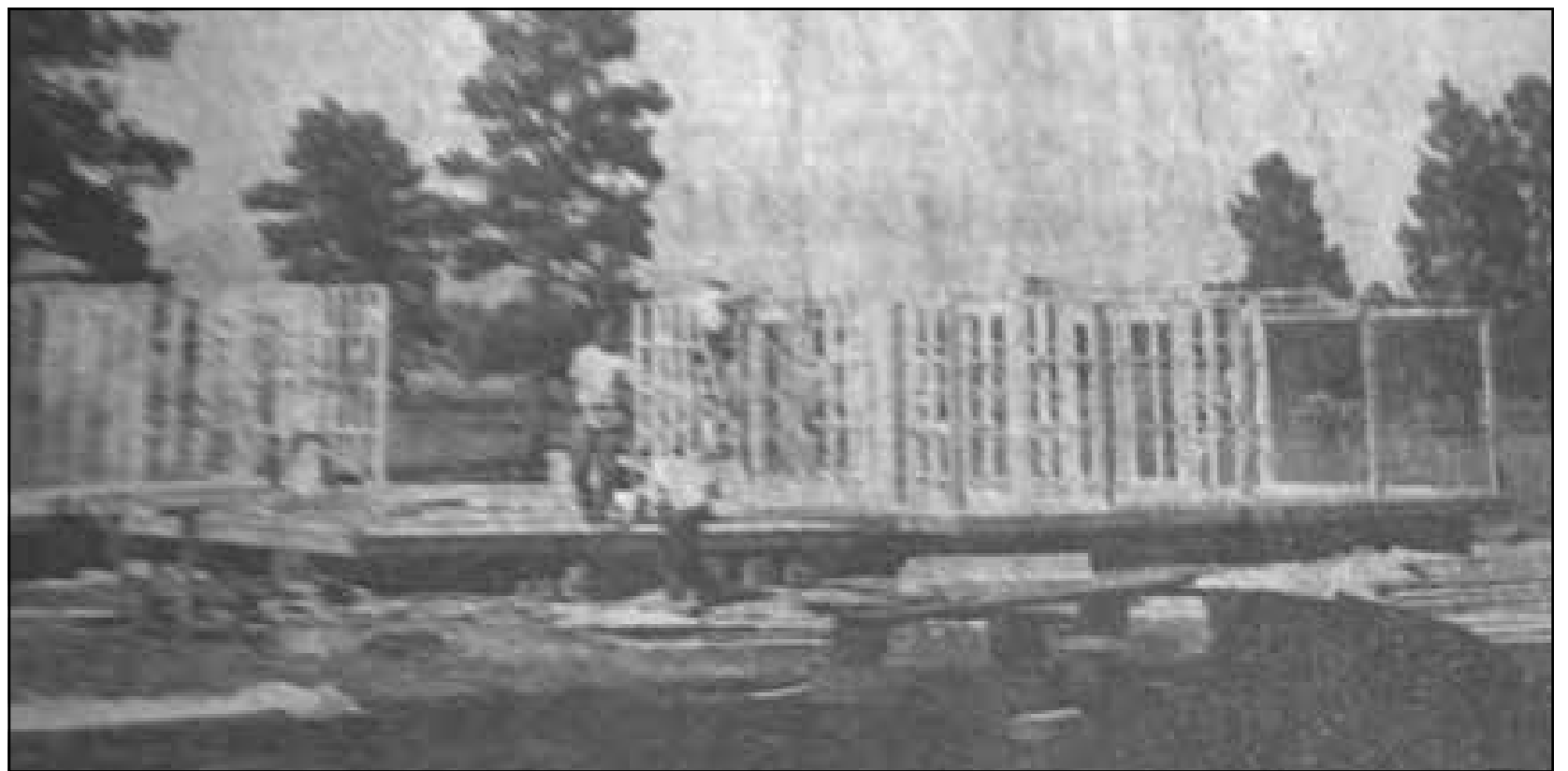
Kain Lucero
"Having the opportunity to educate children."



Poll results (89 Votes)
Friends and family — 61 percent
Food on the table — 7 percent
Health — 32 percent

This week online: What gift would you like most this holiday?
Vote at www.pagosasun.com

LOOKING BACK



From the September 3, 1970, Pagosa Springs SUN. **OFFICE BUILDING** — The office building that will house sales offices and displays of Navajo Trails, Inc. at Pagosa, just west of Pagosa Springs, is rapidly taking shape. The building will have six private offices, a waiting room, lobby, and a space to display models and plats of the various developments of the firm. Construction on the building is expected to be completed in October.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of November 18, 1927

W.E. Colton writes us from Fort Myers, Florida: "Splendid trip all the way. Roads good except Archuleta county and 14 miles in Louisiana. Ten days' driving time."

The Aztec Tigers arrived early this afternoon and will tonight contest with the Pagosa Wolverines in basketball at the High School gymnasium. On the visiting team is a former Pagosa boy, Virgil Stowers, brother of Mrs. Reef Egger.

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Kimball and Fred Catchpole who had been to Aztec to receive and load about 330 head of calves and yearlings, returned home Monday. The cattle reached here the same day by train, about 240 head going to the At Last ranch on West fork and the remainder to C.T. Hazelwood.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of November 27, 1942

Car plates will go on sale early in December in Colorado, according to press reports. In the interest of the conservation of steel, only one plate will be given each motorist this year and it should be placed on the rear of the car. Despite the fact that only half as many plates are issued as before, there will be no reduction in the cost to the car owner.

The Pagosa Springs basketballers lost to Silverton 36-16 in a game played at Silverton Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Macht, Mr. and Mrs. George Alley, Supt. L.B. Whetten took players to the game, and Ray Gibson took a number of the teachers.

Antonio Quintana of Pagosa Junction spent Monday here on business.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of November 23, 1967

The regularity with which runaway trucks go over the cliff at the San Juan Overlook is an established fact. Year after year, the overlook is the scene of fatal truck wrecks. Seldom, perhaps twice, in the more than 20 wrecks in recent years does the driver survive. The cause of most of the fatal accidents is simple, too much speed, not geared low enough, and unfamiliarity with the road. The loss of lives is tragic. The loss of equipment is tremendous and the loss of cargo is fantastic. The San Juan Overlook is known locally as Windy Point. It is also a graveyard for trucks, a scene of utter destruction and of death for many. Some day a way will be found to slow down the slaughter there.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of November 25, 1992

Archuleta County manager Dennis Hunt and county attorney Larry Holthus attended a Nov. 19 meeting in Denver to discuss the ramifications of the recently enacted amendment to the state constitution that will limit tax increases and spending in Colorado. They returned with many unanswered questions and some very real fears about how the amendment will affect local government. "One thing is clear following the meeting," said Hunt. "Even with Douglas Bruce's interpretation (Bruce is the Colorado Springs realtor/attorney who wrote the amendment) there will have to be interpretations of the amendment by the courts. Amendment 1 will, according to Hunt, "hurt tourism-dependent counties and municipalities more than others."

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Letters



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Agriculture

Dear Editor:
Most of the cropland in the southwest U.S. is used to grow hay. This is mainly because there are better places to grow soil-intensive crops. Regional climate models predict higher temperatures and less precipitation, especially in the summer months, when crops are most vulnerable to drought frequency and severity. Relatively small weather anomalies can have a disproportionately large impact on crop production.

Cropland takes up a small portion of land, but irrigation for crops accounts for 80 percent of water consumption in the southwest. Much of this water is coming from the Colorado River, which is already almost completely used up by the time the water reaches Mexico. About half of our irrigation water comes from groundwater, and this is also being used much faster than it is being replenished, stressing our aquifers. As climate change raises the temperatures in the southwest, it will increase the amount of water that evaporates from the soil, plants, and bodies of water.

To protect our agriculture economy and food growing capacity we need to address climate change now.

A revenue-neutral tax on our CO2 emissions is a market-based carbon fee and dividend proposal, is a means of reducing carbon and use of fossil fuels while offsetting the costs of this transition to the average household. Action now will preserve resiliency of our agricultural industry and rural areas.

Ed Atkinson
Durango

Journey

Dear Editor:
I've watched squads squaring off at tug-of-war, admired the tactic where one side on cue lets go momentarily, causing the opposition to fall back on their tookuses. The crafters of this stratagem act fast, grab up slack rope and drag quick over the victory line. I suppose it's cheating, but since everything's usually in good fun, only sour sports complain and revenge, when it is attained, only grows sweeter for the duped, boding well for challenges revisited and the stimulation of good natured grudges.

As an illustration, this stands in contrast with the absolute, interminable stalemate we are so inured to: traumatic news cycle after traumatic campaign after tweetstorm after forced-through partisan vote in this America we now watch far more than we participate in despite what our narcissism machines reflect back to us from ergonomic

frames that, head down, we cradle preciously, "communicating" with each other. Night after night, the late show hosts drubbing us with sarcasm, defending against full blown eruption of national schizophrenia, digest the maelstrom. Armageddon footsie on CNN starring our Monty Hall president and that young'un from North Korea. The Second Amendment with a strangle hold on the First. So much dust kicked up over the endless clash that we barely notice the troops from Clear Channel in our houses, inhabiting our couches, helping themselves, counting on ignorance of what the Third Amendment says. So many options but none that make a difference.

Touchdown of what it stands for, doesn't Kaepernick kneeling in the name of some healing, confronting all crosshairs with Angela Davis' fro, give proof through the night that our flag is still there? Or ... no, he's just a bad hood ornament, devoid of contract as much as honor. There is no give, tug-of-war interminatus, Republican, Democrat, Fox, Maddow, whether it is yes we must build or absolutely no we can't afford, in both cases, invariably, we end up with a jail. Incapacity vs. incapacity, no understanding, no one imagining, except for the clowns perhaps, the serious work that must be done. It is Jerusalem torn, it is children in dread painting their hair what color will most offend the Thanksgiving table, losing heart watching this world that can't articulate basic sense and yet that still expects high SAT scores. Pro-life, pro-choice, anti-gay vs. the queer parade. And then there's Weinstein. Bury him and his movies. Under a pile of 10,000 copies of the book, "The Will to Change," by Bell Hooks. At least we agree on that.

We are waking up to what the abusive masculine is doing to the sacred feminine, liberties we are taking with Mother Earth. It is painful. That is the sense all of this makes, I believe.

Driving up Putt Hill, blindly gripping the wheel as the sun sets, thinking of metaphor, of comeuppance, thinking I'm late, weaving between plumes of exhaust, dark

ego, heading west against everyone heading east, just for a second, I let go.

Jonathan Dobson

Transfer fees

Dear Editor:
The following was sent to the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Board of Directors:

My wife and I have been property owners and members since 1998. We purchased our current condo in 2000. I heard a rumor today that the Board has decided to increase the Association's Transfer Fee from \$50 to \$125 per transfer ... a 150% increase! If that is true (and I do hope I am mistaken), I would like to know the justification. Presumably your records are computerized. How much effort could it possibly take to make the computer entries to reflect a change of ownership? 15 minutes? If so, that computes to an hourly rate of \$200 at the current Transfer Fee. If the rumor is true, the new effective hourly rate is \$500/hour. Are you trying to catch up with NYC law firms? I know Durango lawyers who charge considerably less than that and bring a lot more value to the process than merely updating the ownership records of the Association.

I have reviewed the financial records posted on your web page. The Association, as of 10/31/17, has current cash on hand of \$300,000 (excluding reserves). It has total liabilities, repeat total, liabilities of \$89,000. The association's net in-

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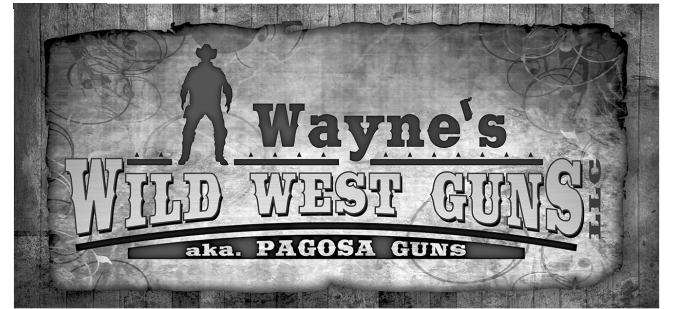
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The Blotter

Items listed in The Blotter report where an alleged incident occurred and the nature of the incident. Readers should not assume employees or owners of a place of business or a parking lot reported as the scene of an event are involved as perpetrators of the incident.

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office
Nov. 13 — Animal complaint, Bauer Place.

Nov. 14 — Agency assist, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Nov. 14 — Information only, Park Avenue.

Nov. 14 — Possession of contraband in the first degree, second-degree burglary, Canyon Circle.

Nov. 14 — Found property, County Road 600.

Nov. 15 — Agency assist, U.S. 84.

Nov. 15 — Violation of restraining order, U.S. 160.

Nov. 15 — Information only, Homestead Drive.

Nov. 17 — Expired license plates, drove vehicle when license suspended, owner operated or permitted

operation of vehicle, Piedra Street.

Nov. 17 — Information only, U.S. 160.

Nov. 17 — Marijuana possession of 1 ounce or less, South 5th Street.

Nov. 17 — Illegal possession or consumption of alcohol by minor, South 5th Street.

Nov. 19 — Information only, South Pagosa Boulevard.

Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

Nov. 13 — Criminal trespass, Aspen Village Drive.

Nov. 14 — Information only, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Nov. 14 — Found property, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Nov. 15 — Agency assist, South Pagosa Boulevard.

Nov. 16 — Animal/running at large, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Nov. 17 — Criminal trespass, U.S. 160.

Nov. 18 — Theft, San Juan Street.

Nov. 18 — Found property, Aspen Village Drive.

Pagosa Springs Municipal

Court: Judge William Anderson

Nov. 15 — Angelo Rivard, shoplifting, six months unsupervised probation, \$469 restitution, 10 days jail (suspended), costs and fees — \$670 (\$635 suspended).

Nov. 15 — Shaina Myers, shoplifting, six months unsupervised probation, 10 days jail (suspended), costs and fees — \$670 (\$635 suspended).

Nov. 16 — Warren Flake, indecent exposure, six months unsupervised probation, five days jail (suspended), costs and fees \$395 (\$360 suspended).

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Nov. 8 — April Coleman, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$260.50.

Nov. 8 — Christopher Charles Armijo, dog at large (first offense no injury), fines and costs — \$76.

Nov. 9 — Paul Redwine, theft-\$750-\$2,000, two years probation, 60 days jail, fines and costs — \$1,503.50.

Nov. 15 Ethon James Tatum, driving while ability impaired, two days jail, 48 hours community service, two years probation, fines and costs — \$2,980.26

Nov. 16 — Jamie A. Nelson, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$258.50.

Nov. 16 — Leslie R. Lunt, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$185.50.

Nov. 16 — Kyle M. Healy, pedestrian-disregard traffic signal, fines and costs — \$202.50.

Nov. 16 — Joaquin Atencio, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$185.50.

Nov. 16 — Joseph Henry Batrix, violation/bail bond conditions-misdemeanor, 10 days jail, fines and costs — \$269.50.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson
No report.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Monday, Nov. 27

Archuleta School District Board of Education special meeting. 4 p.m., district administration office, 309 Lewis St.

Pagosa Peak Open School special board meeting. 5:30 p.m., 7 Parelli Way.

Tuesday, Nov. 28

Town of Pagosa Springs Planning Commission. 5:30 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

Tuesday, Dec. 5

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, com-

missioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

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

Archuleta School District Board of Education community engagement forum. 4 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School commons area, 800 8th St.

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

Thursday, Dec. 7

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District regular meeting 5 p.m.,

100 Lyn Ave.

Monday, Dec. 11

San Juan Water Conservancy District regular meeting and budget adoption. 7 p.m., 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 5.

Tuesday, Dec. 12

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Pagosa Springs Area Tourism

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

Archuleta School District Board of Education work session and regular meeting. 5 p.m. work session, 6 p.m. regular meeting, Pagosa Springs Middle School library, 309 Lewis St.

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

Town of Pagosa Springs Planning Commission. 5:30 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

Wednesday, Dec. 13

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

Town of Pagosa Springs Historic Preservation Board. 5:30 p.m., Town Hall front conference room, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

Thursday, Dec. 14

Pagosa Peak Open School board retreat. Noon-4 p.m., location to be determined.

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

Letters

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come through 10/31/17 is \$276,000 ... \$75,000 ahead of budget. It certainly appears that this increase in the Transfer Fee is not financially necessary, but just a cash grab from sellers/buyers. Are you training to be members of the US Congress?

Please tell me the rumor is false or provide the justification for this outrageous increase. I look forward to your response.

Thomas H. Grace
Belleair, Fla.

Adequate courts

Dear Editor:

There are a lot of things that I just don't understand.

For example, I don't know if my phone is supposed to be on or off in airplane mode if I fly on a commercial plane. I know someone, who will go nameless, that has flown thousands of miles with his or her phone in working mode. Every flight on which this has occurred, I am told by this unnamed person, has arrived at the intended designation and more or less on time. The same thing has occurred when this person's phone has been turned completely off.

I don't understand Einstein's Theory of Relativity. When it comes up, as it does from time to time, I remember a photograph of Einstein with an enigmatic smile. Perhaps incorrectly, I think he made it up knowing that no one could ever prove or disprove it, although people say they have. He is said to have a sense of humor and maybe

this was an example. That's what I think. My math skills are probably lacking so you may disagree and you may well be right. I did my last algebra calculation in the fall of 1961 in a required college class. I have somehow managed to get along without algebra since then.

Something else I don't understand is why the commissioners didn't repair the courthouse after the heavy rain two or three years back. I understand that the insurance settlement was something in the range of \$300,000.00. Even if it were thought at that time that a new courthouse was needed, about which I will not express an opinion at this time, the repairs, in my opinion, should have been made so that the business of the courthouse could continue.

The courthouse may be inadequate in some ways, but we were better off with it functioning than we are now.

Well, maybe I will express an opinion. I moved here about three years ago. I practiced law in Texas for over 40 years and tried lawsuits in a lot of places. Some grand courtrooms, usually in federal courthouses, and some not so grand. I have tried cases where all the parties had to stand up because the courtroom was just too small — the judge had a desk and a chair but no one else did. One of those courtrooms was for a justice of the peace in South Texas who owned and operated a carneceria. To get to his courtroom, such as it was, we had to walk behind the meat

counter. We got our business taken care of and went back to our offices.

I don't think the courtroom on the second floor is inadequate. It seems just fine to me. If the sound in the courtroom on the first floor could be improved, I would like that better but maybe that's my problem, not the courtroom.

Bill Hubbard

Dictionaries

Dear Editor:

This past week, many Rotarians presented a colored dictionary to every Pagosa Springs Elementary School third grade student.

We taught them how to use their new book by looking up exciting words and definitions, identifying different country flags and traveling the world thru the maps. We witnessed the joy and excitement on over 100 little faces. Talk about fun.

As one of Rotary's many community contributions and holding true to our motto of "Service Above Self," this event is among one of the most rewarding projects for us. We once again witnessed how this beautifully illustrated book encourages educational growth.

In addition to the many local, national and international projects we support, including \$20,000 in annual scholarships we grant our graduating seniors, Pagosa Springs Rotary Club is honored to fund this project as well.

JoAnn Laird

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Ten lepers were healed but only one returned to thank Jesus. Nothing is as sad or harsh as when we are ungrateful. Shakespeare wrote, "Blow, blow, thou winter wind, thou art not so unkind as man's ingratitude..."

Many Scriptures call Christians to thankfulness. Not that you have to be a Christian to be thankful but it should be most evident in Christians.

At this time of year we take a day off to celebrate Thanksgiving. Amidst the food, football, and family take some special time to think about how blessed you are and then give thanks...to each other and God. But also, let us live life being thankful every day. *Dorman Diller, minister*



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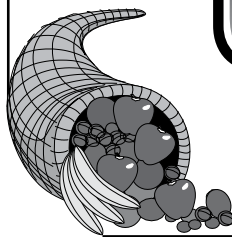
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Business



Board of Health adopts 2018 regulations for on-site wastewater

By Claire Ninde
Special to The SUN

On Thursday, Nov. 16, the San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) Board of Health adopted new regulations governing on-site wastewater treatment systems (OWTS) in Archuleta, La Plata and San Juan counties following a long stakeholder outreach process. These regulations will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2018.

On June 30, new statewide regulations went into effect for OWTS in Colorado. These regulations required all local public health agencies in the state, including SJBPH, to revise their local OWTS regulations to meet or exceed the

minimum statewide standard.

SJBPH conducted outreach beginning in the fall of 2016 with wastewater industry professionals, county planning commissioners, state regulators, the real estate community and many others to write a regulation that protects public health and water quality while providing certainty to the industry and to homeowners.

