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Children of all ages marveled at the sight of Santa Claus on Saturday afternoon at the Visitor Center. Jolly old Saint Nick heard the kids' Christmas wishes while parents enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies.



County receives another report on air quality

Courts reconsider county's offer for space

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Another report is in the hands of Archuleta County concerning the air quality within the Archuleta County Courthouse.

That report, completed by industrial hygienists with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), is dated Nov. 27 and was delivered to Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez the same

day. He then disseminated the information to the county's administration, elected officials and The SUN.

According to the report, which focused on concentrations of hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) in the facility, particularly in the west end, the major findings of the CDPHE's investigation were:

• Measurements performed during the site visit and evaluation

■ See County A8

Former county employee pleads not guilty to embezzlement and misconduct charges

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

Frank Ratliff, a former Archuleta County employee who has been charged with embezzling public property and first-degree official misconduct, entered a not-guilty plea to the charges during an arraignment on Tuesday, Dec. 5.

Embezzlement of public property is a class-five felony, whereas first-degree official misconduct is a

class-two misdemeanor.

"Between and including August 15, 2014 and April 19, 2017, Frank W Ratliff, a public servant in possession of public monies or public property, the property of Archuleta County, unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly converted the public monies or property to his own use or to a use other than the public use authorized by law; in violation of section 18-8-

■ See Employee A8

PSPD investigating bomb threat on church

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD) is investigating a bomb threat that was called in to the Seventh Day Adventist Church on Saturday, Dec. 2.

According to a press release from Town Manager Andrea Phillips, the incident was called in around 5 p.m., and PSPD units were dispatched to the church.

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) and Colorado State Patrol also responded to the incident, wrote Phillips.

She added that the building was searched and later deemed safe.

PFPD Deputy Chief Karn Macht explained to The SUN that the PFPD dispatched a battalion vehicle and two engines to the scene at 5:18 p.m.

■ See Bomb A8

Billionaire Sid Bass refutes comments made by Weiler in school's executive session

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

J.R. Ford, a representative of billionaire Sid Bass, sat down with The SUN for an interview pertaining to Mark Weiler's comments during a Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) executive session.

The recording of that executive session was released to the public following concerns over the reasoning cited prior to entering the

session.

During the executive session, Weiler recounted the process of getting the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE) to allow the use of ASD property for a potential vo-tech expansion.

During this explanation, Weiler mentioned that Bass and builder's committee member Larry Ash had discussed how to acquire the

■ See Refutes A8

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

Abuse of power

“We are entering into an illegal meeting to negotiate secretly about spending \$4.7 million of taxpayer money to purchase the facility that we are currently renting. We will be taking our building owner, who just happens to be a contract adversary, into the meeting with us. We are excluding the public. We will also talk about policy matters that should be discussed in public, but we will spend well over an hour talking about them privately so the public has no idea what we are doing.”

That would have been the only way for the Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) to announce its Nov. 17 executive session. The board entered that session taking its building's owner, Mark Weiler, with them.

When the session began, one board member questioned why they were entering an executive session with the building owner. It's unfortunate that those concerns did not cause the board to halt the executive session when the discussion strayed over numerous topics throughout the lengthy session. The board never even attempted to keep the conversation to a topic that would be allowed in an executive session per the Colorado Open Meetings Law.

It was an unfortunate example of the manner in which public boards abuse executive sessions and hide their thought processes. You cannot just shut the door to the public.

The requirement of the law to identify a specific topic was not followed by the PPOS board of directors when entering the executive session. All that was stated was, “Now we are going to enter executive session. Per C.R.S 24-6-402(4)(b) and (4)(e) to discuss specific contractual issues.”

The Colorado Open Meetings Law allows boards to meet in executive session for only specific reasons. “Contractual issues” is not among those reasons.

The board cited “conferences with an attorney ... for the purposes of receiving legal advice ...” for the session. If the board of directors received advice from its attorney on any legal issues regarding this matter, the PPOS closed-door discussion would not be privileged with Weiler in the room. The board's attorney was not even present for the session.

They also cited the statute related to “developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators.” You can't take a contract adversary into an executive session.

When pressed for more information about the meeting, The SUN was told via email, “... the reason for the executive session was that we were getting advice on a potential facilities expansion, and Mark is the owner of our building.”

In denying The SUN's Colorado Open Records Act request, PPOS board president Ursula Hudson wrote in part, “You speculate that the meeting may have improperly convened to conduct direct negotiations. That is not the case. Further, Mr. Weiler's presence does not change this fact since it was not a negotiation with Mr. Weiler which was at issue in the meeting.”

What's interesting is that since the board has released the recording, it is clear that the board and Weiler were, in fact, negotiating the purchase of the Parelli building. They discussed leasing the facility, pricing, collateral and other terms regarding the purchase. That's negotiating.

Another topic in the executive session was increasing the limits on the number of students at the charter school. Talking about whether to expand the school is a policy matter that should be talked about in public.

In releasing the recording, Hudson stated, “We held an executive session last meeting, which the reason for entering that executive session was improperly cited in the agenda and we did not enter that session with a sufficient explanation of why we were entering that session.”

We contend there could never be a sufficient explanation of why they entered into executive session. The discussion should have been public.

A charter school that just took out a second line of credit at a special meeting and didn't notice that meeting to a list of people who have signed up to receive its meeting notices needs to operate in the public view.

The one thing the board got right about the executive session was in realizing they were wrong and releasing the recording.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

WHADDYA THINK?

Where do you plan to do most of your holiday shopping?



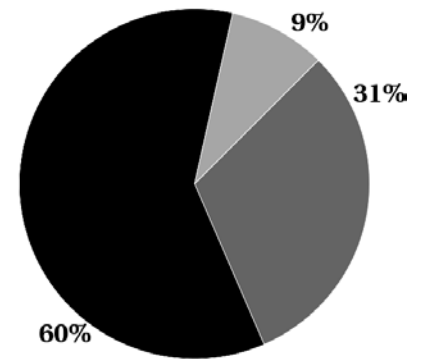
Judy Houston
“Locally.”



Gunnar Bergkamp
“Online.”



Jeanette Bean
“Locally, hopefully.”



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LOOKING BACK



From the December 17, 1970, Pagosa Springs SUN. **OVER GRAB** — Two Pirates, Henry Rivas, 35, and Steve Lynch, 41, grab a rebound as an Ignacio player, who cannot be seen, was squeezed out. The action was at Ignacio in a pre-season tournament.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of December 2, 1927

The Pagosa Springs Motor Company, local agent for the Ford car, now has on hand complete specifications and descriptions of the long expected new Ford models, which will soon be on sale throughout the country. Increases in prices for new cars do not exceed \$25 for any model, the speed has been increased to 55 to 65 miles per hour, the standard selective gear shift has been added, as well as four-wheel brakes. The local agency is expecting a record-breaking sale of the new autos.

In reply to the communication in the last issue of the Sun, Dr. A.J. Nossaman county health officer, authorizes us to state that the county will furnish diphtheria anti-toxin free to anyone unable to pay for the same, upon application to him.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of December 11, 1942

At its regular meeting held Monday evening, the Town Board created a cash sinking fund of \$5500.00, which, with revenue to be derived from the 1.05 mills levy for 1942, will be sufficient to redeem and cancel the remaining \$6500.00 of the old 1922 Refunding Water bonds of the town in full. These bonds, drawing 6% annual interest, constitute the last of the indebtedness created in 1902 when the town water system was originally built, and have been refunded twice since the original issue.

There was no school Monday at the Piedra school. The teacher's car radiator froze — she couldn't get out in time. All the pupils had returned to their homes when she finally arrived.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of December 7, 1967

The Dr. Mary Fisher Medical Center is now open and is being operated by Dr. Martin G. Miser. Dr. Miser started seeing the patients the first of this week and will be maintaining regular office hours from now on. Part of his equipment, as well as repair work, is still to be taken care of, but the Medical Center is open. The Dr. Mary Fisher Medical Center has been without a resident doctor for some time now and its re-opening will be appreciated by the community.

When you get ready to do your Christmas shopping — and it should be within the next 14 days — remember that prices are just as low, quality just as high, selection just as great, and service is better at the local merchants.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of December 10, 1992

Colorado registered electors living within the town boundaries or boundaries of the area served by Archuleta Water Company, and those who own property within either area, will vote Tuesday, Dec. 15 at Town Hall whether the Town of Pagosa Springs water system and Archuleta Water will be included in the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District. Supporters of the inclusion proposal cite several factors in support of a yes vote. They assert that a study process, begun 1 1/2 years ago by members of the town board and the Archuleta Water board, shows nearly \$40,000 in administrative expenses can be saved each year by eradicating duplication, and indicates water rates for most town and Archuleta Water residential water customers would fall.

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Letters

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

Pagosa manners

Dear Editor:
A few months back, I got up early on a Saturday — well, early for me — and went out to do my errands, one of which was to fill my Jeep with gas.

My timing was not too good because when I got to the gas station, there were several trucks filling up and they were towing large stock trailers. I looked behind me to back up but there was already another car behind me. I looked

ahead and saw the lady driving the truck toward me was also looking behind her. She was also blocked. So, we sat and waited.

We didn't have to wait long but that's not what I am writing about. The people who were waiting to buy gas or perhaps just get by never honked a horn, never got out of their cars and yelled at anyone. Everyone just waited patiently and, soon enough, the trucks and trailers pulled away and everyone was able to go about their business.

This is the sort of patience and courtesy I have come to expect in Pagosa Springs. This is the same sort of patience and courtesy I see on North Pagosa Blvd. north of Highway 160. That can be a real mess and there are times I wish I had gone another way. When we all just wait, it seems to work out and we get where we want to go.

Thanks to all of you for your patience and courtesy. These are just the sort of manners that I have come to expect in Pagosa Springs. So, let's all keep it up. It just makes life easier for all of us.

Bill Hubbard

Hollow words

Dear Editor:
I am an outdoor enthusiast. There's nothing like a hike in the woods to forget my cares and appreciate the breathtaking beauty of our mountains in Colorado. Like most, I am concerned about protecting our forests from wildfires, excess logging, and environmental degradation. I naively hoped our legislators were also.

Our Rep Scott Tipton states "The environment is one of my top priorities" and co-sponsored a bill in Congress, HR 2936, The Resilient Federal Forests Act, aimed at increasing and streamlining timber production in national forests and other federal lands. It passed the House Nov 1, 2017

HR2936 masqueraded as a "solution" to fight wildfire, but instead, was a grab bag of bad news for our national forests. This tangled mess of legislation gives our forests over to industry, sidesteps environmental review, undermines restoration efforts, and limits the public's abil-

ity to fight back. It eliminates any requirement to protect old growth forests and allows for clear-cutting under the guise of creating what is called early successional habitat for wildlife.

I am perplexed. This legislation does not sound like someone who prioritizes the environment. It sounds like someone who represents the interests of the timber industry by silencing any potential opposition from expert assessment and public concern. It sounds like someone more interested in deregulation than protection of our forests. How many tourist dollars can Colorado attract with large 10,000 acre swaths of clear-cut National Forests?

Rebecca Maloney

Education funds

Dear Editor:
In 25-30 years from now, the children who are now 4-6 years old will be performing some or all of the following services to our society, i.e. (1) Making the political decisions that will determine our economy, keep us out of war and, we hope, create an environment in which all of our citizens will live in harmony and prosperity; (2) Inventing and developing the kind of new technology which will carry us into a fabulous future which none of us can now even imagine; (3) Teaching our youth the elements of the past which they will use to guarantee the future for all; (4) Developing new medicines and treatments which will allow us to live our lives in comfort and without pain; (5) Etc.

Given that, don't you think it would be a good idea for us to give to them the kind of educational basics that will allow each of them to develop to their full potential?? If we want competent leaders we must give them a solid educational foundation as early in their life as they can comprehend it.

The good news is that we are very capable of providing that kind of education to all our children. The bad news is that it is rather expensive. Many, if not most, of the children in our community will need some type of financial aid to achieve this education. The government has programs to

help the children who are living in families with household income significantly below the median income level for our county. For instance, Headstart will provide services to children 3-5 yrs old from families with a household income of <=\$24K for a family of four. The Colorado Preschool Program will also provide assistance to 3-5 yrs old children from families with a household income <=\$44K. Unfortunately, a high per centage of the children in our county cannot access this government assistance. So how can we help those children?

Fortunately, the leaders of both our Town and County have the foresight to understand this problem and the commitment to do something about it. Each have allocated \$100 thousand dollars in their respective budgets for 2018. Now that is leadership.

The Leaders of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County have made a very significant commitment to the children of the Pagosa area and their respective commitments will be a great help. But it is not enough. I implore all of you to find some way to help fund the education of our young children. After all, we have been given the privilege of living in this wonderful community so let's do everything that we can to help our children meet their destiny.

Dave Richardson

Exploring values

Dear Editor:
Now and then, we need to ex-

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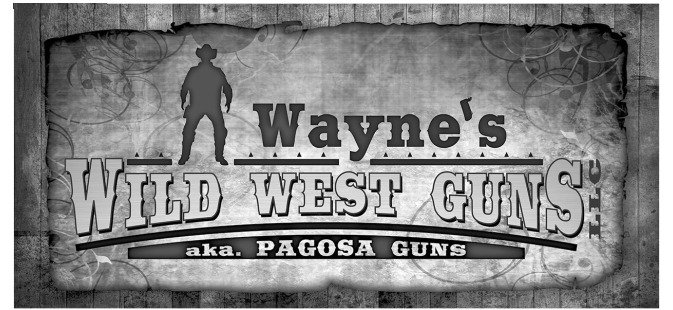
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Benally pleads not guilty to being an accessory to murder

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

Charlotte Benally entered a not-guilty plea regarding the charge of being an accessory to first-degree murder during an arraignment on Tuesday, Dec. 5.

Benally is accused of being an accessory to the murder of Richard "Dick" Isaacs that occurred in May of this year.

A jury trial has been scheduled for April 16, 2018, at 8:30 a.m., and is scheduled to last for four days.

A pretrial conference is scheduled for April 3, 2018, at 9 a.m.

A person is an accessory to a crime when that person renders assistance to the principal of a crime, or if they intended to hinder, delay or prevent the discovery, detection, apprehension, prosecution, conviction or punishment of the principal.

The charges were filed by Alex Lowe, deputy district attorney for the 6th Judicial District Attorney's Office.

Benally was represented by defense attorney Rae Randolph.

Earlier in June, Chad Nystrom

was accused of first-degree murder and tampering with a deceased body in the same incident that Benally was charged.

In Colorado, first-degree murder is a class 1 felony, whereas tampering with a deceased body is a class 3 felony.

The shooting of Isaacs, 65, occurred in May in the Aspen Springs subdivision.

In a press release issued on May 14, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) states, "The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ASO) announced this evening that at approximately 10:26 a.m. Archuleta County Dispatch received a call from the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) advising that they had been contacted by an individual in Archuleta County reporting that he had shot at and possibly fatally wounded a man. ASO deputies and CSP troopers responded to the scene and confirmed that the individual was deceased."

An arrest narrative obtained by The SUN outlines the alleged events that led up to the shooting. "NYSTROM apparently told

CSP dispatchers that he shot and killed his neighbor," reads the arrest narrative. "The dispatcher told me that no law enforcement was on scene yet, and it had not been verified, but the deceased would be found in the scrub oak brush in the backyard ..."

The narrative stated that the shooting occurred on May 13 during a get-together on Nystrom's property in Aspen Springs, and that, following the shooting of Isaacs, Nystrom drove to Grand Junction with Benally.

The two stayed in Grand Junction for a night before returning to Pagosa Springs, then called in the shooting.

The narrative goes on to state that, following the shooting, one of the witnesses told ACSO Detective Sgt. Warren Brown that Nystrom and Benally were outside behind the house near the fire pit when Nystrom allegedly shouted out that there was a man with a gun and told the witnesses to run, with one witness explaining that they ran to the opposite side of the house and heard numerous gunshots.

Statements included in the narrative from witnesses at the get-together allege that Isaacs was in the bushes behind Nystrom's house, roughly 50 to 60 yards away, and also allege that Isaacs may

have had something in his left hand that looked like a shotgun.

Archuleta County Coroner Dan Keuning previously explained that he pronounced Isaacs dead at 12:23 p.m. on May 14, and that the approximate time of death was between 4:30 and 6 p.m. on May 13.

