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## Keuning resigns from school board

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

At its regular meeting on Tuesday, Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE) member Lisl Keuning resigned from her position as director of District 4.

Keuning made her resignation known soon after the BOE swore in members Brooks Lindner and Bruce Dryburgh.

"It is with great sadness that I must submit my resignation from the board of directors," Keuning said, adding later, "I thoroughly enjoyed my time on the board, but I have recently moved out of my district, which is district number four, so I have to resign as a board member."

"It is with great sadness that we have to lose you. You will be missed; so, thanks for your participation and all that you've done for the school board," board president Greg Schick said.

Keuning then responded that she would still like to participate in whatever way she can.

The board then carried on with its

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## Water district amends bylaws, reopens GM position

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

At a special meeting held on Monday, the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) discussed last week's election results, took actions to correct court records and reopened the application period for the general manager position.

Ballot Issue 5A, which requested an increase to 1 mill to aid the SJWCD in the process of acquiring land for the San Juan River Headwaters Project reservoir, was defeated in the polls on Nov. 7.

As reported in the Nov. 9 issue of The SUN, unofficial election results indicated the ballot issue was defeated with 75.44 percent of voters against the issue (2,697 votes).

The number of voters in favor of the measure was totaled at 878, or 24.56 percent.

SJWCD board chair and president Rod Proffitt noted that he was surprised by the number of votes SJWCD's ballot issue had as opposed to the ballot issue pertaining to the jail and sheriff's office.

"I think people passed it over because they didn't know what it was about," board member Ray Finney said.

Board member Al Pfister also suggested that some community members might not be a part of SJWCD, which would have contributed to votes against the issue.

"So, maybe, more people got a

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## Saluting our veterans



As is tradition, Veterans Day was marked locally by a variety of events, including a ceremony at American Legion Mullins-Nickerson Post 108 (above) and a veterans breakfast at the Ross Aragon Community Center hosted by the eighth-grade class at Pagosa Springs Middle School.



## County: What do we do now?

Asks for ideas following election loss

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Following a loss at the polls last week, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) held a work session Tuesday morning to gather community input in how the county should move forward in obtaining needed facilities.

While the Nov. 7 election totals won't be deemed official until today, unofficial results from the election showed the county's ballot issue seeking a sales tax increase to fund the building of a new jail and sheriff's office being defeated by 127 votes.

While no firm answers surfaced at the work session, which lasted nearly two and a half hours, several ideas surfaced for the commissioners to consider, among them:

- Reconvening the county's citizen work group.
- Considering a certificate of participation or lease-purchase financing option.
- Hiring a staff member or facilitator to focus on the issue.
- Using temporary modular facilities.
- Locating the courts at the fairgrounds temporarily and rent space for the offices currently at the fairgrounds.
- Repurposing the current courthouse through a public-private partnership or by selling it.

• Scale down and/or phase the current project plans and look at plans that can be expanded.

• Try again to work through a planning assistance program for jails.

After calling politics a "zero-sum game," Wadley explained that the intended format for the work session was to look at the next steps.

"What do we do as a community to try and solve a longstanding problem? ... (W)e need a jail, we need court facilities, and we need a new sheriff's office," he said, adding that the county needed to also take care of the county's other elected officials.

Over the course of the meeting, several ideas were brought up and questions asked concerning the courthouse, jail and courts, and short- and long-term options.

Wadley then noted that the current BoCC inherited an old building and, while the county has been prudent with tax dollars, it was not enough.

Mark Weiler was the first audience member to speak, suggesting that the county's leaders first need a vision for the future.

"We need a community college more than anything else," he said before further suggesting that while the county does need a jail, sheriff's

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## Judge declines BoCC building offer

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

After a verbal response, Sixth Judicial District Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson delivered a three-page letter to the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners earlier this week detailing why the county's administration building would not suffice for court activity.

The letter also notes that the county has not responded to the courts' request for its test results regarding the Archuleta County Courthouse, and further discusses the courts' choice to not move back in the building.

The county, however, reported Wednesday to The SUN that the county had fulfilled the request immediately.

In a previous letter, Steve Wadley, chair of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), had offered for the county's administration to switch places with the courts, allowing the courts to relocate to the county's Lewis Street offices.

The county's administration activities would have then moved into the court and probation spaces in the Archuleta County Courthouse.

"Simply put, we will switch space

with you," Wadley's Nov. 2 letter reads.

"The science continues to prove our position," Wadley states in the letter, adding later, "Consequently, we are prepared to vacate our current administrative facility and make that available to the Judicial System."

The letters are two of a string of letters between the two entities over the courthouse, with the judicial district previously stating it would not return its operations to the courthouse.

Wilson's most recent letter was delivered to the BoCC via email Monday and in person Tuesday.

"I would like to thank you very much for your offer contained in your letter dated November 2, 2017, to allow the Sixth Judicial District to use the current BOCC building to conduct court operation in Archuleta County until a permanent solution can be implemented," Wilson's letter begins.

The letter then details the courts' previous use of the county administration building.

"As you are aware, approximately three years ago, the Sixth Judicial District used the current BOCC building for court operations for

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# Opinion

## EDITORIAL

### A college in Pagosa?

The Town of Pagosa Springs passed a resolution on Nov. 7 supporting the creation of a community college here in Pagosa Springs and supporting an application to Colorado Mountain College.

That resolution reads as follows:  
"WHEREAS, the Town Council strongly supports establishing a community college in Pagosa Springs; and  
"WHEREAS, the Town Council feels that choices of post-high school education should be available and affordable to all; and  
"WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes to reaffirm its support for educational excellence in diverse settings for students in the Pagosa Springs community; and  
"WHEREAS, the Town Council believes that the Colorado Mountain College (CMC) model is an outstanding fit for the community; and  
"WHEREAS, the Town Council supports the application to Colorado Mountain College for annexation into the CMC district.

THEREFORE, NOW, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, COLORADO as follows:  
"1. The Town Council expresses its support for the establishment of a community college in Pagosa Springs.

"2. The Town Council supports the application to Colorado Mountain College for a community college in Pagosa Spring (sic), including annexation into the CMC district."

Archuleta School District followed suit on Tuesday evening and approved a similar resolution in support of CMC.

Local resident Mark Weiler is one of the main proponents of bringing CMC to our community. His passion for the project is undeniable.

We agree that the opportunities in having CMC in our community would be endless. Currently, the closest college (other than online) is Fort Lewis and the arduous commute makes furthering one's education challenging.

With a community college here in Pagosa Springs, high school students could enroll in dual-credit courses, which means they could earn college credits while they are in still high school. They would spend less time and money earning their degree.

With a community college, there would be potential for local businesses to find more knowledgeable, skilled employees. Current employees could obtain additional training through taking college courses. CMC would open the door to building the skilled workforce this community needs.

CMC offers certificates, along with associate and bachelor degree programs, in a variety of fields from accounting to culinary arts. The courses offered would be customized to fit the needs of Archuleta County with classes held in existing facilities.

CMC has campuses in 11 Colorado locations including Aspen, Breckenridge, Dillon, Carbondale, Buena Vista, Glenwood Springs, Rifle and Vail Valley at Edwards, with residential campuses located in Leadville, Glenwood Springs-Spring Valley and Steamboat Springs.

The website states that its "service area covers 12,000 square miles, three national forests, six wilderness areas and most of Colorado's major ski resorts. CMC serves communities in nine Colorado Counties."

It is important to note that The Aspen Institute College Excellence Program has recognized CMC as in the top 13 percent of two-year colleges in the U.S. for exceptional student performance and outcomes. The college was ranked No. 17 in the nation by CNN/Money for student success among more than 800 two-year colleges. And CMC was rated No. 1 among Colorado's two-year colleges for graduation plus transfer rates.

The opportunity for higher education within the reach of our residents is an exciting possibility. A community college is something Pagosa Springs has needed for a long time.

There is a long process before Pagosa Springs would be approved to become part of CMC. Now is the time to show our support.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

## WHADDYA THINK?

What should the county do about a jail?



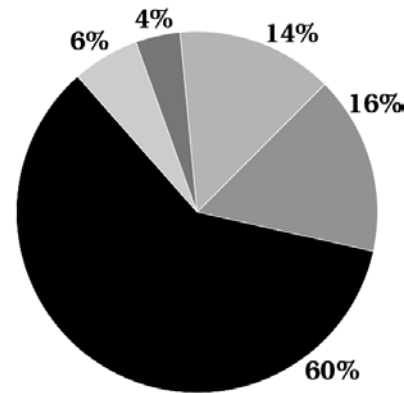
Virginia Griego  
"Renovate the old one."



Barbara Swindlehurst  
"We really need a new one."



Jenny Lee Hall  
"The town should sell the community center and turn it into a jail, and turn the Pagosa Lodge into a community/senior center."



Poll results (217 Votes)  
Continue to house inmates elsewhere — 60 percent  
Look again at renovating the old jail — 16 percent  
Build a temporary facility — 6 percent  
I do not know — 4 percent  
Other — 14 percent

This week online: What are you most thankful for this Thanksgiving?  
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## LOOKING BACK



From the October 1, 1970, Pagosa Springs SUN. SCHOOL BAND — The local school band appeared in the homecoming parade last Friday and at the football game Saturday. Although small, the band performed well and added to the success of the parade and football game.

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of November 11, 1927  
While returning from a trip to Trujillo Monday night on official business, Sheriff Frank Matthews and C.O. Dunagan became marooned in the San Juan river, which is necessary to ford. It was after midnight before they could extricate the car and reach their homes in Pagosa Springs.

Armistice day is passing quietly in Pagosa Springs, the only evidence of its existence being the closing of several business houses. The Rebekah dance tonight will be largely attended in honor of the event.

Two deaths from diphtheria occurred in the Trujillo section the past week, Filadelfio, eight year old son of Emelio Lujan, and a child of Jose Maez passing away from the dread disease.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of November 20, 1942  
The War Production Board has asked city officials, civic clubs, chambers of commerce, merchants and citizens generally to dispense with outdoor decorative lighting this Christmas, Leslie A. Miller, regional WPB director reports. He pointed out the lighting requires large amounts of critical materials, vital electricity and manpower.

Mr. and Mrs. West Carlin, Mrs. Mae Carlin, and John Taylor expect to go to Durango Friday. Mrs. Mae Carlin and John will meet Mrs. Mary Lamp there and go on with her to California where Mrs. Carlin will visit her daughter this winter. John will visit his grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Jule Macht made a combined business and pleasure trip to Aztec, N.M. last week.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of November 16, 1967  
There has been considerable vandalism, hoodlism, and minor law breaking in the community recently. It is these things which lead to bigger trouble. Much of the damage is being done by young folks. Do you know where your children were after 10 p.m. last night? Police officers are certain in their own minds who is committing some of the depredations. They are searching for proof and may find it. Parents may be surprised when their child is implicated because some of those suspected are certainly not considered hoodlums or bums.

Windows in the high school building were broken late Monday night or early Tuesday morning. In addition a car was driven up the walk into the front door of the high school.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of November 19, 1992  
Directors of the Dr. Mary Fisher Clinic Inc. are set to embark on a major fund-raising effort to construct a new medical facility in downtown. Before the process can begin in earnest, six of seven elected seats on the nine member board must be filled at the Dec. 2 annual meeting. A planning group was formed recently to concentrate on the development process, and Brent Dawson was named chairman. The Dr. Mary Fisher board has met — often in conjunction with directors of the Upper San Juan Hospital District — to discuss the new clinic (proposed for a site adjacent to the Casa de Los Arcos facility on South 8th Street). The planning effort has involved several physicians and a physician-consultant who came from the Vail area to meet with board members.

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# Letters



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## Climate change

Dear Editor:  
I recently attended the Climate Change Symposium at Fort Lewis College, hosted by the Lifelong Learning Program. Wow — what an expert and dynamic collection of educators — from a distinguished senior climate scientist, to our hometown FLC professors, to a USDA hydrologist and researcher. They brought a broad background of science and experience to the panel discussion. The lectures

dispelled some of the most common myths about climate change, as well as the impacts and mitigations strategies. I am inspired and appreciative of the dedication of so many talented and knowledgeable collaborators, addressing one of the most critical issues of our times.

The most exciting part was the attendance. Well over 250 people attended, a mix of FLC students and community members. There was even a bus load of Cortez high school students and a group who traveled from Pagosa Springs. The level of community concern was apparent. Audience questions for the panel were asked from young and old, from ethics, to effective communicating, to motivating values — like compassion and care for our global community and biodiversity.

One of the suggested solutions by speaker Dr. Kevin Trenberth was to put a price on carbon. We all listen to “the language of our wallets,” so by putting a price on carbon we can accelerate a just transition from a carbon intensive economy to a low carbon economy and stimulate job growth in the process. Solutions already exist; we just need the political will to implement them.

Susan Atkinson Durango

anyway. But maybe you care that his party’s proposed tax bill will add another \$1.7 trillion to your children’s debt ... not to overlook his nearly \$1 billion in write-offs; but what’s another giveaway without any improvements in our infrastructure. And we’re not even talking about Donald an absolute coastal elite born with a silver spoon in his mouth; or he and his team colluding with Russia to steal the presidential election and profitable deals on hotels and energy. I’m guessing you never met a NYC con man. Did you ever wonder why only about 2 percent of NY voted for Donald. But ... but you’re worried about “his” federal government takin’ your guns. Ha ha, seriously what is the color of the “Kool-Aid” you’re drinking?

One last chance for rational thought ... remember, money flows to the highest return balanced with acceptable risk. The overall Republican theory is, simply put, give money to the wealthy and corporations and they will invest it in more jobs, thus bumping the GDP, etc. ... no worries, it’s a slam dunk because deep down they’re really patriotic “good guys” ... sure. Okay, you be the wealthy decider on how to invest the proposed windfall from taxes ... higher returns through non-reported tax-sheltered countries, or expand/start a business subject to failure and competition ... some call the latter work with a high risk of failure. Yup, that’s what I thought, you’ll take the windfall and keep your “hidden” money hidden ... letting everyone else carry our government burdens. Did you know “trickledown/voodoo economics” is just Latin for ... thanks, sucker.

Dave Blake

## Cotton Hole

Dear Editor:  
I wanted to compliment the members of Pagosa Springs town board and staff for stepping up to preserve Cotton Hole and expanding the River Walk system.

Generations of Pagosans have enjoyed the cool waters of Cotton Hole. Preserving that tradition with a new park at Cotton Hole is an ex-

cellent idea and investment. It will link our parks together. Imagine strolling along the San Juan River from River Center Park, to Cotton Hole Park, to Town Park, to Centennial Park and on to Yamaguchi Park.

Thanks again to the town for looking forward and allowing future generations of locals and visitors alike to enjoy a thriving and unique park and trail system.

Jeff Greer

## Estate tax myths

Dear Editor:  
1. All estates are taxed — false  
2. Estate tax is double taxation — false  
Estate taxes are one of the most misunderstood and misrepresented aspects of our tax code. To analyze the ramifications of changing the estate tax code you must understand two components to the estate tax discussion — estate tax and capital gains tax. Under current law, estate tax only applies to the portion of an estate over \$5,000,000. Estates under \$5,000,000 do not incur estate tax. Therefore, repeal of the estate tax (not assessing tax on any estates) would be a huge tax break for the wealthy.

Capital gains tax is assessed on the sale of assets that have gained in value since the time of purchase. As an example, if you buy stock at \$10/share (this is your “cost basis”) and later sell it for \$25/share, you have a \$15/share gain on which you might pay capital gains tax

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# Obituaries

## Nancy R. Powell

Nancy R. Powell, age 67, of Pagosa Springs, passed away Nov. 8 after a long and brave battle with cancer.

Born in San Diego, Calif., Jan. 16, 1950, Nancy graduated from Fontana High School and went on to earn her bachelor's degree in nursing and her master's degree in organizational management. She opened up a successful home health care agency in 2003 and retired in 2012 after selflessly serving her community as a nurse for 44 years.