The 2018 regulations include three major changes toward these goals:

- Direct adoption of statewide design and construction standards to reduce confusion and provide consistency with neighboring counties;
- Allowing more design options,

including smaller active treatment systems, which may reduce costs for some homeowners and allow for septic systems to be more easily installed on difficult sites;

• Beginning in 2019, requiring that most properties served by an OWTS be inspected prior to sale, to identify and quickly repair failing or hazardous systems, and to protect buyers from unforeseen and costly repairs. This requirement is delayed to allow more time for property owners, real estate professionals and the wastewater industry to prepare for the new requirements.

"We are pleased to take this important step in protecting public health and water quality," said SJB-

PH Executive Director Liane Jollon. "The new OWTS regulations at the state and local level bring us closer to best practices in on-site wastewater management. We want to thank all of our stakeholders in all three counties for working closely with us to produce these regulations."

SJBPH will be offering trainings on the new regulations for OWTS designers, contractors, inspectors and real estate professionals beginning in December and continuing throughout 2018. The schedule of trainings will be kept up to date at sjbpublichealth.org/septic.

The complete 2018 OWTS regulations, along with the statewide standards, can be found at the same location.

CHAMBER NEWS

Effective Communications classes begin Nov. 29

By Mary Jo Coulehan
SUN Columnist

Communication affects us in all aspects of our lives. What we hope to accomplish with the upcoming Effective Communications classes will help you not only in your work environment, but also your personal lives. How do you communicate with someone? Why is "saying" something not always the same as "communicating" something?

We may have to have a difficult conversation in our work place — with our boss, with our employees — how do you have that difficult but necessary conversation? How can you de-escalate a confrontational situation or conversation? How can you improve your company's internal communication efforts? Do you ever hear your people say, "the right hand doesn't know what the left hand is doing?" How do you communicate through daily logs or emails? What can you say or not say?

If you have any of these issues in your organization, you should be signing up for the Effective Communications classes that will be held Wednesdays, Nov. 29 and Dec. 13. While this is a two-part module, the classes can be taken individually and will have content that can act alone while also building on what was learned from the first session.

It is just as important that owners take this class as they set the standard for communications in their organization. It starts at the top and if you are not an effective communications leader, the troops suffer as well.

The classes will be held at the Ross Aragon Community Center from 2:30 to 4 p.m. The cost of the class is \$20 per person per class for Chamber member businesses and \$25 for nonmembers. The easiest way to register for the class is through the online registration system on the Chamber's website, www.pagosachamber.com. You can

also call the office at 264-2360 to sign up your attendees.

These classes are conducted by Mary Jen Meerdink, Ph.D., who has over 25 years of experience in coaching and training individuals and organizations. Her engaging demeanor and practical applications will change the way you look at yourself and your business practices.

Stop complaining about how people in your organization don't communicate. Learn some proven techniques to help you become a stronger business through your communication skills. The communication skills learned will also help you and your employees interact with customers in difficult situations.

For more information, contact the Chamber or click on the training poster on the Chamber's home page.

Holiday happenings

Get your calendars out for a

busy kick-off to the holiday season.

On Saturday, Nov. 25, Santa will visit the Visitor Center from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Hot drinks and cookies will occupy those waiting for Santa as he hears the wishes of the children.

Santa will continue his visits to the Visitor Center every Saturday in December from noon to 3 p.m. including Dec. 23. If you miss seeing him on Nov. 25, plan another Saturday to bring the children and make some precious memories.

The Festival of Trees will be held on Dec. 1 at the Community Center. The doors open at 5:30 p.m., with the tree auction beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and can only be purchased in advance from the Community Center. Enjoy live music, hors d'oeuvres and beverages in a fun and engaging atmosphere while helping 20 nonprofit agencies.

The public tree viewing will be held on Thursday, Nov. 30, from noon to 6 p.m. You can vote for your ■ See Chamber A6

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"Great job again by your entire staff. Special thanks to Joanie for extra help during critical times. But, once again, David Cammack proved to be invaluable. He is truly an exceptional real estate agent and an even better friend. Thank you all very, very much!" — *Barry and DeEtte England*

"Thank you for your friendship over the last 20 years, in acquiring our Monument house in 1998 and selling it in 2017. Thank Todd and your adult kids for all the work they did on the house. We will remain good friends and recommend your realty services to our friends who might be interested in Pagosa Springs. We hope to see you in the future." Sincerely — *Don and Cindy Pecarovich*

"Ivy was a godsend to work with. Very responsive to questions and inquires of mine. I look forward to working with her in the very near future." — *Barry Adler*

"My experience with Jann and her staff could not have been better. The pricing was fair, the house sold for full price in one month. The closing was seamless. Jann Pitcher Realty is simply the best! A special thank you to Kathy Vega who did a superb job of keeping me informed every step of the way. She was also very instrumental in getting the window repairs completed." — *John Williams and Carol Cannon*

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"Just a few comments regarding the sale of our Loma Linda property. It has been a great pleasure working with Ivy King. She's always very pleasant and has a positive attitude. Our property has been on the market with several different realtors over a number of years. Our confidence level increased significantly when we listed with Ivy. In addition to selling our property, she was very helpful to me personally, as I had major spine surgery around the same time as the scheduled closing. She assured me that everything was under control, and that I should focus on dealing with the surgery. Everything went well, and I was very satisfied with the selling price. If there is ever an opportunity, I would definitely recommend Ivy to any potential buyer or seller." — *Richard Decker*

"Blue was very responsive at every turn, and when she could not be available her teammates backed her up. She was very knowledgeable about aspects of real estate transactions that I was unfamiliar with and not only was she patiently thorough in answering my questions in order to educate me, but there were instances when she graciously took on tasks "beyond the call of duty" in order to facilitate a smooth and expedient closing of our contract." — *Dearle Ricker*



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Members of 4CORE, Housing Solutions for the Southwest and La Plata Electric Association join with community members and residents of Socorro Senior Living on Monday to celebrate completion of Socorro's new solar project. The project will help the residents of Socorro and Housing Solutions for the Southwest save about 50 percent on their annual electricity bill.

LPEA board approves no increase to electricity rates in 2018

By **Indiana Reed**
Special to The SUN

During its regularly scheduled meeting on Nov. 15, the La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) Board of Directors approved its rate structure for 2018, including no rate increase for all members/rate classes of the cooperative.

In addition to LPEA staff's fiscal

responsibility to the membership in developing rate structure, the cooperative's wholesale power provider, Tri-State Generation and Transmission, stabilized its rates for 2018 and did not raise wholesale power costs.

Development of the LPEA budget is typically a six-month process, where departments analyze the capital needs that ensure the co-

operative's ability to provide safe and reliable electricity service to its members, as well as forecast future capital construction and changes in the industry.

"Part of our mission is to maintain reasonable costs and we take that very seriously," said Mike Dreyspring, LPEA CEO. "I challenged the staff this past year to really hold the line and never

sacrifice service, reliability and communications, but be very prudent so we could keep the rates stable. Tri-State not raising its wholesale power costs was of tremendous assistance in our rate development process to not raise rates."

For additional information, contact LPEA at 247-5786 or visit www.lpea.coop.

Regional platform announced for Colorado Giving Day

By **Community Foundation Serving Southwest Colorado**
Special to The SUN

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado is spearheading a regional effort to increase local participation in Colorado Giving Day, an easy, online initiative for donors to contribute to nonprofits across Colorado.

Colorado Giving Day, Dec. 5, is organized by the Community First Foundation in Arvada.

The Community First Foundation hosts a year-round, statewide electronic giving platform featuring almost 3,000 Colorado nonprofits (coloradogives.org).

Last year on Colorado Gives Day, \$33.8 million was donated statewide, with \$143,595 going to nonprofits in southwest Colorado.

This year, the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado has created a regional platform (swcogives.org) hosting participating nonprofits from La Plata, Montezuma, Archuleta

and San Juan counties. Shared marketing efforts are underway to get word out to potential donors that philanthropy is just a click away, encouraging people to give where they live.

For more information visit www.swcommunityfoundation.org or call 375-5807.

The following Archuleta County nonprofits are participating on the platform and are able to receive online donations: Humane Society of Pagosa Springs Inc.; Rise Above Violence; and Sonlight Adventures Inc.

Chamber

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favorite tree at \$1 per vote. The top vote-getting trees will be entered into the live auction on Friday. For more information, contact the Community Center at 264-4152.

Our shopping cravings can be satiated with Small Business Saturday and the Parade of Stores events. Small Business Saturday takes place on Saturday, Nov. 25. As a business, visit www.americanexpress.com/shopsmall to get

your personalized Small Business Saturday marketing materials.

Beginning on Thursday, Nov. 30, the 12th annual Parade of Stores runs until Dec. 3.

Don't miss the kick-off to Parade of Stores at the Art for the Animals event hosted by the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs on Thursday, Nov. 30. This event will be held at the Two Old Crows Gallery. The event is free to the public and attendees can partake

of hors d'oeuvres, champagne and wine, and live music. Local artisans will be on hand offering a wide array of creative products including local arts, foods, books, jewelry and much more. Then shop 'til you drop all weekend long while taking advantage of fantastic discounts and enter to win shopping sprees.

Membership news

We have one new member join-

ing the Chamber ranks this week. We welcome Amber's Alchemy.

Our renewals this week include the Archuleta County Extension Office, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, Higher Grounds Coffee, the Western Slope "Breakroom" Bar and Grill, and Our Savior Lutheran Church and School.

A very Happy Thanksgiving to all. We have much to be grateful for in our community. Let us pause and give thanks — and let it snow.

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Medical center budget shows cost increases, oncology program

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The 2018 budget for the Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD), which oversees Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC), is in the books, having been approved by the district's board of directors on Nov. 14.

Prior to this month's approval of the budget, budget assumptions were presented to the district's board in September and October.

Among the items noted in the budget assumptions are that the 2018 budget includes a full year of operations in the new clinic wing of PSMC with the specialty clinic combined with the primary care clinic.

The budget assumptions also note a 4 percent price increase and the start of the oncology program at PSMC.

In total, the budget estimates expenditures of \$47,906,180 and

revenues totaling \$49,103,180. Of those revenues, \$12,260,375 is slated to come from unappropriated surpluses, \$1,197,000 is slated to come from general property taxes, and \$35,645,805 is estimated to come from "sources other than general property tax."

With the opening of its new outpatient wing, PSMC merged its specialty and primary care clinics, with the October budget assumptions noting "specialists will now work side by side with Clinic providers." The budget assumptions also note, "Budget volumes for most services are forecast to increase between 1% and 2%. Volumes are forecast to increase 25% in the Clinic exclusive of the transfer from Specialty Clinic, primarily due to new providers."

Those new providers were mentioned more in the salaries portion of the budget assumptions as part of a discussion of the full-time equivalents (FTEs) being added to PSMC,

with that portion stating, "The most significant increase is in the Clinic with the addition of 14 new FTEs inclusive of the transfer of 4 FTEs who moved from Clinic to Registration. We added three providers in late 2017; they are budgeted for all of 2018. We will add two new part-time physicians, accounting for .4 FTEs total in 2018." Those positions, the budget assumptions state, will also come with support staff.

A new mid-level physician is also slated to be added in 2018 to support oncology, with half of that position's time budgeted for the clinic.

"Overall the 2018 budget includes 6.0 physicians and 5.5 mid-levels," the document states, noting that 4.9 new FTEs were added for the new oncology service.

Too, salary costs are expected to increase 2 percent for an increase in the average hourly wage, and another 2 percent in specific de-

partments to make wages more competitive.

The budget also assumes that additional surgery specialists will begin offering services, though no other significant new services are forecast for 2018.

With the additional surgery specialists, surgery volumes are forecast to increase, but GI volumes are forecast to decrease, the document notes.

"The overall weighted volume increase is 4%, exclusive of oncology services and the price increase," it notes.

Oncology services were originally planned to begin in October 2017, but PSMC delayed the start of the program due to finances, with the budget assumptions noting that the 2018 volumes will be lower than those included in the oncology business plan due to the delayed start.

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Social Security matters: Delayed retirement credits

By Russell Gloor
Special to The SUN

Dear Rusty: I have delayed taking my Social Security retirement benefits for about three years past my full retirement age. I now want to start collecting benefits and am confused about the benefit calculation if I start midyear. Yesterday, I went to the Social Security office and applied and was told I would receive \$1,000 month (to make up a number) starting in November and again in December, and then in January the amount would increase to \$1,070. Looking at the award letter online today, it is only showing the \$1,000 starting in November. A long call to Social Security did not result in the person saying the amount would increase in January, so I suspended my claim. Looking further online it appears the \$1,000 amount was the benefit as of January 2017, 10 months ago. Searching the Social Security website seems to say the benefits increase on a monthly basis, not annually — but the \$1,000 is an annual calculation from 10 months ago. There is no verbiage talking about what happens if a person delays collecting and then sometime before he turns 70 starts to collect.

So, the question is: If I do start receiving the January 2017 amount of \$1,000 in November, will Social Security do an adjustment for future payments in January of 2018 for the 10 months from January to October? Or am I stuck with the reduced \$1,000 forever? Signed: Uncertain.

Dear Uncertain: You haven't given me your birth date, but from what information you've provided I believe it to be January 1948, which means that your full retirement age (FRA) for Social Security purposes is 66. Since you did not apply for Social Security at your FRA, you have been building Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) at a rate of 8 percent per year, which means that as of January 2017, you were entitled to 124 percent of the benefit you were due at FRA. You are correct that DRC's are earned monthly and the increase rate is two-thirds of 1 percent per month, so by November of 2017, you would have accrued an additional 6 percent DRCs for a total of 130 percent of your Primary Insurance Amount (or "PIA," the amount you were entitled to at your FRA). However, since Social Security only recomputes benefits to apply DRCs in January of each year, you wouldn't actually receive a benefit increase for that extra 6 percent of DRCs until January 2018. In other words, Social Security does not pay DRCs retroactively.

If you are correct that your benefit amount for January 2017 was \$1,000, by doing the math we calculate your primary insurance amount (PIA, the amount of your

benefit at age 66) to be about \$807 and your benefit amount starting in either January or November of 2017 at about \$1,000, or 124 percent of your PIA. Since as of November you have actually accrued 130 percent in DRCs, you will get the additional 6 percent DRCs starting with your January 2018 benefit (paid in February 2018) for a total of \$1,049 (130 percent). If you instead wait until you are age 70 to start benefits in January 2018, the amount would be 132 percent of your PIA, or about \$1,065 (\$807 x 132 percent = \$1,065). Our figures do not allow

for any COLA increases.

So, if you did start your benefits in November 2017, your benefit then would be the same as it would have been in January 2017, because DRCs are only applied to benefits in January of each year. Then in January 2018 your benefit amount would be recomputed to add the additional 6 percent DRCs you accrued from January-October 2017. The exception to this rule is that earned DRCs are immediately applied to your first benefit payment in any month when you apply for benefits at age 70.

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Loma Linda HOA discusses discrepancies, open meetings

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

Discrepancies emerged between members of the Loma Linda Homeowners Association (HOA) Board of Directors during the HOA's regular meeting on Monday, Nov. 13, which lasted more than three hours.

During the meeting, vice president Bill Trimarco alleged that the board of directors was violating open meetings regulations by communicating via email.

At one point, Trimarco alleged that the two other directors serving on the board, president Mark Douglass and secretary/treasurer Don Haywood, had decided to hire an attorney through email communication.

The Colorado Open Meetings Law states that a meeting is defined as "Any kind of gathering convened to discuss public business in person, by telephone, electronically or by any other means of communication."

The meeting began with Trimarco reading his prepared statement during the "open forum" part of the meeting.

"I presently serve as a voting member on five different boards and committees, in addition to the Loma Linda HOA, for various entities ranging from government agencies to nonprofit organizations," Trimarco said. "The ability of those organizations to function relies heavily on the First Amendment right to free speech and statutes promoting open meetings."

Trimarco went on to say that, at the request of himself and Loma Linda residents, he had asked three times to have items included on the agenda used for the meeting.

"Those requests were denied. I have never experienced this type of

action in any other group in which I participate," said Trimarco. "This is especially important because two of those items concern board actions that were taken without a public meeting."

Continued Trimarco, "The residents of this subdivision will never know about those actions if any discussion of them is vetoed by the board president. I am not an attorney and don't know if this violates any laws, but I do know that this is unethical and inappropriate behavior."

Trimarco went on to state that when the agenda was posted, he was "disturbed" to see that his requests were ignored.

"I also received questions from residents as to why the items that they wanted on the agenda were not there or were worded so vaguely that they questioned whether or not the topics would even be discussed," said Trimarco. "At that point, I felt that it was my obligation as the vice president of the board to post the agenda with all of the requested items."

Trimarco then reported that the president responded by sending out another posting that negated the complete agenda that Trimarco had tried to circulate.

"I wish to go on record as stating that the president of this board, with the assistance of the treasurer, has actively sought to suppress any public discussion of matters that concern how they are conducting themselves," said Trimarco. "This is a great disservice to our community and should not be tolerated."

Douglass then offered a rebuttal to Trimarco's allegations.

"To that end, an email was sent out on Friday, two days prior to the posting of the agenda, and I sent it to both of the other two members asking why these things were going

to be on there," said Douglass. "I never got a response. So, with no response, there was no inclusion, and that's why they're not on the agenda, and that's the only reason."

Trimarco then offered a rebuttal to Douglass' rebuttal.

"No, I did not respond in detail to that, because by the open meeting laws, we're not supposed to be discussing all that stuff there, and I've never been on any board ... if any board member puts up an agenda item, it's accepted," said Trimarco. "It's not up to us to discuss agenda items before they're put on the agenda, and that would violate open meeting laws, if we discuss and decide what goes on and what is not allowed to be put on the agendas in advance, then we would have committed another thing."

The day following the meeting, Douglass sent an email to The SUN in which he wrote, "The agenda, to the best of my knowledge, was set by the Secretary several days before the HOA meeting. After the agenda was sent out, Mr. Trimarco prepared his own agenda. I responded that those items that were not on the original agenda could be discussed during the open forum segment, and they were."

The debate continued when the meeting turned to the agenda item labeled, "Discussion on open meeting law requirements for directors."

"I got a couple in there. I did want them itemized so people would know exactly what we were going to talk about. One of these is the issues that we had that my opening statement was about (with) decisions made to not allow things on the agenda seem to have been done by discussion between two of the board members, and they just decided," said Trimarco. "You seem to have taken respon-

sibility for it, since I didn't answer a question that you sent ... you ignored the other emails. I don't need to hash through all that again, I'm not looking to shame anybody or anything. But what I am saying is that these meetings that go on via email and decisions being made is inappropriate behavior for any board. The residents here deserve to know what we're doing, and any decisions or actions that we're making should happen right here in a public meeting."

Continued Trimarco, "So far I've heard a lot of reasons of all these ... meetings that are allowed without being public, I'm not finding any of that myself. A couple of these things really bothered me. One of these things was the election letter that went out to people that caused a lot of grief for our accountant, for the nominating committee, and that was a decision between two board members."

"That was strictly my decision," Douglass said.

"Well, according to the email that I received here, Don agreed with you and then you took action on that decision," Trimarco replied.

"I had already drafted the email to go out," said Douglass.

"Don approved it, and then it sent out," Trimarco said.

"I didn't approve it," stated Haywood. "He called me on the phone, I wasn't even here, and he said, 'This is happening, I'm going to send out this letter' and he sent me a copy of the letter and asked 'What do you think?' and I said 'It looks OK to me.' Now, I don't know if that's approval, and as I said in that email to you, I don't know if he

talked to you or not, because it was just a phone call to me."

Douglass later said, "It was not a secret meeting."

"Did the public know about it?" asked Trimarco.

"When they got the email," Douglass responded, later adding, "Reminders go out all the time about different things, and they get posted to the website."

Douglass later said, "Well, I apologize for trying to do something right and with good intent. The intent was there to be good. The intent was not to be secretive by any means, way, shape or form."

"To my knowledge, there have been no open meeting violations whatsoever by anyone on the LL-HOA board," wrote Douglass in his email to The SUN.

A member of the audience then pointed out that the board probably wouldn't run into problems like this if there were five directors instead of three.

"You can't have two people talk to each other right now because you have a quorum," said a member of the audience. "That would simplify it if you have five people. Two people could talk to each other, and you're not violating anything."

Someone pointed out that the idea may be easier said than done, and that it could prove difficult finding other directors to serve on the board.

Trimarco agreed that it would be nice to have five board members.

"My main point here is that this habit has gone beyond people just talking to each other," said Trimarco. "There was another

instance of email communication back and forth. May I just ask, did you know that we've hired a lawyer to look into some matters regarding someone's home here and what they're doing with it? Nobody does. How did that happen? Via email, two board members decided to get a legal opinion on something."

Trimarco later said, "This is why I'm very concerned. There is stuff happening with this board that the residents do not know about, and that does not seem right to me."

Haywood asked Trimarco what he would do about the situation, with Trimarco eventually saying he thought that the board should call special meetings.