He described the manner of death as homicide, and explained that the cause was multiple gunshot wounds to the head, neck, chest and abdomen.

Nystrom was originally arrested on a charge of second-degree murder, and Benally was originally arrested on the charge of being an accessory to the crime of second-degree murder, a spokesperson from the ACSO previously told The SUN.

Previously, Nystrom bonded out on a \$15,000 bond, but is now being held on a \$500,000 bond.

"Bonds can be modified at the request of either the prosecution or defense as long as reasonable notice is provided," explained Lowe to SUN staff following Nystrom's hearing at which the bond was increased. "A motion was filed to address that."

During Nystrom's hearing, Lowe stated that Nystrom had fired 15 shots, with five of them hitting Isaacs.

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ACSO, law enforcement search for stolen truck

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) has issued a "be on the lookout" (BOLO) message to other law enforcement agencies after a Toyota truck was stolen from a residence and another stolen vehicle was left in its place.

"On Dec. 2, at about 7:30 a.m., we received a call from a resident in Meadows who woke up that morning to find his vehicle stolen and another one left in its place," explained ACSO Undersheriff Tonya Hamilton. "When a deputy got there, they ran the plates on the vehicle left in the driveway, which was a silver 2006 GMC Sierra truck."

Hamilton went on to explain that the truck was found to be sto-

len out of Montrose County.

"Arrangements were made for the vehicle to be impounded until Montrose could come and pick it up," explained Hamilton. "As an agency assist, as we speak, Sgt. (Warren) Brown is processing the vehicle for fingerprints and things like that. Montrose will have to come in and do a warrant to open the glove box and any sealed compartments."

Hamilton stated that the vehicle that was stolen in Archuleta County was a silver 2000 Toyota Tacoma truck that had more than 300,000 miles on it and an eighth of a tank of gas.

She went on to explain that a BOLO was sent out, and that the suspect is still at large.

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The Blotter

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

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office
Nov. 27 — Information only, North Pagosa Boulevard.

Nov. 27 — Warrant arrest, Tom's Place.

Nov. 27 — County warrant, North 5th Street.

Nov. 28 — Warrant arrest, Solomon Drive.

Nov. 28 — Information only, Periwinkle Drive.

Nov. 29 — Warrant arrest, Bill's Place.

Nov. 29 — Theft, first-degree criminal trespass, theft from vehicle, Island Place.

Dec. 1 — Unlawful ownership of vicious dog, Cloud Cap Avenue.

Dec. 1 — Warrant arrest, Highland Avenue.

Dec. 1 — Unlawful possession of a controlled substance, two counts of state warrants, tampering with physical evidence, unlawfully carrying a concealed weapon, Highland Avenue.

Dec. 2 — Information only, West Golf Place.

Dec. 2 — Theft-motor vehicle parts/accessories from vehicle, Cameron Place.

Dec. 3 — Animals running at large, Brook Drive.

Dec. 3 — Domestic violence, third-degree assault, reckless endangerment, harassment-stalking-misdemeanor, Doc Adams Road.

Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

Nov. 27 — Information only, North 5th Street.

Nov. 28 — False imprisonment/impersonating a police officer, South 10th Street.

Nov. 30 — DUI, San Juan Street.

Dec. 1 — Marijuana prohibited, under 21, South 8th Street.

Dec. 1 — Animal/running at large, Lewis Street.

Dec. 2 — Animal/running at large, South 5th Street.

Dec. 2 — Animal/running at large, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Dec. 2 — False report of explosives, Oren Road.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court:
Judge William Anderson

No report.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

No report.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

No report.

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"Arrangements were made for the vehicle to be impounded until Montrose could come and pick it up," explained Hamilton. "As an agency assist, as we speak, Sgt. (Warren) Brown is processing the vehicle for fingerprints and things like that. Montrose will have to come in and do a warrant to open the glove box and any sealed compartments."

Hamilton stated that the vehicle that was stolen in Archuleta County was a silver 2000 Toyota Tacoma truck that had more than 300,000 miles on it and an eighth of a tank of gas.

She went on to explain that a BOLO was sent out, and that the suspect is still at large.

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Letters

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amine how we think, how we treat one another. Several things come to mind as I consider this once again. To God, it doesn't matter how much money we have, how healthy is our body, what color is our skin, all have "purpose" as long as we live. Some see purpose as some great thing one does that gets them notoriety, but to God, we are all special, made in his image. So long as we live with love towards all, our purpose is strong and God will lead us there. For most, it is the small everyday goodness that adds up far more than those single acts for which folks are recognized.

I am sure that all of us have ancestors who immigrated and made this nation proud. My grandmother married a wonderful man from Canada. He worked for the railroad and one morning, he saw a young boy down near the tracks, dirty,

hungry, spoke only German; took him home to my grandmother who spoke German. She cleaned him up, fed him, tried to locate his parents — never found them, so raised him as his own. That little lost boy became one of the first engineers hired by Henry Ford. I truly believe that is "The American Way." Yes, we have immigration problems that need serious attention; however, "working through" our concerns, we need to have the right attitude — help, not hate. Can we do that? We'll see.

Our Constitution made no mention of color of skin, eyes, hair, etc. It's not the appearance of the package that is important but rather what is inside. When we stray from the values of our Constitution, the world frowns on us — I prefer to see the world smiling with us. How about you?

Yes, God is love.

Patty Tillerson

Obituary

Douglas James Ingram

Douglas James Ingram, age 60, died at home on Thursday, Nov. 23. He was born Sept. 13, 1957, in California. He lived in Texas and Arizona before settling in Pagosa Springs.

Doug was known for his great

sense of humor. He served as a volunteer for Meals on Wheels at the Senior Center. He is survived by his wife, Suzanne, of 42 years, and children Donald, Nicholas and Rachel.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 2 p.m. on Dec. 11 at the Church of Christ located at 277 Lewis St.

Ultimate Christmas party for kids planned

By Connie Porter
Special to The SUN

An Ultimate Christmas Party for kids is scheduled at the Ross Aragon Community Center on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Hosting this party are Frank and Connie Porter and a group of young people who love kids and desire to tell them the awesome story of Christmas. There will be games, songs, a Bible lesson and much more, all taught by teens. The kids will also take home gifts.

All kids are invited to come for a fun time of celebrating the reason for Christmas.

The same party will be held on Dec. 13 from 1:25 to 3:25 p.m. at Pagosa Springs Elementary School.

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But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11

There was an air of expectation that the day of the coming of the Messiah was near. The Messianic hope rooted in Hebrew prophecy understood the Messiah would come from the line of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He would descend from the tribe of Judah and King David. The Christ would be born in Bethlehem. He would offer salvation going forth from Jerusalem. A messenger would prepare the people and a way for him.

When the shepherds heard the news announced by angels they hurried to find this newborn Messiah. Throughout the gospel accounts Jesus is proclaimed with power to be the Christ. In Acts 2 Peter declared to the gathered crowd of Jews that Jesus is the Christ proven by his life and miracles, eye witness accounts of his resurrection, and fulfilled Hebrew prophecy. What response would they make?

(continued next week)

Dorman Diller, minister



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Business



Jerry Wills promoted to LPEA Pagosa Springs district manager

By Indiana Reed
Special to The SUN

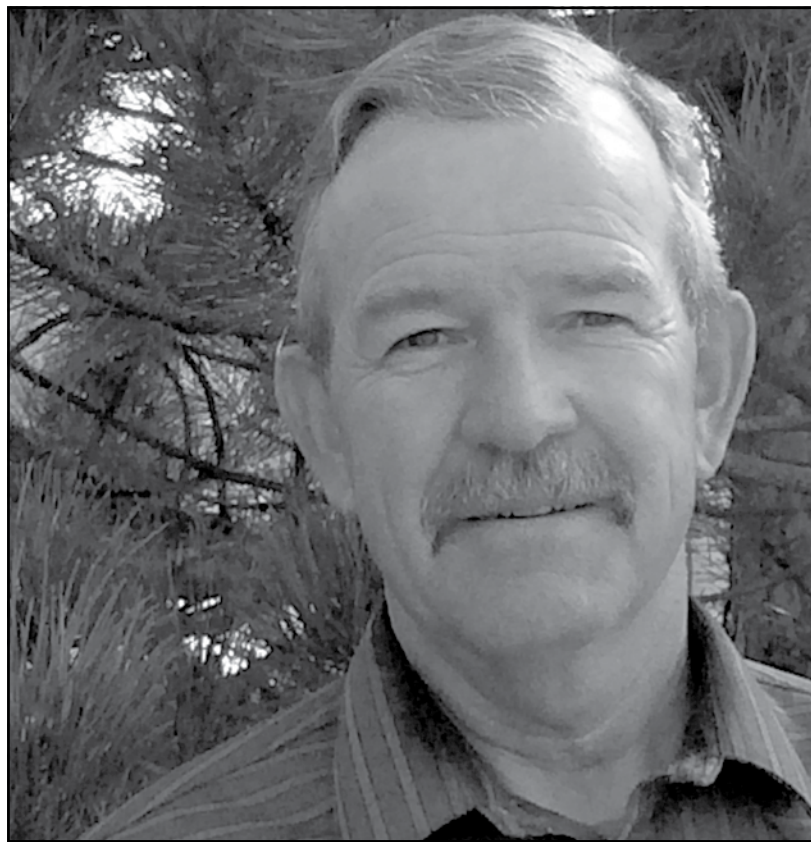
Jerry Wills has been promoted to the new position of Pagosa Springs district manager for La Plata Electric Association (LPEA), responsible for management of all LPEA employees and operations in Archuleta County.

Development of the new manager position in Pagosa Springs is expected to increase efficiency and further service to LPEA's member-owners.

Wills has served at LPEA since 1983, initially hired as a meter reader collector. By 1985, he entered the cooperative's Apprentice Lineman Program and earned his journeyman lineman in 1989.

After working for several years on the line crews, Wills was promoted to working foreman, overseeing and supervising daily tasks and ensuring the safety of a team of men in the field. He served in this position for nearly 22 years until his promotion to Pagosa line superintendent in 2015, where he oversaw day-to-day operations of all line crews based in LPEA's Pagosa Springs office.

"LPEA is fortunate to have Jerry on our team," said CEO Mike Dreyspring. "This was such a natural progression because of his leadership and experience serving our Archuleta County members. I am excited to work with Jerry and see how he adds to LPEA's success in serving our members."



Jerry Wills

CHAMBER NEWS

Nominate someone now for Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Small Business of the Year and Non-Profit of the Year

By Mary Jo Coulehan
SUN Columnist

The annual community awards program is open to receive nominations in the following categories: Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Small Business of the Year and Non-Profit of the Year.

Every year, stellar candidates and businesses are nominated in these various categories. The winners will be announced at the annual Chamber of Commerce Gala, which will be held on Jan. 20, 2018, at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse.

All throughout the year, we think of people who we should nominate. Then, when the time draws near, do we take the time to recognize these people? The awards are not always given out to the most visible people, but to those who do great works and to those people and businesses that make an impact in this community. Do you know someone who has made a difference in this community? We all do — but do we take the time to nominate them? Now is your opportunity.

For both Citizen of the Year and Volunteer of the Year, the person or persons must have been a resident for at least three years. The work that Volunteer of the Year and Citizen of the Year nominees perform must be outside of their normal scope of work or job and the nominees can be an individual or a couple. The Citizen of the Year must have impacted the community in one of the following ways: philanthropic, lifestyle, economic or cultural.

Small Business award nominees must have a reputation of quality service and employee care, demonstrate excellence and a reputable business image, consistent and friendly attitude to customers, clients, employees and other businesses, support the local community with goods, services and time, have under 20 employees and be a leader in the business community.

The Non-Profit agency of the year must be a 501(c)3, provide a necessary service, have a positive image in the community and serve the community with distinction and excellence.

It is often hard to take the time to sit down, write and submit something about a person or business. But, because you perform this effort, the recipients are often more grateful because someone actually did take the time to thank them for the "work" they do in their community. Please take time this year to say thank you to a person, couple or organization.

Forms are located on the Chamber website at www.pagosachamber.com

ber.com on the homepage. Just click on the link to access the form. We can also email or fax you a form, or stop by the Chamber to pick one up. Community Award forms are due at the Chamber by the close of business Jan. 5, 2018.

Chamber board of directors voting open

This is a reminder that voting is now open for the 2018 slate of candidates for the Chamber board of directors.

The candidates this year are: LeAnne Goebel, manager, Lantern Dancer Gallery and Gift Shop; Jim Hayes, co-owner of The Hub; Jesse Hensle, marketing and communications manager, Pagosa Springs Medical Center; Mary Hunt, owner of Mary Hunt USHealth Advisors; Dan McPherson, co-owner of Sunetha Property Management; and the Rev. Leighton Mekeal, pastor, Community United Methodist Church.

Chamber member businesses should have received a special email from the Chamber announcing the voting and issuing instructions on how businesses can vote for the candidates.

Each Chamber business can cast one ballot. Your membership must be in good standing. With each ballot, you will vote for up to three candidates. Should you vote for more than three candidates or your business votes multiple times, your ballot will be invalidated. There is a "Click Here" button on the email to vote; you can go to the Chamber website, www.pagosachamber.com to vote; or you can still come by the Chamber offices and manually cast your ballot through the paper system. The voting will continue until close of business on Jan. 5, 2018.

Membership news

Maximizing Your Membership this month will be held on Dec. 18 at 9 a.m. in the Chamber conference room. New members or sea-

soned members wanting to know how best to utilize their benefits are encouraged to attend. There will be a free breakfast provided along with loads of information. Start the new year out really focusing on your business and let the Chamber help you. RSVPs are preferred and you can reserve your seat by contacting Debra at 264-2360.

We welcome new member Precision Autobody and Collision to the Chamber this week.

We have many members to thank this week for their renewal.

The list includes Wyndham Pagosa, Ponderosa Lumber Company, Ski and Bow Rack, Subway West, Upscale Resale, Wayne's Wild West Guns and Ammo, Peak Access and the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs.

As you reflect over your year of business and community, think about those people and organizations that help make up our sense of community. Don't keep saying, "I'll nominate someone next week or I should have nominated someone" — do it now.

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Complaints against insurers report now available

Special to The SUN

The “Annual Report on Complaints Against Insurers” compiled by the Division of Insurance (DOI) is now available. This report covers the fiscal year (FY) 2016-17, July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017.

This report provides data and analysis of the previous fiscal year, while comparing that information to the previous fiscal year. Working through all of the complaints is important — often simply providing an understanding of why a claim was denied or how insurance coverage works can be beneficial to consumers. But investigations of consumer complaints against insurers may result in financial

recoveries as well.

In FY2016-17, the Consumer Services team recovered \$8,517,970 for Colorado consumers, which is \$368,868 more than the previous year. This is money that was put back into people's pockets.

“The Division not only regulates the insurance industry in Colorado,” said Insurance Commissioner Marguerite Salazar, “but it is an invaluable resource for consumers. The questions answered, the complaints investigated and the money recovered for Coloradans all highlight how we can help people with their insurance problems.”

The two biggest chunks of the recoveries were \$2,943,583 for

auto insurance, and \$2,138,216 for health insurance.

For FY2016-17 the number of complaints opened by the Division's Consumer Service team increased to 4,007 from 3,835 in the previous year. In addition, the number of complaints closed by the team — meaning that the complaint was investigated to its conclusion — also rose, going from 3,686 in the previous year to 3,912 in FY2016-17.

As in past years, complaints related to auto, health and homeowners insurance make up the majority of the numbers.

“It's important for Colorado consumers who are having any problems with their insurance to

contact the DOI,” said Michael Conway, deputy commissioner of insurance for consumer and compliance services. “We can't fix problems we don't hear about. Plus, consumer input can help us spot any troubling trends.”

If you are experiencing problems with your insurance, please contact the DOI. Our dedicated Consumer Services team helps people with everything from untangling the complex world of insurance to investigating formal complaints about their insurance companies or insurance agents. Contact the Division at (303) 894-7490 or (800) 930-3745 (outside of the Denver metro area), or at DORA_Insurance@state.co.us.

Attempted LPEA phone scams targeting seniors

By Indiana Reed

Special to The SUN

La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) is once again cautioning its members to not be fooled by impersonators who claim to be from LPEA and threaten disconnection for lack of payment. The current phone scam appears to be targeting senior citizens, requesting payment over the phone via a bank debit card.