Nancy retired to Pagosa Springs to enjoy the lifestyle, climate and landscape that she always held so

dear to her heart. She was an avid horsewoman and hunter, embracing the beautiful nature that she chose to surround herself with in her final years of life. Nancy was a devoted wife, loving mother, nurturing grandmother and caretaker of countless souls.

Nancy is survived by her husband of 32 years, Scott Powell; her son, Thomas Oliver, and his wife, Dawnell; her daughter, Jamie Cooper, and her husband, Casey; four grandchildren: Jordan, Allie, Dean and Jack; her extended family and countless friends; her stepdaughter, Summer, and family; and her beloved horse and "trail soulmate," Rocky.

Nancy loved and helped so many and will be deeply missed by those who had the honor of meeting her.

## Michael 'Mike' Duane Tennyson

Michael "Mike" Duane Tenny-

son, age 65, of Pottsboro, Texas, and Pagosa Springs, Colo., passed away on Nov. 4. He was born April 16, 1952, to Billy Duane and Margaret (Scott) Tennyson in Dayton, Ohio.

Mike graduated in 1974 from Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, La., with a bachelor's degree. In 1984, he married Evelyn Breaux in New Orleans, La., where Mike worked for Hibernia National Bank for over 20 years. They moved to Dallas, Texas, in 1994, where Mike was a co-owner of Preferred Care Partners Management Group.

He loved spending time at his home in Pagosa Springs, riding ATVs in the mountains with visiting friends, but mostly he loved spend-

ing time with his wife, Evelyn, and their two dogs, Austin and Chayse.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, Nov. 17, at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home, 2525 Central Expressway N., Allen, Texas 75013. An additional memorial service will be held in Pagosa Springs this summer. The date has not yet been set.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to one of Mike's favorite charities is requested: LASSO Horse Rescue, P.O. Box 229, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, or online through PayPal: lassohorserescue.org; Humane Society of Pagosa Springs, P. O. Box 2230, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, or online: humanesocietyofpagosasprings.org; Pagosa Springs Medical Center, The Dr. Mary Fisher Foundation, online: pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org (select The Foundation from the drop-down menu); Pagosa Springs Arts Council, P.O. Box 3756, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, website not up yet.



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got them from the neighborhood, from the father down the street who fought in Korea or the family who lost someone at Anzio. Or you could get a sense of patriotism from school. And if all else failed, you could get a sense of patriotism from the popular culture."

The age group that President Reagan referred to during his speech has moved to the range of 65 or so. Our ability to teach things such as duty, honor, and country is

greatly reduced. It is now up to the parents and teachers of the children of today to help teach these important values. The current, almost toxic, cultural and political atmosphere of our country, combined with the method in which much of the media chooses to communicate many events plaguing our nation and the world, make this more difficult. However, the eighth graders of Pagosa Springs, their parents, and teachers have proved that they are up to the task.

Finally, I leave the parents and the children of Pagosa Springs with one last excerpt from President Reagan's farewell speech:

"... lesson No. 1 about America: All great change in America begins at the dinner table. So tomorrow night in the kitchen I hope the talking begins. And children, if your parents haven't been teaching you what it means to be an American

— let 'em know and nail 'em on it. That would be a very American thing to do.

On behalf of all those who are serving or who have served their country, we thank Mr. White, the students of the Pagosa Springs 8th grade and all those who assisted them for their fine effort. It will stay with us for a long time.

Russ and Jacqui Widener

## Cards of Thanks

### Eighth grade

A huge thank you from all the veterans of Archuleta County for another epic breakfast put on by Pagosa Springs eighth-graders. Us old guys and girls appreciate greatly the party thrown on our behalf each year at the Community Center on America's Veterans Day.

Paul Nobles, scout sniper, Vietnam Marines 1969-70

### Seniors

Archuleta Seniors Inc. and the Pagosa Senior Center would like to thank Lisa Saunders for the benefit concert extravaganza, "Infatuacion," performed on Sept. 29. It was, indeed, a magical evening.

Shop the SUN classifieds.

## In Memoriam

### Darin Rome

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# Business

## CHAMBER NEWS

### Get ready for the holiday season

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
SUN Columnist

This summer, hundreds of people went around town, looked for the creatively decorated metal bicycles, copied down the license plate numbers and then came to the Visitor Center to spin the wheel to win some great Pagosa Springs swag. It was a hugely successful program thanks to the creativity of the Beautification Committee.

Now that the holidays are upon us, there is another community decoration idea and again it involves the businesses. Businesses

can create a wreath to be placed in strategic walking areas downtown such as along the overlook area. The wreaths can be decorated in a way that reflects your business or just a beautifully decorated wreath. There will be a laminated sign attached to each wreath to denote the business donation.

There will be no prizes, there will be no scavenger hunts; the wreaths are just to beautify the downtown walking areas. Wreaths can be live or fake greenery, but hopefully made to withstand the holiday season. They must be delivered to the Visitor Center by Dec. 3. Give your business

a little extra exposure by decorating and donating a wreath that highlights the products of your business. These wreaths could be so fun.

Please continue to support the efforts of the Beautification Committee as they work to improve the overall appearance of our community all throughout the year. For more information, contact the Visitor Center at 585-1200.

#### Parade of Store changes

The 12th annual Parade of Stores shopping extravaganza will take place this year from Nov. 30-Dec. 3. Over 25 stores will be participating this year from the far west to the far east ends of town. There will be a few changes to this year's shopping extravaganza components.

First off, the tickets given for every \$10 spent are still in full swing. Participants will be entered in a drawing for a trip and shopping spree. The more you spend, the more chances you have to win some great prizes. This portion of the weekend is just an added incentive to those shoppers to thank them for shopping local.

Probably the biggest change is the termination of the frequent stamp program to be replaced by a "selfie" program. Even if you aren't tech savvy, store owners and staff members can help you get entered into the drawing so you can enjoy the fun. It's easy. Just imagine yourself in a store wearing or holding an item that you want a friend or family member to know they could get you for the holidays, birthday or anniversary.

Here is how you can work the selfie program: Take your picture inside one of the participating stores. Then post the picture to one of your social media platforms: Facebook, Twitter or Instagram along with the hashtag #PSParadeofStores. Then either check in on Facebook with your store location

or add another hashtag with the store name. The week following the Parade of Stores weekend, we will do a search for all of the #PSParadeofStores postings. We will have a random drawing and the winner will receive a shopping spree.

You can still pick up a shopping brochure from the Chamber or any of the participating stores that will have the stores and their hours listed, as well as the participating stores map. Look for the bright green tinsel trees and the red and green balloons. You can enter the selfie program from as many participating stores as you want. This part of the program is fun, interactive and a great way to let people know your wish list.

We look forward to a fun Parade of Stores this year with some upgraded and interactive contests. Don't forget that all of the participating stores will be offering great deals.

Check out The SUN for event special store advertisements.

#### Membership news

Another reminder that the Maximizing Your Membership for the month of November will be on Monday, Nov. 20, at 9 a.m., not noon. We are hosting a breakfast instead of a lunch to accommodate some of our businesses that cannot break away for the lunch hour. Contact Debra at the Chamber, 264-2360, to reserve your space.

Our new member this week joining the Chamber is Bookends.

Our renewing members this week include La Plata Electric Association, Mountain Eye Care, The Econo Lodge, the Western Slope Breakroom and the Ruby Sisson Memorial Library.

There are a lot of activities going on this holiday season.

Read The SUN from front to back and don't miss out on any of the activities.

- IRS Publication 505 — Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax.
- Tax Withholding — Complete information on withholding, estimated taxes, FAQs and more.

Self-employed taxpayers, in- ■ See IRS A7



Photo courtesy Laura Mijares

The Springs Resort and Spa makes a donation to representatives of Archuleta School District. The donation came in the form of winter clothing totaling \$6,240 to help students as they prepare for cold winter weather. Approximately 170 students from Pagosa Family School, Pagosa Peak Open School, Pagosa Springs Elementary School, Pagosa Springs Middle School and Pagosa Springs High School received new items of winter clothing including jackets, snow pants or boots. The items were all purchased at the local Walmart, which granted a discount on the purchase.

### IRS encourages taxpayers to check their withholding; checking now helps avoid surprises at tax time

By Karen Connelly  
Special to The SUN

As the end of 2017 approaches, the Internal Revenue Service encourages taxpayers to consider a tax withholding checkup. Taking a closer look at the taxes being withheld now can help ensure the right amount is withheld, either for tax refund purposes or to avoid an unexpected tax bill next year.

The withholding review takes on even more importance given a tax law change that started last year. This change requires the IRS to hold refunds a few weeks for some early filers claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC). In addition, the IRS and state tax administrators continue to strengthen identity theft and refund fraud protections, which means some tax returns could require additional review time next year to protect against fraud.

"With only a few months left

in the year, this is a good time to check on your withholding," said IRS Commissioner John Koskinen. "How much you choose to withhold is a personal choice, but checking now can reduce the chance for a surprise tax bill when you file in 2018."

By adjusting the Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate, taxpayers can ensure that the right amount is taken out of their pay throughout the year. Having the correct amount withheld from paychecks helps to ensure that taxpayers don't pay too much tax during the year — and it also means taxpayers have money up-front rather than waiting for a bigger refund after filing their tax return.

The IRS also cautions people to be careful and check to make sure they have enough withheld from their paychecks. Under-withholding can lead to a tax bill as well as an additional penalty. The IRS especially encourages people with

a second job, such as those in the sharing economy, or with a major life change to check whether they are having enough withheld or if they are making the appropriate estimated tax payments.

In many cases, a new Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate, is all that is needed to make an adjustment. Taxpayers submit it to their employer and the employer uses the form to figure the amount of federal income tax to be withheld from pay. But remember — it takes time for employers to process these payroll changes, so any adjustments should be made quickly so it can take effect during the final pay periods of 2017.

The IRS offers several online resources to help taxpayers bring taxes paid closer to what is owed. They are available anytime on IRS.gov. They include:

- IRS Withholding Calculator — Online tool helps determine the correct amount of tax to withhold.

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- Thank you to all the individuals and businesses that made the 2017 Holiday Bazaar a big success.
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- Also, big thanks to all the Realtors, businesses, individuals and artists who donated baskets and items for the silent auction and to the "basket ladies" Shellie Hogue, Lana Grey, Stephanie Erickson, Sharon Crump, and Denise McCabe for their hard work and creative skills.
- Thanks to all the individuals who volunteered their time to make sure the event ran smoothly including Ed Keyes, Eddie Keyes, Pam Eaton-Scott, and Dave Netherton.
- A big shout-out goes to the Pagosa Pride Baseball team and parents for their work to setup and break down the booths for the event. Without all these dedicated volunteers this event would not be possible. As a result of your efforts, over \$4,000 was raised for local nonprofit organizations.

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# USDA issues safety-net payments to Colorado farmers

**By Patti Finke**  
Special to The SUN

USDA Colorado Farm Service Agency (FSA) Acting State Executive Director Jenny Peterson announced that approximately 16,000 Colorado farms that enrolled in safety-net programs established by the 2014 Farm Bill will receive financial assistance for the 2016 crop year.

The programs, known as Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC),

are designed to protect against unexpected drops in crop prices or revenues due to market downturns.

“These safety-net programs provide help when price and revenue fall below normal,” said Peterson. “Payments to barley, canola, corn, lentils, oats, dry peas, grain sorghum, soybeans and wheat producers are helping provide reassurance to our Colorado farm families who are standing strong against low commodity prices compounded by unfavorable grow-

ing conditions.”  
Producers in 61 Colorado counties have experienced a significant drop in prices or revenues below the benchmark established by the ARC or PLC program and, thus, will receive payments totaling \$143 million. Payments related to corn crops made up much of those payments. There were also payments for barley, canola, lentils, oats, dry peas, grain sorghum, soybeans and wheat crops. Cash flow from these payments is particularly helpful to farmers and ranchers in counties

impacted by natural disasters.  
“Payments by county for an eligible commodity can vary because average county yields will differ,” said Peterson.

Statewide, over 5,700 farms participated in ARC-County and nearly 10,300 farms participated in PLC. More details on the price and yield information used to calculate the financing assistance from the safety-net programs is available on the FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc and www.fsa.usda.gov/co.

# IRS

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cluding those involved in the sharing or gig economy, can use the Form 1040-ES worksheet to correctly figure their estimated tax payments. If they also work for an employer, they can often forgo making these quarterly payments by instead having more tax taken out of their pay.

### People working in the sharing economy

The IRS encourages people in the sharing or “gig” economy who also have a job with an employer to take a close look at their withholding. Doing so can help avoid unexpected tax issues.

### Some refunds delayed in 2018

The IRS wants taxpayers to be

aware of several factors that could affect the timing of their tax refunds next year.

Due to a December 2015 law, the IRS cannot issue refunds on tax returns claiming the EITC or the ACTC before mid-February. Under the change required by Congress in the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes Act, the IRS must hold the entire refund — even the portion not associated with the EITC and ACTC.

This law change, which went into effect in 2017, helps ensure that taxpayers get the refund they are owed by giving the IRS more time to help detect and prevent fraud.

### Stronger security filters and refund processing

As the IRS steps up its efforts

to combat identity theft and tax refund fraud through its many processing filters, legitimate refund returns sometimes get delayed. While the IRS is working diligently to stop fraudulent refunds from being issued, it is also focused on releasing legitimate refunds as

quickly as possible.  
The IRS, state tax agencies and the private-sector tax industry continue to work together to fight fraud through their Security Summit partnership. Additional safeguards will be set in place for the 2018 filing season.

## Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

**Thursday, Nov. 16**  
Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners budget meeting, 9 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Archuleta School District Board of Education community meeting, Noon-1 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

Archuleta School District Board of Education community meeting, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

**Friday, Nov. 17**  
Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners budget meeting, 9 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Pagosa Peak Open School board meeting, 4 p.m., 7 Parelli Way.

**Monday, Nov. 20**  
Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting, 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

**Tuesday, Nov. 21**  
Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session.

8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.  
Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners regular meeting, 1:30 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

**Wednesday, Nov. 22**  
Town of Pagosa Springs Historic Preservation Board, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall front conference room, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. This is a tentative meeting and may be canceled.

**Tuesday, Nov. 28**  
Town of Pagosa Springs Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

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# Travel plans? Yellow fever vaccine shortage announced

**By Claire Ninde**  
Special to The SUN

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) will not be receiving more yellow fever vaccine (YF-VAX) until mid-2018.

Production of YF-VAX in the U.S. has ceased while the manufacturer transitions production to a new facility.

Yellow fever is a serious disease caused by the yellow fever virus found in certain parts of Africa and South America. Yellow fever is spread through the bite of an infected mosquito and cannot be spread person to person by direct contact. People with yellow fever disease usually have to be hospitalized.

### If you are planning a trip to South America or Africa

Entry into some countries in South America and Africa (cdc.gov/yellowfever/maps/index.html) requires a stamped and signed “International Certificate of Vaccination or Prophylaxis” (yellow card). The yellow fever certificate is valid 10 days after immunization and therefore should be received 10 days prior to travel.

While YF-VAX production is on hold, SJBPH recommends travelers to these regions immunize from yellow fever with Stamaril, another yellow fever vaccine registered and distributed in more than 70 other countries and comparable in safety and efficacy to YF-VAX.

Stamaril has been limited in distributed to approximately 250 vaccination centers in the U.S. The closest clinics offering this vaccine are in Albuquerque, Colorado Springs and Denver: <https://www.wnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/search->

for-stamaril-clinics.

If you are unable to travel to one of these locations, vaccination while in transit may be an option if: 1) no International Health Regulations (IHR) entry requirements exist in the next 10 days; 2) no significant yellow fever exposure is anticipated in the next 10 days; 3) no relevant medical issues are present in the traveler.

If unable to obtain the yellow fever vaccine, you may need to consider postponing travel to countries with yellow fever vaccine requirements until after mid-2018.

You may schedule a travel consult with the SJBPH immunization nurse to discuss yellow fever transmission risk per your specific travel plans and other recommended vaccines and precautions. Call 247-5702 to schedule an appointment.