"Let's finish this up. There's three directors here. You've got an opinion about the way that the meetings law works, and I'm willing to agree to that," said Haywood, later adding, "There (isn't) going to be anything coming from me that doesn't go through a director meeting of some sort."

"In closing, as President, it is, and always has been, my mission and intent to serve all of the property owners of Loma Linda," wrote Douglass in his email. "Any conversations I have had with Secretary and Treasurer Don Haywood have been with the interests of Loma Linda owners at heart. Unfortunately, our third board member is difficult to communicate with and I have not always been able to contact him due to his crowded schedule and unavailability. As a practical matter it is difficult to conduct homeowner business without day to day communication with other board members."

Sales

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ary through September) was about 5.72% (\$399,828) higher than the same period in 2017."

The report lists the following categories as being up for the same period in 2016.

Revenue generated by accommodations and food service increased

6.9 percent, up \$86,284.

Retail increased 5.8 percent, or \$208,545.

Real estate and rentals increased 12.9 percent, or \$24,938.

Information increased 4 percent, or \$9,397.

Construction increased 2.5 percent, or \$3,195.

The following categories were down over the same period in 2016.

Manufacturing decreased 1 percent, or \$3,189.

The "other services" category was down 3.5 percent, or \$3,189.

Professional, scientific and technical services decreased 24.1 percent, or \$5,429.

Snow

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the driveway, a minimum of 5 feet behind the front of the snow berm to minimize the possibility of being knocked over. Trash carts knocked over are the resident's responsibility.

It is the resident's responsibility to remove the snow berm left from street plowing. Reasonable efforts will be made to minimize the berm left behind.

Other information

Parking along U.S. 160 between 2 and 6 a.m. is prohibited. This includes through downtown.

Do not attempt to stop a snowplow or obstruct its path. Plows must maintain speed for maximum efficiency.

When approaching a snowplow from the rear, travel a minimum distance of 200 feet, allowing for the scattering of sand and for abrupt movements.

Be patient. Every reasonable effort will be made to keep roadways open, and all available personnel will be on the road during major snow storms.

Ask permission before moving snow onto a neighbor's property.

Archuleta County

The county plows approximately 340 miles of roads in the winter.

County roads are categorized on a priority basis and the roads with higher priorities are plowed first, such as school bus routes. Remaining roads are plowed based on priority and route efficiencies.

Snow-removal crews normally begin clearing roads at 2 a.m., but crews may not clear lower-priority roads the day of the storm. Weekend and extended-shift plowing may take place under the direction of the public works director when deemed appropriate.

Hills are sanded for safety as required.

Typically, plowing operations begin when there is snowfall accumulation in excess of 4 inches. On days without snow, crews will clean up and push back snowbanks as needed.

Under extreme circumstances, county roads may not receive same-day snow removal. Only first-

priority roads will be plowed and kept open on excessive snow days.

Schedules may be interrupted or postponed due to unpredictable or unusual weather conditions, emergency situations, safety and resources.

Types of plowing operations

There are usually two types of snow-removal operations.

The first occurs during the storm and consists of passes with the plows to keep the roads open. This includes clearing a path sufficient for two vehicles to pass, and clearing cul-de-sacs enough to allow a vehicle to turn around.

The second performs cleanup and preparation for the next snowfall.

Secondary work begins when the storm subsides and consists of widening the traveled portion of the road, pushing snow back and plowing out wider areas on the roadways.

It may be several days between the first and second plowing.

Driveway and access road snow berms

Snow plowing operations may result in a berm across private driveways or encroachments to county roads. Reasonable efforts will be made to minimize the snow that is deposited in front of driveways, but berm removal is the responsibility of individual property owners.

Safety concerns

Children playing in the snowbanks left by the plow equipment is a major safety concern. Machines can be pushing back snowbanks at any time. Avoid tragedies and inform your children that building snow caves and playing on the berms is dangerous.

Other information

Property owners who create hazards in a public right of way, such as plowing snow off private drives, piling construction materials or timber, or placing trash carts, may be subject to prosecution per state statute.

A property owner may also be liable for any injury attributable to hazards they have created in a public right of way.

Roadside parking inhibits plowing and is prohibited along all county roads and within any county right of way. Vehicles in the roadway during snow-removal operations will be towed at the owner's expense.

Homeowners and contractors are cautioned that pushing snow across a county road at any time can create hazards and are advised not to do so. Per statute, it is unlawful for any person to deposit snow plowed from a private driveway, road or other source onto county roads of rights of way.

Trash carts should be placed in the driveway a minimum of 5 feet behind the front of the snow berm to minimize the possibility of being knocked over. The county is not responsible for trash carts that are knocked over.

Driving safely around snow equipment

Slow down and use caution around snow-removal equipment.

Follow at a safe distance to avoid flying snow and sanding material. Stay out of the equipment's blind spots.

Turn your headlights on. Flashing blue lights on a truck indicate an emergency vehicle and it is illegal to pass.

Use extreme caution when passing snow-removal equipment. Before you pass, honk your horn and flash your lights to alert the operator you intend to pass.

Equipment operators often work long hours under trying conditions; be a courteous and friendly driver around them.

Helpful phone numbers

Emergencies: 911.
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LEGISLATURE

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act will help Colorado

This past week, the House of Representatives took a historical step forward and passed a comprehensive tax reform package.

The last time the tax code was reformed was 1986 and, since then, it has become convoluted, burdensome and has started working against Colorado families and businesses. It is past time for tax reform, and the House delivered on its promise to provide relief for Americans at every income level.

In my travels around the Third Congressional District, I have met and spoken with many hardworking Coloradans who are living paycheck to paycheck. They are single parents who work two jobs, seven days a week, but still cannot pay their bills. They are small business owners on Main Street who are weighed down by federal regulations and a tax code that punishes them for being successful. They are families who are forced to make the difficult decision of paying their mortgage or putting food on the table.

Despite the pleas for help from their constituents, some lawmakers in Washington voted to keep our current, harmful tax code in place. There are some in Congress

who would prefer to preserve tax loopholes for special interests and tell Americans how they should spend their money, rather than deliver relief for families and job creators.

These are the same individuals who have characterized the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act as a tax cut for the rich, despite independent analysis that shows it will help Americans at every tax level, especially Americans at the low- and middle-income level.

The tax reform bill will reduce the number of tax brackets from seven to four, reducing tax rates for those who need it the most. Under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, individuals who are currently taxed in the lowest bracket, at 10 percent, will have an effective tax rate of zero percent. Individuals in the second lowest tax bracket, who are currently taxed at 15 percent, will be



Rep. Tipton's Report

taxed at 12 percent under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. The legislation doubles the standard deduction so that hardworking families can keep more of their paychecks.

This is extremely important in the Third Congressional District, because data from the Internal Revenue Service shows that 70 percent of individuals and families claim the standard deduction. By doubling the standard deduction, the first \$12,000 for individuals and \$24,000 that families take home each year will be free from federal income tax — putting that money straight back into the taxpayer's pocket.

Another widely spread misconception about this legislation is that it will only help major corporations. This accusation is inaccurate. The truth is that the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act will also help Colorado's small businesses, which are truly the backbone of our economy.

Under our current tax code, small businesses can be taxed at a rate as high as 44.6 percent and are also currently taxed on the money they reinvest in their business to expand and create more jobs. The tax reform legislation that passed the House will correct this blun-

der by capping the rate at which small businesses can be taxed to 25 percent.

As a former small business owner myself, I am all too familiar with the obstacles in place that punish small businesses, rather than empower them to do what they do best: create good-paying jobs. By reducing the tax rates for small businesses, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act will allow the 57,000 small business owners in Colorado's Third Congressional District to keep their doors open and create jobs in their communities.

In short, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act will be good for Colorado. A recent study by the nonpartisan Tax Foundation estimates that, under the new tax plan, Colorado will add 15,993 new jobs and median-income families will see a \$2,682 increase in their income.

The duty now falls to the United States Senate to champion tax reform for the American people. I look forward to working with my colleagues in both the House and Senate to finalize a comprehensive tax reform plan that delivers the relief Coloradans, and all Americans, need and deserve.

State Board of Education meetings are live streamed, archived

Elections are over. Congratulations to all candidates who ran for their local school boards and to those winning their elections. Now the hard work begins as you serve your community schools.

I've been busy watching elections, visiting an online school, attending the West Slope Superintendent's meeting in Grand Junction, and making new rules as I serve on the State Board of Education.

First, the rulemaking. In one of my 2016 columns, I wrote: "The Colorado State Board of Education does not make law. The Colorado General Assembly, representatives

and senators are the only people who can make law in Colorado. The State Board of Education is responsible for promulgating rules that local districts use to follow the laws."

Since new education laws were passed in 2017, we are now adopting new rules that accompa-



Joyce Rankin
State Board
of Education

ny them. At the November meeting, we voted on the rules Governing Standards for Career and Academic Plan (ICAP). We also voted in favor of the School Health Professional Grant Program and discussed a research grant request titled, "Safe Communities, Safe Schools."

The West Slope Superintendent's conference was held last month in Grand Junction. I attended at the invitation of Chairman Ken Haptonstall, new superintendent of Mesa 51 School District. These meetings give superintendents an opportunity to hear of the challenges and successes of fellow

superintendents on the Western Slope. West End Superintendent Mike Epright earned a huge round of applause for moving one of his schools off of turnaround status on the accountability clock.

The State Board of Education meets two days a month at the Colorado Department of Education in Denver. The meetings are audio-streamed live, and archived for future reference, on the CDE website. Beginning in December, the meetings will be videoed at the same online location.

I'm honored to represent the Third Congressional District on the State Board of Education. Please send me your thoughts or concerns on educational issues.

Rankin can be reached at joycerankins@yahoo.com.

U.S. health care ranks lower than in most developed nations

By Trudy Lieberman
Special to The SUN

One thing I haven't heard much in this latest health care debate is that the U.S. has the best health system in the world. That's different from the last two times around.

When the nation debated the Clinton health plan in 1994 and the Affordable Care Act in 2009-2010, a huge talking point for politicians and special business interests opposed to reform was, "The American system is so good, why change it?"

It's different this year. Maybe that's because the public realizes America doesn't have the best, and their own interactions with what American health care has become tell them a different story. The old talking point doesn't compute any more.

Of course, we've all had some good experiences. And we generally continue to believe that the money we spend on super expensive technology and medicines equates to good care even though evidence shows those costly interventions may not deliver as advertised and actually may be harmful.

However, taken as a whole and measured on several dimensions, including access to care, administrative efficiency, equity and health outcomes, the U.S. compares

poorly relative to other industrialized countries.

In its latest survey comparing the U.S. with 10 other countries — the United Kingdom, Australia, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Germany, Canada and France — the U.S. ranks dead last. This is the sixth time since 2004 that The Commonwealth Fund, which supports Thinking About Health columns, has done such a survey.

"Each time we have managed to be last," says Eric Schneider, a senior vice president of the Fund.

I've been writing about these surveys since they began, but this time the findings really grabbed my attention, especially this:

In the U.S. 44 percent of people with incomes below the median — about \$55,700 in 2015 — reported that the cost of care prevented them from getting medical treatment they needed. Twenty-six percent of those with incomes above the median also said financial barriers prevent them from getting care. That means that the high deductibles and high coinsurance that most health plans now require makes it hard to pay for care.

By contrast in the U.K. only 7 percent of people with low incomes and only 4 percent of those with higher incomes said they had trouble getting care. Yes, that's England,

the nation whose National Health Service has been much maligned by American politicians over the years.

In this latest survey, the U.K. ranked number one overall and was judged the best when it came to equity and the process of care — preventive care, safe care, coordinated care and patient preferences — and third when it came to access. People in Britain seem to be doing OK despite all those queues for services Americans have heard about from the media.

When it came to equity, access to care, and health outcomes, the U.S. ranked last, which also challenges the common assumption we have the best care in the world.

The U.S. has given a lot of attention to health care over the past decade, and the positive changes made by the Affordable Care Act have substantially decreased the number of uninsured and provided generous subsidies to help them buy coverage. I would have expected our rankings to improve. I asked Schneider about that.

He explained that the lack of universal coverage is a barrier and the cost of care is still too high for too many Americans, even if they have insurance. Families with incomes in the middle ranges of eligibility for ACA subsidies — ■ See Health A14

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Education

School board shows support for community college

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

At its regular board meeting on Tuesday, the school board heard a presentation by community member Mark Weiler regarding bringing Colorado Mountain College (CMC) to Pagosa Springs.

Weiler began by describing to the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education what was needed of the board.

"The first step is to prove that the elected officials and community leaders support an initiative to research annexation into their [CMC's] district," Weiler said.

Weiler stated that he had been working on this project for about a month.

"This is amazingly exciting. It is the thing that has been missing in our community forever. We have a cancer that occurs in our com-

munity; our children die from a lack of opportunity for a higher education," Weiler said.

Pagosa Springs sends its students out of the community when they graduate high school because some are unable to achieve a higher education in Pagosa Springs, Weiler explained.

"I suspect that some of the students die from a lack of an opportunity for a better job and a better education at an affordable price," Weiler said.

CMC, according to Weiler, has "the third best value of a bachelor's degree in the United States."

"We are exhibiting a great deal of courage by taking this journey on. I tell everybody it is simple, but not easy," he explained.

The idea of bringing CMC to Pagosa Springs has the chance to change the future for the Pagosa Springs community, Weiler noted.

"Frankly, we have had a lot of division in this community over a variety of topics," Weiler said.

The reason for this division is the lack of a vision in what the community will look like in the future, he explained.

"This is not a tough sell. This is easy," Weiler said.

Weiler then went on to reference a study done by the Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) in which communities that survived the last economic recession well were studied.

At the end of the study, OEDIT narrowed down two communities that other communities could emulate and that, as Weiler described it, "had all four legs on their stool."

"The two towns that they said were excellent were Durango and Salida. What do those two have in common for higher education?

Fort Lewis and Colorado Mountain College," Weiler said.

The road to bring to CMC to Pagosa Springs is going to be long and tough, but it will have a lasting impact on the community, Weiler noted.

"So, there are a number of steps that have to happen. This is the first step. Along the way through this process, through the Colorado Commission of Community Colleges, Pueblo [Community College] would have to agree to allow us to do this," ASD Superintendent Linda Reed said.

Reed went on to say that it has been difficult to access services through Pueblo Community College, which is why she has been so interested in the idea of CMC.

"The board of trustees of Colorado Mountain College has to accept us, also. They don't have to take us, so that's why we need to build a case about why Pagosa Springs is a place that they want to locate their college," Reed added.

The geographic isolation of Pagosa Springs provides a tougher path to higher education for local students, Reed noted.

"To me, what this program offers could be designed to meet the needs of our community," Reed said.

"There's going to be hurdles and there's going to be challenges. I know that. But the end result is worth the journey. Try it. Take a risk. Be dedicated to it," Weiler said.

Board member Brooks Lindner proceeded to ask Weiler what the time line of events would be from passing this resolution to the opening of the CMC doors.

"Two years. You'll have to have a voter initiative, a mill levy," Weiler responded.

A suggestion of getting students to help garner support for CMC was made by Weiler.

Weiler went on to state that he believes this will be the most highly supported voter initiative in the history of Archuleta County.

"Invest in your kids. How do you look at them and say no? You can't," Weiler stated.

For those who have no children within the ASD, Weiler stated that this potential initiative will still be important to them.

Positions such as EMTs, health care providers, police officers and firefighters are all needed by the citizens of Pagosa Springs, Weiler added.

"Those will all be created here," Weiler said.

"Today, we have a problem attracting people to come here. Teachers, firemen, police officers and so forth. Create them here," Weiler explained.

Weiler mentioned that CMC Chief Operating Officer Matt Gianneschi told him, "we create programs that are specific to the needs of the community."

The board then moved to approve the motion supporting the establishment of a community college in Pagosa Springs and annexing Pagosa Springs into CMC's district.

The motion passed unanimously.
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Pagosa Springs Middle School Principal Chris Hinger presents Rosanne Pitcher of Wolf Creek Ski Area with an award signed by various students at the Nov. 14 meeting of the Archuleta School District Board of Education. Wolf Creek Ski Area provided the opportunity for 540 students to learn to snowboard or ski during the last ski season.

Pagosa Springs Middle School announces first quarter honor roll

By Anjelica Gallegos
Special to The SUN

The following fifth-grade students made the first-quarter Pagosa Springs Middle School (PSMS) Honor Roll with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average: Rylie Carr, Elizabeth Currier, Isabel Galloway, Naomi Grimes, Bella Gutierrez, Neena Gutierrez, Peyton Jackson, Kylie Ketchum, Layla Novak, Alexander Pham, Aspen Pitcher, Cooper Ralston, Finn Ralston, Emily Reynolds, Katelynn Turner and Brandt Winther.

The following fifth-grade students made Honor Roll with a grade-point average of at least 3.285: Honesty Anderson, Hayden

Bishop, Nidia Blanco, Owen Burns, Sierra Cowan, Degan Feirn, Savannah Foster, Logan Frady, Angelo Gallegos, Princess Grigsby, Michael Jones, Cadence Kerns, Jason Lucero, Maryah Montoya, Ariel Slead, Gemma Slingerland, Sofia Talamante, Lorelei Vining, Cascia Ward, Nickolas Wilson, Natalia Zamudio and Seth Zeigler.

The following sixth-grade students made the first-quarter PSMS Honor Roll with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average: Seth Aucoin, Kadence Chavez, Jack Hittle, Melissa Jasso-Armenariz, Dennis Kholostov, Blake Laner, Colton Lewis, Natalie Mashue, Patrick Matney, Annabelle Parker, Lucy Taylor, Anne-Marie Uhrenbacher and Jil-

lianna Wyman.

The following sixth-grade students made Honor Roll with a grade-point average of at least 3.285: Jacob Allen, Harley Armijo, Karis Blackman, Collin Bridges, Jeimie Castaneda, Ethan Chavez-Skok, John Cloward, Caleb Crabtree, Chloe Crabtree, Evan Cusik, Alexa Dimond, Donovan Galabota, Trey Garcia, Reece Hammer, Chase Harper, Cole Harper, Brooke Huddleston, Connor Kelly, Kynslie Limebrook, Jeidy Moreno Echavarría, Shahnaz Namin, Brodie Norton, Annie O'Donnell, Hadley Phillips, Noah Rutter, Bailee Shallenberger, Marie Smith, Noah Stene, Jaden Tuggle-Reed, Jacob

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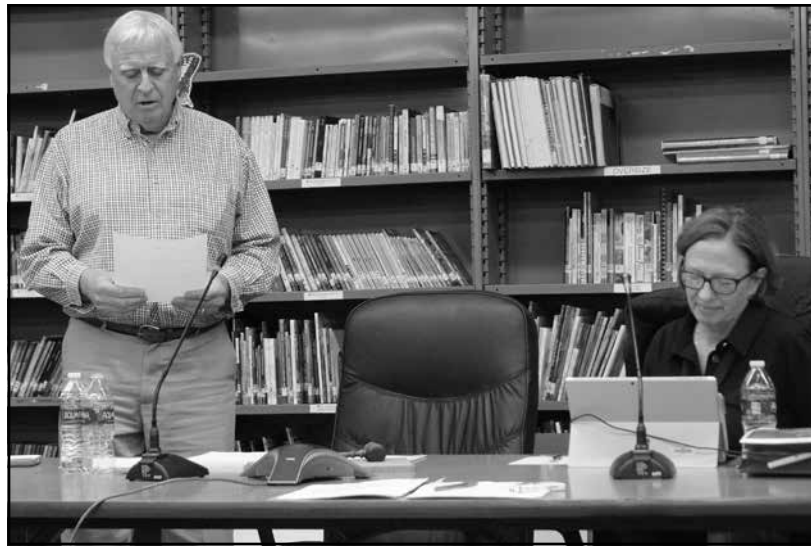
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Brooks Lindner is sworn into office as the director of District 1 for the Archuleta School District Board of Education by board president Greg Schick at the board's Nov. 14 meeting.



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Archuleta School District Board of Education president Greg Schick swears in, via phone, Bruce Dryburgh, director of District 5 during the Nov. 14 board meeting.

PSHS presents advanced studies options

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

On Nov. 14, before its regular meeting, the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE) held a work session to view a presentation by Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) Principal Sean O'Donnell.

Along with chairpersons for the four major content areas at PSHS, O'Donnell described the various options for students who are interested in advanced studies.

These options include concurrent enrollment, College Level Examination Program (CLEP) and honors classes.

O'Donnell began the work session by giving a brief overview of what PSHS currently has to offer students.

Concurrent enrollment

Concurrent enrollment was discussed first and has changed in various areas at PSHS, O'Donnell said.

"The Higher Learning Commission has cracked down on colleges and who is actually qualified to teach concurrent enrollment courses in high school," O'Donnell said.