“Senior citizens are often vulnerable to experienced, convincing phone scammers, so we want to make sure our members understand that LPEA representatives, in compliance with

regulations, do not collect payment information such as credit or debit card numbers over the phone,” said Linda Looman, manager of customer service. “Because they now appear to be targeting seniors, we ask children, neighbors and caretakers of our seniors to be aware and caution their family and friends.”

LPEA members are asked, if they get a questionable phone call demanding immediate payment, to try to get a call-back number from the scammer, then hang up and call LPEA directly to see if there truly is an issue with their account. If a call is blatantly fraudulent, LPEA members are advised to call the local authorities.

LPEA's Customer Service Department can be reached during regular business hours at 247-5786 or (888) 839-5732 for clarification of any billing questions. LPEA members can also review the status of their account at any time online at www.lpea.coop, and click on the SmartHub icon.

Looman notes that LPEA does not make phone calls threatening to immediately disconnect anyone's electricity for lack of payment. When an account is past due, LPEA customers receive a series of written notices and are given adequate time to settle their bills before any disconnect would take place.

State plan outlines recommendations for recruiting, retaining educators to address teacher shortage

By Lindsay Sandoval

Special to The SUN

To address the statewide teacher shortage, the Colorado Department of Higher Education (CDHE), in partnership with the Colorado Department of Education (CDE), outlined recommendations for recruiting and retaining more teachers in a strategic plan and complementary report recently submitted to the Colorado Legislature.

Titled “Colorado's Teacher Shortages: Attracting and Retaining Excellent Educators,” the strategic plan focuses on four key goals: improving educator retention, increasing teacher compensation and benefits, attracting talent to high-need areas and producing more graduates from educator preparation programs. State officials also recommend enhancing the perception of teaching through a statewide marketing campaign and consideration of more career exploration opportunities for high school students interested in education.

As directed by House Bill 17-

1003, the CDHE and CDE developed the plan to help curb the state's educator shortage, which is nearing a crisis in many Colorado districts. The bill was authored by Rep. Barbara McLachlan (D-Durango) and Sen. Don Coram (R-Montrose) and signed by Gov. John Hickenlooper in May.

The strategic action plan was informed by the accompanying report “Teacher Shortages Across the Nation and Colorado: Similar Issues, Varying Magnitudes,” which looks at national and state trends. Although the educator shortage has affected all areas of the state, Colorado's 147 rural and small rural districts have felt it most acutely and some schools have struggled to fill key positions for years, according to the report.

Colorado sees about 5,000 educator openings each year, but the supply has not kept pace with demand: Enrollment in and completion of educator preparation programs have declined by 24 and 17 percent respectively since 2010 and nearly a third of Colorado educators will be eligible for retirement

over the next several years. Compounding these trends, Colorado loses approximately 16 percent of new classroom teachers within the first five years of teaching, the report says.

“We know that educators make all other professions possible and attracting top talent to our school districts, especially in rural areas, is a must,” said Dr. Kim Hunter Reed, executive director of the CDHE. “We look forward to engaging in policy conversations to advance solutions that will support our teachers, students and communities.”

To inform the recommendations, state officials hosted 13 town hall meetings with more than 400 participants and administered an online survey that drew nearly 6,500 responses. State officials also met with about 100 participants involved with different education groups.

Many of the recommendations would require community and education partnerships, such as expanding “grow your own” educator or teacher residency programs, while some could be implemented on a state level. Noting the large number of districts that offer average salaries below the cost of living, state officials suggested exploring minimum salaries at or above their cost of living and establishing in-

centives for educators who teach in hard-to-staff districts and content areas, including STEM and special education.

“We're already seeing creative community solutions in supporting educators and we'll continue to rely on these partnerships as we look to implement high-impact recommendations,” said Dr. Katy Anthes, Colorado's education commissioner. “Now that we've collected all of this valuable feedback from communities around the state, I look forward to continuing the discussion with our legislature, state board, districts and educator preparation programs.”

Reed and Anthes will share the action plan at the upcoming Public Education and Business Coalition Superintendent Forum on Thursday, Dec. 7. The Colorado Senate and House education committees will review the plan this winter, and the CDE and CDHE will provide ongoing planning and support.

Read the full report: http://higher-ed.colorado.gov/Publications/Reports/teachereducation/2017/TeacherShortages_Nation_Colorado_Dec2017.pdf and a summary of the strategic action plan: http://higher-ed.colorado.gov/Publications/Reports/teachereducation/2017/COTeacherShortageStrategicPlan_Dec2017.pdf.

Job training geared toward senior citizens

By Judy Campbell

Special to The SUN

Are you 55 years of age or older and currently unemployed, but would like to find work?

SER Jobs for Progress is a federally funded program for seniors who are economically challenged and unable to find work due to a lack of job skills. The program offers you income while you learn new skills. You are paid to learn. You will be placed in part-time work experience assignments that will enhance your opportunities for employment.

The U.S. Department of Labor has funded this program for 52 years and is committed to recruit, train and place eligible seniors in subsidized training.

SER is currently accepting applications for enrollment in Archuleta County.

SER is also in need of nonprofit organizations and city, county and government businesses who would like to participate in our program and receive the benefit of free help, paid for by the U.S. Department of Labor.

For additional information, call the Jobs for Progress office in Durango at 385-3995.

Training offered for child care providers, early childhood educators

By Heather Hawk

Special to The SUN

The Early Childhood Council of La Plata County will offer Expanding Quality in Infant/Toddler Care Training.

This 48-hour Colorado Department of Human Services-approved training is recommended for all child care providers and early childhood educators working with children from birth to age 3.

Sessions will start on Jan. 17, 2018, and end on May 9, 2018. All classes will be held Wednesdays

from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Early Childhood Council Training Center.

The cost is \$40. Space is limited. Advance registration is required by Dec. 31.

For more information, email Heather Hawk at heatherh@ecclaplata.org or call 247-0760. To register, visit www.ecclaplata.org or <https://www.facebook.com/ECCLPC/>.

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Town council approves 2018 budget

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council held a hearing and then unanimously approved its 2018 budget during its regular meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 5.

The agenda items were presented to the town council by Town Manager Andrea Phillips.

"You should have a printed copy of the final budget in front of you, and we've also put it out on our website and on iCompass for the public to review prior to this," explained Phillips, adding that the council would need to hold a public hearing on the matter prior to adopting the budget.

"I wanted to thank all of you for your many, many hours of discussion on the 2018 budget. I know we had several workshops, and there were a lot of really tough decisions to make," said Phillips. "I also wanted to thank April Hessman, our town clerk and finance director, because she does a phenomenal job of putting this together every year and incorporating it into one good policy document that sets out what our intentions are for the coming year."

Phillips explained that the town's projected general fund unrestricted revenues are estimated to be roughly \$1.4 million.

"Included in our expenditures are several assumptions in terms of projects that we're going to be doing next year, and staffing," Phillips said. "We've included a 2.771 percent cost of living increase. Our mill levy ... is set at 1.55 mills, and that's

for general operating expenses."

Phillips explained that the town's mill levy is anticipated to generate \$85,567.

"The county assessor's assessed value is about \$1.5 million over the 2016 values," said Phillips.

She explained that, in the Capital Fund budget, the town was spending into reserves by quite a bit in order to accomplish several projects.

"It'll still leave us with unrestricted reserves, estimated to be a little shy of \$400,000," said Phillips. "We do have a very aggressive schedule in terms of utilizing that capital fund to help us meet all of the project initiatives that we talked about. We also have some projects that didn't get completed this year that are getting carried over to next year."

Phillips cited projects such as the town's unfinished 8th Street project, as well as the unfinished Hot Springs Boulevard project.

She went on to explain that it was staff's recommendation to approve the town's 2018 budget.

The council then opened up the hearing to public comment.

"On behalf of the early care and education work group, and I am the project manager for that work group, we thank you for the generous allocation that the town included in its proposed 2018 budget in support of the early care and education work group," stated audience member Jan Santopietro. "We also thank you for the opportunity to expand early childhood programs in our community."

Santopietro went on to explain that the aforementioned work group held its monthly meeting.

"Discussion was held about the town's proposal to include service organization requests in each of the work groups ... in the 2018 budget," said Santopietro. "Four service organization's funding requests that relate to early childhood, Seeds of Learning, Headstart, et cetera, were removed from the 'other' category and placed under early childhood care."

Santopietro went on to explain that, at this point, the work group was seeking direction from the town.

"As expressed by several of our group members last night, if the intent is to have the work group responsible for dispersing the funds to the service organizations, it puts the group in a very uncomfortable position," Santopietro said. "First, the work group is an advisory group. It is not an established stand-alone organization. The work group does not have the authority or comfort level to make decisions about how taxpayer funds are spent."

Santopietro went on to state that this proposed structure isn't in alignment with what the town had originally asked the work group to do.

"Our mission is to expand early childhood care and education programs, not support existing ones," said Santopietro. "Lastly, tasking the work group with making the decision on who gets what jeopardizes the good standing and cooperative approach we have

established with the licensed proprietors here at Archuleta County. I look forward to the guidance from the town council at arriving to a workable solution with this issue."

Pagosa Springs Mayor Don Volger thanked Santopietro for her statements, saying, "Obviously, that's not going to be discussed tonight, but it will be a topic of future discussion, because you raise some valid points."

"Mr. Mayor, I move that the council approve Resolution 2017-26, approving the 2018 budget, setting mill levies and appropriating sums of money for the 2018 budget," moved council member David Schanzenbaker, with council member Mat deGraaf seconding the motion, which proceeded to pass unanimously.

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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, Dec. 7

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

Monday, Dec. 11

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

Tuesday, Dec. 12

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 special budget meeting to consider the 2018 budget. 1:30 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board meeting. 4:30 p.m., Visi-

tor Center, 105 Hot Springs Blvd.
Archuleta School District Board of Education work session and regular meeting. 5 p.m. work session, 6 p.m. regular meeting, Pagosa Springs Middle School library, 309 Lewis St.

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

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

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

Wednesday, Dec. 13

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

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

Joint Archuleta County Board of County Commissioner and Planning Commission meeting. 6 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Thursday, Dec. 14

Pagosa Peak Open School board retreat. Noon-4 p.m., location to be determined. Visit pagosa-peakopenschool.org for location updates.

Friday, Dec. 15

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

Tuesday, Dec. 19

Joint town/county work session. 8 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 9:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) work session. 11 a.m., First Southwest Bank conference room, 249 Navajo Trail Drive.

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

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

Department of Human Services to hold open enrollment event

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Department of Human Services will play host to an insurance open enrollment event on Dec. 9 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Enrollment specialists from multiple organizations will be on hand for education and on-site enrollment in Medicaid, Child Health Plan Plus and Connect for

Health Colorado.

The event is a walk-in event and those attending will be helped on a first-come, first-served basis.

Open enrollment ends on Dec. 15 for coverage beginning Jan. 1, 2018.

The Department of Human Services is located at 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

For more information, call 264-2182.

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SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY

The Board of Education of Archuleta School District 50 JT announces the vacancy of School Board Director District Four (4). Candidates must live within the boundaries of Director District Four (4). Legal descriptions of the Director Districts are available at www.mypagosaschools.com under the "School Board" tab, or by contacting the County Clerk's office. A person is ineligible to run for school director if he or she has been convicted of committing a sexual offense against a child.

A person who desires to be considered for the vacant school director position needs to submit a letter of interest by 3 pm on December 14, 2017, to the District Office at 309 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs; by email, rbennett@pagosa.k12.co.us; or by mail to: Executive Assistant Robyn Bennett, PO Box 1498, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. The letter of intent must address the following: 1. Why do you want to be on the Board? 2. Do you plan on running for the position once your term expires in November of 2019? 3. What is your philosophy of education as it relates to serving on the Board?

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of the reported cases of acute illness do not suggest there is an imminent risk of immediate irreversible health effects from exposures to H2S in the building.

• Levels of H2S measured within the building were on average seven-times higher than outside air measurements. This suggests there is an indoor source of H2S, possibly a leaking sanitary sewer pipe/vent or intrusion of geothermal gases from the soil.

• Levels of H2S measured within the building were substantially higher than recommended long-term levels for the general population.

• Levels of H2S measured within the building are also substantially higher than recommended levels to prevent odor annoyance complaints from building occupants.

• A large majority, 92%, of Sheriff's Department employees report symptoms (headache, fatigue, and or eye irritation) that are consistent with what would be expected in a population experiencing odor annoyance effects.

According to the report, "The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Occupational Health program was made aware of four cases of illness potentially related to exposure to a toxic substance in the Archuleta County Sheriff's Department building at 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado. Per 6 CCR 1009-7, CDPHE is required to investigate reports of illness potentially related to environmental exposures."

The subsequent investigation was carried out through a site visit and interviews with Sheriff's Office staff.

"On October 24, 2017, Roberta Smith and Mike Van Dyke visited the Sheriff's Department to determine whether the reported illnesses may be related to exposures in the Sheriff's Department building and whether there was an ongoing public health concern," the report explains. "During this visit, CDPHE

staff collected a limited number of measurements of hydrogen sulfide (H2S) using a direct-reading instrument and performed a limited visual inspection of the building. In addition, CDPHE staff reviewed past reports from environmental assessments of the building conducted by private consultants and interviewed Sheriff's Department staff."

The H2S measurements ranged from 0.001 to 0.034 parts per million, the report explains, with an average of 0.021 ppm.

It also noted that a measurement taken close to the geothermal hot springs pool was 0.014 ppm, and notes, "Measurements in the jail and Sheriff's Department were on average slightly higher than the measurements in the courthouse area."

Twenty-three interviews were conducted with Sheriff's Office staff, the report notes.

"Twenty-one of the 23 employees interviewed stated that they had health symptoms while working in the building and the majority stated that their symptoms would go away after leaving the building within a time frame of 1 hour to 3 days. Of those employees with reported health symptoms, 86% of employees reported headaches and 71% reported eye irritation. Respiratory tract irritation (nose/throat) was experienced by 62% of respondents and fatigue was noted by 38%. Employees were asked to describe if there were certain events or conditions in the building that would occur around the same time as their symptoms. Days when humidity levels were higher outside, when odors were detected, and during colder months of the year seemed to be associated with more frequent symptoms. Symptoms tended to be worse for employees at the end of the week and in the afternoons. Employees also frequently commented about the building's moisture intrusion issues as well as concerns about stuffiness and temperature control. Frequent sewer and sulfur odors were also reported," the report states.

The report later notes, "Three

of the employees interviewed were hospitalized in 2017. It should be noted that these hospitalization incidents did not take place on the same day. Hospitalization of two of the employees had respiratory causes and one employee that was hospitalized due to cardiac symptoms. In all three of the hospitalized cases, the employees were instructed not to go back into the building until their symptoms subsided. No other employees were adversely affected on the days that the three hospitalized employees had their symptoms. Although acute respiratory effects can be a symptom of H2S exposure, the concentration of H2S typically associated with these types of symptoms is greater than 100 ppm which is more than 1,000 times the highest level of H2S measured during the visit on October 24, 2107. While H2S cannot be fully ruled out as a possible cause of these symptoms, the timing, specific symptoms reported, and lack of other affected employees are not consistent with classic acute H2S poisoning."

But what that report means for the safety of the building depends on who you ask.

"We received the results from the most recent evaluation of the courthouse," County Administrator Bentley Henderson told the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) Tuesday morning, "and as I indicated in an email when I sent this out, we're now 3-0 on evaluations. Herron didn't find anything, A.G. Wassenaar didn't find anything, and the Department of Health didn't find anything."

Henderson and the BoCC then discussed the fact that the west end of the courthouse has been closed up, lessening the air ventilation, and that the readings were 800 and 900 times lower than anything determined to be harmful.

"It definitely shows there's hydrogen sulfide in the building," Valdez told The SUN Wednesday, adding that there's a need to find where it's coming from.

Valdez noted that there is still one

report outstanding on the building, from a medical toxicologist hired by the Judicial Department, with the sheriff waiting to make a final decision regarding moving back into the building after that report is received.

"At this point," he said, "I don't see us reoccupying it."

He also noted that he is unaware of any mitigation that has been done and pointed out a lack of ongoing testing.