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# Veterans Day message: Service, sacrifice and freedom

By Jim Huffman  
Special to The SUN

The following Veterans Day speech was given by Jim Huffman at the Mullins-Nickerson American Legion Post 108 on Nov. 11, and was provided to The SUN following the event.

Good morning, ladies and gentlemen:

This morning I am going to talk briefly about "Service and Sacrifice" — after a lifetime of being involved with the military, I have seen this from both the perspective of the soldier and the perspective of a dependent — four grade schools in three states for grades K through eighth and three high schools in two states in four years for grades nine-12. From birth until I retired from the Army, the longest I ever lived any single place was four years — and we only did that once.

There are several popular, "bumper sticker," type slogans about the military that we see around — one is "Freedom is not Free," unfortunately that is not true — it really is "free" for most Americans.

The percentage of U.S. population who have served in the military has steadily decreased over the last 60 years — the draft ended in 1973, 40 years ago, and the number serving has decreased even faster. During WWII over 12 percent of the nation served over a 4-year period; in Vietnam it was a little over 4 percent over 12 years; and in the Global War on Terror, less than 1 percent have served since 2001, many, if not most, of those doing multiple tours in Iraq and Afghanistan — unlike Vietnam.

Do those in our government understand — in 1973 almost 73 percent of the people serving in the U.S. Congress had some form of military service (390 of 535). For this current Congress (2017/2018), it is less than 19 percent (101 of 535). There is only one veteran in Colorado's delegation to the U.S. Congress.

Over time, fewer and fewer people have shouldered more and more of the burden and it is only getting worse. Especially since 9/11, the average citizen is asked to sacrifice nothing (by President Bush or President Obama), and has sacrificed nothing unless they have chosen to out of the goodness of their hearts. There is no draft



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Jim Huffman speaks at Saturday's Veterans Day ceremony at American Legion Mullins-Nickerson Post 108.

and increasingly those that serve in the military come from military families, learning duty, service and sacrifice at home — not at school. Pagosa is the exception to that; Scott White runs the program to teach our fifth- and eighth-graders about the U.S. Constitution and has the eighth-graders organize and conduct the veterans breakfast every year at the Community Center on Veterans Day.

Base pay for a PFC and corporal with two-three years of service is \$2,004/\$2,315 per month — at a 40-hour week, that's between \$12.50 and \$14.50/hour — at the more realistic 60-hour week, it's closer to \$8.50-\$9.50/hour and in Iraq/Afghanistan being on duty 24/7 — you do the math. No one is doing this to get rich.

So, another slogan we hear is "All gave some and some gave all!" but this is generally accepted as descriptive of the veterans themselves. All do sacrifice something (time, freedom, parts of their bodies or minds) and some give their lives. The fact is, everyone who serves, and particularly the families of those who serve (parents, spouses, and children), sacrifices — this is especially true for those who stay in longer. Endless missed holidays,

anniversaries, graduations; missed births and birthdays; middle-of-the-night alerts and deployments with family not knowing if it is real or training. In the '50s and '60s, B-52 crews in SAC lived with their B4 bags packed and standing next to their bedroom doors waiting for the alert — and SAC was known for the highest divorce rate in the country. During Vietnam, Special Forces was added to SAC's divorce statistics. Regular training with its associated injuries and deaths (night carrier operations in bad weather, armored vehicles driving around the woods full of Infantrymen at night with no lights — there is no OSHA that requires flashing lights and blaring horns when heavy equipment goes into reverse — etc.); socialized medicine; living in those lovely gardens spots of isolation like Fort Polk, La.; Fort Irwin; 29 Palms; Edwards AFB; China Lake Naval Air Station, Calif.; Minot AFB N.D.; Tule, Greenland.

I hesitate to ask this group, but how many here remember the Cuban Missile Crisis in October 1962 and what you were doing during those 13 days (16 - 28 Oct)? I was in high school at Edwards AFB. How many realized the U.S. went DEFCON 2 on Oct. 26 with one-

eighth of SAC's 1,436 bombers on airborne alert and the rest on the ground on 15-minute alert? That there was a crew sitting in every aircraft the Air Force had 24/7 for most of that time — even at remote air bases that had no strategic assets or function — like my dad at Edwards with his crew rotating in and out of the cockpit and sleeping on cots in base ops, waiting for the order to take off and wondering if there would be a place to land after the missile strikes? I once asked my friend, Duane Branson, a retired B-52 pilot who is about 10 years older than I, if he remembered what he was doing — he was flying orbits around the North Pole loaded with nukes and his target was Moscow. If you aren't involved, or related to someone involved, you have no idea of what sacrifices are made.

Could I please have all of the veterans raise their hands and keep them up? Thank you — now could all of those who have, or had, immediate family — a parent, spouse, child or sibling — in the military also please raise your hands — thank you.

Everyone please look around — these are the people who have been paying, and are paying, the rent on our freedom for about the last three generations. The volunteers. The people who swore an oath to defend this nation.



Photo courtesy Roy Vega

Legionnaire Ed Robinson (right) is awarded a plaque recognizing his past term as American Legion Mullins-Nickerson Post 108 senior vice commander and two terms as post commander. Presenting the plaque at a meeting Nov. 8 is current post senior vice commander Harry Harris. Robinson is also the post historian and responsible for the Post's website centennial. legion.org/colorado/post108. Robinson is a U.S. Marine Corps Vietnam War veteran and retired special agent for the FBI.

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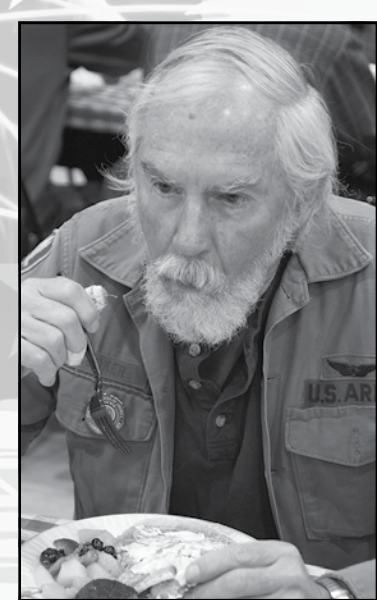

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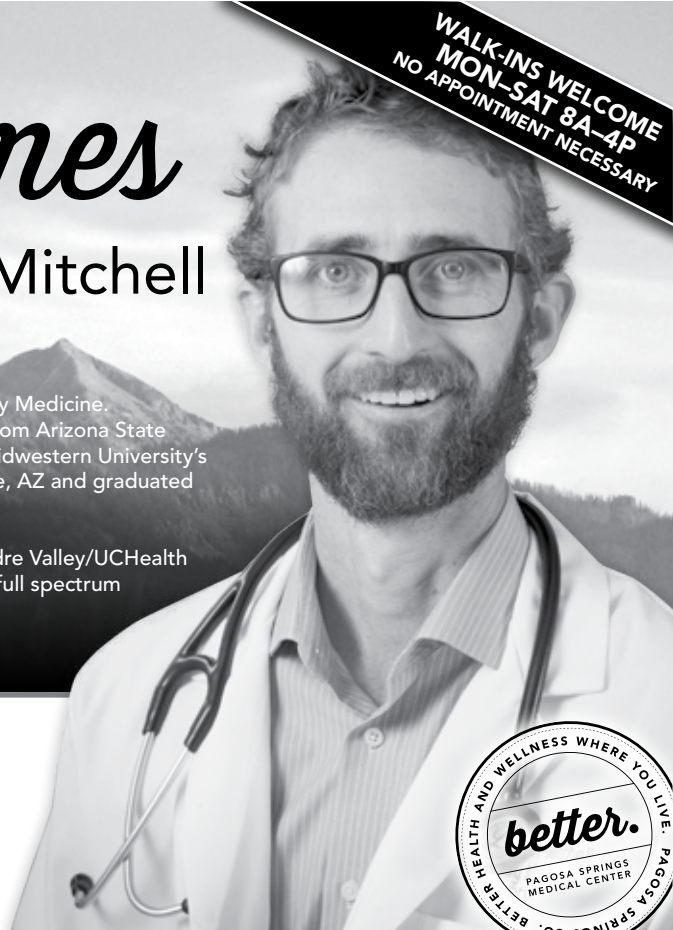
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# Honoring our veterans

Photos: Randi Pierce, Terri House, T Jay Carter

The community honored the sacrifice and service of its veterans in a variety of ways for Veterans Day Friday and Saturday. Among the local events were the veterans breakfast hosted by the Pagosa Springs Middle School eighth-grade class, which gave students a chance to interact with local veterans from a variety of conflicts, a veteran appreciation dinner, a ceremony hosted by local Cub Scouts and the traditional ceremony by the American Legion Mullins-Nickerson Post 108.



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# Former Adobe lot will be public parking

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

During its regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 7, the Pagosa Springs Town Council approved the first reading of an ordinance that would allow the town to utilize the paved

parking lot of the former Adobe building. "The Adobe Condominium Association, apparently there's 19 owners, owns the former site where the Adobe building was, which recently burned down," explained Town Manager Andrea Phillips to

the council. She continued, "They had approached Greg (Schulte) and in his transition I worked with them on an agreement that would essentially allow the paved parking area to the south of where the building was to be a public parking area."

Phillips explained that, in return for the town being allowed to use the parking lot, the town would need to put up public parking signage, which had already been done. In addition to signage, the town would need to rope off the grassy area adjacent to the lot, as well as performing "minimum maintenance."

Phillips went on to say that she wasn't aware what the association's plans were for rebuilding, but that this was a temporary agreement. "We have already put up the parking signage and roped off the area, so our minimal maintenance might be some painting ... of the parking area, and doing some snow plowing," Phillips said. Council member Nicole DeMarco moved to approve the first reading of the ordinance, with council member Clint Alley seconding the motion.

Council members Mat deGraaf and David Schanzenbaker were absent from the meeting, and the motion passed unanimously with the remaining council members. The second reading of the ordinance is anticipated to take place at the town council's meeting on Monday, Nov. 20, at 5 p.m. [marshall@pagosasun.com](mailto:marshall@pagosasun.com)



Photo courtesy Preston Benson

Chris Hinger, Pagosa Springs Middle School principal, is the featured luncheon speaker at the 11th annual Alliance Economic Development Summit held at the Sky Ute Event Center on Oct. 25. Hinger spoke about the school's 2014 Healthy School Champion Principal Award from the Colorado Health Foundation and the school's efforts to offer our youth a more well-rounded educational experience focusing on continuous improvement, which also involves the great outdoors. His presentation showcased the beauty of some of Pagosa's natural playground as well as the efforts of the teachers that are involved in the programs.

# Judge William Anderson to retire

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

Pagosa Springs Municipal Judge William Anderson will be retiring at the end of this month.

Pagosa Springs Town Council received an update on the situation regarding the town's municipal judge during its regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

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

Phillips went on to explain that Anderson agreed to serve on the bench through the end of Novem-

ber. "It just so happens that our municipal judge pro-tem, who is our backup judge, Diane Knutson, she is also resigning, which is effective at the end of December," explained Phillips. "She's actually up in Greeley, and she needs to spend more time up there on the municipal court in Greeley. She's had some scheduling issues."

Phillips went on to explain that both positions would be open.

"We're going to be covered on court through the end of the year. Diane will fill in in December. She's even agreed to potentially help us out with a couple of jury trials in early January," said Phillips. "But we'll need to move forward pretty quickly on advertising. I've been working with human resources, and

with our municipal court administrator ... to outline what that position announcement looks like, the job description and all of that stuff."

Phillips said that both positions required the appointment by the town council.

"We're going to conduct interviews by the end of the year and have recommendations for appointments by the council by the first meeting in January," said Phillips.

"I've been with the town ever since Bill was appointed. First in law enforcement, of course, and now on council, and he has been, in my opinion, the finest judge we've ever had ... I believe we have the finest municipal court in the state of Colorado," commented Mayor Don Volger. [marshall@pagosasun.com](mailto:marshall@pagosasun.com)

# Birth

The following is the October birth with parents from Pagosa Springs as reported by Mercy Regional Medical Center:

Asher Gilbert, Tricia and Michael Vega, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, 5:22 p.m., Oct. 23.

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- Nov. 6 — Possession of weapons by previous offenders, domestic violence, illegal discharge of a firearm, menacing-felony-aggravated-weapon, violation of restraining order, first-degree assault-aggravated-weapon, false imprisonment, County Road 600.
- Nov. 6 — Drove vehicle when license canceled, no registration, defective rear lamps, owner operated or permitted operation of vehicle without liability insurance, U.S. 160.
- Nov. 7 — Drove vehicle when license suspended, Village Drive.
- Nov. 7 — Vehicle plate obstructed by devise (sic), failed to display valid registration, drove vehicle when license suspended, U.S. 160.
- Nov. 7 — Theft, USFS 135.
- Nov. 7 — Warrant arrest, Canyon Circle.
- Nov. 8 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, violation of restraining order, Valley View Drive.

- Nov. 8 — Warrant arrest, Eagle Drive.
- Nov. 9 — Animals running at large, Bill's Place.
- Nov. 9 — Drove vehicle when license suspended, U.S. 160.
- Nov. 9 — Warrant arrest, U.S. 160.
- Nov. 9 — Warrant arrest, Eagle Drive.
- Nov. 10 — Theft, Park Avenue.
- Nov. 10 — Information only, County Road 600.
- Nov. 10 — Violation of restraining order, U.S. 160.
- Nov. 11 — Agency assist, South 8th Street.
- Nov. 12 — Harassment-repeated communications invade, South 7th Street.
- Nov. 12 — Agency assist, Bonanza Avenue.
- Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department**
- Nov. 6 — Marijuana prohibited, South 8th Street.
- Nov. 6 — Assault, South 9th Street.
- Nov. 6 — DUI, Lewis Street.
- Nov. 7 — Harassment, South Pagosa Boulevard.
- Nov. 8 — Traffic/license/insurance, Hermosa Street.
- Nov. 9 — DUI, Trinity Lane.
- Nov. 9 — Prohibited overnight parking/town parks, East Pagosa Street.

- Nov. 9 — Trespass warning, North 8th Street.
- Nov. 10 — Information only, South 8th Street.
- Nov. 10 — Agency assist, U.S. 160.
- Nov. 11 — Assault/menacing, South 8th Street.
- Nov. 12 — Violation of restraining order, South 7th Street.
- Nov. 12 — Agency assist, Bonanza Avenue.
- Nov. 12 — Harassment, South 8th Street.
- Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge William Anderson**
- Nov. 8 — Darryl Zito, following too closely, four points, fines and costs — \$146.
- Nov. 8 — Alvaro Tellez, failure to yield to oncoming traffic when making left turn, three points, fines and costs — \$81.
- Nov. 8 — Jacob Valenica-Herrera, unsafe passing, four points, fines and costs — \$111.
- Nov. 8 — John Matthews, changes lanes when unsafe, three points, fines and costs — \$111.
- Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay**
- No report.
- 6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson**
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## Forest Service appeals federal judge's decision on Village at Wolf Creek

### Ruling found agency acted 'contrary to law'

By Jonathan Romeo  
Durango Herald Staff Writer

The U.S. Forest Service will appeal a federal court ruling that the agency acted "contrary to law" in approving a land exchange that would green-light a resort on Wolf Creek Pass.

The U.S. Forest Service is challenging a federal judge's ruling from earlier this year that its Rio Grande office's approval of the Village at Wolf Creek was steeped in "predicative bias" and was "contrary to law."

On Thursday, the U.S. Forest Service, through the U.S. Department of Justice, filed a notice of appeal with the 10th Circuit Court

of Appeals. The developers of the proposed resort, Leavell-McCombs Joint Venture, also appealed in October.

The notice of appeals the Forest Service submitted contained only a brief statement that it intended to protest the decision, so the reasons why are unclear. The federal agency has 14 days to submit a more substantial challenge.

The U.S. Forest Service referred all questions to the Department of Justice. The Department of Justice declined to comment.