O'Donnell mentioned that this has limited PSHS in that classes PSHS could offer students in the past for concurrent enrollment, they now are unable to do that because the teachers do not have postgraduate credits in the right areas.

There may be an opportunity to offer concurrent enrollment next year, O'Donnell mentioned.

Online concurrent enrollment

classes are available to students, O'Donnell noted.

"We have not had a high success rate of kids that try to take concurrent enrollment online. Some of the kids that have tried that end up dropping the classes," O'Donnell said.

The online environment is not for every student even though it works for some students, O'Donnell explained.

There are currently two concurrent enrollment classes offered at PSHS.

Creative Writing and Intro to Literature are the two concurrent classes offered.

O'Donnell noted that a bunch of students have signed up for these courses.

"Concurrent enrollment, as much as we can offer that, is best because the students end up getting college credit for nothing," O'Donnell said.

"Well, there is something. It's just that we're footing the bill for it," ASD Superintendent Linda Reed said.

"There is something, but it's not a cost to the kids. The district then pays the bill for the credits," O'Donnell responded.

CLEP

Moving forward with his presentation, O'Donnell explained that starting last year PSHS introduced the CLEP.

The program is through the College Board and allows students to take a CLEP test in any subject and potentially earn college credit for it if they score high enough.

O'Donnell noted that six students took advantage of the CLEP

tests last year.

One student took the test in calculus and the other five students took pre-calculus tests.

All six of those students received college credit after taking the CLEP test, O'Donnell explained.

PSHS students can search for colleges across the country that take CLEP tests, O'Donnell explained.

Teachers at PSHS let the students know about the testing, O'Donnell noted.

Last year, PSHS only tried that form of testing in math courses, he explained.

"We didn't push kids to try and take CLEP in the other areas. This is kind of a trial run for us," he said.

PSHS science teacher JD Kurz has looked at CLEP chemistry tests, O'Donnell noted.

CLEP also offers tests for government and U.S. history, O'Donnell mentioned.

"After seeing how that worked, we are trying to get more teachers on board and letting kids know about it," O'Donnell said.

BOE member Brooks Lindner then asked PSHS math teacher Sabra Miller how the CLEP testing went for last year's students.

"The test is rigorous. But it's not any material that I don't already teach," Miller explained.

Miller explained that in the fall she taught content for college algebra and in the spring she taught content for pre-calculus.

"This was something that we went to when we thought we had an arrangement last year with Pueblo Community College (PCC) that would allow us to offer

through their program concurrent enrollment for our kids," Reed mentioned.

The agreement with PCC fell through at the very last minute before school started, Reed added.

"This was an attempt to address that, because we had kids that were really interested in that," Reed explained.

Miller went on to explain that the test itself is \$85 and that the pre-calculus test is four hours.

"All the kids payed for the test themselves," Miller added.

The content would be the same content that would be taught in the first semester of that respective course, Miller explained.

Miller also added that for some kids, by taking the CLEP test, fulfilled their college requirements for math courses.

Honors English

O'Donnell then turned over the presentation to PSHS English teacher Sally Riggs to discuss the honors courses offered within the English Department.

Riggs began by explaining that the honors English courses have gone through numerous changes due to scheduling conflicts and the number of students at PSHS.

Most of the time, PSHS has made the honors course an add-on to all the English classes, Riggs explained.

This way, students who are prepared for the honors course can take it, regardless of what class they are in.

"That works OK. It's mostly independent study and it's really hard to provide the rigor," Riggs said.

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The following seventh-grade students made Honor Roll with a grade-point average of at least 3.285: Azlynn Blanchard, Jacob Bolger, Chantelle Caldwell, Beatrice Carpenter, Braylon Cotts, Gunnison Dozier, Joah Dunn de Pulido, Karissa Foster, Gabriel Gallegos,

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The following eighth-grade students made the first-quarter PSMS Honor Roll with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average: Wilhelm Aucoin, Arden Blakemore, Sawyer Blakemore, Taylor Capistrant, Olivia Craig, Dimitriy Kholostov, Joel Munoz, Davis Parker, Lauren Peart, Michelle Saucedo, Anneka Slead, Nell Taylor, Theo Warden and Ebanie Wilkins.

The following eighth-grade

students made Honor Roll with a grade-point average of at least 3.285: Sumett Abrell, Thomas Barker, Casey Beck, Kelsey Britton, Vinicio Carranza, Trevan Fletcher, Carolyn Foster, Liliyina Gilbert, Molly Graham, Robert Grose, Jessi Gurule, Logan Harper, Sophie Heidelmeier, Timothy Hittle, Alexandra Howe, Emily Inez, Andre Jones, Christian Kay, Jaden Keating, Samuel Kinsley, Rylie Knapp, Talon Knapp, Jack Lane, Faithlynn Lopez, Kori Lucero, Audrey Martin, Jordyn Milioto, Stormie Mitchell, David Morehouse, Santos Munoz, Ameya Novak, Samantha Owen, Miquela Padilla, Edwin Quintana, Ethan Robel, Charlotte Rodina, Mason Shoffner, Isabella Shortridge, Caroline Smith, Rachel Smith, Jameson Stover and Keira Torrez.



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James Dickhoff

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"We are so proud of James. It is exciting that he has taken it upon himself to seek this professional certification," said Town Manager Andrea Phillips. "It benefits the community to have his expertise on staff. AICP certification is not easy to achieve, and it shows that he has mastered the many intricacies of planning."

Dickhoff has been employed with the town since 2007 and has served as the town's planning director since 2009. He is also the founder and president of the Pagosa Nordic Ski Club.



Longtime custodian Joseph Rivas is presented with an award by Archuleta School District Superintendent Linda Reed at the Nov. 14 meeting of the Archuleta School District Board of Education. Rivas retired after working with the district for 19 years.

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Options

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This year, PSHS English teacher Sean Downing has volunteered to meet with kids every other Monday during lunch to provide more instruction.

Riggs then went on to describe what is asked of honors students within the course.

The students choose a novel to read that is extra to the course. The students then annotate the novel and find fiction and nonfiction pieces that go with the novel, Riggs explained.

The students then must develop a thesis that includes materials from the class with the extra novel. Following that, the students must present their thesis in two minutes and answer questions from the English department for eight minutes, Riggs explained.

An idea to combat the scheduling issue for honors classes would be to have students attend a "zero hour" between 7 and 8 a.m. before school starts, Riggs noted.

Honors science

PSHS science teacher Heather Miller then joined the presentation to discuss science honors courses.

She began her portion of the presentation by discussing the integrated science classes.

"Those are the honors specific classes and what we do for the honors specific classes is we integrate more advanced labs that we couldn't do with a typical general class," she said.

Topics covered in these advanced labs are things such as: electricity and Ohm's law, titration, photosynthesis and gel electrophoresis, Heather Miller explained.

Within the honors classes, she explained that more in-depth discussions are being held.

The presentation then turned toward the types of science electives that PSHS offers.

Similarly to the English department, the students who take honors science do mostly independent studies, Heather Miller noted.

The students then have an opportunity to present at various locations, such as science fairs, community meetings or some other approved venue, she noted.

Students taking the principles of Biomedical Science class and Human Body Systems class are eligible for college credit through University of Colorado at Colorado Springs (UCCS), she explained.

"The downfall with this is it goes in just as an elective science credit; it does not replace anything," Heather Miller said.

Honors social studies

PSHS social studies teacher Doug Hershey added to the presentation to discuss honors classes within his department.

Hershey began his talk by stating that geography was offered for dual enrollment from 2008 to this year through CSU-Pueblo.

"This was one of the classes that we were no longer able to offer because of the change by the Council of Higher Education to instructor requirements," Hershey said.

PSHS is exploring options to help students who are interested in taking CLEP courses, Hershey mentioned.

"We work to make our classes challenging for all levels of learners," Hershey said.

Within the social studies classroom, Hershey went on to describe how he implemented methods utilized in previous dual-enrollment classes into regular social studies classes this year.

The use of Quizlet, an online format, allows students to access ideas and terms, Hershey explained.

Quizlet allows Hershey to oversee the students and track their progress.

Quizlet Live also allows for the students to work together collaboratively and compete against other student teams, Hershey explained.

In terms of honors classes for social studies, Hershey stated that PSHS is still debating the issue.

"We've done programs similar, in the time that I've been in social studies, to the programs that you've heard here," Hershey said.

He went on to explain that the limited number of kids who were interested in taking an integrated honors class made it challenging for the teachers.

"There was never more than two or three per class and that added burden of making what was essentially a whole other lesson plan for two or three kids became more and more difficult," Hershey explained.

The issue with the lack of honors courses in social studies had to do with the changes made by the Council of Higher Education committee, he explained.

"Historically, what it's always been is that as long as you have a master's degree and a certain number of graduate hours in your content area you were qualified to teach that content area," Hershey said.

The changes that have been made now require teachers to have a master's degree specifically in that content area, Hershey explained.

For example, to teach geography, the teacher must have a master's degree in geography, Hershey said.

O'Donnell then noted that there

is a possibility that grants are available for rural educators to become certified in certain content areas.

Honors math

Sabra Miller then closed out the presentation by discussing the honors math classes.

In the past, the honors math program has had a variety of options, she said.

"What we've done is gone strictly to a project-based; the department has decided that would be the most valuable," she explained.

Sabra Miller went on to describe that because math is already a leveled subject, students need to be enrolled in math III, pre-calculus or calculus to be able to take an honors option.

What the students would do is decide on a project in an area of their interest that incorporates the level of math that they are currently taking, Sabra Miller added.

"We would like them to seek out experts in the field that could assist them in this project. The math that they endeavor needs to be relevant to their question and we'd like them to explore future career goals," she explained.

Stricter guidelines have also been established for these honors students, she said.

Calculus students also have the option to take the AP test or the CLEP exam, she noted.

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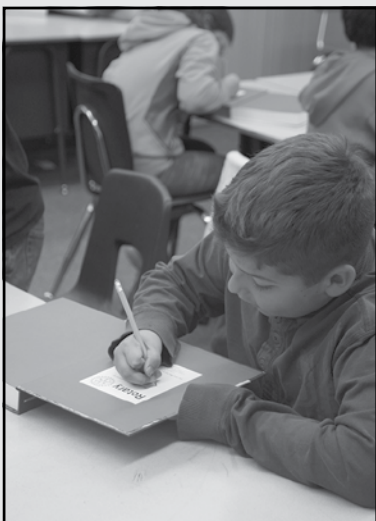
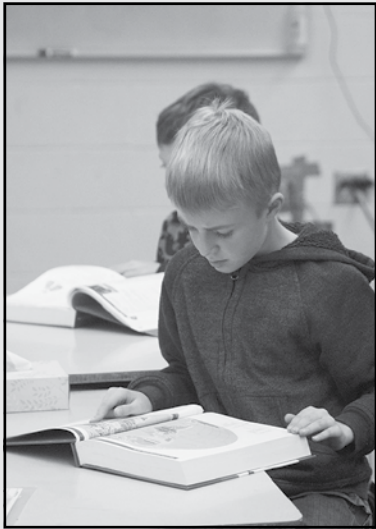
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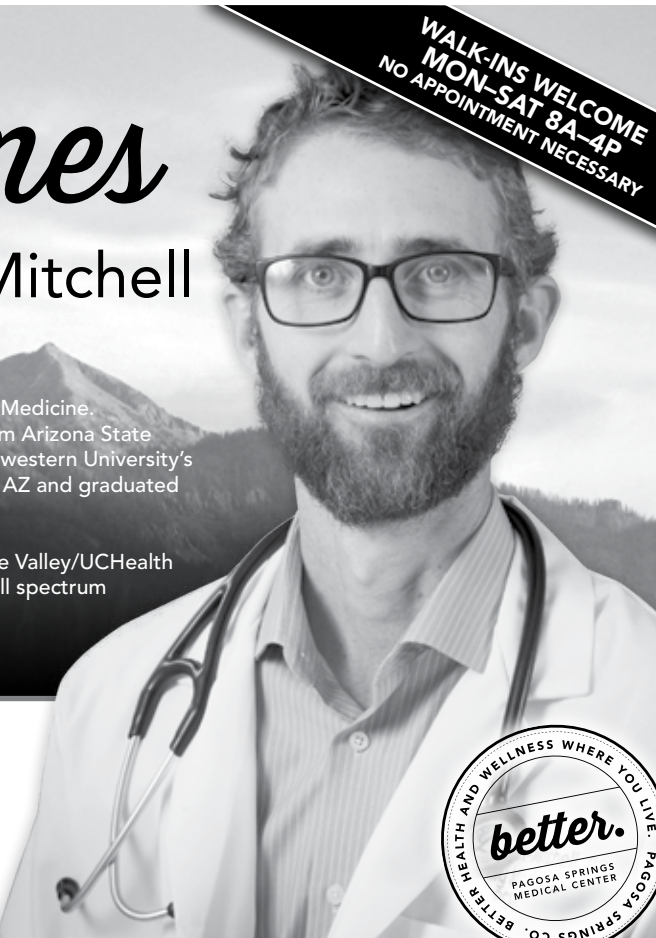
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Are you ready for Old Man Winter?

By April Prout-Ralph
Special to The SUN

With winter right around the corner, utility facility owners have a few tips to help with preparation for Mother Nature's white carpet.

Proactivity can make a huge difference in how you "weather" the storm.

Before winter sets in, prepare your home with these tips:

- Insulate walls and attics, caulk and weather-strip doors and windows, install storm windows or cover windows with plastic to extend life of your fuel supply. If you have unprotected water lines, heat tape will help keep them from freezing.

- Winterize any exterior shelters (barns, sheds, etc.) and your home by clearing rain gutters of debris. Check gutters and downspouts for proper fastening and reseal them if they are loose or sagging (this will prevent the heavy snow and ice from pulling them off). Check that downspouts extend away from the house by at least 5 feet to prevent foundation flooding and damage from snowmelt. Because, yes, winter will go away someday.

- Repair roof leaks, check for damaged shingles, deteriorated flashing at the chimney, skylights and around vent pipes and seal joints where water could penetrate. Make sure that all roof vents and openings are covered to prevent insects, birds and rodents from getting inside to nest in a warm place.

- Annual chimney inspections will help to ensure your chimney is clean of soot or creosote and that there are no cracks or voids that could be a fire hazard. During these annual inspections, you can also

check for drafts and a warped, worn or rusted damper, all of which can cause leaks and extra heating costs.

- Cleaning and replacing filters in your furnace and/or home humidifier will prove efficiency and air quality. Removing or covering air conditioners in windows will help prevent drafts. Don't forget to switch fans to the reverse or clockwise position so that warm air will blow down to the floor for energy efficiency and comfort.

- Carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning can happen at any time of the year, but the danger is greater during the winter when doors and windows stay closed and fireplaces, gas heaters or other fuel-burning appliances are in use. Make sure batteries on smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms are properly working; change the batteries when you change the clock for daylight savings time.

- Insulating and preparing the inside and outside of your house will not only help with energy savings, it will also keep you safe and warm all winter.

- Have your water turned off at the meter if you will be gone for an extended period of time — this is a free service if scheduled during the normal business hours (see phone numbers below).

- Visit www.cotrip.org before setting off on a winter road trip or to check your drive to work; check road conditions on Colorado interstates and highways, statewide travel alerts, weather information and road work from our friends at CDOT.

When a storm is forecast, our friends from La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) have several

great recommendations: charge all cellphones, tablets or laptops, and keep an old corded phone handy as it will function without electricity. Make sure batteries for LED lanterns and flashlights are fresh, have a radio with batteries, and have candles and matches for backup. Stock up on water — have an ample supply for three to four days — foods that don't need preparation, pet food, infant formula, prescription medications and gasoline for snowblowers or generators (do not hook a generator up without a double throw switch to existing power supply), plus have a manual can opener and first aid kit. Be prepared that power outages could happen.

Work together with your neighbors. Keep in contact not only with your neighbors, but anyone you know with a medical issue, too. Be sure and check the snow load on your roof; check the neighbor's, too, to avoid potential roof collapses.

When the winter cold finally arrives, be aware of the temperatures. Warmer storms will bring heavy, wet snow that can snap trees or tree branches, downing power lines, or lines may be affected by bouts of large accumulation. Stay away from the affected power lines and immediately contact LPEA. Colder temperatures bring lower-moisture snow that does not adhere to lines or branches but can cause pipes to freeze and break. During these cold spells, keep in mind the following tips: allow faucets to drip a bit of water to keep pipes from freezing, make sure fuel-burning equipment that is vented to the outside is kept clear from snow and ice, and know how/where to shut off water valves

in case pipes do freeze.

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

Ice dams and ice dams can be a sign of a lack of proper home insulation, the hot air is rising into the attic rather than staying inside your home. In essence, money used to heat the inside of your home is dripping off the roof. Keeping your roof clear of snow, ice and icicle build-up is essential so that excessive snow and ice do not fall and damage or destroy gas/electric meters or lines. Finally, make sure all your favorite furry creatures are brought indoors and that livestock have the ability to get to food and unfrozen water.

Important phone numbers

Emergency — 911.
Nonemergency dispatch — 731-2160.
LPEA — 247-5786.
Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District — 731-2691.
Black Hills Energy — (800) 694-8989.
Town of Pagosa Springs — non-emergency — 264-4151.
For additional information, contact April Ralph at aproutr-ralph@co811.org or (719) 221-2391.

Clogged pipes sure to provide sinking Turkey Day feeling

Special to The SUN

Dumping fat from turkeys, bacon, ham and roasts into your pipes or disposing of cooking oil in the sink is a recipe for disaster this Thanksgiving.

Grease is the word — and a dirty one at that — when preparing holiday feasts, particularly when other foodstuffs such as potato and carrot peels or bones also are sent down the pipes, destined to be trapped by a substance that con-

geals into hardened sludge mere hours after it had been liquefied.

The Division of Professions and Occupations (DPO) at the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), which manages the licensing of the state's plumbing professionals, wants consumers to avert an emergency plumbing call.

Take five minutes to review these tips to avoid common plumbing blunders around holiday feasts:

- Use paper towels to wipe

grease from pots, then throw them into the trash. Or, pour grease into a container, let it solidify, then discard the container.

- Use a sink strainer to prevent food from passing through into the pipes.

- If using a disposal, make sure to turn it on and run the water for at least 20-30 seconds after discarding scraps.

- Avoid putting stringy or fibrous waste into a disposal.

- Run the water thoroughly after

using the disposal.

- If there are numerous house guests, wait about 10 minutes between showers so slow drains can clear.

- Take care of plumbing problems before the holidays.

And, if you must call a plumber, DPO encourages you to check askDORA.colorado.gov and click "Verify a License" before putting in a work order to ensure the plumber is licensed and in good standing.

Tips on avoiding fraudulent charitable contribution schemes

Special to The SUN

The National Center for Disaster Fraud reminds the public to be aware of and report any instances of alleged fraudulent activity related to relief operations and funding for victims.

Unfortunately, criminals can exploit disasters for their own gain by sending fraudulent communications through email or social media and by creating phony websites designed to solicit contributions.

Tips should be reported to the National Center for Disaster Fraud at (866) 720-5721. The line is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Additionally, emails can be sent to disaster@leo.gov, and information can be faxed to (225) 334-4707.

The U.S. Department of Justice established the National Center for Disaster Fraud to investigate, prosecute and deter fraud in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, when billions of dollars in federal disaster relief poured into the Gulf Coast region. Its mission has expanded

to include suspected fraud from any natural or man-made disaster. More than 30 federal, state and local agencies participate in the National Center for Disaster Fraud, which allows the center to act as a centralized clearinghouse of information related to disaster relief fraud.

The public should remember to perform due diligence before giving contributions to anyone soliciting donations or individuals offering to provide assistance to those affected. Solicitations can originate from social media, emails, websites, door-to-door collections, flyers, mailings, telephone calls and other similar methods.

Before making a donation of any kind, consumers should adhere to certain guidelines, including:

- Do not respond to any unsolicited (spam) incoming emails, including clicking links contained within those messages, because they may contain computer viruses.

- Be skeptical of individuals representing themselves as members

of charitable organizations or officials asking for donations via email or social networking sites.

- Beware of organizations with copycat names similar to but not exactly the same as those of reputable charities.

- Rather than follow a purported link to a website, verify the legitimacy of nonprofit organizations by utilizing various Internet-based resources that may assist in confirming the group's existence and its nonprofit status.

- Be cautious of emails that claim to show pictures of the disaster areas in attached files because the files may contain viruses. Only open attachments from known senders.

- To ensure contributions are received and used for intended purposes, make contributions directly to known organizations rather than relying on others to make the donation on your behalf.

- Do not be pressured into making contributions; reputable charities do not use such tactics.

- Be aware of whom you are

dealing with when providing your personal and financial information. Providing such information may compromise your identity and make you vulnerable to identity theft.

- Avoid cash donations if possible. Pay by credit card or write a check directly to the charity. Do not make checks payable to individuals.