During Tuesday morning's discussion, Henderson informed the BoCC that the ongoing monitoring systems are currently being calibrated and, once installed, will be hooked up to Wi-Fi in order to be read by a third party.

Courts reconsidering county's offer for space

It was also revealed this week that the 6th Judicial District is reconsider-

ing an offer extended by the BoCC that would see the county's administration and BoCC offices move into the courthouse in order to allow the courts to use the county's building at 398 Lewis St.

"At this time, we have not been able to find a suitable location to relocate court operations in Pagosa Springs," Colorado Judicial Department Public Information Officer Rob McCallum wrote in a Wednesday email to The SUN. "We are now revisiting the county's offer to occupy the administration building on Lewis Street."

The reconsideration was revealed Tuesday afternoon when the agenda for the Dec. 12 meeting of the Archuleta School District Board of Education was posted.

That agenda includes a discussion item listed as "Potential Temporary County Court Location."

Additional agenda documentation notes, "Eric Hogue, District Admin from 6th & 22nd Judicial District Courts, will be present to hold a discussion with the Board on the potential temporary location for the county court."

In his email, McCallum further explained that Hogue is attending the meeting "to discuss that idea and address any concerns the school board has about this potential relocation. We are pursuing this option now as the Court would like to resume court and probation operations in Pagosa Springs as soon as possible to best serve the community."

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs Middle School library.

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Correction

In last week's issue of The SUN, Pagosa Peak Open School board president Ursula Hudson was incorrectly quoted due to an editing error.

Hudson was quoted as saying, "We held an executive session last meeting, which the reason for entering that executive session was not improperly cited in the agenda and we did not enter that session with a sufficient explanation of why we were entering that session,"

The quote should have read, "We held an executive session last meeting, which the reason for entering that executive session was improperly cited in the agenda and we did not enter that session with a sufficient explanation of why we were entering that session."

The SUN regrets the error.

Employee

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407, C.R.S.," reads a complaint from 6th Judicial District Deputy District Attorney Alex Lowe.

The complaint goes on to allege that "between and including August 15, 2014, and April 19, 2017, Frank W

Ratliff, a public servant, with intent to obtain a benefit for any person or maliciously cause harm to another, unlawfully and knowingly committed an act relating to his office but constituting an unauthorized exercise of his official function, in

violation of section 18-8-404, C.R.S."

A jury trial has now been set for April 23, 2018, at 8:30 a.m., and is scheduled to last four days.

A pretrial conference is scheduled for April 17, 2018, at 9 a.m. marshall@pagosasun.com

County adopts Community Plan update

By John Shepard and Randi Pierce

Special to The SUN/Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Planning Commission has adopted a comprehensive update to the Archuleta County Community Plan, which was later endorsed by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC).

The Community Plan provides a vision for the future development of Archuleta County, from Arboles to the West Fork, developed through extensive public input in 2001.

With a population of 12,854, the county was the fourth fastest-growing in Colorado last year and employment is growing again, particularly in retail and health services.

This revision updates demographic and economic information, and works to clarify policies, goals and action items in three sections:

- Natural Environment — Natural Resources and Hazards; and Community Character.
- Built Environment — Economic Development and Housing; and Transportation and Public Facilities.
- Land Use — Growth Management; and Implementation.

The Community Plan serves

as the master plan document for Archuleta County outside the Town of Pagosa Springs.

At their meeting on Oct. 11, the planning commission unanimously adopted the revised plan, based on 18 months of review and public input.

On Nov. 21, the BoCC unanimously concurred in endorsing the Community Plan.

In presenting the plan to the BoCC, Michael Frederick, chair of the planning commission, noted that the plan also includes appendices and that Appendix A is a community profile that the planning commission intends to keep current with frequent revisions.

Archuleta County Planning Manager John Shepard then explained to the BoCC that the intent with the update was not to reinvent the wheel, but to "help it turn more smoothly and predictably."

He explained that those involved wanted to go back and capture lessons that were learned. They also worked on how to make the plan more useful.

The plan, he said, is people telling the government what they think it should be doing and doesn't include all of the answers, but helps ask better questions moving forward.

Reviewing and updating the Archuleta County Land Use Regu-

lations — the County's subdivision and zoning codes — will be the first step in implementing the Community Plan.

Other short-term actions highlighted as next steps in the Nov. 21 presentation of the plan to the BoCC include implementing the Hazard Mitigation Plan, improving broadband access, conserving agricultural and open lands, conserving wildlife habitat (animal and plant), and economic development and affordable housing.

In discussion following the presentation, County Administrator Bentley Henderson noted that the county may want to dedicate resources and look to outside sources to assist in updating the land use code, saying, "It's a very challenging undertaking."

He noted that he's also seen times that the code doesn't reflect what the county wants.

The commissioners also commented on growth in the community, with Commissioner Michael Whiting noting that growth is inevitable, but that it's a matter for where and how, and that the county has a say in the matter.

Commissioner Ron Maez said he believes in planning and devising plans that are conducive to growth, and Commissioner Steve Wadley stated that the world changes and "we've got to change with it."

For more information, see the Archuleta County Planning Department Web page at: <https://www.archuletacounty.org/>.

Drop your letters to Santa off at The SUN

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Just in time for the holiday season, The SUN has teamed up with Santa and his elves to help deliver letters to the guy in the big red suit.

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Letters may also be printed in the Dec. 21 edition of The Pagosa Springs SUN.

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He added that the units arrived at 5:23 p.m., and that they cleared the scene at 6:46 p.m.

Phillips' press release concludes by stating that, at this time, the PSPD is still investigating the incident.

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These horses soak up some sun at a ranch in Chromo this past week. It is looking very much like Pagosa Country won't see a white Christmas, with no significant snow currently in the extended forecast until closer to New Year's Day.

Lodger's tax collections up 3.02 percent over 2016

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

Year-to-date lodgers' tax collections are up 3.02 percent over 2016, or \$13,930, revealed Pagosa Springs Tourism Director Jennie Green's Lodger's tax report given to the Pagosa Springs Town Council on Nov. 20.

"August 2017 was down 3.23% or \$2,147 less over 2016 with total collections at \$64,229," reads Green's report. "Total collections for September also reflects a decline of 5.17% over 2016, or \$3,222 less."

Continues Green's report, "Total collections in September were \$59,119."

Green also gave an update regarding visitor center traffic.

"Visitor Center traffic in September 2017

was down 7.58% over September 2016, or 548 visitors," reads Green's report. "September 2017 reflected 6,684 visitors. The decrease was not as significant as expected given the closure of Hot Springs Blvd at Hwy 160."

Continues Green's report, "October data is incomplete as the wrong reports were pulled, however a decrease is anticipated. Charts will be updated and provided to (the) Board once correct reports are available."

Hot Springs Loop

"The Colorado Historic Hot Springs Loop was awarded the marketing matching grant once again through the Colorado Tourism office in the full amount of \$25,000," explained Green to the council. "So, that project will continue for

the third year in a row, and the main thing that group will be focused on is IPW, which is a very large travel show that is actually being held in Denver for the first time in 26 years.

"It's going to be a great opportunity for Colorado to be highlighted on an international stage, and really a great opportunity for the Hot Springs Loop to get some prominence on a nice, large, international stage," continued Green. "That particular event brings about 6,000 delegates from over 70 countries, and there's all sorts of stats from previous shows, but the host destination ... will see about a 30 percent increase in destination travel for about three consecutive years after hosting. It really should be a great impact to the state of Colorado."

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Town signs IGA for borrowing equipment from county

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

During its regular meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 5, the Pagosa Springs Town Council signed an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) that would allow the town to borrow trucks and mobile equipment from Archuleta County.

Town Manager Andrea Phillips presented the agenda item to the council.

"I'm kind of excited about this, because there are so many opportunities for us to work with other agencies to help save money, borrow equipment, do things together so that we're doing things more effectively and efficiently and sharing

resources," Phillips said. "I know in the past we've done an equipment sharing type of thing, but it's been a verbal agreement type of thing."

Phillips stated that, in the past, the town had borrowed equipment from Archuleta County, and that it was usually on an as-needed basis.

She explained that the county suggested that the town formalize an agreement, and that she thought that was a great idea.

"This would be an agreement where we will be able to borrow equipment. It'll be covered under our insurance with the town, and we'll need to provide our own operators and stuff for it," Phillips said. "But, essentially, this agreement just lays out the parameters in which we would be able to borrow equipment. The county isn't charging us to use it or anything like that, we just need to provide trained operators, bring it back in the condition that we borrowed it in and provide the insurance on it."

Council member David Schanzbaker made a comment stating that he thought it was a good idea to formalize agreements like this

through IGAs.

He then asked the town's attorney, Bob Cole, if he was comfortable with the IGA.

"Yes, we reviewed the IGA. I'm plenty comfortable with the arrangement, and I think it makes good sense. In terms of the agreement, I think it's sound," said Cole.

Schanzbaker pointed out that the IGA appeared to only be for the town borrowing equipment from Archuleta County, and asked if there was any reciprocal agreement involved.

"We'd need to do that separately," responded Phillips. "This wasn't set up as a blank agreement going either way, but I've been in touch with the public works director there, and I'm going to let her know if this gets approved, and they can essentially modify it for their needs so that it would be reciprocal for them borrowing equipment from us."

Council member Mat deGraaf moved to approve the IGA, and council member John Egan seconded the motion, which proceeded to pass unanimously.

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Republican Women to hear about senior care options

By Julie Church
Special to The SUN

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Archuleta County Republican Women is hosting representatives from assisted living facilities Tuesday, Dec. 12, at noon at Boss Hogg's.

Sports

WRESTLING

Pirate wrestlers win Buena Vista Tournament

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate wrestling team competed in the Buena Vista Tournament over the weekend and placed first out of seven teams.

Currently, the Pirates are ranked eighth in their 3A league.

Coach Dan Janowsky remarked that he was very pleased with the team's performance.

"The stuff that we worked on, we executed pretty well," Janowsky said. "Our conditioning was, I would say, better than our opponents', and our mental preparation and aggressiveness was really good, too, and that's not just for guys who won."

The tournament consisted of five rounds, with the Pirates dueling a different team for each round.

In the first round, the Pirates beat the James Irwin Jaguars 71-0.

In the second round, the Pirates beat the Buena Vista Demons 42-27.

In the third round, the Pirates defeated the Basalt Longhorns 66-15.

In the fourth round, the Pirates defeated the Salida Spartans 53-18.

In the fifth round of the tournament, the Pirates defeated the Woodland Park Panthers 51-24.

"There's always things that we can do better on, but mostly the stuff that I think we were deficient in is mostly just stuff we haven't paid a lot of attention to, just because the priorities didn't warrant it," Janowsky said.

Janowsky stated that the team worked a lot on countering from the bottom position, and what to do when an opponent is grappling a Pirates' legs with their legs.

In the 106-pound division, fresh-



Photo courtesy Stacia Aragon

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate wrestling team is pictured after winning the Buena Vista tournament last weekend. The Pirates won all five of their duals, putting them in first place.

man Erik Wyman won four of his matches and lost one.

Wrestling in the 113-pound and 120-pound divisions, Dillon Tressler won all five of his matches.

In the 126-pound division, freshman EJ Monterosso wrestled in four total matches and won two.

At 132 pounds, freshman Cameron Lucero won all five of his matches.

"Our freshmen, we had four freshmen in the lineup, and they

did extremely well," remarked Janowsky. "In fact, they made the difference in the dual against Buena Vista. The freshmen pulled off some upsets. They were wrestling guys that were older, and this is their first time in high school, and they figured out some ways to win."

Janowsky pointed out freshmen such as Wyman, Tressler, Monterosso and Lucero.

"I was real happy with the way those freshmen came in, and they stepped up," said Janowsky. "I think partly because they're in high school now, and they want to represent, and they want our team to win. They weren't timid at all, and they won some crucial matches for us."

At 138 pounds, sophomore Nathan Smith won three matches and lost two.

At 145 pounds, senior Tate Hinger won all five of his matches. "The guy who had the toughest day was Tate Hinger. He had good, solid opponents all day long, and he just showed a lot of stride from last season," said Janowsky. "He was a state qualifier, but he had great offense on his feet and great takedowns. Tate drew the tough guys, and beat the kid who beat him last year, who is another highly ranked, highly regarded opponent."

At 152 pounds, sophomore Tay Barker went 3-2.

In the 160-pound division, senior Trevor Bryant won all five of his matches.

"Trevor Bryant was awarded the outstanding wrestler of the upper weights," Janowsky explained. "He wrestled five matches, and none of them went out of the first period. He was extremely strong and dominant."

At 170 pounds, senior Dalton Lucero won all five of his matches.

In the 182-pound division, senior Colton Castro won four of his matches and lost one.

"Colton Castro showed a great amount of strides from last year, both technically and in his mental preparation," Janowsky said. "He had some big, strong wrestlers. He did lose one match to a state placer, but it's with some things that I think we can correct, and he had it in good perspective after that loss."

At 195-pounds, junior Connor Aragon went 4-1.

In the 220-pound division, Nolan Stretton won four matches and lost one.

Janowsky went on to explain that the team had two matches go into overtime, and that the Pirates won both of those.

"Erik Wyman won a tough overtime battle in that Buena Vista dual," said Janowsky. "He had a take down in the sudden victory period. Tate (Hinger) did the same in the Buena Vista dual. They were crucial matches for us, and made the difference for us in the dual."

Janowsky went on to say that he puts a lot of emphasis on overtime matches.

"It's a real indication of your fortitude," said Janowsky. "You're tired, you've already wrestled your full match, and I was pleased."

Janowsky said that the lineup of weight classes is subject to change, depending on how illnesses and injuries shake out throughout the season.

On Saturday, Dec. 9, the Pirates will travel to Littleton to participate in the Columbine Tournament, with the tournament beginning at 9 a.m.

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Senior Trevor Bryant is pictured as he effortlessly picks up his opponent during last weekend's tournament in Buena Vista. Bryant wrestled in the 160-pound division, winning all five of his matches and being named outstanding wrestler of the upper weights.

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BASKETBALL

Pagosa bests Salida in season opener, Buena Vista tournament next

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate boys' basketball team started its season off on the right foot on Tuesday by defeating the Salida Spartans at home by a score of 51-32.

The first quarter was a back-and-forth affair between the Spartans and Pirates.

Pagosa came back at the end of the first quarter to take a 13-11 lead after baskets from Ty Kimsey and Ryan Lewis.

During the second quarter, with the teams still trading baskets, Salida led Pagosa 21-20 with two minutes remaining in the first half.

Isaiah Griego then gave the Pirates the lead in the final seconds of the half by blocking a Spartan layup, taking it the length of the floor and scoring a layup to make it 22-21 Pagosa.

Returning from the break, Pagosa found its groove in the third quarter, only allowing Salida to score three points.

Pagosa scored quickly in the third off of a Griego jumper and a Keaton Laverty layup.

Down 28-23 in the third quarter, Salida called a timeout to recuperate.

However, the Pirates went on a 5-1 scoring run to close out the third quarter, leading the Spartans 33-26.

The Pirates stayed hot in the fourth quarter, holding the Spartans scoreless in the first three minutes whilst scoring eight straight baskets to extend Pagosa's lead to 41-26.

Pagosa kept up the defensive pressure with Jesus Pacheco coming up with a steal that led to another Griego score.

With 3:30 left in the fourth quarter, Pagosa held a 47-29 lead over Salida.

The Spartans would only score three more points in the quarter, while Pagosa added four more to take the victory, 51-32.

Helping the team to a 1-0 start, Griego led the team in points and rebounds with 20 and 11, respectively.

Kimsey and Laverty both added 10 points.

Pacheco contributed five points while Lewis added four and Mason Snarr had two.

Laverty led the team in assists with four.

As a team, the Pirates turned over the ball 15 times.

Pagosa did, however, come up with seven steals and three blocks in the game.

The Pirates shot 44 percent from the free-throw line, making eight of its 18 chances at the charity stripe.

Coach Randy Sorenson wrote in an email to The SUN on Tuesday morning that this was a good way to start off the season.

"The kids came out and played well early then we went through a little lull for the rest of the half, with it being a one point game at halftime. We made a couple of adjustments at the half and played better in the



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Ty Kimsey looks to score amongst numerous Salida defenders during the first quarter of Tuesday night's game against the Spartans. The Pirates defeated the Spartans in the home opener by a score of 51-32.

second half outscoring them 29 to 11 in the second half," Sorenson wrote.