In May, a senior U.S. district judge for the District of Colorado handed down a strongly worded decision that the U.S. Forest Service's Rio Grande office's approval of an access road to the proposed resort was invalid on many levels.

Since the 1980s, Leavell-McCombs Joint Venture — headed by Texas billionaire B.J. "Red" Mc-

Combs — has attempted to build a resort adjacent to the Wolf Creek Ski Area.

However, the development has lacked road access. In 2015, Rio Grande National Forest Supervisor Dan Dallas approved a land exchange with Leavell-McCombs, which effectively granted the developers that access.

In response, environmental groups and others opposed to the resort filed suit, claiming the Forest Service's approval of the land swap short-changed the environmental impacts of the development, and was unduly influenced by McCombs.

Judge Richard Matsch, responsible for that May decision, agreed.

"What NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) requires is that before taking any major action, a federal agency must stop and take a careful look to determine the

environmental impact of that decision, and listen to the public before taking action," Matsch wrote in his decision. "The Forest Service failed to do that."

A motion was filed in September to reconsider this decision, yet Matsch upheld his determinations.

"The Forest Service cannot abdicate its responsibility to protect the forest by making an attempt at an artful dodge," Matsch wrote.

The proposed Village at Wolf Creek would have the capacity for an estimated 8,000 to 10,000 people on a mountain pass that is at an elevation of 10,000 feet and more than 20 miles from the nearest town.

Those opposed to the resort have cited the impacts it would have on the environment, namely the headwaters of the Rio Grande River and the endangered lynx.

Many opponents also point to the influence McCombs has had on the project. Emails obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request found Forest Service staffers admitted to the political pressure McCombs put on the agency to make favorable decisions for the developer.

"I'm not surprised," Matt Sandler, an attorney for Rocky Mountain Wild, which represents the environmental groups, said of the Forest Service appealing the May decision. "It follows the trend we've been getting of the Forest Service taking orders from Red McCombs, making the determinations he wants and rubber stamping the decisions he wants."

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## San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging announces launch of No Wrong Door pilot program

By Ruby Gonzalez  
Special to The SUN

The San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging (SJBAAA) and its partners now serve the San Juan Basin area as one of four regional sites piloting a No Wrong Door system for Colorado.

A No Wrong Door system provides streamlined access to long-term services and supports for all individuals in need, regardless of age, disability or pay source.

The objective of No Wrong Door is to address many of the challenges Coloradans experience when they try to access these services and supports through a person-centered process that connects people to what they need.

As southwest (SW) Colorado's No Wrong Door, the SJBAAA and its partners will work with a No Wrong Door Project Team that is comprised of representatives from the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, the Colorado Department of Human Services, and the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment.

Southwest Colorado's No Wrong Door will also actively participate in Learning Community meetings where all four pilot sites will share lessons learned and best practices as the No Wrong Door system model is tested and refined for statewide implementation following the end of the two-year pilot period.

The pilots are funded by an implementation grant from the federal Administration on Community Living through the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing.

The framework for No Wrong Door comes from Colorado's Com-

munity Living Plan and the Community Living Advisory Group. Core recommendations from these initiatives include creating a streamlined entry point and access system for people seeking long-term services and supports and improving communication strategies among long-term services and supports agencies.

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"SW Colorado's No Wrong Door supports what our SW Colorado regional network has been working on since the fall of 2011. We understand how important it is for individuals, who need long-term services and supports, to seamlessly access the help that they need," said Christina Knoell, SJBAAA executive director. "We have committed professional stakeholders who are working hard to make life better in Southwest Colorado. We are excited to have this opportunity and to work with No Wrong Door partners to develop the tools and strategies needed to implement this important work statewide."

Partnering with the SJBAAA are the Archuleta County Department of Human Services, Axis Health

System, Community Connections, La Plata County Department of Human Services, La Plata County Senior Services, La Plata Family Centers Coalition on behalf of the Medical Coverage Collaborative of Archuleta and La Plata counties, Montezuma County Public Health Department, Southwest Colorado's Alzheimer's Association, San Juan Basin Public Health, Southern Ute Community Actions Programs Inc. and Southwest Center for Independence.

Southwest Colorado's No Wrong Door has already purchased a regional database, called the Network of Care, that will provide a centralized hub for linking an individual's information, options counseling and referrals, as well as a care portal for linking the individual's information across all partners, through a secure system.

During the pilot period, participating state agencies will work with Nonprofit Impact and the Center on Network Science at the University of Colorado-Denver to help pilot sites with technical issues and data collection and evaluation.

The Southwest Colorado region and its loyal stakeholders are working hard to create a better system to help individuals so that they are not left on their own to navigate a seemingly complicated system in a very rural part of Colorado.

For more information, visit [www.colorado.gov/hcpf/no-wrong-door-implementation-grant](http://www.colorado.gov/hcpf/no-wrong-door-implementation-grant).

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# Outdoors

## Opportunity to comment: Pagosa District Prescribed Burn Project

By Sara Brinton  
Special to The SUN

The San Juan National Forest, Pagosa Ranger District is seeking public comments on a draft environmental assessment for the Pagosa District prescribed burning analysis. The project proposes to allow prescribed burning and associated activities on approximately 193,000 acres of National Forest System (NFS) lands on the Pagosa Ranger District. Areas targeted for treatment include ponderosa pine, warm-dry mixed conifer and shrub dominated areas. The environment assessment describing the proposed action, with maps, is available

online at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/sanjuan/projects>. This project is subject to the pre-decisional objection regulations at 36 CFR 218. Only individuals or entities (as defined by 36 CFR 218.2) who submit timely and specific written comments during this or any other designated public comment period will be eligible to object. Other eligibility requirements are defined by 36 CFR 218.25 (a)(3). Individual members of an entity must submit their own individual comments in order to have eligibility to object as an individual. A timely submission will be determined as outlined in 36 CFR 218.25 (a)(4). It is the responsibility of the

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## Join in the Christmas Bird Count 2017

By Keith Bruno  
Special to The SUN

The Weminuche Audubon Society welcomes all local residents, visitors and bird enthusiasts to join the longest-running citizen science survey in the world, the Christmas Bird Count (CBC). The CBC is a 118-year-old program of the National Audubon Society. Each year, thousands of volunteers across the Western Hemisphere come together to participate in this early-winter bird census. The CBC provides critical data on bird population trends, with viewers logging what they see and hear within a 15-mile diameter. Individuals may submit counts from their backyard feeders (you will need to make arrangements with the count organizer) or join a team to traverse one of eight zones within Pagosa Springs' count circle. The Pagosa Springs count will

take place on Saturday, 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. In order to prepare for the count, Audubon Rockies' Keith Bruno will host a bird identification class, "Winter Birds 101," on two evenings prior to the count — 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](http://www.audubon.org/conservation/science/christmas-bird-count) or check out our website at [www.weminucheadubon.org](http://www.weminucheadubon.org). To get involved, please contact Bruno at [kbruno@audubon.org](mailto:kbruno@audubon.org).



Photo courtesy Byron Greco

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## San Juan National Forest Christmas tree permits on sale

By Ann Bond  
Special to The SUN

Christmas tree permits, which allow you to cut your own holiday tree, are now on sale for \$8 at San Juan National Forest offices and selected retail outlets in southwestern Colorado. A permit allows the bearer to cut one tree up to 20 feet tall for personal use until Dec. 31. Permits come with a brochure with safety tips, information on which species of tree to harvest and the best places to find trees. The Forest Service is also offering one free permit to fourth-grade

students who hold a valid Every Kid in a Park pass or paper voucher downloaded from [www.EveryKidinaPark.gov](http://www.EveryKidinaPark.gov). The free permit is good only at agency offices and the participating fourth-grader must be present. San Juan National Forest permits are now on sale at Pagosa Ranger District, 180 Pagosa St. (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday; sometimes closed for lunch noon to 1 p.m.). National forest roads are not plowed for snow removal and icy or snow-packed conditions may exist. For information on road conditions, go to: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/sanjuan> or call the national forest office closest to your destination. Bureau of Management Christmas tree permits are sold separately.

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# Local Red Cross volunteer assists hurricane victims

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

Pagosa Springs resident and Red Cross volunteer Gayle Dixon recently spent two weeks assisting victims of the recent hurricanes in the Florida Keys.

From Sept. 19 to Oct. 2, Dixon worked with other Red Cross volunteers, driving an emergency response vehicle (ERV) to victims affected by the hurricanes and assisting them with supplies and food.

"I'm a disaster assistance response worker, and that means, God forbid, your house burns down, the fire department calls the Red Cross," explained Dixon in an interview with The SUN. "The Red Cross then calls volunteers in the area and asks if they can respond to the house fire."

She went on to explain that she responds to the scene with things called "comfort kits," which are filled with things such as toiletries and blankets.

"We have disaster assistance cards, and I'll get information on the family, how many family members they have, whether they need emergency housing, and then I call it in, and the Red Cross will load money on the disaster assistance card," explained Dixon. "I'm the first boots on the ground, and then other Red Cross volunteers take it over from there."

She added that, on top of providing disaster assistance, she's assisted as a shelter worker, such as when Durango had the Lightner Creek Fire.

In addition to assisting with local disasters and assisting in shelters, Dixon explains that she deploys to other areas affected by disasters to assist in providing relief in the area, which is what she did in the Florida Keys.

She explained that, besides driving to the airport, her airfare, housing, food and everything else was taken care of by the Red Cross, and when she stated she was ready to deploy, she got to choose between Texas and Florida.

Dixon described being flown to Orlando, Fla., to the Red Cross



Photo courtesy Gayle Dixon

Pagosa Springs resident and Red Cross volunteer Gayle Dixon stands in front of an emergency response vehicle in the Florida Keys. In late September, Dixon spent two weeks volunteering with the Red Cross to provide disaster relief to those affected by the hurricane season.

Headquarters, which was a large warehouse building where different supplies were being loaded into trucks.

She explained that, in the upper parts of the warehouse, there was a section designated for housing volunteers.

"It was really great watching the response of the government and the Red Cross to the hurricane damage," said Dixon. "It was horrific. The hurricane damage was just incredible."

She explained that, from Orlando, she teamed up with a couple other volunteers, and they all took a rental car down to Marathon Key.

She explained that the Marathon Key was where she stayed next, and that it served as "home base."

"Outside in the parking lot, they set up distribution centers. There were different stations, and you would drive and stop," said Dixon, adding that, at the first station the Federal Emergency Management Agency was giving out ready-to-eat meals.

In addition to meals, Dixon explained that volunteers were

distributing cleaning kits and other supplies.

She explained that they also distributed ice, as the power was out and no one had the means to make ice.

There was also a lot of bottled water that was handed out, as there were still advisories stating to boil water before it was consumed.

"We'd go to households and give them two sets of absolutely everything," Dixon explained. "Red Cross services are given without regard to anything. Rich or poor, citizen or noncitizen, Red Cross services are given free of charge to anyone in a disaster. Some people stay away from shelters because they're scared they're going to get reported to immigration, but that is absolutely wrong."

She explained that, every morning, she'd be assigned a route to work with other volunteers, and they would take an ERV to a location to load up on food.

Southern Baptists would park semitrucks in parking lots, and the tractor-trailer section would be outfitted with a portable kitchen.

Dixon would load up her ERV with food cooked by the Southern Baptists, and then she and other volunteers would go distribute the food to different parts of the Florida Keys.

"We would deliver between 200 and 400 hot meals a day from the ERV," commented Dixon. "The heat index was 120 degrees at the time, not to mention the fact that you're in the back of an ERV dishing up hot meals."

She befriended a man named Billy whom she described as her "ambassador to Duval Street" in Key West.

Billy would go along Duval Street to all of the bars to explain to the patrons that the Red Cross was there with food, and he'd make sure everyone got a warm meal.

"One day there was beef brisket, and people talked about the beef brisket for days," said Dixon.

She talked of asking one person

in Key West if she had evacuated or not, and the woman went on to state that not evacuating before the hurricane was one of the worst decisions she ever made, and that she thought she was going to die.

"It couldn't help but be heart-wrenching," said Dixon. "But they survived, and every day is getting better. Every day you could see improvement."

She described loading up chalk in the ERV along with food, water and supplies, and originally being puzzled as to why chalk was included in the supplies.

"Whoever did that was really, really smart," said Dixon. "On our first stop with kids, I said, 'Oh, wait, I have something for you,' and I whipped out some of the chalk ... and the biggest smile I have seen in my life came from this little girl standing in front of her house, which was pretty wrecked, and she got

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A boat sits among other wreckage in the Florida Keys following Hurricane Irma. "It was horrific," said Red Cross volunteer Gayle Dixon. "The hurricane damage was just incredible."

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# Sports



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Morgan Lewis signs a letter of intent to play basketball for Metropolitan State University on Nov. 10. Pictured, seated from left to right, are: Ross Lewis, Morgan Lewis and Stacey Lewis. Standing in the back row are Pagosa Springs High School basketball coaches Wes Lewis and Charles Rand.



Photo courtesy Sheri Ahlhardt

Faith Ahlhardt signed her national letter of intent on Nov. 8 to play volleyball for Maryville University, located in Saint Louis, Mo. Pictured, from left to right, are: Cliff Ahlhardt, Faith Ahlhardt, Sheri Ahlhardt and standing is Faith Ahlhardt's Four Corners Volleyball Club coach Ron Becker.

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The Pagosa Youth Soccer U12 Rangers are champions again. The team competed in the 32nd annual Gaylord Shephard tournament in Bernalillo, N.M., this past weekend, where they won their division. It is the biggest soccer tournament in New Mexico.

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## Red Cross

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 Looters were a huge problem in the Florida Keys at the time, and Dixon described meeting one man who stated he had previously chased off two different sets of looters from his property.  
 She explained that there were signs everywhere denouncing looting, stating things such as "You loot, we shoot," and "Looters will be forced to adopt a kitten."  
 Dixon said that some signs even made sarcastic allusions to AMC's "The Walking Dead."  
 "I never thought that I would see Americans break down in tears when I handed them a stack of meals, and I did, and it happened a number of times," said Dixon. "You always think 'America's a rich country,' and all that stuff, but I don't know if it was tears of gratitude that someone actually cared and was doing something to help them, or if they were relieved that on top of everything else they didn't

have to figure out how to feed their family that day."  
 Dixon wanted to thank her friend, Kenny Rogers, who drove her to and from the airport, as well as Cheryl and Mitch Wilkinson, who took care of Dixon's black lab, Patty, while Dixon was away.  
 "I couldn't have deployed unless I had a place for Patty," said Dixon. "I had two groups of people here who really made it possible for me to do it."  
 She stated that she anticipates doing other deployments in the future, and that she had already told the Red Cross she'd be available again.  
 Dixon explained that anyone interested in becoming a volunteer with the American Red Cross can email bill.werner@redcross.org, or visit [www.redcross.org/volunteer/become-a-volunteer#step1](http://www.redcross.org/volunteer/become-a-volunteer#step1).  
 Commented Dixon, "I've never been blessed so many times in my life ... and I think with volunteers, we run on that."  
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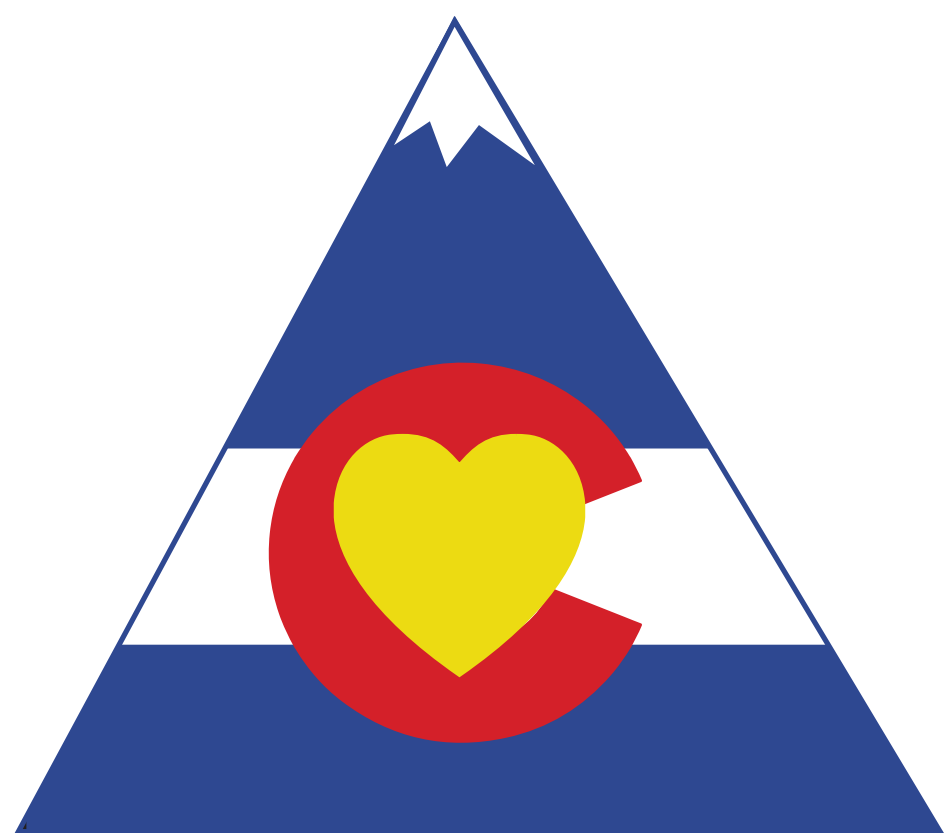