- Legitimate charities do not normally solicit donations via money transfer services. Most legitimate charities' websites end in .org rather than .com.

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Outdoors

Bird identification classes offered prior to Christmas Bird Count

By Keith Bruno
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Springs Christmas Bird Count (CBC) will take place on Dec. 16. Participants are invited to attend the wrap-up party and chili dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. at the PLPOA Clubhouse.

In the event of foul weather on Dec. 16, the proposed alternate date for the count is Dec. 17.

To prepare for the count, Audubon Rockies' Keith Bruno will host a bird identification class, "Winter

Birds 101," on two evenings — Nov. 29 and Dec. 6 — from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Community United Methodist Church meeting room on Lewis Street.

We hope you'll join in on the fun, learning about birds and contributing to citizen science. For more information about the CBC, visit: www.audubon.org/conservation/science/christmas-bird-count or check out the website at www.weminucheaudubon.org.

To get involved, please contact Bruno at kbruno@audubon.org.



Photo courtesy Byron Greco

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San Juan National Forest Pagosa District roads to close on fixed dates again this winter

By Ann Bond
Special to The SUN

As was done last year, the Pagosa Ranger District will be closing (gating) most forest roads based on a fixed date, unless resource and safety considerations warrant an earlier closure.

In other words, weather and road conditions may still necessitate that some roads be closed to wheeled motor vehicles prior to their prescribed closure date; however, roads will not remain open beyond that date.

The following Pagosa Ranger District roads will close on Dec. 1:

- Blue Creek, No. 012/Big Branch No. 664
 - Snowball, No. 646
 - Echo Canyon, No. 029
 - Turkey Springs, No. 629 lower/middle gate
 - Eight Mile Mesa, No. 651
 - Kenney Flats, No. 006
 - Valle Seco Upper, No. 653 to private property
 - Burns Canyon, No. 649 (above second gate)
 - First Fork, No. 622 (gate at Sheep Circle)
 - West Monument, No. 630
- The following roads will close on Dec. 15:
- Castle Creek, No. 660 to Opal

Lake trailhead

- Lefthand Canyon, No. 024
 - Fawn Gulch Road, No. 666
 - Trail Ridge, No. 639
 - West Fork, No. 648
 - Williams Creek, No. 640 and Poison Park (644)
 - Nipple to Echo
 - Devil Creek, No. 627 to state wildlife area
- The following roads will close on Dec. 21:
- First Fork, No. 622 (main gate)
 - East Fork, No. 667
 - Fourmile Road, No. 645
 - Jackson Mountain, No. 037
 - Snow Ranch, No. 628
 - Turkey Creek, No. 647

- Turkey Springs, No. 629, upper gate
- McManus, No. 633 (at Plum-taw intersection)
- Middle Fork, No. 636 and Toner No. 637
- Plumtaw, No. 634
- Burns Canyon, No. 649 (to second gate)
- Jack's Pasture, No. 746

The following roads will close on Jan. 5, 2018:

- Blanco River, No. 656
- Devil Mountain, No. 626
- Mosca, No. 631
- Buckles Lake, No. 663
- Price Lakes, No. 731

Since some roads may need to be closed prior to their set dates, it is still important for forest visitors to contact the Pagosa Ranger District to obtain the most up-to-date road information prior to heading out to the forest during the early winter season.

Please stop in or call the Pagosa office at 264-2268, or visit our website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/sanjuan/alerts-notices/?cid=stelprdb5262330>.

Support Chimney Rock Interpretive Association on Colorado Gives Day, Dec. 5

By Nadia Werby
Special to The SUN

The Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) invites the public to support their efforts to preserve and protect Chimney Rock National Monument (CRNM) and to educate the public on this culturally significant piece of history by donating to CRIA on Colorado Gives Day, Dec. 5.

CRIA, a nonprofit 501(c)3, operates the interpretive program at the monument under a Participating Agreement with the U.S. Forest Service.

Colorado Gives Day is an annual statewide movement to celebrate and increase philanthropy in Colorado through online giving. This is CRIA's fourth year participating in this very important event. As a participating nonprofit on ColoradoGives.org, CRIA will benefit from this initiative in many ways.

"The donations CRIA receives on Colorado Gives Day help to ensure our education and preservation mission," stated Danyelle Leentjes, administrative director for CRIA. "Our goal is to raise \$5,000 this year, which is a big part of our annual operating budget."

CRIA has an annual operating budget of over \$150,000. This budget supports important education and preservation programs at the monument such as: "school group week" (free tours for all schools the week before opening), the Junior Archaeologist booklet and badge (free to all children), Life at Chimney Rock two-day annual festival (free event attended by over 600 people), audio devices for tours, maintenance materials and equipment for the site, and volunteer recruitment and training for 80-plus volunteers.

With over 13,500 visitors and 70 local volunteers managing CRNM and

providing personally guided tours, CRNM is alive with activity.

A recent economic study has estimated that CRNM contributes an additional \$1.5 million to the local economy each year.

With a 61 percent increase in visitation since becoming a national monument in 2012 and the Forest Service slated to start two years of infrastructure improvements at the site, this is a very exciting time for CRNM. These improvements inevitably will bring even more visitors, which increases the need for more volunteers, and with that comes more expenses.

CRIA relies on tour fees, donations and grants and does not receive any federal funding to run the interpretive program. Please consider making a donation to CRIA on Dec. 5 through ColoradoGives.org. Go to ColoradoGives.org and search for Chimney Rock, then click on the CRIA logo.

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Sports



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Nov. 16 was the last game night for six teams of 7- and 8-year-olds participating in the town's parks and recreation basketball program. All players received a basketball and ice cream cone. The parks and recreation basketball 9-12 division sign-ups are being held until Dec. 29. Practices will begin mid-January, with games starting in February.

RECREATION NEWS AND COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

Festival of Trees tickets available, free public viewing set for Nov. 30

By Darren Lewis
SUN Columnist

Mark your calendars for this year's Festival of Trees event on Dec. 1.

Tickets are \$25 per person, and table reservations are also available. Tickets to this event are only sold in advance and can only be purchased at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

Come out for a night of live and silent tree auction, live music by Steve Blechschmidt, cash bar and hors d'oeuvres.

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Youth basketball ages 9-12

The Recreation Department is currently accepting registration through Dec. 29 for youth basketball for ages 9-12.

The cost is \$35 and registration may be completed online or at the Community Center.

Practice will start mid-January,

with games beginning in February.

Please call the Recreation Department with any questions at 264-4151, ext. 232.

Online registration

The Recreation Department offers online registration for most youth programs.

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For more information, call the recreation office at 264-4151, ext. 232.

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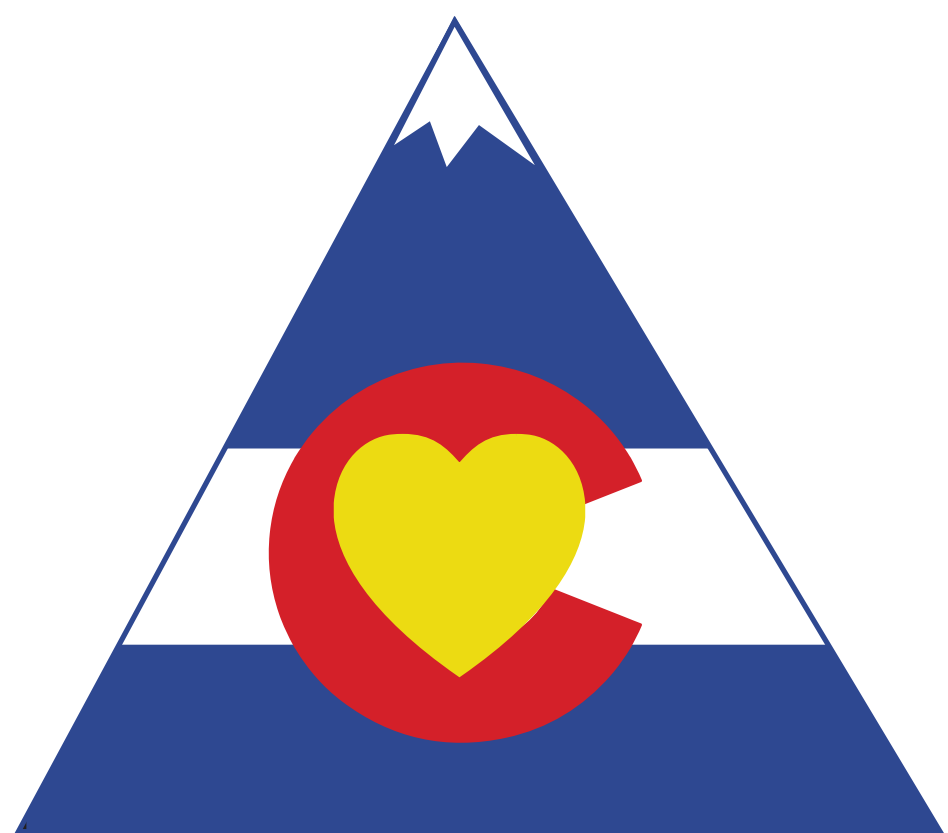
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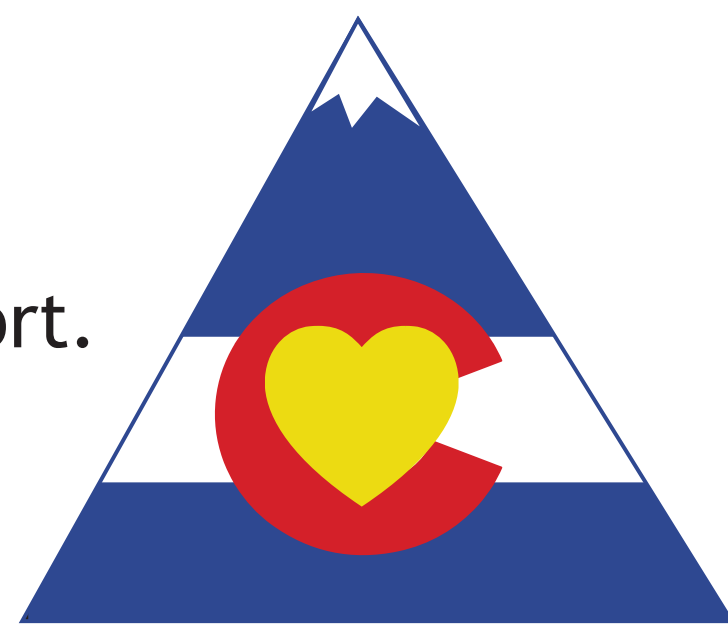
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ARTS & LIFE

Happy Thanksgiving





Photo courtesy Richard Bolland


Dan Burch directs members of the Pagosa Springs Community Choir as they rehearse for the upcoming annual Christmas concerts to be performed on Dec. 1, 2 and 3 in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. The Friday and Saturday concerts will start at 7 p.m. and the Sunday concert will begin at 4 p.m. All performances are free to the public.

Community Choir putting finishing touches on Christmas concert

By Richard Bolland
Special to The PREVIEW

With the Christmas holiday quickly approaching, the Pagosa Springs Community Choir is rehearsing

and putting on the finishing touches for the upcoming Dec. 1, 2 and 3 community Christmas concerts. Singing under the theme of "Noel," Director Dan Burch, Pagosa Springs High School music director, **■ See Concert on page 4**

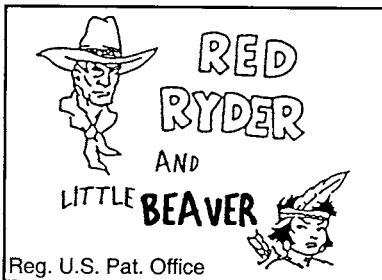


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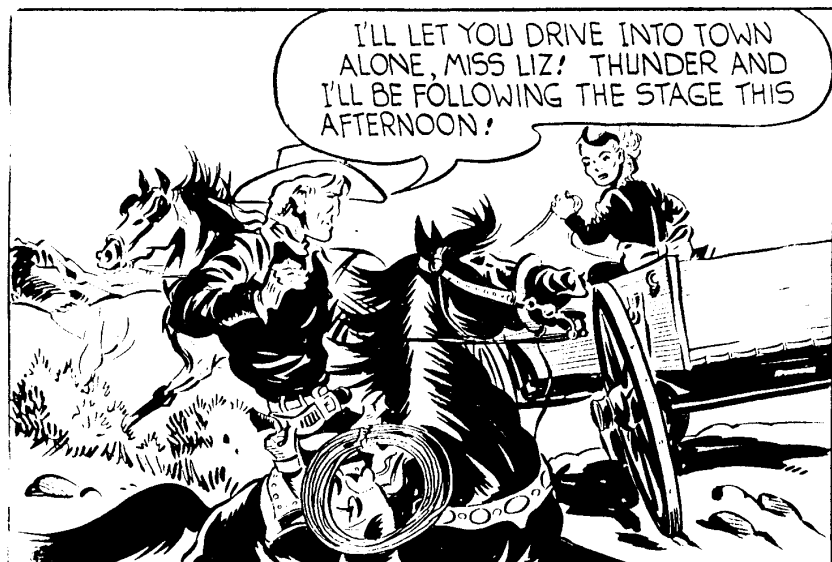
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Pagosa Springs Girls Choir concert, 'Jingle All the Way,' to feature local soprano

By Linda Parker
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir (PSGC) will be presenting traditional holiday choral music at its concert on Dec. 7.

The concert, titled "Jingle All the Way," will be held at 7 p.m. at the Community Methodist Church and will feature a well-known Pagosa musician. Rachel Hellwege-Vaughan will sing some Christmas favorites before performing a song with the PSGC.

Additionally, the audience will be invited to participate in the concert with the annual sing-along.

Hellwege-Vaughan grew up in St. Louis, Mo., and was introduced to music by her mother, who trained her from a young age to sing in a trio at her church. Hellwege-Vaughan also sang in her high school ensemble and choir and, as an adult, became a member of the St. Louis Metro Singers.

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Photo courtesy Jeff Laydon

The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir's holiday concert will feature soprano Rachel Hellwege-Vaughan at 7 p.m on Dec. 7. at the Community United Methodist Church.

Concert

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and accompanist Venita Burch are leading this year's edition of the choir to present such selections as, "Here We Come A-Caroling," "Christmas In the Great Hall," and "He Is Born."

The select Jazz Ensemble will present "Swingin' St. Nick," and "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas" to start the concert off

with some fun and heartwarming selections.

The Community Choir is comprised of about 60 of your Pagosa Springs neighbors and friends who have been rehearsing since Sept. 12 to prepare their performance and to enhance Pagosa's celebration of the Christmas season.

All of the concerts are free of charge, with only a free-will offer-

ing being received to provide music scholarships for students at Pagosa Springs High School.

All three concerts will be performed in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium, with the Dec. 1 and 2 concerts beginning at 7 p.m. and the Dec. 3 concert beginning at 4 p.m. All members of the community and visiting guests are welcome to attend.

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Hand-drumming class participants pose for a photo. The class works to engage the brain through exploring playing techniques, indigenous songs, body percussion, improvisation and composition. It is open to all ages.

Hand-drumming class picks up steam, next class Tuesday

By Paul Roberts
Special to The PREVIEW

Join musician and music therapist Paul Roberts for a free hand-drumming class at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse on Tuesday, Nov. 21, at noon.

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

one. Even participants who have no experience playing a musical instrument can immediately get into the groove.

Body percussion is a delightful adjunct to hand drumming. Body percussion is the art of using the human body to sound rhythmic patterns by combining patting, snapping, clapping and stomping to create percussive sounds. A great way to internalize rhythms, body

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Choir

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Since moving to Pagosa Springs, Hellwege-Vaughan has become well known in the Pagosa music community. She is a consistent member of the Pagosa Springs Community Choir and Jazz Ensemble. She is also a member of the Sisters in Song, the women's group that sings with the Girls Choir each spring.

Additionally, she sings with the Worship Team at Pagosa Bible Church. Through her performance and love of Christian music, Hellwege-Vaughan uses her music to minister to others as singing allows her to share the gift God has given her. She looks forward to singing with the Girls Choir this Christmas

season.

So, dig out your favorite Christmas sweater, your Santa hat, get your jingle bells jingling and make plans to attend this wonderful concert of holiday music. Come spend an evening listening to the angelic voices of the PSGC and allow us the privilege of sharing this beautiful season with you.

Admission to the concert is free, but your donations will be gratefully accepted. You can also do a little Christmas shopping at the concert, as Rocky Mountain Chocolate candy bars will be available to purchase along with some special stocking stuffers. We hope to see you there.

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Kick off the Parade of Stores at Art for the Animals Nov. 30

By Paula Jo Miller
Special to The PREVIEW

Ready to find beautiful and unique holiday gifts for friends, family or that special someone? Then join us at the second annual Art for the Animals celebration, showcasing the amazing works of local artisans — all to benefit our community's animal shelter.

Art for the Animals kicks off the Chamber of Commerce's annual Parade of Stores and will take place at Two Old Crows Gallery on Lewis Street. Featuring a curated collection of fine art, handmade goods, home décor, fine jewelry and gourmet food and beverages, Art for the Animals will showcase the fabulous works of nine local artisans generously donating a portion of their sales to the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs.

While viewing the beautiful pieces, guests can enjoy gourmet delights from local restaurants while sipping craft beer, a festive holiday cocktail or bubbly libations and fabulous wines.

The event will include nine extraordinary artisans: Stepahny Bouchier — classical guitarist playing beautiful music to shop by; Blue the Vigorist — mixed media and fine artist, featuring people and animal portraits; Michele Turney — pastel and watercolorist, featuring landscape and animal art. Paulo Jo Miller — abstract artist showcasing Colorado scenes uniquely captured in color and texture; Michele White — mixed media artist and creator of delectable artisan chocolates; Jodi McAlister — jewelry designer featuring distinct and fine pieces; Syl Holly-Lobato — mixed media artist featuring unique animal art on stone; Susan Martin-Serra — ceramist, sculptor and tile maker exhibiting striking earthenware sculptures; and award-winning author Mariko Tatsumoto, signing her children and young adult books.

Give the gift of fine, handmade creations this holiday season and help make the holidays more joyous for our shelter animals. Drop in on Thursday, Nov. 30, from 5 to 8 p.m., at Two Old Crows Gallery at 468 Lewis St.

As always, admission is free and open to the public.

Drumming

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percussion is also a resource for cognitive stimulation for improving concentration, memory and physical coordination; and for releasing stress, team building and boosting the immune system.

The hand drumming class is going like a dream, with participants joyfully engaged in a full-brain workout, exploring playing techniques, indigenous songs, body percussion, improvisation and composition.

Class participants share their enthusiasm:

"After reading an article in The SUN about a month ago, I envisioned that I would go to a class so I could think, 'Hey, I went to a drumming class in Pagosa.' Three weeks later I'm still going and learning. My son is a musician. I am not. This has been a good experience for me to follow his passion for music and rhythm and camaraderie. Paul is not only a great and patient instructor, he also has some pretty fantastic stories about his experiences in the music world." — Margaret McClintock.

"I love music but I never thought about playing drums. My friend

invited me to this wonderful class. Everybody was very nice, especially Mr. Paul Roberts, who gave me a drum and explained how it works. After that, I was wild on the drum. Hearing the sound of all the drums felt like I was talking and laughing with the whole group. I like the way Mr. Roberts teaches. At first, we follow him and then we improvise. I'm learning and having fun, and I like that. I can feel in my body all the happiness coming into a sound from the drum. Sometimes, I even stop because I get scared I might break the drum. This is an amazing feeling and experience." — Mary-cruz Chavez.

"Drumming helps you find the rhythm of your soul." — Kelly.

"The drumming class with Paul is a little intense because the hands and brain have to focus and work together. Stay in the moment! Then you let go! Great experience with a meditative effect." — Brenda.

"Drumming helps reframe your perspective in a positive way. It benefits you by re-aligning your body, mind, and spirit." — Jenene.

"Paul is a great teacher, effective and kind. From the first time I saw him perform, when I was a child

in elementary school in California, he has brought magic into my life through music. His ability to teach and make music accessible is a true gift. It is as important to me, today, as it was for me when I was in third grade. I am blessed to be able to have this opportunity to share the same experience with my child." — Christa Laos.

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

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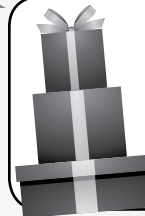
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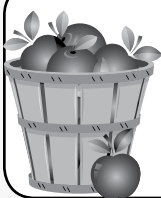
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Tickets on sale soon for St. Patrick's Christmas Tea

By Sally Neel
Special to The PREVIEW

Preparations are in their final stages for this year's annual Christmas Tea at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, scheduled for Dec. 9 from 2 to 4 p.m.

This is one Christmas season tradition that many Pagosa Springs women vow never to miss. It is an opportunity to dress up in your Christmas finery, be treated to an elegant afternoon of delicious treats, enjoy special entertainment and celebrate the holiday season with friends.