Within the email, Sorenson also noted that the Pirates' defensive efforts helped them offensively.

The Pirates had balanced scoring from several players, which also helped, he added.

Sorenson also explained that the

team had too many turnovers and still needs to get in shape for the rest of the season.

A lot of the turnovers could be contributed to "first game jitters," Sorenson added later.

"We also need to do a better job of scoring, finishing and making free throws. We did a pretty good job of rebounding the basketball. Overall we feel like we did a lot of good things and are proud of the kids," he wrote.

The team still needs to continue to improve every day, he added.

Next up, the Pirates will begin a slew of seven-straight road games, starting with the Buena Vista tournament.

Pagosa begins the tournament on Dec. 8 against the Gunnison Cowboys (0-3 overall).

Pagosa then finishes the tournament against the Buena Vista Demons (1-0 overall) on Dec. 9.

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RECREATION NEWS AND COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

Youth basketball registration underway

By Darren Lewis
SUN Columnist

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

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BASKETBALL

After win, Lady Pirates to face tough competition in Buena Vista

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

After 22 practices, the Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirates were finally able to put their skills to the test in Tuesday's home and season opener, claiming their first victory of the season over the Salida Spartans 47-23.

"Our kids were ready for a game, and it was nice to have a game," coach Wes Lewis said following the matchup. "I don't think we played particularly well as a whole, but I thought there were some really good things in some spurts and there were some spurts of bad, as well. But, like I said, it was nice to get a game and knock some rust off."

While it was the first game for the Lady Pirates, the Spartans entered the game with a 2-1 record.

But, despite the Spartans entering the day with a winning record, they were held scoreless by the Lady Pirates in the first quarter, with Pagosa scoring seven.

The Lady Pirates' defense relented in the second quarter, allowing Salida to score 10 versus Pagosa's nine, with Pagosa taking a 16-10 lead into halftime.

The Lady Pirates were back to outscoring the visiting Spartans in the third quarter, 13-4, increasing their lead to 29-14 heading into the game's final quarter.

Pagosa continued to best Salida in the fourth, notching 18 compared to Salida's nine to secure the win.

Morgan Lewis led the team with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

Taylor Lewis followed with nine points and four rebounds, Devin Wilson logged seven points and three rebounds, and Ada Peshlakai logged six points and two rebounds.

Zoe Stroecker and Hailey Griego each contributed four points, with Wilson adding three rebounds and Stroecker pulling down one.

Keena Murphy tallied a pair of points and a trio of rebounds, and Teagan Stretton contributed one point and three rebounds.

Elsa Lindner contributed defensively with a pair of rebounds.

The team logged 17 turnovers in the game.

"Defensively, I thought we were really good. I think they had to work really hard for everything they got," Lewis said. "We might have fouled a little bit too much and given them some points from the free-throw line, but I thought, for the most part, I thought our half-court defense was really good and I was happy with that. There was pretty good communication, pretty good switch out on screens when we need to, a little bit more hedge help on some ball screens we need to work on. But, on the whole, I thought our defense was pretty good."

On offense, the coach noted a few execution issues related to timing and passing, as well as issues finishing, which he noted would be worked on before the tournament in Buena Vista, in addition to work on seeing both the ball and opponents simultaneously better.

"I think there were some kids that probably left some points on the floor, and, you know, we were able to be successful leaving some points on the floor tonight, but I'll tell you what, this weekend against St. Mary's and Sterling, we won't be able to leave any of those easy bunnies on the floor," he said, adding, "Good teams don't leave points on the floor, and there was definitely some points left out there tonight we should've had."

Some of those points, he noted, came from the free-throw line, where the team was successful 63 percent of the time, making 12 of 19 attempts.



Ada Peshlakai puts up a shot during the first half of the Lady Pirates' victory over the Salida Spartans Tuesday. Peshlakai scored six points to help her team to the 47-23 win.

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"I thought we were pretty balanced. I liked the fact that we were balanced," the coach said.

Too, the coach noted that he is seeing players step up to replace Megan Farrah, who graduated from last year's squad, and highlighted the play of some of the team's younger players — Taylor Lewis, Stretton and Griego.

"I thought our sophomores did good. I thought our sophomores played really good defense and they helped us out in the scoring column a little bit," he said, adding later, "They played a ton of varsity last year ... They're going to have to continue to grow up and (it's) kind of baptism by fire. And, it's not go-

ing to get any easier, let me tell you. We have a really tough weekend coming up, which we're excited to go play."

The weekend will see the Lady Pirates hit the road for the first two of seven straight road games, with those games coming in the form of a tournament at Buena Vista High School Friday and Saturday.

At that tournament, the Lady Pirates will take on No. 3 St. Mary's on Friday, Dec. 8, at 4 p.m. and No. 6 Sterling on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 11:30 a.m.

The St. Mary's Wildcats are 2-0 on the season, while the Sterling Tigers are 1-3.

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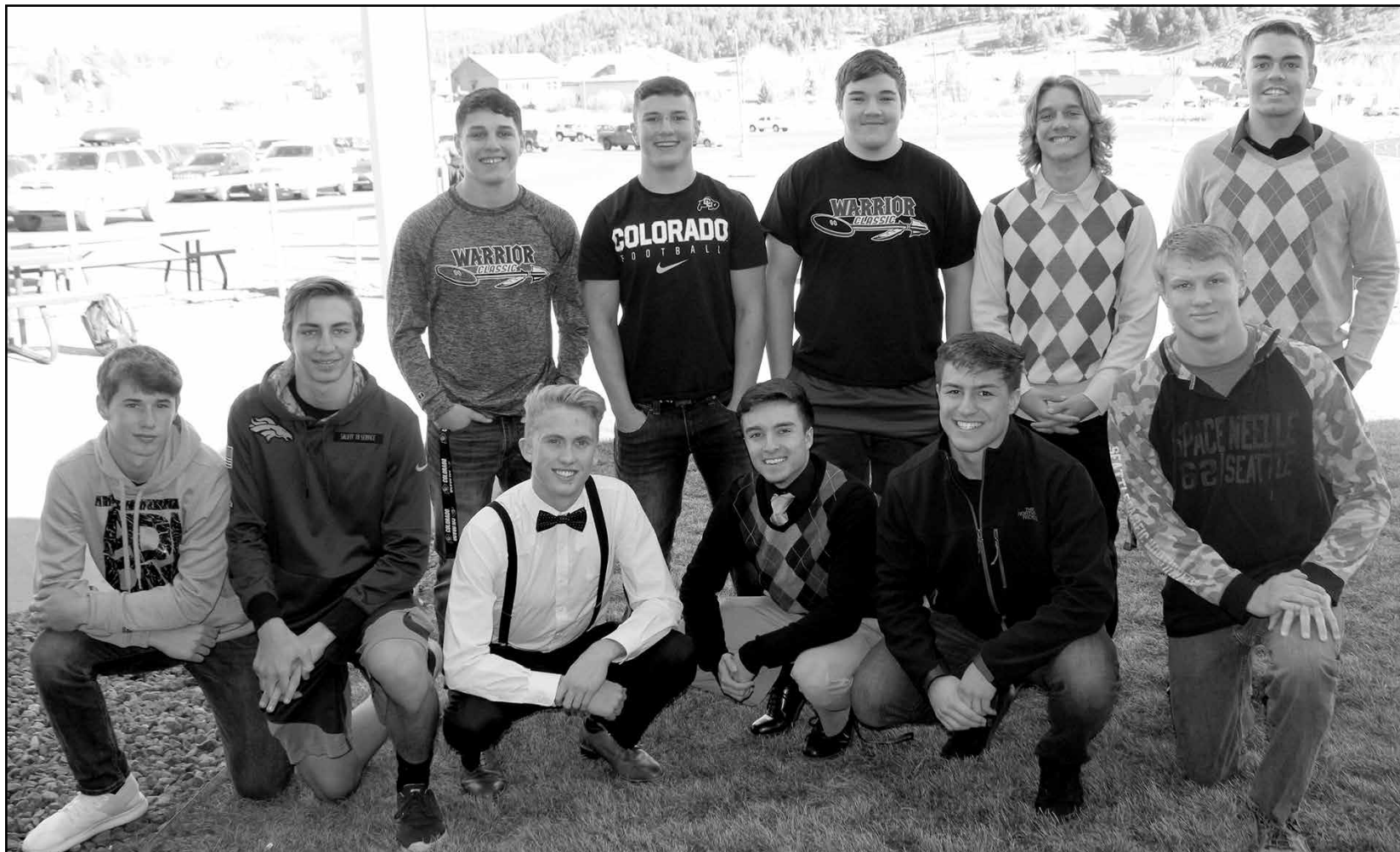
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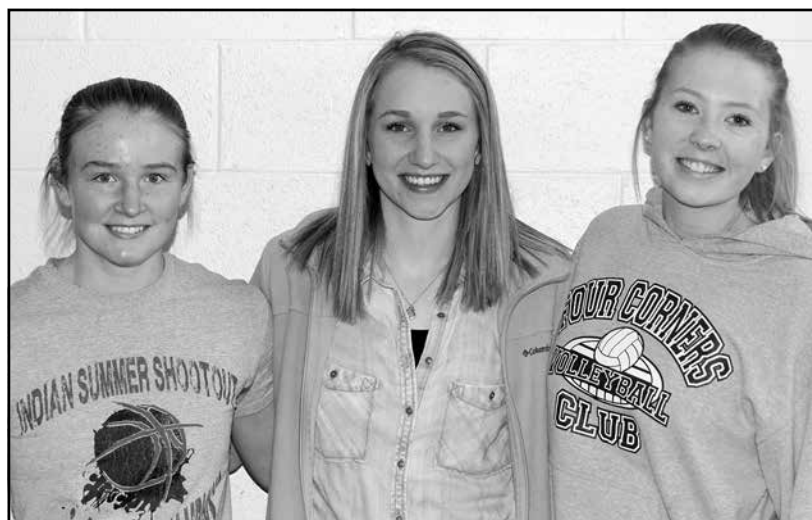
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Twelve Pagosa Springs High School football players received postseason honors after the team's first playoff berth since the 2011 season. Pictured in the back row, from left to right, are Dalton Lucero, Connor Aragon, Nolan Stretton, Cade Cowan and Ty Kimsey, who were named to the Intermountain League all-conference team. Pictured in the front, from left to right, are Paden Bailey, Ian Reinhardt, Keaton Laverty, Javier Mariñelarena, Colton Castro and Trevor Bryant, who all received honorable mentions. Not pictured is Jesse Laverty, who also made the all-conference team.



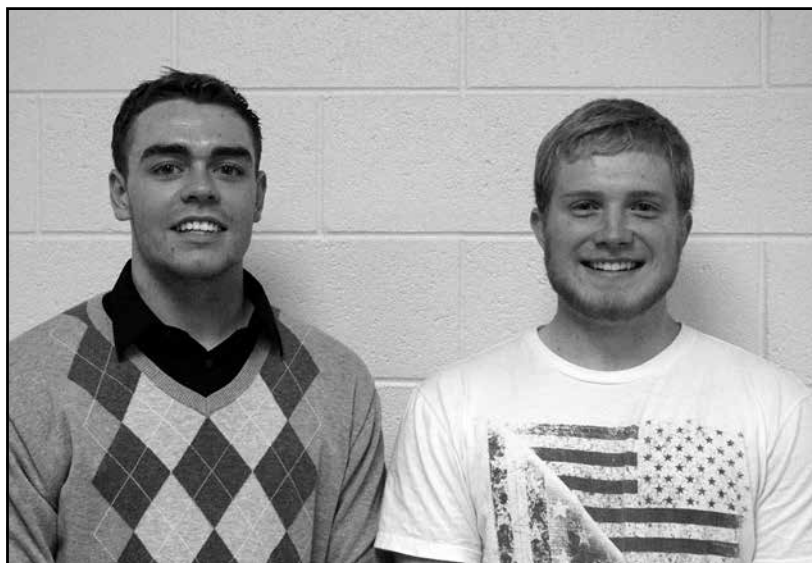
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A trio of Lady Pirates earned postseason honors for their work on the court this past season. From left to right, Keena Murphy received all-conference second-team honors, Morgan Lewis also made second team all-conference, and Faith Ahlhardt received first team all-conference honors while also being named Intermountain League player of the year.



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Two members of the Pagosa Springs High School boys' soccer team were rewarded with postseason honors for their work on the field this season. Jason Monterosso, left, received first-team all-conference honors as a striker. Tate Hinger, right, received second team all-conference honors as a midfielder.



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Two Pagosa Springs High School football players received special honors for their work during this past season. Ty Kimsey, left, won Back of the Year, and Keaton Anderson, right, won Kicker of the Year.

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Community members take part in Archuleta School District's facilities community conversation on Tuesday night. The event featured members of the Planning Assistance Team, school board members and representatives of RTA Architects answering questions and receiving input about possible scenarios regarding school facilities.



Charter school discusses enrollment increase, building purchase at special meeting

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Peak Open School board (PPOS) held a special meeting on Nov. 27 to discuss its after-school club, a development of an enrollment increase proposal and developing a building purchase proposal.

After-school club

The board opened the meeting with a discussion on the after-school club and whether it was worth having the club continue after PPOS's winter break.

Board member Bill Hudson had been volunteering to run the club since October and noted the small number of children actually attending the club.

"I don't think we have the demand to make it viable," Hudson said.

Only about four kids are attending every day, Hudson added.

Hudson mentioned that the kids in general have enjoyed the club and the parents also have appreciated the service.

"I don't think we can make it work financially to hire somebody to run the program," Hudson said.

Hudson proposed to the board that the club end after Christmas break.

"This isn't about whether we do something during spring break, some kind of activity, that would be another decision by the board, but I would like to be able to announce to the parents that we're not going to continue this into January," Hudson added.

A motion was then made about discontinuing the after-school club, which carried unanimously.

Another discussion was then held about whether PPOS should hold a January camp for a few days.

Hudson acknowledged that he would be willing to volunteer for that potential January camp.

School Director James Lewicki reiterated the sentiment that this camp could suffer from the same problems, a lack of demand.

Hudson noted that this camp would be fee-based, much like the after-school club.

"They've all been fee-based, but we haven't been paying anybody," Hudson said.

Board member Aaron Burns and Hudson both suggested that a survey be sent out to parents to find out the demand needed for those days in January.

Enrollment increase

The board then moved to discuss an enrollment increase proposal.

According to Lewicki, charter law in Colorado does not set caps on enrollment.

Both parties, the charter school and school district, can agree to a cap, he added.

Citing PPOS's charter contract pertaining to maximum and minimum enrollment and class size, Lewicki stated, "The school may request deviation from the above per-grade maximum enrollment by providing notice to the district."

The district, then, will determine whether or not to allow a deviation in the maximum per-grade enrollment.

"I am requesting for the board to approve notification to the district that we're requesting a deviation," Lewicki said.

Within the public, there seems to be a lot of interest by parents in enrolling their children in PPOS, Lewicki added.

With the current cap language, PPOS will only take three or four new students in grades next year, Lewicki mentioned.

PPOS also currently has individual grade-level caps, which are set at 15 students per grade.

The grade-level caps did allow an increase of two students, giving each grade a maximum of 17 students.

Within the proposal, Lewicki suggests having 18 students in kindergarten and 19 students in first grade.

Lewicki also mentions in the proposal that kindergarten and first grade will be "anchored."

This would mean that both grades would have their own space and smaller numbers, according to the proposal.

The proposal also states that during literacy and math blocks, the instruction would remain "multiage."

Moving forward to the second and third grades, the proposal states that both grades would have 21 students each.

"They will do multiage, but they're not frozen into it by these caps," Lewicki said.

The final piece of the proposal has fourth and the upcoming fifth grade consisting of 23 students each.

With the current grade-level cap, PPOS can only hold 90 students, Lewicki noted.

If PPOS reaches 100 percent growth next year, which Lewicki believes is not unreasonable, PPOS could have up to 125 students.

"We feel like part of this is a choice to serve the community. We feel like we're doing a good job; let's not have these restrictions," Lewicki added.

The idea behind mixing the grades together was so that children of different grade levels and varying skills can help their peers, Hudson clarified.