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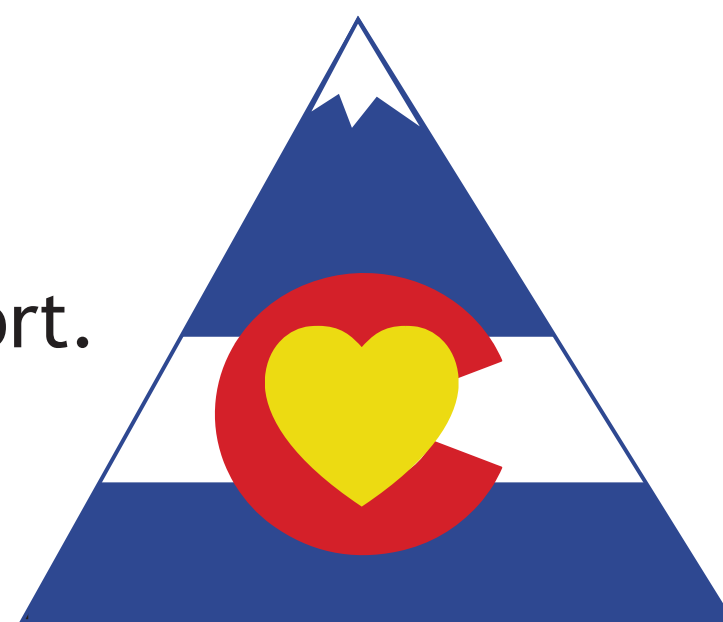
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## Art for the Animals

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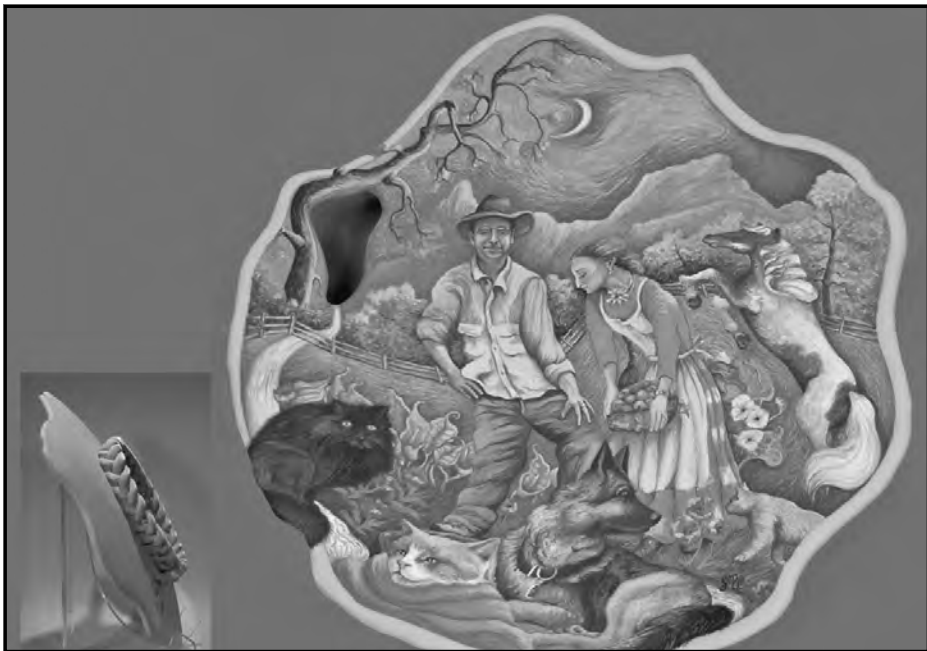


Photo courtesy Art for the Animals

**Susan Martin-Serra** – ceramist, sculptor and tile maker – will exhibit striking earthenware sculptures at the Nov. 30 Art for the Animals celebration at Two Old Crows Gallery. The event will also kick off the local Parade of Stores shopping weekend.

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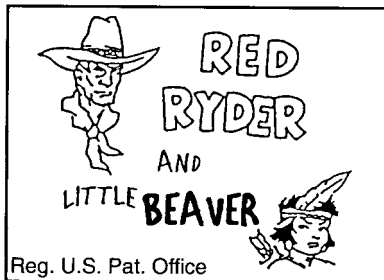
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Paula Jo Miller, whose abstract art is seen above, is one of several artists to lend her talent to the Art for the Animals, a fundraiser for the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs. The event, which will take place at Two Old Crows Gallery, is set for Nov. 30 and will offer fine art, handmade goods, home décor, fine jewelry, and gourmet food and beverages.

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

By Paula Jo Miller  
Special to The PREVIEW

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Art for the Animals kicks off the

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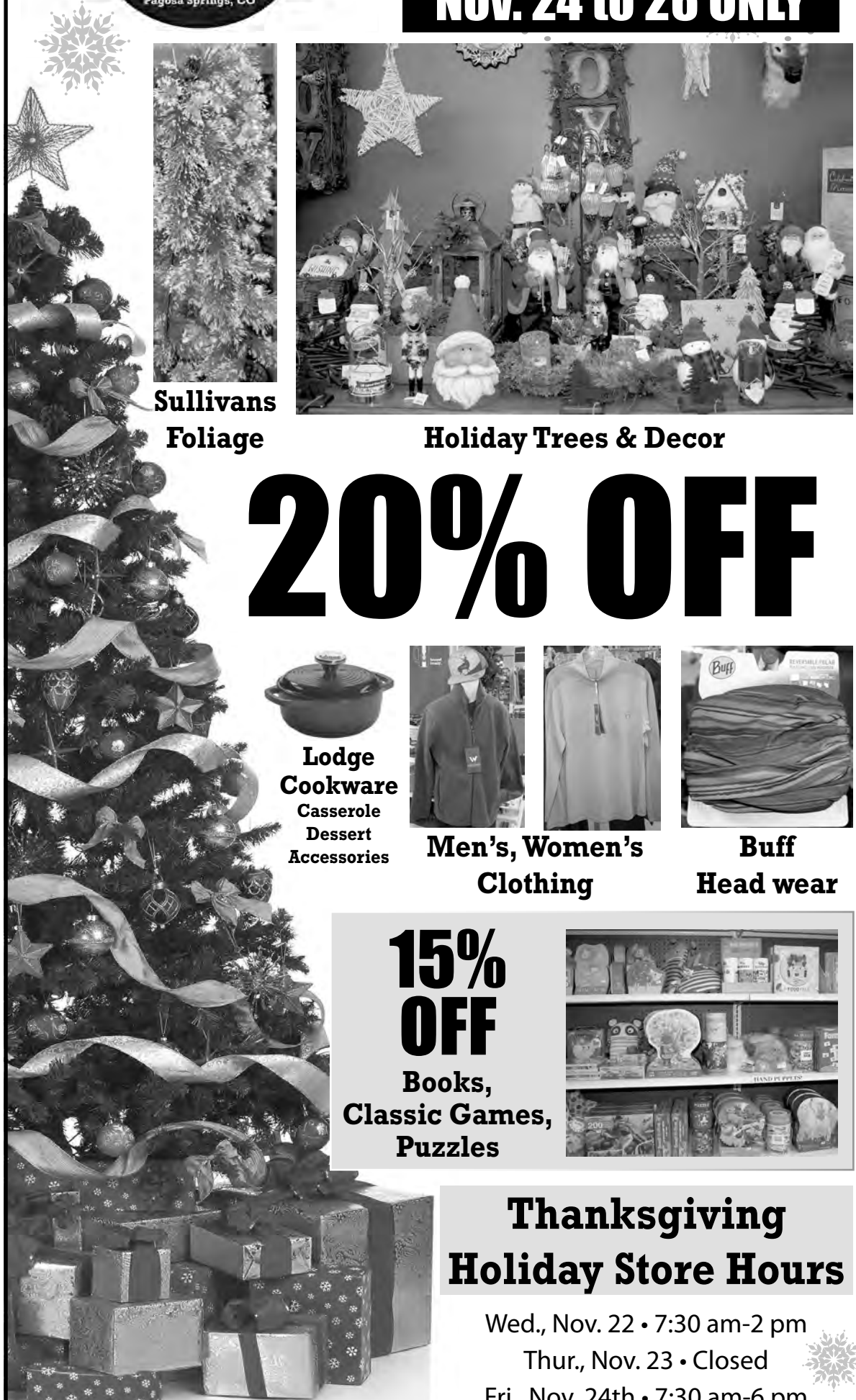


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## ‘Elf’ opens tonight, runs through Sunday

By Dale Johnson  
Special to The PREVIEW

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## Animals

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**By Pennie DeClark**  
 Special to The PREVIEW

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day, Nov. 19, from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. outside of City Market and Wednesday, Nov. 22, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. outside of City Market. If you have any questions or would like to place a large order, please contact Pennie DeClark at 903-3242.

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## 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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# Discover the benefits of hand drumming at Tuesday class

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.

Working with people at the end of their tether, I developed an appreciation for how music can engage us in ways that enhance personal health. Ronnie was the lead singer in one of my bands at McLean Hospital, a psychiatric institution. On her ward, they couldn't give her enough medication in order to calm her down. But when she showed up for band practice, she always seemed to be in a state of equanimity, as if an electrical circuit had been switched in her brain.

"For me, it's the easiest kind of communication there is," she said.

"It gives me an outlet for my emotional buildup, which I am having trouble expressing in other forms. Music is a great release for me. When I please myself musically, then I please myself all around. I feel creative when I'm doing music. Right now I don't feel very creative or spontaneous, as far as people go. I'm depressed and, as a result of it, I don't feel the spontaneity that you do when you're not. But in music, it's almost as if I'm normal. I'm not sick when I play music. It's a realm that's beyond sickness, so it's marvelous for me. It's magic, almost. I mean, I have said I'm going to kill myself, in the morning, and, then, in the afternoon, I'm singing my heart out. It's brought me, time and time again, out of depression."

Ronnie's ability to modulate from a crippling depression into a joyous, expressive state is an awe-inspiring testament to the power of music. Music was her life raft.

One of the greatest physicists of all time used music to shift his consciousness and stimulate his creative thinking. Albert Einstein played piano and violin.

His son, Hans, said, "Whenever he felt that he had come to the end of the road or into a difficult situ-

ation in his work, he would take refuge in music, and that would usually resolve all his difficulties."

His sister, Maja, said that after playing the piano, he would get up and declare, "There, now I've got it."

Music can lift a person out of depression, stimulate creative thinking and offer a host of other benefits.

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

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*Dorman Diller, minister*



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# Community Choir's Christmas concerts just around the corner

By Richard Bolland  
Special to The PREVIEW

Final preparations are underway for the annual community Christmas Concert that will be presented by the Pagosa Springs Community Choir on Dec. 1, 2 and 3.

The concerts are free to the public with all cordially invited to attend and enjoy. Members of the choir come from all walks of life in the Pagosa community and number about 60 singers.

The concerts will be held in the auditorium of the Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) at 7 p.m. on Dec. 1 and Dec. 2 while the Sunday concert will be presented at 4 p.m. on Dec. 3.

Twelve selections will be performed, including nine sacred pieces to celebrate the season, among them the classic "Hallelujah Chorus" from George Frederick Handel's "Messiah." A select jazz ensemble will offer two selections to start the festivities at each concert.

Dan Burch, PSHS band and

choir director, will direct the choir, while Venita Burch will accompany on the piano. Selections will be performed both a cappella and accompanied. As has become a favorite seasonal tradition, a portion of the program will be performed "in the round," with the choir surrounding the audience, while the rest of the program will be presented from the stage.

This year's concert series will be dedicated to longtime Pagosa Springs resident and board member Dale Schwicker. Schwicker passed away earlier this year and often served as the narrator for the Community Choir.

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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 Christ-

mas 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 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.

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Photo courtesy Sally Neel

The Women of St. Patrick's bring out their best china and Christmas decor for the annual Christmas Tea scheduled for Dec. 9 from 2 to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$12 each and go on sale 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 available, no phone reservations will be accepted.

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The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir will present its annual holiday concert on Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church.

## Pagosa Springs Girls Choir holiday concert set for Dec. 7

By Linda Parker  
Special to The PREVIEW

Some words bring a picture to mind as soon as they are heard. “Jingle” happens to be a word that to many means “Christmas,” “holidays,” “bells” and even “sleigh rides.”

The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir (PSGC) will be in concert presenting “Jingle All the Way” on Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. The concert will be held at the Community United Methodist Church and will include many audience holiday favorites.

Along with the PSGC, the concert will feature Rachel Hellwege-

Vaughan as the featured soloist. Hellwege-Vaughan is a well-known soprano in Pagosa Springs who will bring a smile to concert-goers on Dec. 7.

The PSGC is an auditioned choir of girls from grades five through eight. While most of the girls attend public school, some of the singers are home-schooled.

The choir is in its fifth year of existence and PSGC Director Linda Parker said, “It is thrilling to watch these girls grow and to perform. There are many very talented young artists in Pagosa who need an opportunity to perform and we

appreciate how this community has been so supportive of their efforts. The girls have worked very hard in preparing their holiday music and they are eager to wow their Pagosa audience again this year.”

Listeners are in for a treat when they hear these talented young ladies perform. Please make plans now to come “jingle” with the Girls Choir on Dec. 7. Admission to the concert is free, but donations will be gratefully accepted.

## UU topic: ‘Prayer: Who needs it?’

By Bob Lecour  
Special to The PREVIEW

Is prayer a thing of the past? For many spiritual people who do not belong to any religious organization, prayer seems like a lost cause; a polite courtesy in the wake of the death God.

Despite the changing attitudes towards traditional prayer, many spiritual people still use prayer to provide meaning in their lives.

On Sundays, Nov. 19 and 26, at 10:30 a.m., UUs will explore the possibility that prayer can still be meaningful personally and communally. Join us as we kick around some thoughts about praying in a universe that is what it is, not what we want it to be.

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

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## New Thought to hear about personal Thanksgiving: Celebrating more of your divine self

By Lisa Burnson  
Special to The PREVIEW

On Sunday, Nov. 19, at 10 a.m., Pagosa Community of New Thought will present the Rev. Jamie Martin from Sedona, Ariz., for a special Thanksgiving service.

She will speak on the topic of "Celebrating Your Divine Self." During this presentation, Martin will explore methods for building patterns which increase our ability to feel naturally connected with our divine self, and to release patterns that impede our ability to be successful accomplishing this.

Martin will also be available for an experiential workshop expanding on this topic later that afternoon from 1 to 3 p.m. By request, the workshop will end prior to the

Broncos game.