In addition to homemade treats, handmade crafts will be available for purchase to give to friends on your gift list. All of the proceeds are used for outreach ministries here in our community.

Tickets are \$12 and will be on sale from 1 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 29, in the church office, located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Due to a limited number of tickets available, you must purchase your tickets in person; no phone-in reservations will be sold. Please supply the names of the ticket holders.

St. Patrick's "Tea Mums" have been planning special entertainment for the event this year. The tables will be decorated in beautiful Christmas china supplied by the women of the church. Guests will be surrounded by holiday cheer, joyous music, and delicious sweets and savories. Don't miss it.



Photo courtesy Sally Neel

The women of St Patrick's have been working on their recipes for this year's Christmas Tea, scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 9, from 2 to 4 p.m. at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. Tickets go on sale Wednesday, Nov. 29, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the church office, located at 225 S Pagosa Blvd. Due to a limited number of tickets, phone orders will not be accepted.

Pi Beta Phi angel luncheon set for Dec. 6

By Carole Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

Local Pi Beta Phi alumnae are invited to a Christmas caroling sing-along, angel gift exchange and potluck luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 6 at the home of Carole Howard.

Guests are asked to dress in

holiday attire. Bring an anonymous wrapped angel gift as well as 10-15 canned or packaged goods and hotel-sized toiletries for the Pagosa Springs church food banks. Also, bring a potluck dish to share.

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It was a fad for many, but for one of our daughters, she found her creative bent in the piles of photos. It was never too much work or too messy when she entered into her scrapbook room filled with black suitcases and filing cabinets. It's been her thing over these many years. She sold memory books, paper and supplies, only to get discounts to buy more fancy scissors and cutting machines for herself. She was her best customer.

Every piece of paper has a theme. She made sure we had hot chocolate nights, s'mores moments, ice skating parties and Fourth of July celebrations. Anything and everything was planned around another Kodak moment so she could fill more pages.

Thousands of photos are in books on the large bookshelf. The year is marked on the spine and some are so full of activities; there are two albums for each year, marked A and B.

The other night we came together for our weekly family dinner. She said, "I am halfway done with 2016. I've been working on it for two days."

The family couldn't help but look at the photos and every page, full of fun doodads, slogans and captions. We clustered together looking over the shoulder of one person who flipped through the scrapbook.

The albums begin with the year of baby pictures. Those babies are now 21 and 22 years old. That means her albums go back to 1995. Photos on the first day of school for each year, even the first day at college. She dressed the boys in costumes just to get photos. Even to this day, she makes sure they have Christmas family pictures with funny hats and shirts.

The boys resisted the photo shoots, but they knew it was a given in their family. Today, they actually enjoy the scrapbooks and pull them out when their friends come over. They show them their pictures and remind them of the

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



good times they had.

It's grace we do what we do. I'm so thankful one person in the family takes time and makes sure our family memories are preserved. She has said if they had to evacuate, the first thing she would grab would be the scrapbooks. She has told the family to always remember the scrapbooks. They can't be replaced.

They remind us of all the family road trips to football games and wrestling matches. We would line up on the stadium seat and have one long selfie. My Sweet Al would howl with the Thunderwolf as Pueblo won another football game. We laughed and cried with our grandson who won the Colorado wrestling championship title. Every match he fought, the school and boy of each win are recorded in those books of memories.

The pink cowboy hat and pink scarf has its own page. I ended up with the pink hat, but not without the whole family taking turns trying it on and posing for pictures. Sons-in-law, grandsons and husbands all have a picture wearing the pink hat and scarf and the proof is in one of those books.

There was the wedding in California for our granddaughter that all the family attended. Of course, one of the funniest moments was dressing up the men with silly hats and glasses and pasting mustaches on the women. It was our family portrait that year. Couldn't we be ordinary, look like the other wedding guests? No, we looked like the Beverly Hillbillies in the city. We needed a photo memory for the scrapbook.

Then there was the year for the ugly sweater Christmas. That was the year our son came home and refused to put on an ugly sweater for our family portrait. Every year, when he wasn't home, we Photo-shopped him in; that year was no exception. We chose the ugliest sweater of all to dress him in and we put him in the middle of the family. He should learn by now.

As Thanksgiving comes and goes, we think about all the things we're thankful for. I was reminded the other night when we looked through the family albums once again. One of the best pastimes is looking through the finished pages. One page at a time, we can't refrain from making comments about the

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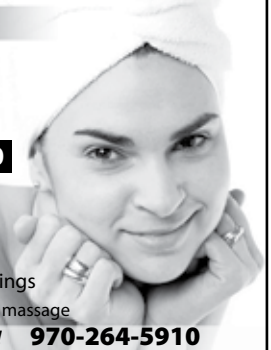
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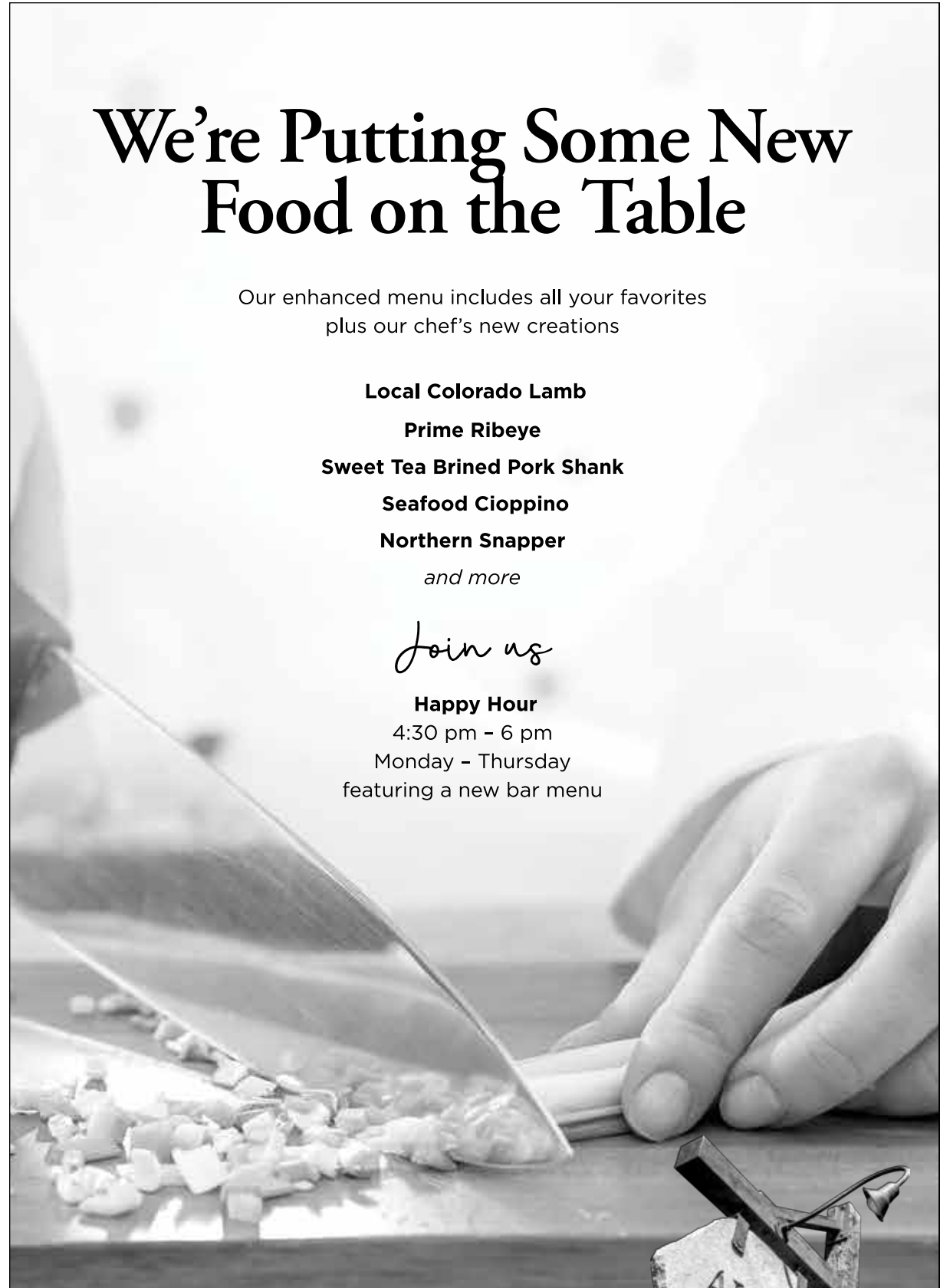
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Brain trauma and the power of the mind at New Thought Sunday

By Constance d'Angelis
Special to The PREVIEW

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What happens when your brain is traumatized? How does this affect the power of your mind to direct your life? Could this lead to quiet desperation?

On Nov. 26 at 10 a.m., the Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT) will focus on head and brain trauma as a model. Challenges pinpointed and clearly identified through this dramatic injury affect the injured and those associated with the victim. There

is practically no effective medical treatment.

Dr. Constance d'Angelis has personal experience. In the process of creating a treatise on the subject, she is working with an intern from the University of South Florida and is involved in serious study, both anecdotal and scientific.

d'Angelis played women's professional football in the 1970s. As a middle linebacker, she directly relates to athletes who engage in potentially traumatic sports. Currently, d'Angelis is writing a book/memoir of her experiences as a woman professional football player for the Toledo Troopers. Numerous blogs are available on her website: ConstanceAngelis.com or AnytimeCLE.com.

Sunday morning services are

held at 10 a.m. and movie/discussions are held at 10 a.m. on the first and third Saturday of the month. The next movie is on Dec. 2 and will be "Spiritual Liberation," featuring Michael Beckwith. We are located at 40 N. 15th St.

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UU to continue discussing prayer

By Dean Cerny
Special to The PREVIEW

Is prayer a foolish exercise in superstitious futility? Some would say yes. Others would vehemently defend the practice of prayer. And you?

This Sunday, we continue our search for the meaning of prayer in our personal and communal lives. Join us for an ongoing discussion about the value of prayer in a society that is often openly conflicted about its use.

While Unitarian Universalism is an organized religious denomination within Christianity, it is the only mainline denomination within Christianity that pushes spiritual boundaries to the extent that it does. What this means is that you will find ideas discussed in Unitarian Universalism that no other faith tradition within Christianity will even touch. If this excites you, then check us out.

Pastor Dean Cerny's interest

in religious concepts has always been motivated by his passion to question religious orthodoxy. This reasoned approach led him to obtain an undergraduate degree in religious studies from Arizona State University and a master of art's degree in religion and theology from United Theological Seminary in Minnesota. Of prime interest to Cerny is the relationship between religion and spirituality wherein religion serves as a language to articulate spiritual experience.

Cerny lives with his partner of 38 years, John Ehler, and their three dogs in an off-grid home in rural Kanab, Utah. Cerny serves as part-time pastor at the Pagosa UU Fellowship, leading services twice each month and is now a part-time resident of Pagosa Springs.

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Lane

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fun we had. We spent hours enjoying and cherishing the moments.

When guests come to stay with the family, we figure out the year they were in Pagosa Springs and those albums are brought out. We rally around the fun we had with them.

As I turn the pages, I realize some moments will never come again and I feel sad, but I am so thankful our daughter has kept up the family memories all of these years.

If it had been up to me, there would have been a big box with photos randomly thrown in, sort

of like the kitchen junk drawer. It would be a reminder of a big job we had ignored, but needed to be done and always chiding ourselves we should do something about the box.

Final brushstrokes: With the electronic years, so many memories are left on phones or computers. All my photos are now on my computer and under file names of art, family, friends, weddings and football. They are handy, but they do not have that same touch we feel every time someone pulls out a scrapbook and our hearts are full of thanksgiving for family and friends. We are blessed.



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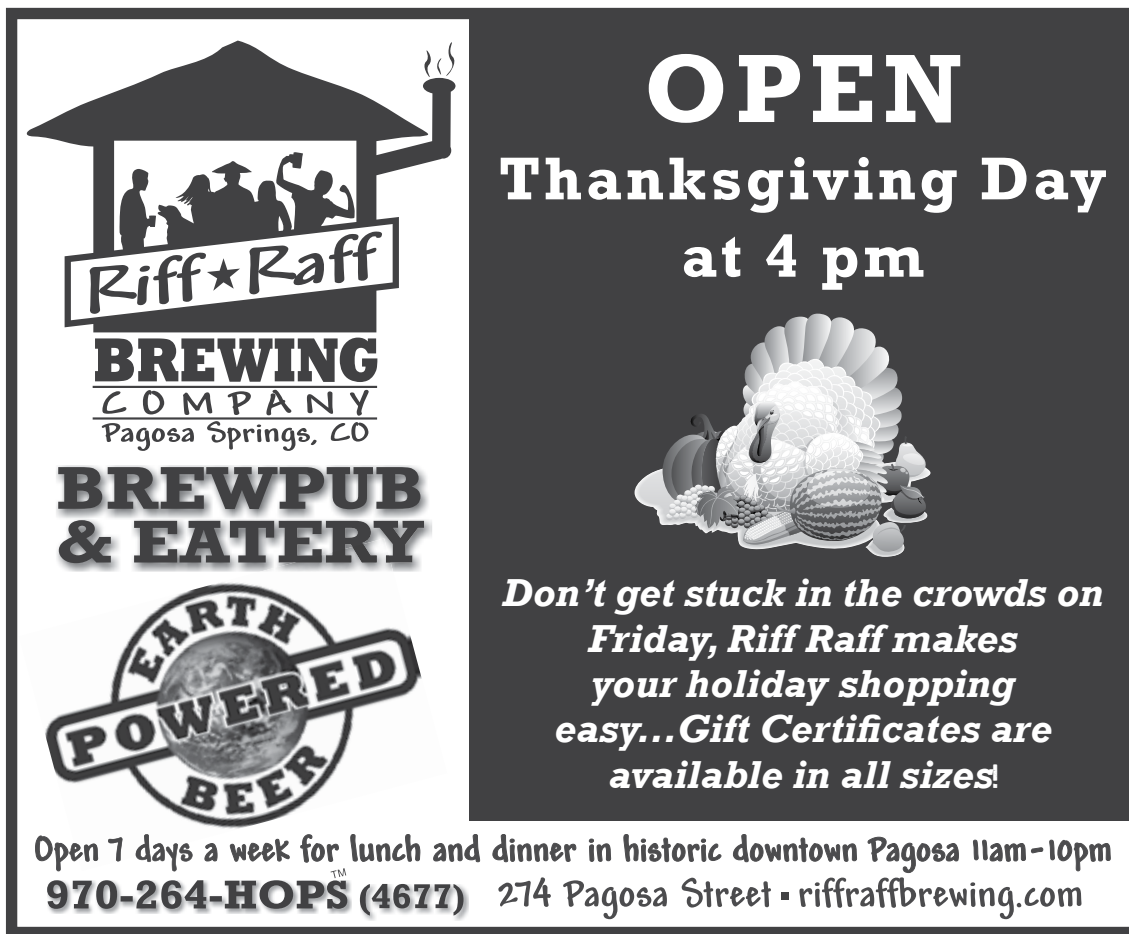
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People helping people

By Gregg Heid
Special to The PREVIEW

What's going on? In the last few months, the U.S. has experienced four major hurricanes (Harvey, Irma, Maria and Nate), a mass shooting in Las Vegas and tens of thousands of acres blackened in California wildfires. In those situations, we might think the end is near.

Northern California looks like the apocalypse. People in Houston, Florida and Puerto Rico experienced winds and rain like Noah's time. Concert goers in Las Vegas thought they were in a war zone. Many in the U.S. say we're being punished for all the rancor, debauchery and division in our society. But that's not how God works.

The scriptures state that the world, and all it contains, were created by God. He put the laws of nature in place and allowed them to run their course. Before the fall of man, everything in His world was at peace and worked together for good.

I can imagine Eve racing the lions through the fields and Adam on his back wrestling with wolves. They didn't need to build massive shelters or houses because nature was their friend. Rainstorms watered the lands to grow their food. Everything existed in harmonious peace. Volcanoes, tornadoes, hurricanes and wildfires existed, but their purpose was for creation and not harmful to man.

After the fall of man, the human spirit and laws of nature were cursed. Adam and Eve (mankind) were exiled from the Garden. Every living creature had to live by killing or be killed. God provided covering for Adam and Eve with the first animal sacrifice. Later, when Adam saw animals eating flesh, he started killing and eating flesh. Humans also got into the act when Adam's son, Cain, killed his twin brother, Abel. Storms, volcanoes, fires and tornadoes are now a part of the environment, resulting in death and destruction.

A Matter of Faith

In these dire situations, we see God's spirit in action — people helping people.

Just as the sun radiates heat and light, God can only give goodness and love to His creation. Anything that gets in the way of His love and goodness is sin. Evil was unleashed when a sick, satanically influenced person shot over 500 people, killing 58 in Las Vegas.

The disasters, on the other hand, are works of nature. In a fallen world, they cause damage and take innocent lives.

In these dire situations, we see God's spirit in action — people helping people. Every human being is made in the image and likeness of God, so we all have the built-in spirit to help our brothers and sisters in harm's way.

J.J. Watt, a defensive player for the Houston Texans, raised millions of dollars for Harvey relief. A young lady here in Pagosa Springs a few weeks ago sold everything she had to go down and help out the victims in Florida.

We cannot overlook the millions of dollars donated by Americans to the Red Cross to help our brothers and sisters in Texas and Florida. Or the millions donated through churches and the U.S. government to help our paisanos in Puerto Rico.

I saw news clips of young men in boats and rafts rescuing the poor

and elderly from submerged houses in Houston. I also saw a news story of strangers helping an elderly couple load valuables from their home into their pickup before the fires in California burned their house to ashes. As shots were fired, I saw the picture of an off-duty firefighter who, with his body, covered a lady who had been shot.

Whenever there is a natural disaster or taking of innocent life in this country, people step in to help. In Houston, Florida, Puerto Rico and Las Vegas, the color of one's skin or religious affiliation meant nothing to those in need.

People help people because we're all brothers and sisters made in the image and likeness of God our Father.

Faith articles

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The subject of this photograph is a large rock located on the north side of the road running through the box canyon of the San Juan River East Fork. Old-timers called this either Engineer or Locomotive Rock.

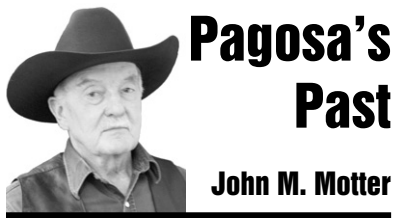
The continued history of the East Fork

Today's column continues with the history of the East Fork of the San Juan River.

While dictating his memoirs many years later, pioneer Welch Nossaman recalled traveling from Summit to Pagosa Springs via East Fork twice during the fall and early winter of 1876. Remember, there was not yet a town of Pagosa Springs.

Nossaman had filed incorporation papers in the Conejos County courthouse at Conejos for a toll road using East Fork. Before the Elwood and Cumbres passes were developed, several applications had been filed for toll roads across the south San Juan Mountains. I suspect many of those applications were filed by entrepreneurs anticipating the coming railroad. The hope was that when the railroad companies came, they would have to purchase a right of way from one of these toll road companies. It was well-known at that time that railroad company surveyors were busily scoping the San Juan Mountains for a suitable site for either a narrow-gauge or a broad-gauge railroad crossing.

An article in "Pioneers of the San Juan Country" circa 1940 reads, "In about 1875, Mr. Montroy, Mr. Welch Nossaman and Mr. Peter Holmes went by team and wagon from Summitville over Elwood Pass down the East Fork of the San Juan's to what is now Pagosa Springs. It took about three weeks to make the trip. They had to go through the middle of the river in the box canyon of the East Fork of the San Juan as there were only sheer cliffs on both sides. Often, they had



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to move large rocks, had to snub their wagons down steep grades and had to cut paths through thick timber. Later, Mr. Nossaman and Mr. Holmes ran a wagon train over this road, transporting supplies over this road from Fort Lewis (now Pagosa Springs) to Summitville. Evidence of this old road is still to be seen, though it is now but a government trail."

The Army was searching for the best routes to the San Juan gold country by the early 1870s. The Army had another goal. Prospectors and their supporting brethren were entering the San Juans in increasing numbers. The problem was, based on a prior treaty with the Ute Indians, the San Juan Mountains belonged to the Utes. Bad blood between Ute and white was approaching the boiling point. The San Juans were relatively un-

known, a condition which needed correcting if the Army found the need to fight the Utes. The Utes knew the mountains.

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Our thanks to special people at Thanksgiving

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

The staff at your library are thankful all year-round for so many people who make their jobs easier and their service better for you, our patrons. On this Thanksgiving weekend, we want to publicly acknowledge some of the very special among them:

- We are thankful for the many volunteers who work every day to help us maintain the collection; shelve returned books, CDs and DVDs; and make sure all the books and materials are clean and in their proper place. Because of our small staff, these volunteers are vital to our service to you.