Lewicki then added to Hudson's point by explaining how the grade-level caps affect PPOS.

"By capping the numbers at 1 to 15 you did cap the resources of the budget," Lewicki said.

The number of students per grade presented in the proposal are reasonable, Lewicki noted.

The enrollment proposal would not only have educational benefits, but financial ones, as well, Lewicki added later.

"This would increase the budget where we would have a more sustainable budget. At the same time, being well within a really good model of multiage learning," Lewicki explained.

Board president Ursula Hudson added that she would like to see two "master teachers" for grades two through five.

Board member Chenni Hammon then offered that the board table the discussion in order to gather more information.

"I would like to table this discussion until we can review budgets. So, if we could see a four-year budget on our current trajectory [sic] and our four-year budget on the new proposed one so that we can compare side by side," Hammon said.

Hammon suggested that the topic be tabled until the board's retreat on Dec. 14.

Board member Tom McCullough then asked the founding board members' opinion on the increased enrollment proposal.

"From what I recall, about creating the numbers, we were like, 'How about 15?'" Ursula Hudson said.

Ursula Hudson then clarified by saying when the board created a "table" for how many students would be in each class, the board did not know 15 students would be its cap.

"So we thought it would be more flexible. And since none of us were educators, we were just pulling from the schools, that did have classroom sizes of kind of a similar configuration," Ursula Hudson explained.

Bill Hudson then raised concern over the future of the personal learning plans that PPOS students are exposed to.

The model PPOS uses allows each student to be treated like individuals and have their own personal learning plan based on what the child, parent and teacher all want, Bill Hudson added later.

"I'm concerned that we can't do that with 23 kids. That it's just not feasible with 40 kids in a classroom to have personalized learning happen," Bill Hudson mentioned.

With the addition of fifth grade coming next year to PPOS, Mc-

Cullough asked the rest of the board if there would be a head teacher for fifth grade.

"Not with our current budget," Hammon added.

Lewicki also responded by saying it will be difficult with the current cap.

The board then agreed to table the discussion on the enrollment increase proposal in order to allow the finance committee of PPOS to develop projections for the upcoming year.

The board then discussed the development of a building purchase proposal.

Building purchase

Before the discussion began, Burns recused himself from the topic as he is the chief financial officer for Parelli Natural Horsemanship.

According to the agenda, Parelli Properties proposed to PPOS an idea that might allow the charter school to commence with the purchase of the Parelli building within the next few months.

The board also has the opportunity to continue this discussion through the appointment of an ad hoc task force, the agenda also stated.

Bill Hudson went on to clarify as to why a task force is needed.

"So, that was my wording in the agenda. And, the reason I'm proposing that we might want to appoint a task force, rather than

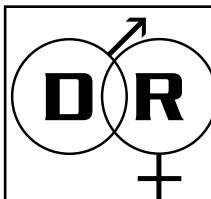
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USDA publishes school meals rule, expands options, eases challenges

Special to The SUN

On Nov. 29, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) provided local food service professionals the flexibility they need to serve wholesome, nutritious and tasty meals in schools across the nation.

The new School Meal Flexibility Rule makes targeted changes to standards for meals provided under USDA's National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, and asks customers to share their thoughts on those changes with the department.

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue said the rule reflects USDA's commitment, made in a May proclamation, to work with program operators, school nutrition professionals, industry and other stakeholders to develop forward-thinking strategies to ensure school nutrition standards are both healthful and practical.

"Schools need flexibility in menu planning so they can serve nutritious and appealing meals," Perdue said. "Based on the feedback we've gotten from students, schools, and food service professionals in local schools across America, it's clear that many still face challenges incorporating some of the meal pattern requirements. Schools want to offer food that students actually want to eat. It doesn't

do any good to serve nutritious meals if they wind up in the trash can. These flexibilities give schools the local control they need to provide nutritious meals that school children find appetizing."

This action reflects a key initiative of USDA's Regulatory Reform Agenda, developed in response to the president's executive order to alleviate unnecessary regulatory burdens. Other USDA initiatives of this kind will be reflected in the forthcoming Fall 2017 Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions.

The interim final rule published gives schools the option to serve low-fat (1 percent) flavored milk. Currently, schools are permitted to serve low-fat and nonfat unflavored milk as well as nonfat flavored milk. The rule also would provide this milk flexibility to the Special Milk Program and Child and Adult Care Food Program operators serving children ages 6 and older. States will also be allowed to grant exemptions to schools experiencing hardship in obtaining whole grain-rich products acceptable to students during school year (SY) 2018-2019.

Schools and industry also need more time to reduce sodium levels in school meals, Perdue said.

So, instead of further restricting sodium

levels for SY 2018-2019, schools that meet the current — "Target 1" — limit will be considered compliant with USDA's sodium requirements. Perdue again lauded the efforts of school food professionals in serving healthful, appealing meals and underscored USDA's commitment to helping them overcome remaining challenges they face in meeting the nutrition standards.

"We salute the efforts of America's school food professionals," Perdue said. "And we will continue to support them as they work to run successful school meals programs and feed our nation's children."

This rule will be in effect for SY 2018-2019. USDA will accept public comments on these flexibilities via www.regulations.gov to inform the development of a final rule, which will address the availability of these three flexibilities in the long term.

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service administers 15 nutrition assistance programs that include the National School Lunch Program; School Breakfast Program; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC); and the Summer Food Service Program. Together, these programs comprise America's nutrition safety net. For more information, visit www.fns.usda.gov.

2018 Rocky Mountain Early Childhood Conference showcases top keynotes and 150 interactive sessions with 11 tracks

Special to The SUN

Renowned teacher and award-winning author Dr. Becky Bailey will be one of two keynote speakers during the 2018 Rocky Mountain Early Childhood Conference (RMECC), which gets underway on March 16 at the Colorado Convention Center.

The two-day forum (March 16-17) brings together a broad range of leaders, professionals and experts representing the wide variety of fields that impact early childhood.

Dr. Bailey, founder of Loving Guidance Inc. and the Conscious Discipline program, is internationally recognized as an expert in childhood education and developmental psychology. She has authored 14 books, including "Easy to Love, Difficult to Discipline," which

is published in nine languages, started the first four-year degree program in Early Childhood Education in the state of Florida, and has raised over \$2 million for children's programs during her career.

She will be joined by Global Learning Foundation founder Enrique "Hank" C. Feldman, who will deliver Saturday's keynote address. An artist, educator and entrepreneur, Feldman is the inventor of iBG (Intellectual Brainwave Games), co-creator of the touring theatrical show "The Inner Journey," author of the adult book "Living Like A Child," co-author of the children's series Sam the Ant, and a two-time Grammy-nominated performing artist and composer.

Denver's Early Childhood Council and the Early Childhood Council Leadership Alliance have partnered

to present the conference, now in its seventh year, to meet the professional development needs of early childhood professionals, who can earn up to six hours of ongoing training credits per day.

The two-day event, which offers more than 150 interactive sessions and 11 tracks (Child Physical Health, Safety and Nutrition; Guidance and Positive Behavior Support; Leadership, Management and Administration; Early Childhood Systems, Governance and Policy; Family and Community Partnerships; Child Development and Learning; Teaching Practice, Literacy and STEAM; Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health; Inclusive Practices and Multicultural Principles; and Mindfulness and Self-Care), brings thousands of early education teachers, adminis-

trators and directors together with business leaders, policymakers and advocates to learn, share and network.

A new conference app for RMECC 2018 will enable attendees to plan their schedule, engage with one another, and share content from presenters, keynotes and sponsors.

Registration for the 2018 RMECC, including early-bird discounts, will open online in early December at <http://www.econference.com/registration>. Early-bird pricing starts at \$150 for one day and \$250 for both days and includes all sessions plus breakfast and lunch.

To view the complete RMECC schedule, workshop descriptions and additional program details, visit www.econference.com.

Charter

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making all of these decisions as a full board, is because it's going to involve negotiations and we can't negotiate as a board with anyone," Bill Hudson noted.

Lewicki also offered support of the use of a task force and utilizing the community.

"There are experts in our community that understand this and could be a task force that comes together," Lewicki said.

This information gathered by the task force would then be presented to the board to help aid in making a decision, Lewicki added.

Bill Hudson then mentioned he would like, at most, two board

members on the task force.

"The reason why I'd like to have a couple of board members in that initial group is because we hold the vision of the school," Bill Hudson said.

Hammon then volunteered herself to be on the task force due to her upcoming meetings with the U.S. Department of Agriculture on rural loans (USDA).

Ursala Hudson then voiced her discomfort and advised the board to keep the K-4 foundation of PPOS "as strong as it can be."

"I'm concerned that can't happen with a project so large," she said.

"I respect your idea of the vision, but this is about buying a building,"

Lewicki responded.

Mark Weiler, one of the owners of the building, then offered clarification that Colorado Mountain College would not be involved in the purchase of the Parelli building.

"But they would be involved later on as user of the building. As a rent-paying customer," Weiler added.

Weiler then stated that he has an asset in the Parelli building that is "under-utilized."

"And, if there's somebody that I can put upstairs that is complementary to the school, they're going up there. That's how it's going to work. You have to understand that," Weiler noted.

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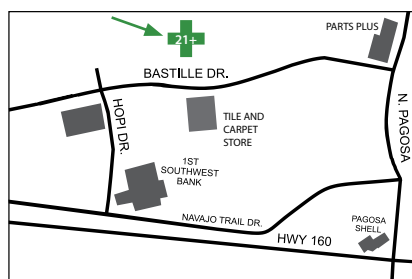
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Outdoors

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. 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.

Weminuche Audubon Society calling on Pagosa Springs community members

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 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.

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.

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



Photo courtesy Byron Greco

Interested in birds? Help determine what birds are around during the winter months by participating in the 118th Christmas Bird Count, a 24-hour snapshot of birds in a 15-mile diameter area. Pagosa Springs will make their seventh official count on Dec. 16.

Forest roads remain open due to warm, dry weather

By Brandon Caley
Special to The SUN

Due to the unseasonably warm and dry weather we've been experiencing, the following roads which were scheduled to be closed on Dec. 1 will now be closing on Dec. 15:

- Blue Creek, No. 012/Big Branch, No. 664
- Snowball, No. 646
- Echo Canyon, No. 029
- Kenney Flats, No. 006
- Burns Canyon, No. 649 (above second gate)
- First Fork, No. 622 (gate at Sheep Creek)
- West Monument, No. 630

It is still important for forest visitors to contact the Pagosa Ranger District to obtain the most up-to-date road information prior to heading out to the forest during the early winter season, as conditions can change quickly.

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

Thanks

Aspen House

The Aspen House Board of Directors would like to extend a whole-hearted thank you to friends and the community for the enormous show of support surrounding the 2017 Festival of Trees event.

Special appreciation is extended to Alex and Ramona Tschaar who designed and created the tree, the Community Center staff, all the festival volunteers and, of course, the bidders — Jack and Claudia Rosenbaum, who purchased the tree, Tim Brown Construction, who matched those funds, and Jerry and Kathy Jackson, who added to the final purchase price. Everyone who participated in the event wholly exceeded any of our expectations.

All of you have truly made a significant impact in the progress of making Aspen House (a local home for adults with disabilities) a reality. Thank you, Pagosa. Aspen House Board of Directors



Mitch Duran and Savannah Rowland were united in marriage on Nov. 4 at Sacred Mountain Ranch in Julian, Calif. Savannah is the daughter of Terry and Cindia Rowland and granddaughter of Spencer Peterson and Jim and Lefreda Rowland, of Liberty, Mo. Mitch is the son of Jody and Tricia Duran, of San Diego, Calif., and the grandson of Vicente and Norma Duran and Louis and Gloria Perez, and the great-grandson of Emma Lujan and the late Santana Lujan, all of Pagosa Springs. The happy couple now resides in Carlsbad, Calif.

Celebrations



Julian Leighton-Smith graduated from boot camp at the Naval training center in Great Lakes, Ill. He is the son of Adrian Smith and Stacie Leighton and grandson of Thelma and Robert Smith, and Bob and Pat Leighton. He is continuing his training at Wichita Falls, Texas.

Announcements

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ROBERT BEECHAM, an individual, and MARIA LOPEZ, an individual, Plaintiffs,

v.
SAN JUAN RIVER RESORT, INC., an Arizona Corporation, and SAN JUAN RIVER RESORT PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Colorado Nonprofit Corporation, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ARCHULETA, and all unknown persons who claim any interest in the subject matter of this action, Defendants
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Case No. 2017CV30099
Division MG

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO: SAN JUAN RIVER RESORT, INC. and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION.

You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Plaintiff filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the Clerk of the Court an Answer or other response. You are required to file your Answer or other response within thirty-five (35) days after the service of this Summons upon you. Service of this Summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court.

If you fail to file your Answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within thirty-five (35) days after the date of the last publication, Judgment by Default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice.

This is an action to quiet title of the Plaintiffs in and to the real property situated in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as: Lot 51 in SAN JUAN RIVER RESORT SUBDIVISION UNIT NO. 2, according to the plat of said subdivision filed for record February 10, 1975 under Reception No. 82578. That property is also described in that warranty deed recorded on September 25, 2015, at reception number 21507015, in the real property records of the Archuleta County, Colorado, clerk and recorder's office. That property is also described in the Complaint which may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court.

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s/ Joshua D. McMahon, Esq.
Geoffrey P. Anderson, Esq.
Joshua D. McMahon, Esq.
Attorneys for Plaintiffs
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District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148
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Tel. 970.264.2400
Elk Run Property Owner's Association, Inc., Plaintiff

v.
Wesley E White, et al
Defendants
Case No.: 2017CV030027
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM

This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Elk Run Townhouses recorded June 26, 1986, under Reception No. 140481, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered August 24, 2017, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof

Owner(s):
Wesley E White
David Birchman and Stephanie Birchman, Co-Trustees of the David J Birchman and Stephanie Birchman 2005 Family Trust

Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Elk Run Townhouses recorded June 26, 1986, under Reception No. 140481, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Elk Run Property Owners Association, Inc. Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorney's fees and costs.

Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 16PPA0144, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
Samuel S. Vigil, Reg. No. 40454, 437 6th Street, Las Animas, CO 81054

Association Assessments Due to: Elk Run Property Owners Association, Inc.
Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A"
Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"
Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act

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

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

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST
THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on Wednesday, January 3, 2018, in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff, Civil Division, 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.

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The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:
Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 16PPA0144, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
Samuel S. Vigil, Reg. No. 40454, 437 6th Street, Las Animas, CO 81054.

Attached hereto as EXHIBIT B are copies of certain Colorado statutes that may vitally affect your property rights in relation to this proceeding. Said proceeding may result in the loss of property in which you have an interest and may create personal debt against you. You may wish to seek the advice of your own private attorney concerning your rights in relation to this foreclosure proceeding.

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

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed September 27, 2017.
Tonya Hamilton, Undersheriff, Archuleta County, Colorado
By: /s/ Tonya Hamilton Exhibit A

Detail Listing of Judgment Calculations
As of August 11, 2017
Wesley E. White
Building Number: 3A
Lot (Unit) Number: 7112
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 33

of Elk Run Townhouses as recorded in Plat File No. 317 under Reception No. 140480, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and subject to that Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Elk Run Townhouses recorded June 26, 1986, under Reception No. 140481 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Elk Run Property Owners Association, Inc. Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorney's fees and costs.

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Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$833.80
Accrued Interest: \$46.05
Costs: \$273.00
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,152.85
David Birchman and Stephanie Birchman, Co-Trustees of the David J Birchman and Stephanie Birchman 2005 Family Trust
Building Number: 19
Lot (Unit) Number: 7118
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 5
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Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Elk Run Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.
Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$7,065.59
Accrued Interest: \$390.25
Costs: \$368.00
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$8,823.84
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Defendants
Case No.: 2017CV030026
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM
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This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded on August 2, 1990, at Book 303, Page 104, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered August 24, 2017, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof

Owner(s):
Kenneth O Voges and Alice F Voges
Patricia J Brewer and John Douglas Brewer
Cody Martinez
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Timeshare Trade Ins, LLC
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Geneva M Parks and Victor L Parks
John T Bailey and Louise H Bailey
L&L Portable Toilets, Inc.
D. Joann Origer and Lewis J Origer
John D Colvert and Joyce H Colvert
WTA Services, LLC
June S Cossler

The Woolmington Trust, dated December 18, 1995
Maxie I Arbogast and Paola P Arbogast
Russel B Shaw and Kristal D Shaw
Mildred W Packard and Arthur H Packard, Co-Trustees of the M and A Packard Trust, dated November 5, 1998
Michael D Otis and Virginia L Munden

Mark Bell
Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses, recorded on August 2, 1990, at Book 303, Page 104, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Peregrine Townhouses Property Owners Association, Inc.
Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.

Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 16PPA0144, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
Samuel S. Vigil, Reg. No. 40454, 437 6th Street, Las Animas, CO 81054

Association Assessments Due to: Peregrine Townhouses Property Owners Association, Inc.
Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A"
Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"

Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration of Protective Covenants and the Colorado Common Ownership Act.
THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.

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

THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will, at 10 o'clock A.M., on Wednesday, January 3, 2018, in the office of the Archuleta County Sheriff, Civil Division, 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication: November 9, 2017
Last Publication: December 7, 2017
Name of Publication: [Pagosa Springs Sun]

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Attached hereto as EXHIBIT B are copies of certain Colorado statutes that may vitally affect your property rights in relation to this proceeding. Said proceeding may result in the loss of property in which you have an interest and may create personal debt against you. You may wish to seek the advice of your own private attorney concerning your rights in relation to this foreclosure proceeding.

INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Sheriff's Department for Archuleta County, Civil Division, 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147.
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR

THAT PURPOSE.

This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed September 27, 2017.
By: /s/ Hamilton, Undersheriff,
Archuleta County, Colorado
By: /s/ Tonya Hamilton

Exhibit A
Detail Listing of Judgment Calculations
As of August 11, 2017
Kenneth O Voges and Alice F Voges
Building Number: 22
Lot (Unit) Number: 7843-7844
UDI Points: 231,000
of Peregrine Townhouses Phase V, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 99006555, subject to Second Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 99006556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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

Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,023.82
Accrued Interest: \$109.79
Costs: \$251.20
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,384.81
Patricia J Brewer and John Douglas Brewer
Building Number: 9 & 10
Lot (Unit) Number: 7817-7820
UDI Points: 154,000
of Peregrine Townhouses Phase III, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173555, subject to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,759.04
Accrued Interest: \$95.42
Costs: \$236.20
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,090.66
Cody Martinez
Building Number: 36
Lot (Unit) Number: 7871-7872
UDI Points: 105,000
of Peregrine Townhouses Phase VII, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 20005495, subject to Third Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 20002414, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,673.08
Accrued Interest: \$90.76
Costs: \$111.20
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,930.05
Wesley E White
Building Number: 42
Lot (Unit) Number: 7883-7884
UDI Points: 192,000
of Peregrine Townhouses Phase VIII, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 20010666, subject to Third Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 98002628, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,003.20
Accrued Interest: \$108.67
Costs: \$166.20
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,278.07
Timeshare Trade Ins, LLC
Building Number: 12
Lot (Unit) Number: 7823-7824
UDI Points: 154,000
of Peregrine Townhouses Phase IV, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 98002629, subject to First Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 98002628, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,071.58
Accrued Interest: \$112.38
Costs: \$153.70
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,337.66
Trevor Jason Marback and Glory Marie Marback
Building Number: 18
Lot (Unit) Number: 7835-7836
UDI Points: 63,000
of Peregrine Townhouses Phase IV, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 98002629, subject to First Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 98002628, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,026.84
Accrued Interest: \$55.70
Costs: \$421.20
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,503.74
Geneva M Parks and Victor L Parks
Building Number: 4 & 5
Lot (Unit) Number: 7807-7810
UDI Points: 105,000
of Peregrine Townhouses Phase II, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173554, subject to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$7,361.52
Accrued Interest: \$399.34
Costs: \$251.20
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$9,012.06
John T Bailey and Louise H Bailey
Building Number: 4 & 5
Lot (Unit) Number: 7807-7810
UDI Points: 49,000
of Peregrine Townhouses Phase II, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173554, subject to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,464.63
Accrued Interest: \$89.22
Costs: \$261.20
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,995.05
Russel B Shaw and Kristal D Shaw
Building Number: 32
Lot (Unit) Number: 7863-7864
UDI Points: 105,000
of Peregrine Townhouses Phase VII, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 20005495, subject to Third Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 20002414, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,376.70
Accrued Interest: \$74.68
Costs: \$261.20
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,712.58
Mildred W Packard and Arthur H Packard,
Co-Trustee of the M and A Packard Trust, dated

supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,420.12
Accrued Interest: \$77.04
Costs: \$166.20
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,663.36
D. Joann Origer and Lewis J Origer
Building Number: 7 & 8
Lot (Unit) Number: 7813-7816
UDI Points: 126,000
of Peregrine Townhouses Phase III, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173555, subject to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,893.64
Accrued Interest: \$102.72
Costs: \$236.20
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,232.56
John D Colvert and Joyce H Colvert
Building Number: 9 & 10
Lot (Unit) Number: 7817-7820
UDI Points: 105,000
of Peregrine Townhouses Phase III, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173555, subject to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,609.45
Accrued Interest: \$87.31
Costs: \$291.20
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,987.96
Timeshare Trade Ins, LLC
Building Number: 15
Lot (Unit) Number: 7829-7830
UDI Points: 105,000
of Peregrine Townhouses Phase IV, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 98002629, subject to First Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 98002628, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,391.42
Accrued Interest: \$129.73
Costs: \$148.70
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,669.85
Published November 9, 16, 23, 30 and December 7, 2017 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148
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Teal Landing Property Owners Association, Inc.,
Plaintiff

v.
Gerald J Viarrial, et al
Defendants
Case No.: 2017CV030046
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM

This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium, recorded on August 10, 2000, Reception Number 20007580, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered August 24, 2017, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof

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

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Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 16PPA0144, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901

November 5, 1998
Building Number: 11
Lot (Unit) Number: 7821-7822
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Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,226.48
Mark Bell
Building Number: 31
Lot (Unit) Number: 7861-7862
UDI Points: 49,000
of Peregrine Townhouses Phase VI, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 99011974, subject to Second Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership of Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 99006556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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

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

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First Publication: November 9, 2017
Last Publication: December 7, 2017
Name of Publication: [Pagosa Springs Sun]

NOTICE OF RIGHTS
YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIAB

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Tel. 970.264.2400
Eagle's Loft Property
Owner's Association, Inc.,
Plaintiff
v.
Marjorie Starkey, et al
Defendants
Case No.: 2017CV030032
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF
TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE
AND REDEEM

This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft Condominiums recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered August 24, 2017, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof Owner(s):
Marjorie Starkey and Edgar A Starkey
Wilbert Lee
Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft Condominiums, recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Eagle's Loft Property Owners Association, Inc.
Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.

Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 16PPA0144, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
Samuel S. Vigil, Reg. No. 40454, 437 6th Street, Las Animas, CO 81054
Association Assessments Due to: Eagle's Loft Property Owners Association, Inc.
Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A"
Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"

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AN NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE PURSUANT TO §38-38-104 C.R.S., SHALL BE FILED WITH THE OFFICER AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED.
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.

AN NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO §38-38-302 C.R.S. SHALL BE FILED WITH THE SHERIFF NO LATER THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
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IF YOU BELIEVE THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN §38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN §38-38-103.2, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL (1-800-222-4444), THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (1-855-411-2372), OR BOTH, BUT THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:
Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 16PPA0144, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
Samuel S. Vigil, Reg. No. 40454, 437 6th Street, Las Animas, CO 81054
Attached hereto as EXHIBIT B are copies of certain Colorado statutes that may vitally affect your property rights in relation to this proceeding. Said proceeding may result in the loss of property in which you have an interest and may create personal debt against you. You may wish to seek the advice of your own private attorney concerning your rights in relation to this foreclosure proceeding.

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

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed September 27, 2017.
Tonya Hamilton, Undersheriff,
Archuleta County, Colorado
By: /s/ Tonya Hamilton

Detail Listing of Judgment Calculations
As of August 11, 2017
Marjorie Starkey and Edgar A Starkey
Building Number: 25
Lot (Unit) Number: 25
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 35
In Phase III of Eagle's Loft recorded in Reception No. 130203 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and shall be subject to that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, and further subject to that Second Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on May 30, 1984, under Reception No. 123459, as amended by that First Amendment to Second Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 13, 1984, Reception No. 124494, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado (the "Declarations").

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Eagle's Loft Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.
Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$983.24
Accrued Interest: \$53.34
Costs: \$368.00
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,404.58
Walter Lee

Building Number: 50
Lot (Unit) Number: 50
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 10
In Phase IV of Eagle's Loft as recorded in Reception No. 132402 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and shall be subject to that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, and further subject to that Third Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 10, 1985, under Reception No. 132403, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado (the "Declarations").

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Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$539.90
Accrued Interest: \$83.53
Costs: \$273.00

Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,896.43
Published November 9, 16, 23, 30 and December 7, 2017 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Tel. 970.264.2400
Village Pointe Property
Owner's Association, Inc.,
Plaintiff

Barry Reece Sanders, et al
Defendants
Case No.: 2017CV030031
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF
TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE
AND REDEEM

This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums, recorded on January 6, 1980 at Reception No. 160495, Book 239, Page 2, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered August 24, 2017, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof Owner(s):
Barry Reece Sanders
Peter M Watson and Dixie Watson
Resort Management Services, LLC d/b/a Club Select Resorts
Laurie A Sheekles

Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums, recorded on January 6, 1980 at Reception No. 160495, Book 239, Page 2, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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

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First Publication: November 9, 2017
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Tonya Hamilton, Undersheriff,
Archuleta County, Colorado
By: /s/ Tonya Hamilton

Detail Listing of Judgment Calculations
As of August 11, 2017
Barry Reece Sanders
Building Number: 003D
Lot (Unit) Number: 7509
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 26
In that property which is described as a parcel of land being a portion of Parcel B, Third Replat of South Village Lake, recorded as Reception No. 130304, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado. The property is described as Village Pointe Phase II recorded in Plat File No. 332-332A-E, under Reception No. 171189 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and is subject to the First Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums Phase II recorded May 3, 1990, Reception No. 171190, Book 292, Page 242, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. The property is located upon it two buildings described as Building 3, containing four units designated, respectively, as Units 7509, 7510, 7511 and 7512; and Building 4, containing four units designated, respectively, as Units 7513, 7514, 7515, 7516.

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Village Point Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.
Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,402.81
Accrued Interest: \$76.10
Costs: \$244.00
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,722.91
Peter M Watson and Dixie Watson
Building Number: 003D
Lot (Unit) Number: 7510
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 25

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Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$539.90
Accrued Interest: \$83.53
Costs: \$273.00

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Barry Reece Sanders
Building Number: 003D
Lot (Unit) Number: 7509
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Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$983.24
Accrued Interest: \$53.34
Costs: \$368.00
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,404.58
Walter Lee

Building Number: 50
Lot (Unit) Number: 50
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 10
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Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,363.06
Accrued Interest: \$128.19
Costs: \$309.00
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,800.25

Resort Management Services, LLC d/b/a Club Select Resorts
Building Number: 005D
Lot (Unit) Number: 7518
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 20
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Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,490.87
Accrued Interest: \$80.87
Costs: \$201.56
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,773.24
Laurie A Sheekles
Building Number: 005D
Lot (Unit) Number: 7523
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 17

In that property which is described as a parcel of land being a portion of Parcel B, Third Replat of South Village Lake, recorded as Reception No. 130304, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado. The property is described as Village Pointe Phase III as recorded in Plat Filed No. 238A-F under Reception No. 179324 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and is subject to that Second Supplemental Declaration and Third Amendment to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums Phase III recorded November 21, 1990, Reception No. 176323, Book 315, Page 350.

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Matter Amount
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Accrued Interest: \$80.87
Costs: \$201.56
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,773.24
Laurie A Sheekles
Building Number: 005D
Lot (Unit) Number: 7523
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 17

In that property which is described as a parcel of land being a portion of Parcel B, Third Replat of South Village Lake, recorded as Reception No. 130304, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado. The property is described as Village Pointe Phase III as recorded in Plat Filed No. 238A-F under Reception No. 179324 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and is subject to that Second Supplemental Declaration and Third Amendment to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums Phase III recorded November 21, 1990, Reception No. 176323, Book 315, Page 350.

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Village Point Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.
Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,490.87
Accrued Interest: \$80.87
Costs: \$201.56
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,773.24
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Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,976.70
Accrued Interest: \$107.23
Costs: \$224.00
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,307.93
Published November 9, 16, 23, 30 and December 7, 2017 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148
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Teal Landing Property
Owner's Association, Inc.,
Plaintiff
v.
Randy Dunn, et al
Defendants
Case No.: 2017CV030029
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF
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This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium, recorded on August 10, 2000, Reception Number 20007580, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered August 24, 2017, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof Owner(s):
Randy Dunn and Jennifer Dunn
Jeffery S Hall and Amy A Hall
JS Management and Executive Services, LLC
Jen Jackson and Sherry Cognition
Howard W Cannon and Debra L Cannon
Sheila Jolene Ross and Jerry Randal Adams
Randal Bacon Warner and Rebecca Edgerly Warner
Abraham Christopher Nixon and Lorraine Marcia Rudder
Patricia J Dilts, Trustee of the Patricia J Dilts Revocable Trust

Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20007580, Second Amendment to Declaration of Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20102923, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Undivided Ownership Interest Unit Weeks in the hereafter described Units Teal Landing Condominium in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.
Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,435.47
Accrued Interest: \$77.87
Costs: \$244.67
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,758.01
JS Management and Executive Services, LLC
Building Number: 12
Lot (Unit) Number: 1211-1216, 1221, 1224-1226
UDI Points: 77,000

of the Teal Landing Condominium Phase Two- as built Building 12, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception No. 20105850, subject to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20007580, First Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20009604, Second Amendment to Declaration of Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20102923, Third Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20104161, and First supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing



Festival of Trees

SUN photos/Chris Mannara

Festival of Trees kicks off with a free public viewing last Thursday at the Ross Aragon Community Center. Community members enjoyed listening to Christmas music while wandering through 20 uniquely decorated Christmas trees, each representing a different local nonprofit. Hot chocolate, coffee and cookies were served up while attendees voted for their favorite trees.



Masonic Lodge to hold open installation of officers

By Richard Y. Wholf
Special to The SUN

The installation of the Masonic lodge officers will be held at 227 Lewis St. on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 2 p.m., and a special invitation is extended to the public as well as all Masons residing or visiting Pagosa Springs.

New officers for Pagosa Lodge No. 114 are Richard Wholf, worshipful master; Willie Reynolds, PM, senior warden; Drake Stewart, junior warden; Jon Bower, PM, treasurer; Nick Tallent, secretary; Adam Buttons, senior steward; Bob Sprague, PM, junior steward; Ronnie Maez, PM, senior deacon; James Hawkins, PM, junior deacon; Mason Carpenter, PM, tiler; and Robert Case, PM, chaplain.

The installation ceremony will be lead by Worshipful Brother Don Jeter, district lecturer and PM, Durango-San Juan Lodge No. 46. He will be assisted by Richard Rohrbacher, worshipful master of Durango-San Juan Lodge No. 46, as marshal.

Masons are men who profess a faith in God, and they use the tools of moral and ethical truths to serve mankind. Freemasonry is not a religion, rather it is a moral system that's veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. Freemasonry is a human institution, and is set up to inspire and assist its members to live the life of a gentleman. It is a brotherhood that transcends all religious, ethnic, social, cultural and educational differences. Each Mason

recognizes his responsibility for justice, truth, charity, enlightenment, freedom, liberty, honesty, civility, tolerance, patience and integrity in all aspects of human endeavor. A Mason is all this and more.

Pagosa Springs Masonic Lodge, A.E. and A.M. No. 114, was established in 1902 and will be celebrating its 116th year in our community. Over the years, many prominent members of the community have served as worshipful master and in other offices. Many of our nation's early patriots were Freemasons, as well as 13 signers of the Constitution, and 14 American presidents have been Masons, beginning with George Washington.

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Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, Dec. 9 • 8:30-11 a.m. • Pagosa Springs High School



Photo courtesy Gris Cervantes



Photo courtesy Gris Cervantes

Pagosa Springs High School music students pose with Santa and Mrs. Claus at last year's Breakfast with Santa. This year's event is set for Saturday beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Live Performers



Thursday

Riff Raff Brewing Company: Terry Rickard, 6 p.m.