Martin will be available all day and evening on Monday, Nov. 20, and Tuesday, Nov. 21, for private consulting and for sharing soul readings.

During soul readings, Martin demonstrates to participants how their soul is wired to achieve their heart's desire and their soul's purpose. Her work reveals to people the reasons why their life flows so well at times, yet is blocked at other times when their soul's authenticity is not in balance. These sessions are loving and fun, and often give participants tremendous insight in learning more about themselves and others so that each person can reach their purpose and foster the same abilities in others.

Appointments with Martin can

be scheduled for one hour. Love offerings are greatly appreciated.

Our next movie/discussion group will be on Saturday, Nov. 18, at 10 a.m. We will view the film "Ten Questions for the Dalai Lama." All are welcome to attend.

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. We are located at 40 North 15th St. We welcome everyone to come and join us — lift your heart and spirit in song, prayer and meditation. You will do amazing things. Welcome home. We've been waiting for you.

For information about the church, attend a service, email PagosaCommunityNewThought@gmail.com, call 749-9020, or mail to P.O. Box 1052 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1052. You can also find us on Facebook or at our website: www.PagosaNewThought.org.

## Thanksgiving begins with prayer at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

By Sally Neel  
Special to The PREVIEW

The public is invited to begin their Thanksgiving holiday with a time of prayer, communion and hymns at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church on Wednesday, Nov. 22, at 6 p.m.

This annual Thanksgiving service is a time to show gratitude to God as a community of believers, recognizing that all our gifts and blessings are gifts from our Creator.

"This is always one of my favorite services of the year," said Fr. Doug Neel, rector of St. Patrick's. "We gather as a larger family, recognizing and giving thanks for the bounty of blessings we enjoy. On Thanksgiving Day, as we gather with family and friends, enjoying the abundance of food and laughter, we who attend this service

know that we have begun the wonderful traditions of this special time with great intention by first giving thanks to God."

The public is invited to attend. You do not have to be Episcopalian to receive Communion in the Episcopal Church. All are welcome at the table of God. If you prefer, you may choose not to receive the bread and wine and opt for a blessing or simply remain in your seat.

"Communion is the Christian way of receiving Christ's gift of life through bread and wine. It is indeed the ultimate Christian feast. We are fed both physically and spiritually through the love of Christ," said Neel. "Indeed the very word 'Eucharist' means 'thanksgiving.'"

St. Patrick's is located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. For more information about this service or other services of worship, call 731-5801.

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## Festival of Trees Public Viewing & Voting

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# Questions and answers, right and wrong

By Jeff Smith  
Special to The PREVIEW

Not trying to spoil the ending for anyone, but life is gonna throw us a lot more questions than we will have ready answers for.

That is what I conclude as I look over this verse on wisdom over a cup of coffee this morning: “The righteousness of the upright will be their guide, but the twisted ways of the false will be their destruction.” — Proverbs 11:3 (BBE)

Is life simple or is it hard to figure out? Well, Jesus spoke of a straight and narrow way. Straight means simple. Narrow means not many look for it and fewer use it. Christian thinker and author Frances Schaffer once said that complexity “creates the need for an expert.” Since I don’t have an expert handy, I hope most of my problems today are simple.

## A Matter of Faith

I can anguish over gray areas of right and wrong, but the fact is life is most often simple. There is good and evil, right and wrong. If I want a to make a choice right now and be happy with it later, then right and wrong is the place to start.

Those few fixed rules of treating others the way I would want to be treated may be all I need to “guide” me. The more twisted or complex way might “destroy” me if, in the end, it gives me a clever excuse for doing wrong.

Along with my faith in Christ, I have come to love these wis-

dom scriptures. That makes me a philosopher (Greek for “lover of wisdom”) by the way. They tell me I can “do” life.

The Christian faith often finds itself at odds with left-wing philosophy with its strong belief in the rights of the individual, but we are now seeing that this is often at the expense of the common good.

Us Bible readers may forget we also have a philosophy and a better one. It says life gets better for me and for all of us by doing right. It can enter the school, the workplace and the larger market place of ideas in ways a faith cannot. It can compete in places where some very flawed, non-Bible thinking reigns. We should take it there.

They need answers, too.

### Faith articles

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# Tips for communicating effectively with an aging parent

By John Lough  
Special to The PREVIEW

People today are living longer and, for a growing number of families, this means dealing with the issue of aging parents no longer able to care for themselves as they once did.

These situations can lead to a variety of highly emotionally laden decisions, often strong push-back from the elderly parent and the kinds of issues that require difficult family discussions.

Simply talking over some of the problems a parent faces can be extremely complicated. Questions such as where elderly parents should live, what health services are needed, their financial situation, existence of a current will, giving up the car keys and many related topics are all hard. And while talking over such issues with an aging parent may be awkward, reaching needed decisions can be even more painful.

As frustrating as such discussions may be, they are necessary. Still, there are ways to approach such talks that can make them less prone to disagreement and more apt to lead to productive results:

- Pick a good time and place for

important conversations to make your parent feel comfortable.

- Try including someone you and your parent mutually trust, but don’t make your parent feel he or she is being ganged up on.

- Talk in statements that use “I” rather than “you.” Discuss “your feelings” about an issue, rather than acting like whatever you believe is correct while your parent’s views are simply wrong.

- Respect your parent’s right to argue and disagree.

- Accept that making these decisions may take time. See initial discussions as door openers, chances to get things started.

- Don’t dominate the discussion. Listen to your parent’s views and ideas, especially when the subject involves major decisions.

- Try not to be judgmental. It takes time for an aging parent to accept a loss of independence. Dictating to him or her what “has to be” is only setting the stage for a stubborn fight.

- Realize that your job is to offer advice and support, not demand how things “must” change.

It’s emotionally difficult for parent and child when an aging parent can no longer handle everything on his or her own. Holding effective

discussions on changes to be made can be much more productive, and far less traumatic, than simply trying to dictate decisions. If extra help is needed, seek out a professional counselor who specializes in geriatric issues.

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**The location for the meeting is the Community Center.**

**There are two meeting times:**

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# Talk Greek to me and feed me candy

I stared at the clock. “Will this Greek class ever be over? We’ve been here 45 minutes, and have an hour and half to go.” I took a deep breath. “Lord, help me. What am I doing going back to school? Greek is for the young minds.”

My friend said, “Aren’t we having fun?”

“Are you kidding me? You call this fun? I should’ve had Al sign a permission slip and I could’ve ditched this afternoon. I can’t remember all these rules for participles. I did my homework assignment, but for some reason, I have drawn a blank.”

She perked up with a big smile, “We’re having a polka-dot participle party.”

I wanted to wipe that smile off her face. “I don’t think so, more like a porta-potty block party. I put a purple polka-dot label on my book so I can find participles. You know, red and blue makes purple and participle starts with a ‘p’ and it is a hybrid and can be a verb or an adjective.”

She looked at me, “Huh?”

We all learn and process differently. She likes to make charts and play with the nuts and bolts. I think in color and look at pictures. But, it’s the nuts and bolts that help us get to the truth of the matter.

Then she said, “You need a memory spot.”

“The only thing going for me is a memory lapse. What’s a memory spot?”

“It’s where your attention goes. See you just looked up.” She pointed to the corner of the ceiling. “There’s your memory spot. Focus on a place, like up in that corner or down on the floor.”

“What does that do?”

“It helps you picture what you need to memorize. It’s a spot where you put your thoughts and you can find them later. You store away these endings and charts, then you can bring them to mind when you need them.”

“Well, I just had an aha. So that is what Sarah Huckabee Sanders does. Her eyes go down to the side. She picks up a piece of paper, looks at it, and puts it down.”

“That’s her memory spot.”

“To me, it looks like she is fidgeting with papers. So she isn’t being rude, just going to her memory spot when the newscasters ask her a question. She is actually listening and forming her answer. That’s smart.” I took a deep breath. “I’ll try it. Do you really think that’s going to help me?”

I looked up in the corner of the room. It didn’t do the trick for me. Four years I’ve struggled in Greek, week after week, homework and classes. It takes a lot of discipline.

“You can’t quit. We are just getting to the good stuff.”

“Really? I’ve invested in too many Greek books; I can’t quit

## Artist’s Lane

Betty Slade



now. Who wants to buy used Greek books? “

There’s always someone smarter in the classroom. My friend would get an A if we were getting grades. I can barely hold on to a C-. I hope I don’t flunk out. That would be horrible if the teacher gave up on me.

Yes, this fourth year of Greek has been a bear. Our teacher reassures us he isn’t flunking anyone. He reminds us that we are doing the work of seniors in college.

If I’m a senior in college, not only do I need a memory spot, I need a strong boyfriend to carry these heavy books.

I remember those days in school. Ah, the ‘50s were poodle skirts, petticoats and black-and-white oxfords. For me, high school was all about flirting with boys. I didn’t have to carry my own books.

I caught the eye of Al Slade. I wore his class ring on a long silver chain, laced my shoes down to show everyone we were going steady. We walked down the school corridor hand in hand and he carried my books from class to class. Now that was fun.

It isn’t happening that way today. It takes my Sweet Al three trips to get my books from the house to the car every week. I’ve gone from a weekender on wheels to a full size suitcase with fat tires. I might have to go to something bigger. When I pull my books through the hallway, it sounds like I’m beating on the door. Someone yells, “Let her in.”

“I’m in. I’m just wheeling my Greek books to class.”

My friend said, “I love my new Mounce Greek book. I am having so much fun with it.”

I looked at her in disbelief, “Just another book to carry. There’s something wrong with someone who goes bonkers over a Greek book. The only reason I read it, I like the cartoons and the cute pictures of the professor. Does that count?”

I asked my daughter if this article was funny to her. She said there isn’t anything funny about Greek. That’s what I’m thinking.

Final brushstroke: Talk Greek to me and feed me candy. I’ll follow you anywhere, books and all. I love the sweet taste of God’s words. But, if I continue to roll these oversize books down the hall, I will need a

memory spot and a younger boyfriend, preferably one who owns an U-Haul trailer.

### Book club

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The next installment of The Met: Live in HD will be “The Exterminating Angel,” broadcast live Saturday at Fort Lewis College.

## The Met: Live in HD continues Nov. 18 with ‘The Exterminating Angel’

By **Indiana Reed**  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Met: Live in HD, presented by the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College (FLC) in partnership with New York’s Metropolitan Opera, continues its 2017-2018 series on Saturday, Nov. 18, with Thomas Adès’ “The Exterminating Angel.”

“The Exterminating Angel” will be broadcast live in high definition from the Metropolitan Opera to the Vallecito Room of the FLC Student Union beginning at 10:55 a.m. Run time is approximately two hours and 40 minutes, with one intermission. Tom Cairns, who wrote the libretto, directs the new production, and Adès conducts his own adventurous new opera.

Winner of the Best World Premiere at the 2017 International Opera Awards, and hailed by the New York Times at its 2016 Salzburg Festival premiere as “inventive and audacious ... a major event,” “The Exterminating Angel” is based on the screenplay by Luis Buñuel and Luis Alcoriza for the 1962 film, “El ángel exterminador.” The production draws on the film’s playful surrealism, evoking a ’60s-glam world that is at once wittily absurd and horrifyingly macabre.

As the tale unfolds, a well-off bourgeois couple returns home with their guests from a night at the opera for an elegant, glittering

dinner party, only to find that while they have been away the servants have decided that they cannot remain in the house. As they begin their revels, it gradually becomes clear that the partygoers have entered a dream-like vortex from which there is no escape, where even the arrival of a bear and a flock of sheep seems commonplace.

The ensemble cast features soprano Audrey Luna as Leticia Maynar, soprano Amanda Echalar as Lucia de Nobile, mezzo-soprano Alice Coote as Leonora Palma, mezzo-soprano Christine Rice as Blanca Delgado, countertenor Iestyn Davies as Francisco de Ávila, tenor Joseph Kaiser as Edmundo de Nobile, tenor David Portillo as Eduardo, baritone Rod Gilfry as Alberto Roc, bass Kevin Burdette as Señor Russell, bass Christian Van Horn as Julio, and bass Sir John Tomlinson as Dr. Carlos Conde.

The cast also includes the company debuts of British soprano Sally Matthews as Silvia de Ávila, British soprano Sophie Bevan as Beatriz, Canadian tenor Frédéric Antoun as Raúl Yébenes, and American baritone David Adam Moore as Col. Álvaro Gómez.

Adès is regarded as one of the leading composers in the world of contemporary classical music. “The Tempest” was the first Adès opera to be staged at the Met in 2012, and he made his company debut as a conductor of the work

as well. His music has earned widespread recognition and numerous awards, including a Grammy Award for “The Tempest” and the prestigious Grawemeyer Award.

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# Dance for a cause Saturday with the Pagosa Peaks Volleyball Club

By **Shane Lucero**  
Special to The PREVIEW

Local 501(c)3 nonprofit organization Pagosa Peaks Volleyball Club will be hosting a fundraising dance on Saturday, Nov. 18, at the PLPOA

Clubhouse, located at 230 Port Ave. Local band Becca and the Bearded Bandits will start playing at 7 p.m. followed by Albuquerque country group The Tylor Brandon Band from 8 to 11 p.m.

The doors open at 6 p.m. Admis-

sion is \$5 and there will be a cash bar and food available.

All proceeds go towards equipment and uniforms for the Pagosa Peaks Volleyball Club.

Pagosa Peaks Volleyball Club's mission is: To provide an opportunity for young female athletes to participate in quality volleyball. Our goal is to enrich these young athletes' volleyball experience by exposing them to competition against high quality players from throughout the region and coaching from quality coaching professionals. We strive to educate these young athletes and help them discover the potential they possess in volleyball and to enrich their lives through teamwork and sportsmanship.

For more information, please contact Shane Lucero at pagosa-peaksvolleyballclub@gmail.com. You may also visit our website: www.pagosapeaksvolleyball.com and like and follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/pagosapeaks-vbc/.

## Met

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The magic of The Met: Live in HD events is that they are delivered 100 percent live via satellite. Audiences throughout the world experience the production at the same time as the audience sitting in the Metropolitan Opera itself. Additionally, between acts, the Live in HD viewers are treated to backstage interviews and other features the in-person audiences never see. The Nov. 18 Live in HD will be hosted by Susan Graham.

The Met Live in HD features seven additional operas in the 2017-2018 season:

- "Tosca" (Puccini, new production) — Jan. 27, 2018.
- "L'Elisir d'Amore" (Donizetti) — Feb. 10, 2018.
- "La Bohème" (Puccini) — Feb. 24, 2018.
- "Semiramide" (Rossini) — March 10, 2018.

• "Così fan tutte" (Mozart, new production) — March 31, 2018.

• "Luisa Miller" (Verdi) — April 14, 2018.

• "Cendrillon" (Massenet, new production) — April 28, 2018.

Since the Live in HD series launched in 2006, more than 17 million tickets have been sold to opera lovers worldwide. The Met: Live in HD is now seen in more than 2,000 theaters in 73 countries.

Advance tickets for individual screenings of The Met: Live in HD (\$20-\$23 plus service fee) are available online at www.durango-concerts.com, by calling 247-7657 or at the ticket office inside the Durango Welcome Center at 8th Street and Main Avenue in downtown Durango.

Tickets are also available on the morning of each performance, one hour in advance of show time, at the FLC Student Union.

## VA encourages veterans to attend Veterans Town Hall

Veterans, their families and survivors are invited to participate in a Veterans Town Hall to hear the latest on U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefit and medical programs. The Veterans Town Hall will be held tonight, Nov. 16, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The VA and the La Plata County veteran service officer (VSO) are hosting the Veterans Town Hall at the American Legion Post 28 located at 878 E. 2nd Ave. in Durango.

The meeting is open to all members of the public, including congressional stakeholders, veterans service organizations, state and local governmental and nongovernmental organizations and community partners.