- We are grateful for the time and dedication of our library board. They also are unpaid volunteers who are committed to making the library an essential hub of our community.

- We also want to pay tribute to the Friends of the Library. Their generosity, enthusiasm and creativity result in so many benefits to your library, especially with the proceeds of their summer book sales.

If you're interested in becoming a library volunteer or joining the Friends, please contact Meg Wempe, library director, at 264-2208. You will be warmly welcomed.

Thanksgiving closing

Your library will be closed Nov. 23-26 for carpet cleaning and so our staff can celebrate Thanksgiving with their families and friends.

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Consequently, Lt. E.H. Ruffner of the Army Corps of Engineers and stationed at Fort Garland in the San Luis Valley made several surveys across the San Juan Mountains at that time. Ruffner was a veteran of early western settlement, having served several years in New Mexico.

The first survey, in 1873, passed

Library News

Fall Lifelong Learning series

The last talk in the fall Lifelong Learning is series features Stacy Boone looking at how we may be impacting undeveloped public lands and the ethics of conservation on Thursday, Nov. 30, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. For more information, pick up a brochure at your library.

DIY for adults

At this month's free DIY event on Wednesday, Nov. 29, from 1 to 2 p.m. we'll learn to make soda, letting you choose and control the ingredients that go into your soda. We will use fruits, herbs, spices and extracts, with sugar or honey as a sweetener. No registration is required.

Spanish conversation

Wednesday, Nov. 29, from 4 to 5 p.m. practice your Spanish with others at this free informal session. All are welcome, from beginners to native Spanish speakers. No registration is required.

Adult education

Our PALS program — Pagosa Adult Learning Services — takes place three days a week: Mondays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. plus Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 to

7 p.m. Come to your library to get help with high school equivalency, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more.

Computer/technology classes

Join us on Mondays from 2 to 3 p.m. to learn a technology skill or application. Note: There will be no class Nov. 27.

Tween gaming

Free gaming for those in the fourth through eighth grades is Monday, Nov. 27, from 4 to 5 p.m. Enjoy Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks.

Teen gaming

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

Teen role-playing

The free role-playing game for seventh- through 12th-graders takes place next Wednesday, Nov. 29, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters. You can join this group any time.

Tech Time

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Baby storytime

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

Toddler storytime

Every Saturday from 9:30 to 10 a.m., join us for 30 minutes of free stories, songs and fingerplays with open play afterwards. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills in everyday family life. Recommended for children 12 to 36 months or walking toddlers.

Activities calendars

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

DVDs

"You Only Live Twice" and "Diamonds Are Forever" star Sean Connery as 007. "The Power of Myth" is the PBS series on world mythology. "The Expanse" is season two. "Crisis Hotline: Veterans Press 1" documents calls to the crisis line and the work of responders to help. "The Glass Castle" is based on the bestselling memoir.

Thrillers and adventures

"The Midnight Line" by Lee Child is a Jack Reacher thriller. "Perfect Shadow" by Brent Weeks is a novella set in the world of the Night Angel trilogy. "Bonfire" by Krysten Ritter features a woman

forced to confront her past in the wake of small-town corruption.

How-to and self help

"Ultimate Scholarship Book 2017" is a guide to more than 1.5 million awards. "De-escalate" by mediator Douglas E. Noll shows you how to successfully calm an angry person in 90 seconds or less. "The Whole Brain" by Dr. Raphael Kellman provides meal plans and other tips to help make your brain work better. "Healing Arthritis" by Dr. Susan Blum is a three-step guide to conquering arthritis naturally. "Medicare for Dummies" by Patricia Barry is an AARP publication. "Reading Group Choices 2018" offers selections for lively discussions. "The Pocket Pema Chodron" is a treasury of 108 pieces by this Buddhist nun.

Memoirs and biographies

"We're Going to Need More Wine" by actress and activist Gabrielle Union is a collection of essays about her life and our modern world. "American Radical" by Tamer El-noury takes readers inside the world of an undercover FBI agent. "Dare Not Linger: The Presidential Years" by Nelson Mandela and Mandla Langa is the story of the South African leader's five years as president. "Where the Past Begins" by Amy Tan is a memoir of her life as a writer. "A Secret Sisterhood" by Emily Midorikawa and Emma Claire Sweeney explores the literary friendship of Jane Austen, Charlotte Bronte, George Eliot and Virginia Wolfe. "Fire on the Track" by Roseanne Montillo showcases the women who broke barriers in pursuit of Olympic gold. "Hank and Jim" by Scott Eyman tells of the 50-year friendship of Henry Fonda and James Stewart. "The Origin of Others" by Toni Morrison reflects on the themes that guide her writing — including, increasingly, politics. "Who's Who in American History" is a National Geographic book that profiles leaders, visionaries and icons who shaped our nation.

Other nonfiction

"American Wolf" by Nate ■ See Library on next page

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Preview Calendar

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

Friday, Nov. 24

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.
Pagosa Stitching Group. 9:30-11:30 a.m., second floor of the Pruitt building, Pagosa Springs Medical Center. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

Tai Chi. 11 a.m.-noon, Community Center. This is a slow, gentle

exercise that improves balance, strength, flexibility and lung capacity while reducing stress and increasing an overall sense of well-being.

Saturday, Nov. 25

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

GriefShare. 10-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Group to provide support sessions for people who are experiencing grief because of the

death of a loved relative or close friend. For more information, call 731-3185.

Yoga: Laugh and Let Go. 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center. This class explores the ancient technique of chi self-massage fol-

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Quotable quote

Microsoft CEO and tech-guru Satya Nadella and his wife, Anu, set limits on screen time for their kids and also on what sites the children can go to with their devices.

"I'm the IT administrator of our family," said Satya. "We get reports on what they've been doing on their computers, and they know that. So it's very transparent."

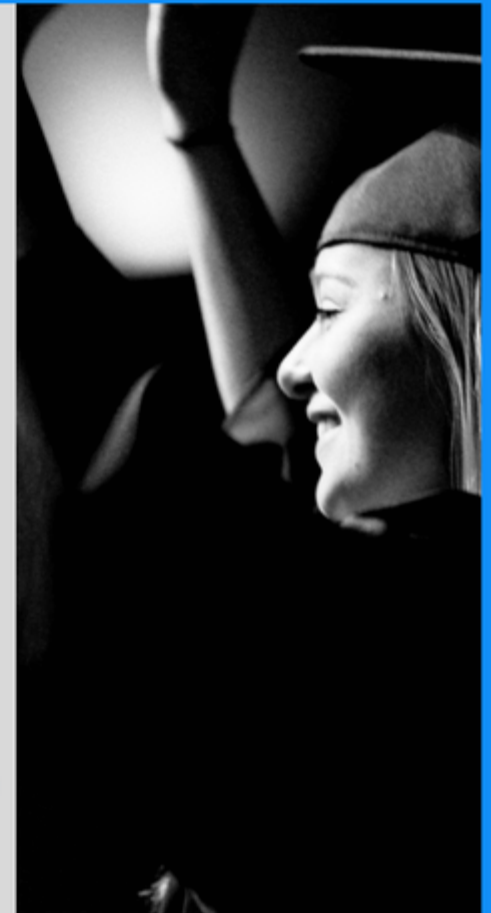
Added Anu: "Technology for entertainment is always going to be a negotiation in our house. How many movies, what kinds of video games."

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

Santa at the Visitor Center. 5:30-7 p.m., Visitor Center. Hot drinks and cookies will occupy those waiting for Santa as he hears the wishes of the children.

Sunday, Nov. 26

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

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

Monday, Nov. 27

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

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

Line Dancing. 9:30-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Call Beverly for information at 264-2064.

Medicare Mondays. 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Senior Center, Area Agency on Aging office. For benefits, explanation, questions and assistance for enrollment regarding Medicare parts A, B, D and supplemental policies. Call 264-0501, ext. 1 to make an appointment.

Qigong. 10 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Maintain and improve health, strength and balance.

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

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

Tween Gaming. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks. For those in the 4th-8th grades. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center.
Caregiver Support Group. 11 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. The meeting is led by Elaine Stumpo, regional director of the Alzheimer's Association.

Tuesday, Nov. 28

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

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

Tech Time. 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Drop in with your technology questions. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

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

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

Mahjong. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

Adult Education. 4:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

The Incredible Years Parenting Class. 5:30-8 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. This class is created for families with children ages 2-8 years. The class will help strengthen children's social skills, emotional regulation and school-readiness skills. For questions and to register, call Michelle Carpenter at 946-0664 or Lynne Bridges at 264-5513. Class size is limited.

Terrific Tuesdays. 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse. Join us this month as we continue with country western two-step. Call Wayne at 264-4792 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa> for more information.

Wednesday, Nov. 29

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.

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

Mexican Train, Hand and Foot, Rummikub. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Do It Yourself (DIY) for Adults. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. We will be learning to make soda, letting you choose and control the ingredients that go into your soda. We will use fruits, herbs, spices and extracts, with sugar or honey as a sweetener. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Spanish Conversation. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Practice your Spanish with others at this informal session. All are welcome, from beginners to native Spanish speakers. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center.
Role-Playing Game. 4-5:30 p.m.,

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Karaoke Dance Party



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Sisson Library. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters in our ongoing role-playing game. This is a recurring program. If you want to be a part of the game but missed the last event, don't worry, you can join in anytime. For teens in the 7th-12th grades. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Weminuche Audubon Society: Winter Birds 101. 6-8 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Keith Bruno will host a bird identification class. For more information, contact Bruno at kbruno@audubon.org.
The Most Excellent Way. 7 p.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship Church, 1044 Park Ave. The Most Excellent Way offers Bible-based relief from addictions and compulsions, with men and women meeting separately for utmost confidentiality. Call 507-0123 for more information.

Thursday, Nov. 30

12th Annual Parade of Stores. Over 25 stores are participating this year from the far west to the far east ends of town. Additionally, there will be drawings and a selfie program for participants.
Festival of Trees Public Viewing. Noon-6 p.m., Community Center. Come on down and enjoy listening to Christmas music as you wander through 20 unique Christmas trees. Hot chocolate, coffee and cookies will be offered. You can also vote on your favorite tree. Voting this year is \$1 per vote. For more information, call 264-4152.

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

Mexican Train, Hand and Foot, Rummikub. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

Adult Education. 4:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Art for the Animals. 5-8 p.m., Two Old Crows Gallery, 468 Lewis St.

Showcasing the amazing works of local artisans, all to benefit our community's animal shelter. Featuring a curated collection of fine art, handmade goods, home decor, fine jewelry, and gourmet food and beverages.

Lifelong Learning Lecture. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Featuring Stacy Boone looking at how we may be impacting undeveloped public lands and the ethics of conservation. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Friday, Dec. 1

12th Annual Parade of Stores. Visit the Chamber's Facebook page to find out the hours of operation and discounts that all the stores will be offering.

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.

Festival of Trees. 7 p.m., Community Center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Auction begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person. Table reservations are also available. Tickets are sold only in advance and can only be purchased at the Ross Aragon Community Center. Come out for a night of live and silent tree auctions. Live music by Steve Bleschmidt, cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. For more information, call 264-4152.

Pagosa Springs Community Choir's Annual Christmas Concert 'Noel.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. This year's concert series will be dedicated to Dale Schwicker. A free-will offering to provide music scholarships at the high school will be received.

Saturday, Dec. 2

12th Annual Parade of Stores. Over 25 stores are participating this year from the far west to the far east ends of town. Additionally, there will be drawings and a selfie program for participants.

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

literacy skills in everyday family life. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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


GriefShare. 10-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Group to provide support sessions for people who are experiencing grief because of the death of a loved relative or close friend. For more information, call 731-3185.

Yoga: Laugh and Let Go. 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center. This class explores the ancient technique of chi self-massage followed by a lighter yoga asana practice. Call 264-4152 for more information.

Santa at the Visitor Center. Noon-3 p.m., Visitor Center. Hot drinks and cookies will occupy those waiting for Santa as he hears the wishes of the children.

Pagosa Springs Community Choir's Annual Christmas Concert 'Noel.' 7 p.m., Pagosa

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Sunday, Dec. 3

12th Annual Parade of Stores. Over 25 stores are participating this year from the far west to the far east ends of town. Additionally, there will be drawings and a selfie program for participants.

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

Pagosa Springs Community Choir's Annual Christmas Concert 'Noel.' 4 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. This year's concert series will be dedicated to Dale Schwicker. A free-will offering to provide music scholarships at the high school will be received.

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

Monday, Dec. 4

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

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Qigong. 10 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Maintain and improve health, strength and balance.

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

Tuesday, Dec. 5

Veterans for Veterans. 9 a.m., Dorothy's Restaurant.

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

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Wednesday, Dec. 6

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

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.

Pi Beta Phi. 11:30 a.m., home of Carole Howard. Alumnae are invited to a Christmas caroling sing-along, angel gift exchange and potluck luncheon. Guests

are asked to dress in holiday attire. Bring an anonymous wrapped angel gift as well as 10-15 canned or packaged goods and hotel-sized toiletries. Also bring a potluck dish to share. Entree will be provided. RSVP to tailwinds1@aol.com.

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

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

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.

Weminuche Audubon Society: Winter Birds 101. 6-8 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Keith Bruno will host a bird identification class. Contact Bruno at kbruno@audubon.org with questions.

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

Thursday, Dec. 7

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

Pagosa Springs Girls Choir Holiday Concert. 7 p.m., Community

United Methodist Church. The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir will be in concert presenting "Jingle All the Way." Listeners are in for a treat when they hear these talented young ladies perform.

Friday, Dec. 8

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

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Then Jesus answered and said, 'Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine-where are they? Was no one found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?' *Luke 17:17-18*

Ten lepers were healed but only one returned to thank Jesus. Nothing is as sad or harsh as when we are ungrateful. Shakespeare wrote, "Blow, blow, thou winter wind, thou art not so unkind as man's ingratitude..."

Many Scriptures call Christians to thankfulness. Not that you have to be a Christian to be thankful but it should be most evident in Christians.

At this time of year we take a day off to celebrate Thanksgiving. Amidst the food, football, and family take some special time to think about how blessed you are and then give thanks...to each other and God. But also, let us live life being thankful every day. *Dorman Diller, minister*



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Time of Services

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

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

A Thanksgiving concert

By **Daris Howard**
Special to The PREVIEW

It was the evening before Thanksgiving, and David stood in the stage wing ready to go on. It was to be his debut performance at one of the biggest, most famous concert halls in the world.

As the announcer welcomed everyone and talked about the many things they had to be grateful for, David considered his own list. On the very top was his father.

David smiled as he thought about him. His father was a strong man with big, rough, weathered hands from years of hard farm work. To provide for his family, he had labored under the heat of the summer sun and in the freezing cold of winter.

David had often been reminded that his father had been one of the greatest athletes the state had ever known. The trophy case at the school was full of football, wrestling, and track trophies David's father had won or had helped win. It seemed as if everyone expected David to follow in the footsteps of his father and become a great athlete, too.

But in his very first wrestling match in fifth grade, he had done horribly. He was pinned in under a minute. When he came off of the mat to face his father, David had hung his head. His father knelt down in front of him and said, "David, your heart wasn't in it?"

David had started making excuses, but his father stopped him. "David, you don't have to pretend to be something you aren't. What do you want to do?"

David couldn't look his father in the eye as he spoke quietly. "I want to play the piano."

"Then why are you wrestling?"

David looked up in surprise. "I thought you wanted me to."

David's father spoke firmly. "Son, I have taught you to be honest, work hard, do good things, and be kind. Never once have I expected you to live your life as I have lived mine. As long as you live true to the values I have taught you, you live the life you want to live. I believe God has given you your own talents. It would be wrong for me to determine the path He has for you. That is between you and Him."

"Really?" David asked in surprise.

"Really. But there is one other thing I do expect."

"What?" David asked.

"I expect you to be the best at whatever you decide to be."

David smiled, hugged his father, and promised he would be. He immediately dropped off the wrestling team and started practicing the piano, and his father spent hard-earned money to make sure David had lessons. Although his father knew little about music, he always hauled the whole family to each recital. And people soon learned that, as long as his father was around, it wasn't a good idea to make fun of David for what he had chosen to do.

When David played his first big concert, his father was there. When it ended, and the audience rose to their feet, cheering, David's father was the first and the loudest. Once everyone else had left the hall, he wrapped David in a hug in his big, strong arms and said, "I'm proud of you, son. I'm sure music like that will have its place in heaven. I just hope God has a place for an old, hardworking farmer."

David's thoughts were brought back to the present as the an-

nouncer spoke David's name. As he stepped onto the stage, and the crowd cheered for him, he was grateful for a father who loved him enough to let him be what he wanted to be.

And although he missed having his father there to cheer for him, he knew that somewhere in heaven God had found a special place for an old, hardworking farmer.

ESTATE PLANNING - DRAFTING WILLS

Estate Planning is more than just writing a will. A financial and medical power of attorney should be included, a plan for burial, and specific list of the persons you would like to have your personal property, called a Memorandum Distributing Personal Property, and a plan for how you would like for your Estate to be handled.



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Saturday, Dec. 9

Yoga: Laugh and Let Go. 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center. This class explores the ancient technique of chi self-massage followed by a lighter yoga asana practice. Call 264-4152 for more information.

St. Patrick's Annual Christmas Tea. 2-4 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. This is one Christmas season tradition you don't want to miss. It is an

opportunity to dress up in your Christmas finery, be treated to an elegant afternoon of delicious treats, enjoy special entertainment and celebrate the holiday season with friends. Handmade crafts will be available for purchase to give to friends on your gift list. Tickets are \$12 and will be on sale on Wednesday, Nov. 29, in the church office. Due to a limited number of tickets available, you must purchase your tickets in person; no phone-in reservations will be sold.

Submit your calendar items to editor@pagosasun.com; mail them to The Pagosa Springs SUN, P.O. Box 9, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or deliver them to The SUN office by noon Monday.

'Tis the season to help Toys for Tots

By Neil Umali
Special to The PREVIEW

Christmas is just around the corner. You can help the less fortunate by donating newly purchased toys to the local Toys for Tots campaign.

Last year, the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys For Tots program blessed a total of 690 children with over 1,500 gifts in Archuleta County and in Dulce, N.M., with new Christmas toys. We are hoping to reach even more this year.

You can drop off newly purchased toys at these local sponsors: Goodman's, Community United Methodist Church, Restoration Fellowship, Tractor Supply, Walmart, City Market, Dollar General, Raff Raff Brewery and Justice Ministries of Pagosa Inc. In addition, Rosie's on Dec. 5 and Pagosa Springs Fire Department (date to be determined) are doing community toy drives.

We encourage qualified families in need to sign up at these locations: Archuleta County De-

partment of Human Services, San Juan Basin Public Health, Thrive, Headstart and Justice Ministries beforehand. Toy distribution day is Dec. 13.

The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during November and December each year and distribute those them as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.

The primary goal of Toys for Tots is to deliver, through a new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to less fortunate youngsters that will assist them in becoming responsible, productive, patriotic citizens.

The objectives of Toys for Tots are to help less fortunate children throughout the United States experience the joy of Christmas; to play an active role in the development of one of our nation's most valuable resources — our children; to unite all members of local communities in a common cause for three months each year during the an-

nual toy collection and distribution campaign; and to contribute to better communities in the future.

The principal Toys for Tots activity which takes place each year is the collection and distribution of toys in the communities in which a Marine Corps Reserve Unit is located. In communities without a Reserve Unit, the campaign can be conducted by a Marine Corps League Detachment or group of men and women, generally veteran Marines, authorized by Marine Toys for Tots Foundation to conduct a local Toys for Tots campaign. Tom Audetat, a member of Vets for Vets, is the locally authorized campaign coordinator.

These coordinators conduct an array of activities throughout the year, which may include golf tournaments, foot races, bicycle races and other voluntary events designed to increase interest in Toys for Tots, and concurrently generate toys and monetary donations.

Please contact Audetat at 946-1001 for more information.

How to cut back on holiday waste

Special to The PREVIEW

The holiday season is a joyful time of year. But the weeks between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day also tend to be very wasteful.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that household waste increases by more than 25 percent during the holiday season.

Reducing waste come the holiday season does not mean celebrants have to forgo big family meals or beautifully wrapped gifts. In fact, there are several ways to reduce waste without spoiling the spirit of the season.

- Give eco-conscious gifts. The environment may not be the first thing that comes to mind when holiday shoppers are looking for gifts for their loved ones. But giving reusable gifts can have a positive, long-term impact on the planet. Reusable coffee mugs or water bottles can dramatically reduce waste over time, and such items make great stocking stuffers. Shoppers also can look for items made from recycled materials, which run the gamut from home furnishings to calendars to clothing, as eco-friendly alternatives to gifts produced without the environment in mind.