A VA benefit claims representative will be on hand to assist veterans personally during the evening with questions or issues related to compensation claims, home loan guaranty, vocational rehabilitation and employment issues and burial benefits. For veterans who have questions about medical issues, representatives from the New Mexico Health Care System will be available at the event for questions.

### Veterans Corner

Raymond Taylor



#### Services available for local veterans

Pine Ridge Extended Care Center is VA-certified, which means there are services available for our local veterans. These services have eligibility requirements and specific programs. For more information, please contact this office or Pine Ridge Nursing Home.

#### For more information

The office of the Archuleta County VSO provides assistance to qualified military veterans, and their families, or a veteran's survivors, in applying to and in obtaining VA program assistance, benefits and claims.

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# Seniors' health and wellness event set for Nov. 29

By Cheryl Wilkinson  
PREVIEW Columnist

## Senior News

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 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. **See Senior on next page**

# Veterans

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For further information on VA benefits, please call or stop by the Archuleta County Veterans Service Office, located at the Senior Center in the Ross Aragon Community Center on Hot Springs Boulevard.

The best way to contact me is to set up an appointment, for either at your home or in the office, so I can schedule a specific time in order to answer and assist each veteran in Archuleta County.

The office number is 264-4013, fax number is 264-4014, cell number is 946-3590 and email is raytaylor@archuletacounty.org. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Bring a DD Form 214 (discharge) for applications to VA programs or benefits for which the veteran may be entitled to enroll, and for filing in the Archuleta County VSO office.

Always leave me a message and phone number to contact you.

### Veterans' groups

The following veterans groups meet in Pagosa Springs:

- American Legion Post 108: second Wednesday of the month

at 6 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.

- American Legion Post 108 Ladies Auxiliary: second Tuesday of the month at 4 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.

- Veterans for Veterans: Every Tuesday at 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

- Combat Veterans PTSD Group: Every other Tuesday at noon, Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Contact Kevin Kelly at (505) 699-0824.

- Women's Group of Spouses of Veterans: First and third Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m., Dr. Sharon Carter's office. Contact Charlotte at 903-9690.

### Important numbers

- 799-VETS, www.Vets4VetsPSCO.org.

- Durango VA Outpatient Clinic: 247-2214.

- Farmington VA Center: (505) 326-4383.

- VAMC Albuquerque, N.M.: (800) 465-8262.

- VAMC Albuquerque, N.M., emergency notification: (800) 465-8262, ext. 5739.

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# Senior

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 vided by Tabitha Zappone, FNP-C.  
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## San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging Long-term Care Ombudsmen: fear of retaliation

By Kay Kaylor  
 I advocate for residents at Pine Ridge and BeeHive Homes as the ombudsman for Archuleta County. These residents are protected under federal and state laws. One of the legally enforced resident rights is the right to present grievances to staff or any other person without fear of reprisal and with prompt efforts by the facility to resolve grievances.

This week, I watched "Voices Speak Out Against Retaliation," a short 2005 training video from the Connecticut Ombudsman Program. Residents gave examples of their experiences of retaliation, obvious to them but perhaps unnoticed by supervisors or visitors. One woman experienced discomfort when a caregiver gave her showers in a private room due to

the difficulty of maneuvering her wheelchair.

"If it feels wrong, it probably is wrong," she said.

Other examples include staff serving food or water to a resident last, the common refusal to answer call buttons or not returning in a short period, making faces or disrespectful comments, not giving medications and other forms of neglect.

The fear of such responses to their complaints was obvious in the video and the Connecticut residents urged active participation in monthly resident councils (Pine Ridge holds these councils the last Thursday at 2 p.m.). The incidents are then recorded in the minutes. They also emphasized speaking out to supervisors, visitors or advocates.

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

## Memberships

Senior Discount Club memberships are offered Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Menu

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Lunch is served from 11 a.m.

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Thursday, Nov. 16 — Beef taco, chipotle black beans, Mexicali corn and salad bar.

Friday, Nov. 17 — Roasted turkey breast, mashed potatoes, gravy, green bean casserole, cranberry sauce, dinner roll, salad bar and peach crisp.

Monday, Nov. 20 — Beef pot roast, gravy, salad bar and cherry crumble pie.

Tuesday, Nov. 21 — Shrimp and grits, baked sweet potatoes, yellow squash medley and salad bar.

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Thursday, Nov. 23 — Closed for Thanksgiving.

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

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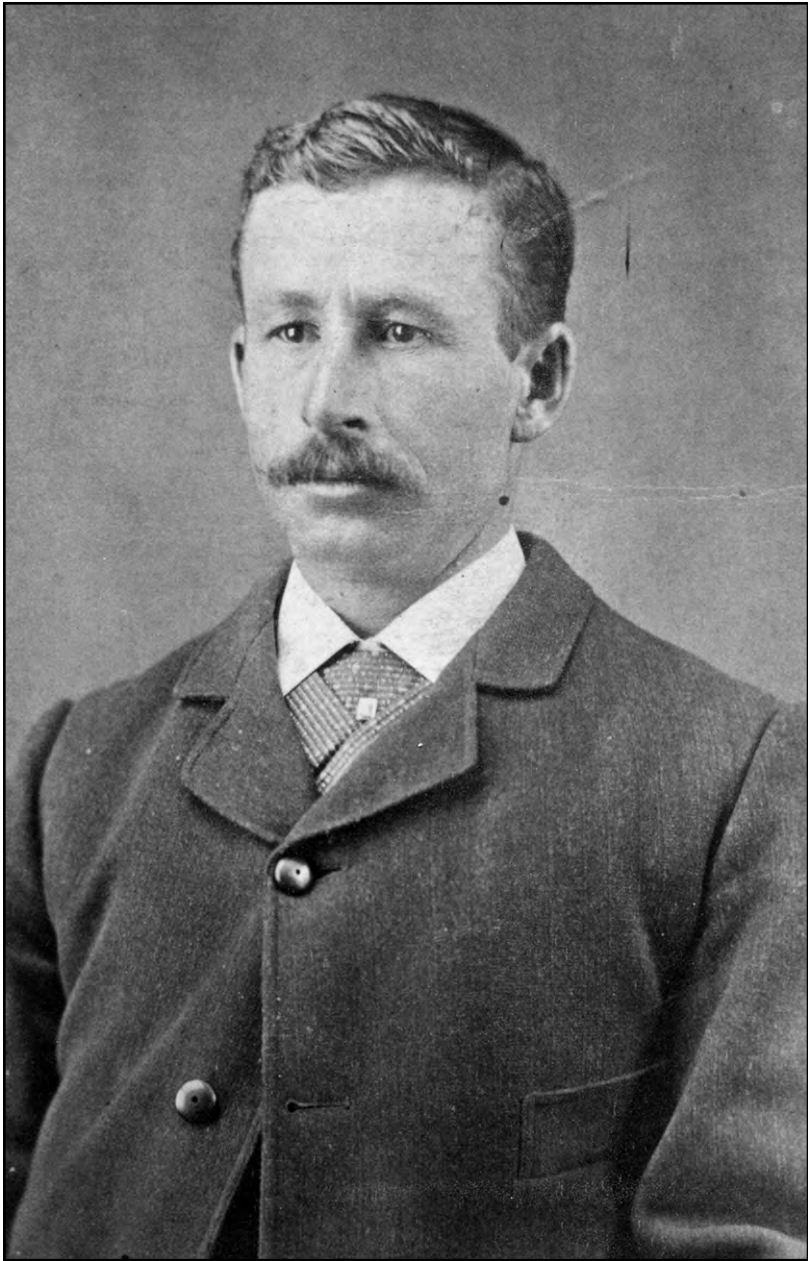


Photo courtesy John M. Motter  
**Welch Nossaman claimed many firsts in Pagosa Country, including the first to take wagons down the East Fork and the first to build a cabin near the Hot Springs.**

# Early history of the East Fork

We're talking about the early history of the East Fork of the San Juan River for a couple of reasons. First, the activities associated with mining in that locale during the time frame from 1870-1900 were foundational to Pagosa Springs emergence as a town. Secondly, people today still enjoy viewing the beauty and other recreational activities associated with the East Fork, as it was referred to by old-timers I knew. Truthfully, East Fork history is foundational to the entire San Juan Basin. So, here goes.

The source of my information is also two-fold. I was personally acquainted with one of those East Fork pioneers, Bill Warr. Secondly, there have been several serious studies of the East Fork, one of which I had the privilege of being part of in 1985. The then owner of most of the East Fork property was Dan McCarthy. McCarthy decided to build a four-season ski resort area there involving 2,780 acres of private land and 6,000 acres of Forest Service land. Because Forest



## Pagosa's Past

**John M. Motter**

Service property was involved, McCarthy was required to submit an environmental impact statement.

The environmental study was conducted by a number of experts including anthropologists from the Fort Lewis College of Anthropology who spearheaded the study, geologists, experts on identifying and dating artifacts and others. I was honored to be invited to join this team of experts and write the cultural historic data.

The study required several months. When the study was completed, 32 cultural resources were identified. Human presence in the study area was confirmed beginning with the Paleo-Indian

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## Past

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Period starting about 12,000 B.C. My columns will deal with historic activities taking place after gold was discovered in 1870 at what became Summitville.

A gold camp featuring several producing gold mines was established in 1870 on South Mountain, a few miles east of the upper San Juan River east fork. The name was later changed to Summitville. The discovery attracted a great number of prospectors who searched every nook and cranny in the South San Juan Mountains, hoping to open the door to a life of ease financed by a gold-plated El Dorado. That search included the East Fork of the San Juan with its surrounding mountains and all of the mountains you see from Pagosa Springs.

The best route from the east into the San Juan drainage and the rest of the San Juan Basin was across Elwood Pass and down through the East Fork. In the interest of historical accuracy, I should point out that a second route from the east also started at Del Norte, the

source of the East Fork route. From Del Norte, the second route followed the Rio Grande upstream to Stony Pass, dropped on the west

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side to Cunningham Gulch, and from there joined the Animas River and branched out to Silverton, Lake City, Ouray, Telluride and all of the mines in that portion of the

San Juans.

We have several accounts of early travel and settlement along the East Fork. For example, this 1873 story tells us, "For some years before permanent settlement was made at Pagosa Springs, people came each summer to take baths in the medicinal springs. Among the first to come over the pass from Del Norte in 1873, was Mrs. M.O. Brown, her young son, Tom Reavis, and her blind father, Mr. Sallee."

In 1874, this article appeared in the San Juan Prospector, published in Del Norte and the first regular newspaper in the San Juans. It was headlined, "A Perilous Journey" with a subhead reading, "Headwaters of East Branch of the San Juan River." The article described how an "unidentified party of four left the Summit mines to prospect the western range from the Summit mines to the Animas, the route being east to west." The party described Crater Lake and the headwaters of the East Fork and reported passing Captain Burrows camp upon the San Juan.

More next week on early travels through the East Fork, including Welch Nossaman's first trip in 1876.

## Toys for Tots collecting gifts for annual drive

By Justice Ministries  
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, Summit, Community United Methodist Church, Restoration Church, Tractor Supply, Walmart, City Market, Dollar General, Riff Raff and Justice Ministries of Pagosa Inc. In addition, Rosie's and the Pagosa Springs Fire Department are doing community toy drives.

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 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 annual 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.

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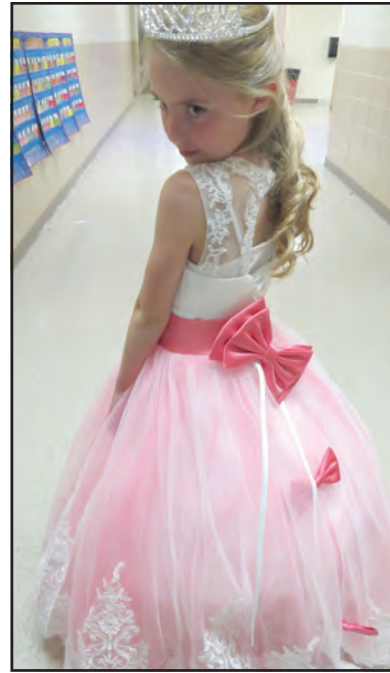
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# PAGOSA SCENE . . .

## FAMILY NIGHT AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Photos courtesy Sanya Peterson

Scene ... Family night at the elementary school was more than just a Wild West event — it was also a Halloween event, with youngsters invited to dress in their Halloween costume for the event, which celebrated the book fair, which celebrated the book fair encouraged kids to saddle up and read, and raised money for the school at the same time.



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# A library's return on your investment: 4 or 5 to 1

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Can you imagine how pleased you would be if every dollar you invested in something brought you \$4 or \$5 in return? A study of eight libraries in our state by the Colorado State Library put numbers to the economic impact of libraries in communities, and the figures are impressive.

The main finding: For every tax dollar received by these libraries, they returned at least \$4 back to their communities. In Douglas County, the figure was \$5.02. Here are some of the factors explaining how those figures were calculated:

1. What it would cost to secure the same services from other alternatives — to have purchased or rented the books, movies, music, Internet access and meeting room space you get free at your library?

2. A second factor was "lost use." According to the study, some people simply wouldn't have purchased the information they needed, sacrificing it because they didn't know where to look or because they thought they couldn't afford it.

3. Another factor is called "halo spending." The survey looked at what else people did when they left home to go to the library. Turns out that most people spent money at neighboring businesses, 23 percent of which would not have happened without that trip to the library.

In addition to Douglas County, the seven other Colorado libraries studied were in Cortez, Denver, Eagle Valley, Fort Morgan, Mesa County, Montrose and Rangeview in Adams County. Our library was not included in this study. But the results are consistent both in those communities and also across the country, ranging from a return on investment high of \$6.54 in Florida to \$3 in Pittsburgh.

So it seems safe to assume that the figures apply here as well, more or less. It's a comforting thought.

## 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.

## Fall Lifelong Learning series

Ruth Lambert's talk on the lives and family histories of early Hispanic settlers takes place today, Thursday, Nov. 16.

The last talk in this series is Stacy Boone looking at how we may be impacting undeveloped public lands and the ethics of conservation on Nov. 30.

There will be no talk on Nov. 23

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because of Thanksgiving. We hope you will join us for these interesting and informative presentations. Both are scheduled for 5 to 6:30 p.m. and include time for questions. For more information on all the talks, pick up a brochure at your library.

### All-ages movie tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 17, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. for a G-rated movie suitable for all ages. Our contract does not allow us to identify the film titles in the media, but you can find them listed on the activities calendars.

### Teen book club tomorrow

Tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 17, from 2 to 3 p.m., seventh- through 12th-graders will discuss "Bless Me, Ultima" by Rudolfo Anaya and enjoy free snacks.

### Otaku for teens

The Otaku (Anime/Manga) Club meets on Monday, Nov. 20, from 4 to 5 p.m. Join us to watch anime, talk about manga and Asian cultures, and enjoy snacks. This free club is for teens in the fifth through 12th grades.

### 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.

Note: There will be no session on Monday, Nov. 20, or Tuesday, Nov. 21.

### Computer/technology classes

Join us on Mondays from 2 to 3 p.m. to learn a technology skill or application. Nov. 20 is about Nov-eList, the library's database to find book recommendations and other information. Note: There will be no class Nov. 27.

### 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.

### Tech Time

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

### Kids storytime

Every Wednesday from 10-11 a.m., join us for free great stories, fun songs and plenty of reasons to get up and move. This is an excellent way for kids of all ages to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers.

Note: There will be no storytime on Nov. 22.

### Baby storytime

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## 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.

## Christmas books

"Holly and Ivy" by Fern Michaels, available as a book and on CD, follows a bereaved heiress who meets a young child who wants to sing in a Christmas musical. "Merry and Bright" by Debbie Macomber is a holiday story of second chances. "The Christmas Room" by Catherine Anderson tells of a near-tragedy that brings two families together. "A Snow Country Christmas" by Linda Lael Miller is a large-print book in the Carsons of Mustang Creek series. "Hiddensee" by Gregory Maguire imagines the backstory of the Nutcracker and its toymaker and owner. "A Texas

Hill Country Christmas" by William W. and J.A. Johnstone is a CD. "Daily Reflections for Advent & Christmas" is a collection by Mary DeTurris Poust.