- Reuse holiday-specific items. Many people only use gift wrap, gift boxes and gift bags during the holiday season. Such items are oftentimes discarded after Christmas morning. But these items can be reused to cut back on holiday waste. Reusing wrapping paper from year to year can be especially beneficial

to the environment. That's because wrapping paper tends to be dyed or laminated, and many wrapping papers contain non-paper additives that cannot be recycled. Reusing wrapping paper, purchasing only recyclable paper or wrapping gifts in old newspapers or magazines can help holiday celebrants reduce their carbon footprints.

- Prepare less food and donate any leftovers. The Worldwatch Institute notes that, during the holiday season, celebrants generate three times as much food waste as they do during other times of the year. Large family meals are a tradition of the holiday season, but hosts who routinely find them-

selves discarding leftovers can plan on preparing less food this year. Consider how much guests are likely to eat and plan meals accordingly instead of buying enough food to feed a small army. Donate leftovers to nearby shelters so nothing goes to waste.

- Recycle live Christmas trees. According to the National Christmas Tree Association, 25.9 million

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Strategies to avoid holiday weight gain

Special to The PREVIEW

Staying fit during the holiday season can be quite challenging, even for the most ardent fitness enthusiasts and disciplined calorie-counters. Between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, many people are offered a wide assortment of foods, beverages and other indulgences — typically in mass quantities.

According to researchers at Stanford University, although the average person only gains around 1 pound during the holiday season, quite frequently that pound sticks around, and those extra pounds add up year after year. As a result, it doesn't take too many years of holiday bundt cakes to gain a considerable amount of weight.

Holiday season weight gain is not unique to the United States and Canada. Investigators at Tampere University of Technology in Finland tracked weight gained in the United States, Germany and Japan during those countries' festive times and found that each country's participants gained weight, particularly during the holiday season. Annual holiday

weight gain can contribute to weight-based problems such as obesity, heart disease and Type 2 diabetes.

The holiday season might not be the best time to start a diet, but holiday eating does not have to derail healthy lifestyles. The following are ways to avoid holiday weight gain and still enjoy all of the parties, adventures and time spent with friends and family.

- Focus on festivity instead of food. When hosting holiday festivities, make the bulk of the celebration about an activity rather than food. If guests are focused on fun, such as a sing-along, dancing or tree-trimming, they may be less likely to overeat.

- Don't show up starving. Eat a light, healthy snack before participating in any holiday revelry. Hunger pangs may drive one straight to the buffet table.

- Survey your options prior to eating. Guests should scope out the food choices and then make the smartest selections possible. Avoid creamy sauces, greasy foods and those that are heavy on cheese. Fill up on vegetables and then you won't feel bad about splurging on

a dessert.

- Go sparingly on alcohol. People seldom realize how quickly calories from beverages can add up. A 12-ounce glass of beer has about 150 calories, a 5-ounce glass of red wine has about 125 calories and a 1.5-ounce shot of gin, rum, vodka, whiskey, or tequila has about 100 calories, according to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. Furthermore, alcohol lowers inhibitions, so you may be more likely to overindulge in more spirits or extra food when intoxicated.

- You can't buy back calories with exercise. Putting in a marathon exercise session the next day probably will not undo the damage done from overeating the night before. Maintain a consistent workout schedule all through the holidays.

Holiday weight gain is not inevitable for those who take control and exercise discipline.

Waste

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real trees were sold in the United States in 2015. Trees put out on the curb for collection after the holiday season has ended typically end up in landfills, but some communities recycle Christmas trees each year. Real tree enthusiasts can contact

community officials to determine if they can recycle rather than discard their trees.

The holiday season is a wasteful time of year, but there are ways for celebrants to dramatically reduce their carbon footprints between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day.



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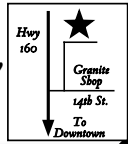
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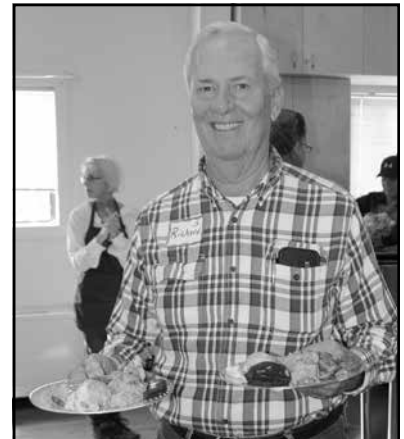
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Does your temper sometimes take control?

By John Lough
Special to The PREVIEW

It's clear we are living in an age of heightened anxiety and stress. News reports are full of events that range from extremely upsetting to utterly terrifying. It's little wonder that many of us feel on edge and easily upset so much of the time.

An unfortunate side effect of feeling stressed out is that it can be easier to become angry over even small things. While your anger might not seem a major problem, if occasionally you become angry enough to strike out, speak violently or simply seem to lose control, this is unhealthy and dangerous behavior that needs attention.

Anger usually stems from believing that something is "unfair" and believing that you simply "can't stand it" when things are unfair. Sometimes such beliefs are so deep-seated that you react immediately to an event, action or even a statement, not stopping to think about the consequences of your actions.

If your reaction is a physical one, the outcome can be truly harmful, but even out-of-control verbal anger can produce devastating results.

In order to control anger, time is a critical factor. Every second that passes between when something seems "unfair" to you and when you react greatly increases the chance that you will make a wiser, healthier decision.

And while it isn't easy to accomplish taking time to think rather

than simply reacting, there are techniques that can help slow you down. The easiest is just to take one or more deep breaths. Because your thoughts of unfairness are what is causing your anger, any thought that replaces such thinking will help. Simply reminding yourself to take a deep breath, or to count to 10 when you begin to feel anger, will provide such a distraction.

Some health experts recommend a method called "square breathing." Inhale slowly for a count of five, hold that breath for another count of five and then exhale slowly. Do this repeatedly until you feel more in control of your thoughts and less angry.

Doing anything that makes you stop and think, rather than just reacting and striking out, is essential to anger control. If you find that you become angry often and that techniques like deep breathing or getting friends to warn you when you appear angry aren't working for you, seek professional help. A professional counselor can offer a variety of approaches that can help you get your anger safely under control.

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

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- 1 Reunion attendee
- 5 Corner of the market
- 10 Iron follower
- 14 One-named Irish singer
- 15 Hubby's mom, for one
- 16 Excellent
- 17 Like some passes
- 19 Good vantage point
- 20 Letter before epsilon
- 21 Mathis song "Chances ___"
- 22 Director Marshall
- 23 Before, in verse
- 24 Many ad circulars
- 27 Daniel Craig role
- 28 Airplane wing flap
- 32 O.K., in a way
- 35 Dreary
- 36 It holds the line
- 37 Brandish
- 39 Eject, as lava
- 40 Scoring target
- 42 Back down
- 44 Last
- 45 1998 Eddie Murphy flick, "___ Man"
- 46 Bushbuck or bongo
- 48 Common title starter
- 51 Romance, e.g.
- 54 Net holder
- 55 Bank
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- 58 Go undercover
- 60 Monetary penalty
- 61 Microscopic
- 62 Big jug
- 63 Guitar part
- 64 Twilled cloth
- 65 Friend in war

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- 1 Endure
- 2 Solitary sort
- 3 Cry of defeat
- 4 Subject to debate
- 5 Puppy bite
- 6 Not at the beach
- 7 Court employee
- 8 Angry letters
- 9 Woolly mama
- 10 In a lax way
- 11 Crazy bird
- 12 Ever's partner
- 13 Resist, as authority
- 18 Nelson's rank for most of "I Dream of Jeannie"
- 22 Carpet feature
- 25 Loosen, as a cap
- 26 Troop support mission
- 27 Up day on Wall Street
- 29 It may be skipped
- 30 Telltale sign
- 31 Pond denizen
- 32 Exhort
- 33 Night light?
- 34 Top dog
- 35 Driver's aid
- 38 Prisoner of war, e.g.
- 41 Kind of wolf
- 43 Vote in
- 45 Word before signal or device
- 47 Inmate who's never getting out
- 48 Fishing net
- 49 Monopoly purchase
- 50 Grinding mineral
- 51 Hook for large fish
- 52 Arabian bigwig
- 53 Not a lick
- 56 Geometric measure
- 58 Computer pros
- 59 Caustic stuff

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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Colorado farmers and ranchers share nutrient and water quality best management practices

By Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

Across Colorado, farmers and ranchers are using best management practices to help keep nutrients out of lakes and streams and improve Colorado's water quality.

These forward-thinking producers believe the most effective way to reach agriculture and achieve the best results is through outreach and voluntary action. Their stories and resources are now available to help other producers care for Colorado's waterways.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and Colorado Department of Agriculture announce the release of Colorado Ag Water Quality, an outreach project developed by Colorado State University (CSU) Extension. The resources, found at www.ColoradoAgNutrients.org, include videos, a factsheet and publications on nutrient and water quality management.

Across the United States, nitrogen and phosphorus have the potential to accumulate in waterways, causing water quality issues such as algal blooms, fish kills and impaired drinking water supplies. Colorado Regulation 85 currently addresses nutrient concentrations in surface water by encouraging the adoption of best management practices.

"Myself, along with a number of other agricultural entities, became aware of it [Regulation 85] and were actively engaged in the stakeholder discussions until it was adopted by the Water Quality Control Commission in 2012,"

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stated Bill Hammerich, CEO of the Colorado Livestock Association.

Regulation 85 sets a 2022 time line for evaluation of this voluntary approach for reducing nutrient pollution in surface waterways. Additional regulations may be considered, depending on the success of these voluntary efforts. Colorado's farmers and ranchers have responded by working proactively to safeguard Colorado's waterways.

"Many farmers and ranchers are already using some of the latest and greatest agricultural technologies and best management practices to produce the world's food, fuel, and fiber in the most sustainable ways possible," explained Colorado Corn Growers Association President Dave Eckhardt, a Weld County farmer. "However, in order to preserve agriculture's nonregulated status, we have to figure out how to quantify the progress we've made over recent decades in terms of managing the entire land-water-nutrient picture, and also share that data to show how we achieved these successes."

Visit www.ColoradoAgNutrients.org to find out more about how Colorado's farmers and ranchers are working to improve nutrient management and Colorado's water quality.

Colorado Master Gardener program

The Extension office is accepting applications for the Colorado Master Gardener classes that will start Jan. 25 and run every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Applications can be picked up at the Extension office and are due by Dec. 22. Late applications will not be accepted. Please contact the Extension office for more information or come by to pick up an application.

Archuleta County 4-H food drive

Archuleta County 4-H clubs are hosting a food drive during the months of November and December. Members are encouraged to bring items to their club meetings, where leaders will keep a running total of items collected.

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Many people look toward retirement with mixed feelings. There is the anticipation and excitement of no longer having to stick to a set schedule. However, there may be some trepidation about living without a steady income.

Bloomberg financial experts found the number of Americans aged 65 and older without a disability who weren't in the labor force rose to 800,000 in the fourth quarter of 2016.

This has become a long-standing trend of baby boomers leaving the workforce and entering retirement. Yet, a Statistics Canada study of people between the ages 60 and 64 who had left long-term employment found 43 percent of them were working again, most within a year of leaving their job. Although boredom may have compelled

many of those people to reenter the workforce, some may have started working again to make ends meet.

Researchers found the higher the earnings in one's late 40s, the more likely a retiree is to go back to work.

While retirees may need to alter their spending habits, it is possible to live happily on less. Here are some ways to do just that.

- Accurately assess home expenses. The National Foundation for Credit Counseling says the cost of home-related expenses accounts for roughly 45 percent of spending for retirees. Individuals can add up exactly how much their homes are costing them and then decide if downsizing is a practical solution. Downsizing has a host of benefits, not the least of which is reducing housing-related expenses.

- Invest in health care. Unex-

pected health care costs can quickly deplete individuals' finances. That's why it is essential to have a solid insurance plan in place. Health care planning also may include thinking ahead to long-term care, such as assisted living and nursing homes. One may have to make concessions elsewhere, but investing in health care can assuage concerns men and women might have about the cost of living in their golden years.

- Use alternative transportation. Cars can be expensive. A budget-friendly alternative to driving is to use public transportation or transportation services provided to seniors free or for nominal fees.

- Take advantage of senior discounts. Many restaurants, stores and service centers offer discounts to seniors. The starting age for discounts may vary from store to store, so always ask before cashing out.

- Shop for food differently. Bulk buys may have been appropriate for men and women when there were kids running around, but empty-nesters can cut back on food expenses. Shopping sales and making more meals at home can help seniors save money. The market research firm NPD Group found that in-home meals cost roughly one-third of what it costs to eat the same food at a restaurant. Save dining out for special occasions.

Retirees can make changes to save money without negatively affecting their quality of life.

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The club that collects the most items earns points to our Club of the Year contest. If you would like to help out the clubs, contact a 4-H member that you know and have them pick up the items from you to bring to their next club meeting.

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CPR and first aid certification classes are offered monthly by the CSU Extension office on the second Monday and Wednesday

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Health and wellness event Wednesday

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

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.

The next wellness event will be Wednesday, Nov. 29.

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.

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San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging Long-term Care Ombudsmen: Gratitude

By Kay Kaylor

Senior News

As the ombudsman for Archuleta County, I advocate for residents at Pine Ridge and BeeHive Homes. Federal and state laws protect these residents. Since this holiday period emphasizes gratitude, I will focus on what I appreciate as an ombudsman.

I am grateful the long-term care ombudsman program exists in every state, an asset for locals who have relatives in other states as well as here. I am thankful stricter laws have protected residents of these homes since the 1980s, and that agencies such as The Consumer Voice are vigilant about the laws and educate the public when they are threatened.

Particularly worth appreciating is Health First Colorado, Colorado's Medicaid, which enables people to afford living in extended care homes like Pine Ridge. With 2017 prices of these homes throughout the country averaging \$7,000-\$8,000 per month, the typical person, even those with a pension, cannot afford such care, which Medicare does not cover. About 50 percent of people in extended care homes rely on Medicaid. With the aging of baby boomers increasing the need for long-term care, af-

fordable options will need to be addressed.

Finally, I am grateful for the residents, who have interesting stories to tell about their lives and who patiently endure the loss of their independence.

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

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Thanksgiving closure

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Colorado Jalapeño Rockets

Recipe courtesy: Colorado Department of Agriculture and Chef Jason K. Morse, C.E.C.

- 20 jalapeños
- 1 pound ground pork
- 8 strips applewood bacon, diced
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup shredded Gouda cheese
- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 3 tablespoons pork seasoning

Heat a large sauté pan. While pan is heating, mix the ground pork, diced bacon and pork seasoning. Cook the pork mixture in the sauté pan until fully cooked and adjust seasoning if needed.

Cool the cooked pork mixture, and place into a large mixing bowl. Add the shredded cheeses and softened cream cheese then mix well to combine the cheese and sausage. Using a corer, remove the core and seeds from each jalapeño. Make small balls of the

filling and stuff each jalapeño until full. Cook jalapeños on a gas or charcoal grill on high heat until peppers become soft and the cheese starts to brown.

Serve with jalapeño jelly for a sweet heat finish.

The Pagosa Springs SUN does not have a test kitchen and does not independently test recipes printed.

Please share your tried-and-true, favorite recipes with us by emailing them to randi@pagosasun.com.

Ways to save on your food budget

Special to The PREVIEW

Food is a necessity and an expense that simply cannot be avoided. A 2012 Gallup poll found that Americans reported spending \$151 on food per week. Around one in 10 said they spent \$300 or more per week, and those with higher

incomes tend to spend more on weekly food bills than people who earn less.

Compounding high food bills is the fact that people tend to waste food. According to the American Chemistry Council, roughly 80 billion pounds of food are thrown out every year in the United States.

Saving money on food may seem challenging, but it doesn't have to be. With some smart strategies, individuals can reduce their food budgets and still have enough to eat.

1. Store food properly. Pay attention to the correct ways to store

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Senior

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VA prioritizes improving veterans' access to free legal services

By Raymond Taylor
PREVIEW Columnist

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), together with the American Bar Association, The Veterans Consortium and National Law School Veterans Clinic Consortium, signed a memorandum of agreement aimed at improving veterans' access to free legal services.

Veterans often face stressful legal problems — such as eviction, foreclosure, child support or driver's license revocations — that can affect their ability to gain or maintain employment and housing or focus on medical treatment. In the VA's annual Community Homelessness Assessment, Local

Veterans Corner

Raymond Taylor



Education and Networking Groups survey, legal assistance repeatedly tops the list of homeless veterans' unmet needs.

"We are encouraging VA medical centers and other VA facilities to engage with their local communities to establish legal clinics and medical legal partnerships to address veterans' legal needs that threaten their health and

well-being," said VA Secretary Dr. David J. Shulkin. "By signing this agreement, we are documenting a shared commitment to better facilitate Veterans' access to legal services."

Currently, the VA hosts at least 165 free legal clinics in its VA medical centers, community-based outpatient clinics and vet centers across the country by partnering with external, legal-service providers, such as local bar associations, legal-aid organizations and law school clinics.

More information on the VA's coordination of legal services for veterans at VA facilities may be found at <https://www.va.gov/>
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Food

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food, including promptly refrigerating or freezing items to prevent spoiling.

2. Do your own work. Prepackaged, presliced or preportioned foods take longer for manufacturers to prepare, and those costs are passed on to consumers. Separating foods oneself and putting them into manageable portions may take a little time, but the savings for consumers could be considerable.

3. Buy in bulk when it makes sense. Bulk warehouse stores can make it easier to stock up on essentials. But, they also can entice people to buy items they really do

not need. Consumers should only purchase items that make fiscal sense or ones that cannot be purchased elsewhere for less. Always compare the price per weight or per unit when shopping.

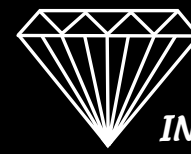
4. Stock up on staples. Be on the lookout for sales on items used frequently, particularly staples that can be stored away. Watch for low prices on coffee, oils and canned goods, stocking up when such items go on sale.

5. Embrace dried and canned beans. Beans offer filling fiber and protein for relatively little cost. They also can be added to meat or vegetable recipes to bulk up dishes.

6. Plan ahead. Planning ahead can save big bucks. Peruse sales before leaving the house and spend time visiting a few different stores to save more money. Make use of store coupon apps to preload savings that can be used at checkout.

7. Explore frugal recipes. Skipping meat or other expensive items once in awhile can help reduce food bills. Save expensive items for treats, which can make you appreciate them that much more. The same concept can be used for dining out.

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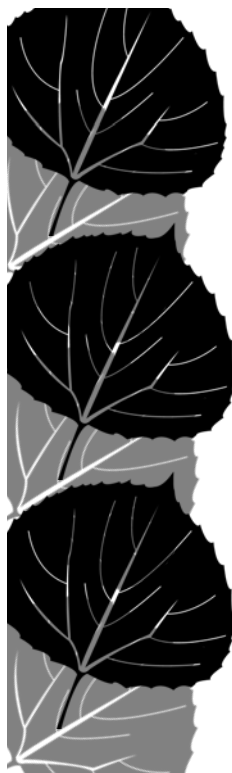


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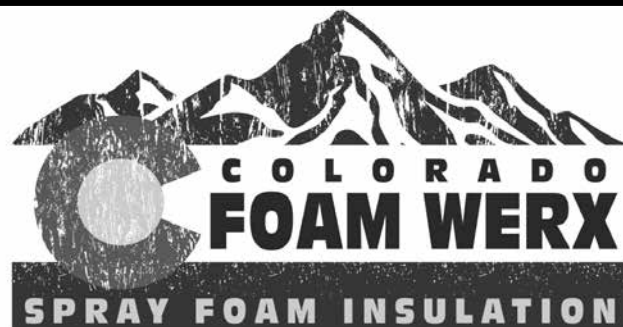
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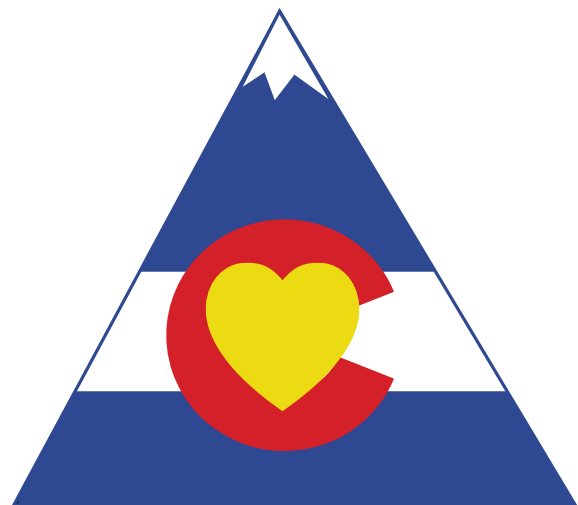
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