## DVDs

"Uranium" is a documentary part science, part history, part adventure. "Rachael Carson" is a biography of this environmental pioneer. "Fifty Shades of Grey" and "Fifty Shades Darker" both are rated R. "First Peoples" tracks the earliest members of our species on each continent.

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"Mexico" is a Lonely Planet travel guide. "Welding Complete/second edition" by Michael A. Reeser explains techniques, home project plans and instructions. "How to Read Nature" by Tristan Gooley shares secrets and 15 exercises to use all your senses when going

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## CDs

"Mind Game" by Iris Johansen is a thriller. "The Cuban Affair" by Nelson DeMille introduces U.S. Army combat veteran David McCormick, now a charter boat captain. "Twin Peaks" by Mark Frost is the final dossier.

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# Tips for smoking poultry meat

By Robin Young  
PREVIEW Columnist

By B.F. Miller, H.L. Enos and P. Kendall

Quick facts about smoking poultry meats:

- Smoking adds flavor, convenience and increased shelf life to poultry meats.

- Poultry may be processed in salt brine, in which the salt has been smoked or liquid smoke has been added, or cured in a sugar and salt brine and smoked using hardwood.

- Keep smoked poultry frozen up to six months. However, the fat is highly unsaturated and becomes rancid after long-term storage.

Turkey jerky is prepared by slicing meat in small strips, curing in smoke brine, clearing, draining and roasting in the oven.

Smoked turkey, turkey jerky and smoked chicken are flavorful options for preparing nutritious and economical meals. Smoking adds new flavor and may increase the shelf life of some poultry meats.

Poultry may be given a light smoke to add to the delicate flavor of the poultry or a heavy smoke, similar to some smoked red-meat products. Adding spices, seasonings and condiments provides distinctive flavors.

## Smoking methods

Poultry may be processed in salt brine, made with either smoked salt or liquid smoke. The whole carcass, boned rolls, parts such as drumsticks, or thin slabs of meat may be smoked in this manner. This method results in less weight loss for a fully cooked product and it can be done in a home oven without a special smokehouse.

Another option is to cure the

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meat in a sugar and salt brine then smoke it using hardwood. This method is more difficult, but some people feel the use of hardwood smoke improves the flavor. Oak, hickory, apple and mesquite are examples of hardwoods that can influence the flavor of meat.

A basic brine consists of 1 pound of brown sugar, 2 pounds of uniodized salt and 3 gallons of water. One tablespoon of liquid smoke may be added if a smokehouse is not available. Use enough brine to cover the meat. Add other spices and seasonings as desired.

## Curing

Use a noncorrosive container to hold the brine and meat during the curing process. Wood, crockery, stainless steel or plastic containers work well.

With whole poultry carcasses or parts, place the meat in the container and pour the brine over the meat until it is covered. You may have to place a weight on top of the meat to keep it from floating. Place thin slabs of meat, such as those used for jerky, into the brine so all surfaces are covered.

The brine soaks into the meat at approximately 1/2 inch per 24 hours as a rough estimate of curing time. Pieces more than 2 inches thick are best cured by pumping the brine solution into the meat. The skin and other factors slow the penetration of the brine solution. Cure thin slices (1/4- to 1/2-inch thick) for at least 24 hours.

Cure in a refrigerator, preferably set at about 35 degrees F. Rearrange the meat at least once during the curing process to allow even distribution of the brine to all parts of the meat.

Keep the brine clean and cool to minimize bacterial growth in the brine tank. Discard the brine after each use.

## Clearing

After the meat has cured, soak it in fresh, clean, cool water in a refrigerator for 30 minutes to two hours. This removes excess salt from the surface and equalizes the salt content of the meat. Clearing time is determined by the thickness of the meat; the thicker the meat, the longer the clearing time.

## Smokehouse procedure

After clearing, thoroughly drain the poultry carcass or parts and hang in the smokehouse. Heat at 140 degrees for 30 minutes, turn on the smoke and heat at 150 degrees for one hour. Turn off the smoke and heat at 170 degrees for two hours followed by 185 to 200 degrees smokehouse air temperature until internal muscle temperature reaches 165 degrees, as measured by a meat thermometer. After the meat has been in the smokehouse for 30 minutes, increase smokehouse humidity by placing pans of water over the heat source.

Smoking gives the meat an attractive light-brown color and a fragrant smoke aroma.

Smoked poultry is a cured product, but it must be refrigerated.

It will keep three to four days at refrigerator temperatures, 35 to 40 degrees; freeze for longer storage. Smoked poultry may be frozen up to six months, possibly longer. Poultry fat becomes rancid after long-term storage and gives the product a stale, off flavor.

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Poultry that has been smoked may be roasted in a low-heat oven, 275 to 325 degrees, for 15 to 20 minutes per pound, depending on the size of the carcass or parts. Cover the meat with foil to retain the moisture and eliminate the need for basting.

### Brine-smoked procedure

If the meat is cured in a brine with smoke added, you can omit the smokehouse step. After clearing, roast the meat in a 325 degree oven for 20 to 30 minutes per pound; larger quantities of meat require the shorter cooking time per pound. Use a meat thermometer to determine an internal temperature of 165 degrees.

### Jerky

To prepare turkey jerky, cut the breast meat into thin strips, about 1/4 inch thick and approximately 1 inch wide. Cure it for 24 hours in the brine with liquid smoke added.

Clear for 30 minutes, drain and arrange one layer thick on a non-stick cookie sheet. Place the jerky in a 325 degree oven for one hour. At this stage, the meat will be moist and ready to eat.

For a drier product, reduce the oven temperature to 160 degrees and heat the meat until it reaches the desired dryness. Leave the oven door open slightly during this phase to aid moisture loss.

Turkey jerky is subject to rancidity, as are other smoked turkey products. If you plan to store it for more than one week, freeze it.

Turkey jerky is a convenient, tasty meat that may be used for snacks or regular meals. It is excellent for campers, hikers and hunters. Depending on environmental

conditions, properly dried jerky will keep for one week in a sealed container at room temperature, two weeks in the refrigerator and up to six months in the freezer. Check occasionally to be sure no mold is forming. It may be eaten directly from the pack or used in hot dishes prepared over a camp fire.

Miller is a former Colorado State University (CSU) associate professor, animal sciences; and Enos, a former Extension specialist and associate professor, poultry science. Reviewed by M. Bunning, assistant professor, food science and human nutrition. 10/98. Revised 8/12.

### 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.

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.

### CPR and first aid classes

CPR and first aid certification classes are offered monthly by the CSU Extension office on the second Monday and Wednesday of each month from 6 to 10 p.m. Anyone needing to receive or renew certification can register by calling the Extension office at 264-5931.

We will also attempt to schedule classes on additional dates with five or more registrations.

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

## Thursday, Nov. 16

**Loaves and Fishes Thanksgiving Lunch.** 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall. A delicious Thanksgiving meal complete with all the trimmings and dessert hosted by St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

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

**Hand and Foot.** 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.

**Lifelong Learning Lecture Series.** 5-6:30 p.m., Sisson Library. "A Study of Three Hispano Cemeteries along the San Juan River." Dr. Ruth Lambert will provide a personal glimpse into the lives of early Hispano settlers. It is based on extensive research into the cemeteries at Gato/Pagosa Junction, Juanita and Trujillo in what is now Archuleta County. 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.

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## Friday, Nov. 17

**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.

**Free Screenings.** 10-11 a.m., Senior Center. San Juan Health Department, screenings on total cholesterol, triglycerides, blood pressure checks, referrals and translations for Spanish speakers.

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

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

**Teen Book Club.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens in grades 7-12. Join us for snacks and a lively discussion of this month's book, "Bless Me, Ultima," by Rudolfo Anaya. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**All-Ages Movie.** 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. To save her ill son, a field mouse must seek the aid of a colony of rats, with whom she has a deeper link than she ever suspected. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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## Saturday, Nov. 18

**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.

**Pagosa Peaks Volleyball Club Presents Dance for a Cause.** 7 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. A fundraising dance featuring local band Becca and the Bearded Bandits followed by Albuquerque country group The Tylor Brandon Band. Admission is \$5 and there will be a cash bar

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# The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

## ACROSS

- 1 Kept the faith
- 6 Leave port
- 10 "Now \_\_\_ this!"
- 14 Rudimentary seed
- 15 Untainted
- 16 Christmas season
- 17 Forgo
- 18 Turkey neighbor
- 19 Tap trouble
- 20 Turn on the charm
- 22 Tuesday before Ash Wednesday
- 24 Back talk
- 26 Notary's tool
- 28 Drawing support
- 29 Historic time
- 30 Type of politics
- 32 Mottled horse
- 34 Pep up
- 38 Self-denier
- 41 Begun, as a hobby
- 42 Ships' hazard
- 44 Bird of prey
- 45 Soften, in a way
- 48 Feel bad about
- 49 Go bad
- 52 News source
- 53 Gridiron play
- 54 Batter's wear
- 56 Eastern exercise
- 58 Fix up
- 59 Parade spoiler
- 61 Kind of society
- 64 Roulette bet
- 65 Full of excitement
- 66 Gestation locations
- 67 Say it ain't so
- 68 Corn cake
- 69 Surfer's need

## DOWN

- 1 "\_\_\_ do you do?"

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- 2 Egg cells
- 3 Equestrian event
- 4 Keebler's crew
- 5 Legal paper
- 6 McCarthy's portrayal on SNL
- 7 Golden
- 8 One of the Gershwins
- 9 Microscope part
- 10 Flowering shrub
- 11 Continental coins
- 12 Breathing
- 13 Force back
- 21 Can. neighbor
- 23 Listen, old-style
- 24 Floral leaf
- 25 Greet the day
- 27 Clothing fuzz
- 30 Road hazard
- 31 Vacation locale, with "the"
- 33 Sworn statement
- 35 Deep-seated
- 36 Z's, in code
- 37 Fencing swords
- 39 Electrified particle
- 40 Work group
- 43 It may be limited
- 46 Mandarin, e.g.
- 47 Chinese dynasty
- 49 Piece of evidence?
- 50 Pet \_\_\_
- 51 Bygone
- 53 Type of finish
- 55 Sink pipe
- 57 Some fish bait
- 60 Long, long \_\_\_
- 62 Mine yield
- 63 Crater edge

## Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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and food available. For more information, contact Shane Lucero at pagosapeaksvolleyballclub@gmail.com.

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**Sunday, Nov. 19**

**LPEA Fill the Bucket Food Drive.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m., City Market and Hometown Food Markets. LPEA personnel and the bucket trucks will be on hand to collect non-perishable food items. Donated food will be distributed to community food banks in Archuleta County. For more information, call 247-5786 or visit www.lpea.coop.

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

**Monday, Nov. 20**

**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 equivalen-

cy or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**TEFAP Food Distribution.** 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Restoration Fellowship Church. Inventory clearance distribution starting at 1:30 p.m.

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

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

**Computer Class: Clean Up and Speed Up Your Computer.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us to learn a useful or fun technology skill or application. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Southwest Organization for Sustainability (SOS).** 3:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Visitor Center. Everyone welcome. Call Phyl Daleske at 731-4589 for more information.

**Coding IRL (In Real Life).** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Grades 5-12. Join us to participate in some coding games. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

**Tuesday, Nov. 21**

**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.

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

**Mexican Train, Hand and Foot, Rummikub.** 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.

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**First Place 4 Health.** 5:30-7 p.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. First Place 4 Health is an international program that offers a healthy living option to weight loss. Focus will be on the four essentials for overall health and well-being: the mind, emotions, body and spirit. For more information, call Marie Rascoe at 731-3185.

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**Wednesday, Nov. 22**

**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

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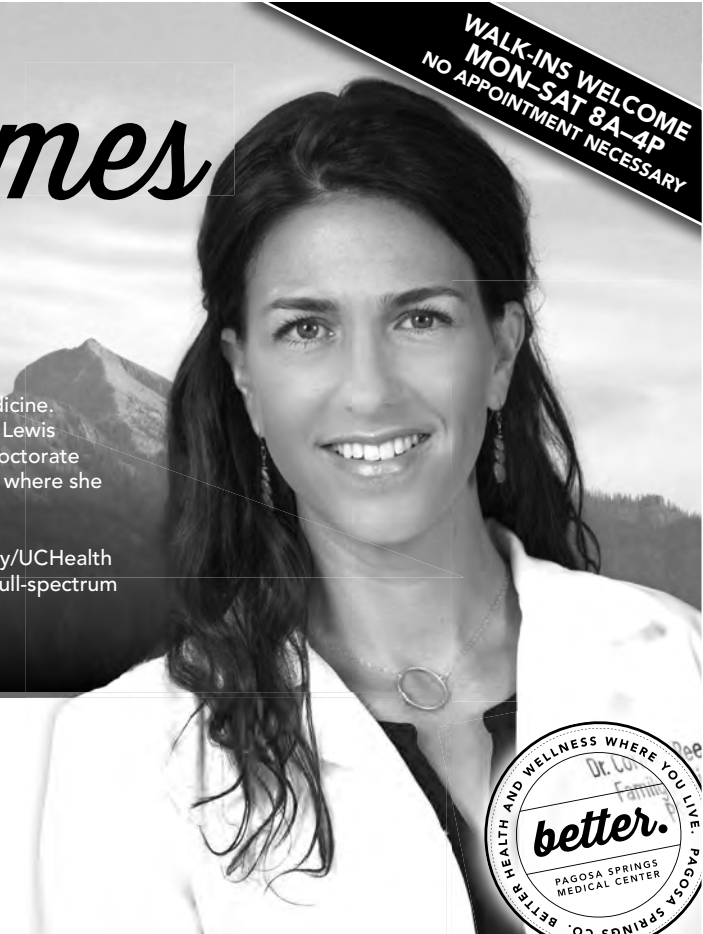
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Scene ... at Loaves and Fishes' annual Volunteer Appreciation Party on Nov. 3. Twenty-five local churches, civic organizations and businesses have sponsored the free Thursday lunch in 2017, which has provided more than 11,000 meals to the community. Over 70 representatives of these organizations were in attendance at the party.



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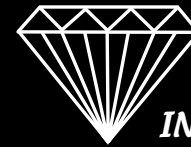
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**Flow Yoga Class.** 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Please bring a mat and a towel. For more information, call Roz at (281) 435-0563.

**Free Blood Pressure Checks.** 10:30 a.m., Senior Center.

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

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

**Yoga.** 4-5 p.m., Community Center.  
**Zumba.** 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

**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.

**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.

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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.

**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.

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**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.

**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.

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**Wednesday, Nov. 29**

**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

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**Thursday, Nov. 30**

**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

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**Friday, Dec. 1**

**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.

**Pagosa Springs Community Choir's Society'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**

**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

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**Sunday, Dec. 3**

**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.

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

**Monday, Dec. 4**

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

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

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

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

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

## Tuesday, Dec. 5

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

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

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**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.

## 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.

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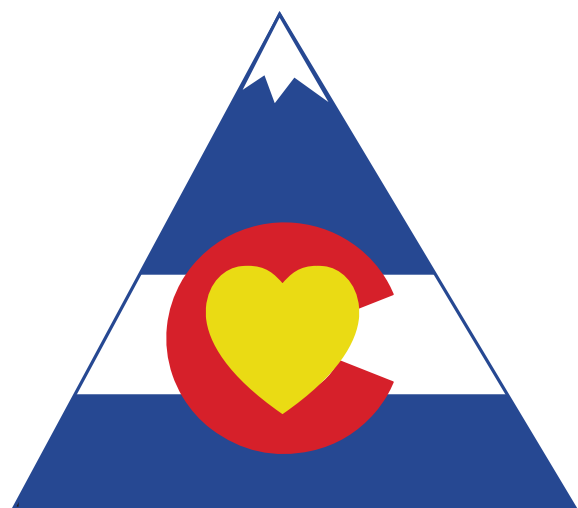
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