Friday

Borde Rio: Eric Wade Duo, 6 p.m.

Pagosa Brewing Company: San Juan Mountain Boys, 6 p.m.

Saturday

Borde Rio: San Juan Mountain Boys, 6 p.m.

Coyote Moon: Lisa Saunders Karaoke, 9 p.m.

Tuesday

Pagosa Brewing Company: Open Mic Contest, 6 p.m.



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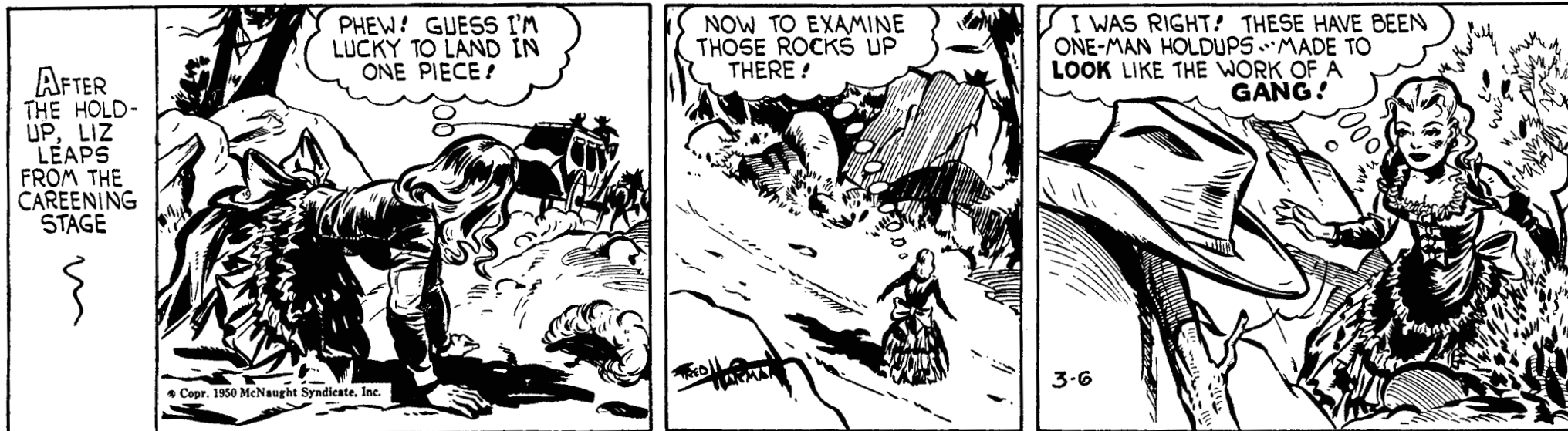




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By Fred Harman



Breakfast with Santa set for Saturday

By Dan Burch
Special to The PREVIEW

Christmas is a time for family and tradition. The Pagosa Springs High School Music Department will once again host Breakfast with Santa at the high school. Many families have made this event a good way to start off the Christmas season with a great tradition.

This Saturday, Dec. 9, you and your family can come to the high school commons and start the morning with a full breakfast, enjoy games and face painting for the kids, hear inspiring Christmas

songs from our high school musicians and complete the morning with a picture with Santa.

This event is a fundraiser for the high school music department. All proceeds go towards the music department's events in the spring, including the Music in the Parks Competition.

There is a \$5 fee at the door and it covers all the morning's events. There is a \$20 maximum per family. Breakfast will be ready at 8:30 a.m. and will go until 11 a.m. Make plans now to make this morning part of your Christmas season plans.

Literary Ladies to hold holiday potluck, discuss 'Comfort and Joy'

By Marilyn Stroud
Special to The PREVIEW

In "Comfort and Joy," Kristin Hannah, a New York Times best selling author, writes a holiday story about Joy Candelaria, a high school librarian who states that Christmas at one time was her favorite holiday.

However, as a recent divorcee, she desires to get away from her hometown of Bakersfield, Calif., during the holidays. At the local airport, she buys a ticket for a charter flight to the Pacific Northwest. However, the plane crashes in the Olympic rainforest. Joy and her fellow passengers walk away from the wrecked plane as it explodes. At this point, Joy makes the decision to continue on her adventure and

leave her ordinary life behind.

This month's meeting of the Literary Ladies will be held at Marilyn's home on Dec. 8 at 10:30 a.m. to discuss Hanna's book and enjoy our traditional holiday potluck. For further information on the location, check with Brad at the library.

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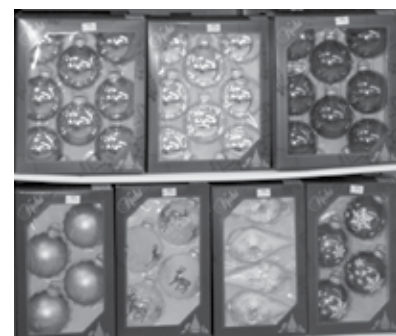
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The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir will present its Christmas concert, "Jingle All the Way," tonight at 7 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church.

Pagosa Springs Girls Choir holiday concert tonight

By Linda Parker
Special to The PREVIEW

Come join the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir tonight for a wonderful holiday treat the choir presents its holiday concert, "Jingle All the Way."

The concert is scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church.

Presenting traditional as well as less-known Christmas music, the choir will be joined by Rachel Hellwege-Vaughan, featured solo-

ist. Hellwege-Vaughan will delight the Pagosa Springs community with traditional carols, as well as singing with the choir. You won't want to miss "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" and "O Holy Night."

The Girls Choir will be offering Rocky Mountain Chocolate bars for sale, singly and as part of a stocking stuffer, for purchase to help fund their summer educational trip scheduled for August 2018.

Please join us tonight and support these outstanding young musicians for "Jingle All the Way" at Community United Methodist Church beginning at 7 p.m.

Admission is free, but your donations will be gratefully accepted.

Mt. Allison Grange to host free community Grinch-mas breakfast and canned food drive

By Larry Corman
Special to The PREVIEW

On Saturday, Dec. 9, Mt. Allison Grange will host a free community Grinch-mas breakfast.

This will be held from 8 to 10 a.m. and will include pancakes, biscuits and gravy, sausage, eggs, hash browns, juice and coffee.

Canned food donations are also appreciated for a food basket dis-

tribution for Christmas.

There will be a brief program commemorating the 150th anniversary of the National Grange.

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The Whatchamawhozits Children's Theatre class has been creating, writing and rehearsing an original play, which will be performed at 2 p.m. on Dec. 9 at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

Whatchamawhozits to present 'The Curious Incidents of the Hoff-Houser Christmas Murders'

By Laura Moore
Special to The PREVIEW

The Whatchamawhozits Children's Theatre class has been at it again this fall — creating, writing and rehearsing an original play and, on Dec. 9 at 2 p.m., they will perform their piece for the public.

The Whatchamawhozits is the kid's division of Thingamajig Theatre Company, a 501(c)3 in residence at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

Each summer, a three-week theater camp is available to kids 7-12 that is taught by the professional artist and actors that make up Thingamajig's repertory season. Each fall, an after-school class focuses on creating an original work and character development and each spring, the class plays within the realm of improvisation.

This fall, the 15-student class

wrote a play together called "The Curious Incidents of the Hoff-Houser Christmas Murders," inspired no doubt by the fact that most of the writing was done in the Halloween-infested month of October.

It is a quirky piece with lots of fun characters including a cat, a robot, a homeless man, detectives, witches and radio personalities, that spans three decades. A whirlwind of amusing ideas and goofy murders — if there is such a thing — mixed in with a little audience participation. So, come join the fun and hold onto your hats as you take a wild ride through the imaginations of our Whatchamawhozits.

The play will be held at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts on Dec. 9. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. and the show starts promptly at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and can only be purchased at the door.

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Festival of Lights at the charter school

By Ursala Hudson
Special to The PREVIEW

In preparation for the Festival of Lights school showcase coming up this Friday, Dec. 8, from 5 to 7 p.m., Pagosa Peak Open School's mixed-age classrooms have been making art, practicing songs and rehearsing skits.

The festival will begin at the school's building on Parelli Way in front of Walmart at 5 p.m. with a chili dinner and student performances. To raise funds for the school's project-based learning expeditions, students will be selling ornaments, pies and casseroles. A gift-basket live auction will be held at around 6:30 p.m., followed by a lantern-lighting ceremony and

a walk through the luminaries — bundle up.

The event is admission-free and open to the general public. Dinner will be served for a \$5 suggested donation, and paper lanterns will be available to sponsor for \$5. The lanterns will be hung up on the back patio with a special message or dedication and lit up all at once to signify the warmth created when the community joins together. The lanterns will be used for many more school events to come.

To find out more about this event, please visit the school's Facebook page or PagosaPeakOpenSchool.org.

All open school families and friends are also invited to download our school's mobile app to

gain easy access to school information and event announcements such as this. Mobile app users can also view school news, the committees master calendar and volunteer opportunities. To download the mobile app, search "Pagosa Peak Open School" in Google Play or the Apple App Store.

The foundation of the school rests on parental involvement and community participation. If you are able to volunteer in any capacity — from helping in the lunch room to leading a classroom expedition — please do not hesitate to get involved. Please visit our Volunteer Portal on our website or mobile app, or contact Ursala Hudson at 946-6204 for more information.

No need for words: Hand drumming continues Tuesday

By Paul Roberts
Special to The PREVIEW

Join musician and music therapist Paul Roberts for a free hand-drumming class at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at noon.

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

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

Non-lexical vocables, words without literal meaning, have been used in a number of songs composed for Walt Disney's musical films. "Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah" is a song from Disney's 1946 "Song of the South," for which the film won the Academy Award for Best Original Song. "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" is another of Disney's many songs that use this device. The style migrated to a number of Scouting songs such as "Ging Gang Gooli."

Native Americans and other indigenous peoples often use syllables without semantic content in

their songs. The meaning of these songs is inherent in the sounds of the syllables, the melody, the song's purpose and history. In the drumming class, we sometimes sing indigenous songs with non-lexical vocables to spice up some of our rhythms.

Non-lexical vocables are common in the traditional singing of Ireland and Scotland, where it is known as liltling, diddling or mouth music. It is used in traditional American folk songs such as "Sourwood Mountain" with its refrain, "hey-ho diddle-um day," and the cowboy ballad "Git Along, Little Dogies," with its "whoopie ti yi yo." Yodeling is a syllable-based vocal technique used in many cultures worldwide.

Legendary jazz musician Louis Armstrong brought scat singing, a vocal improvisation style, to the fore in his 1926 recording "Heebie Jeebies." In popular music, it has been used in doo-wop, a style of rhythm and blues, and in rock and roll. Little Richard, in his 1955 hit recording "Tutti Frutti," sang the lyric "a-wop-bop-a-loo-bop-a-wop-bam-boom," a verbal rendition of a drum pattern that he had imagined. "Be-Bop-A-Lula" is a rockabilly song first recorded in 1956 by Gene Vincent and His Blue Caps. "Da Doo Ron Ron" was recorded by The Crystals in 1963.

Vocal improviser Bobby McFerrin has created a sophisticated art form with his wordless singing.

Using non-lexical vocables in songs is a traditional form that continues to transform and become incorporated into music. It's a style that frees the voice to sing as a musical instrument, untethered from the literal meaning of words. It goes well with hand drumming, adding to the collaborative creativity.

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

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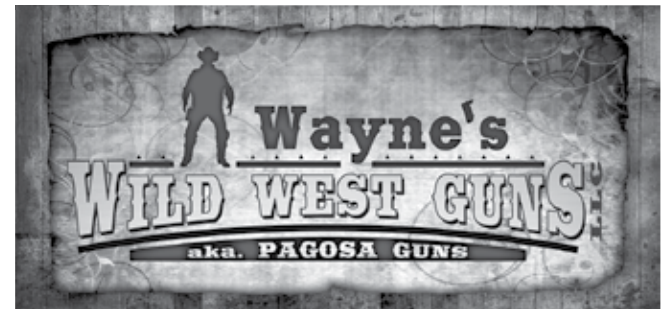
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The students of Our Savior Lutheran School have been hard at work since the beginning of the school year and are prepared to show off what they've learned in a pair of events on Dec. 13 and 14, including a Dec. 14 Christmas program, "From Heaven Above."

Our Savior Lutheran School Christmas program and recitation

By Pennie DeClark
Special to The PREVIEW

The students of Our Savior Lutheran School have been hard at work since the beginning of the school year and are ready to showcase some of what they have learned.

First, everyone is invited to an open recitation on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 8:30 a.m. that will showcase Ms. Packer's fourth- through sixth-grade class and their memory work. This will cover over 120 facts across all core subjects, as well as some poems and Bible verses. The event will take place in Mrs. Packer's class (upstairs gym) and will take about 30 minutes.

Second, all of the children of the school (preschool through

sixth grade) will be performing in our Christmas program "From Heaven Above" on Thursday, Dec. 14, at 6:30 p.m. Come and marvel at the beautiful voices of Pagosa Springs' next generation as they sing Christmas hymns in English and Latin, with elementary school students playing eight-note hand bells and tone chimes. This annual event is entertaining for all ages and will be held in our PAC building (gymnasium).

With our recent expansion, we now have 72 students attending our school from preschool through sixth grade.

Our Savior Lutheran School is located at 56 Meadows Drive. Please call 731-3512 if you have any questions or to let us know you will be attending. Both events are free

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Small town, big laughs for ‘Tuna Christmas’

By Dale Scrivenger
Special to The PREVIEW

At many regional theaters, it's not Christmas without Tuna. Tuna, Texas, that is. Since its 1989 debut as the second of a three-play series set in the “third-smallest” town in Texas, “Tuna Christmas” by Ed Howard, Jaston Williams and Joe Sears has quickly become a holiday staple of theaters around the nation.

Part of its success is a spate of colorful small-town characters with equally colorful southern sayings, all played by only two actors. With agile and comically savvy actors, “Tuna Christmas” is a guaranteed crowd pleaser.

For the production at Thingamajig Theatre, opening Dec. 15 at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, director Melissa Firlit works with veterans Dan Morrison and Dennis Elkins to play more than 20 wacky southern characters, and the duo proves up to the formidable task.

Playing characters including a bouffant-sporting housewife whose favorite Christmas memories include conjugal visits to her incarcerated husband to a hard-as-nails female proprietor of a used-weapons store who wouldn't blink at shooting someone who stole her toaster, Morrison and



Photos courtesy Tim Moore

Dan Morrison, left, and Dennis Elkins play over 20 different characters in “Tuna Christmas,” opening Dec. 15 at Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

Elkins delight in the campy shtick that defines Tuna.

Kudos to Adrienne Young's costuming and wigs, which facilitate Morrison and Elkins' lightning-quick offstage wardrobe changes while clearly defining the multitude of characters the duo portray. Particularly enjoyable is her attention to detail in recurring Texan flourishes like the different variations of cowboy boots that appear. Speaking of quick changes, it is easy to see why the backstage crew is so invaluable in this show. Morrison and Elkin's character changes are grueling and a team of dressers

keep the pace clipping along with costume and wig switches, as well as two large, impressive revolving set pieces by scenic designer John Santangelo.

Perhaps what is most enjoyable about “A Tuna Christmas” is that even though Colorado is a long way from Texas, there are plenty of small-townisms and oddball characters abound in our own backyard to make the content highly relatable and full of belly laughs. The Tuna plays are a fun and meaningful way to celebrate these everyday oddities and enjoy the holiday season.

Thingamajig Theatre Company presents “Tuna Christmas,” rated PG-13, showing at Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts Dec. 15-28, weekdays and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m.

For tickets and show information, please visit pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW (7469).

‘Jay and Silent Bob Get Old’ set for Dec. 16 at the Community Concert Hall

By Indiana Reed
Special to The PREVIEW

Kevin Smith and Jason Mewes are set to return to Durango, bringing their unique “Jay and Silent Bob Get Old” stage show to the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College on Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m.

As the duo notes, “Every saga has a middle age and this is what happens when Jay and Silent Bob get old.” As discussion of sex and drugs and use of profanity are part of the comedic and sometimes sentimental show, it is not recommended for children.

A New Jersey born and bred actor, Jason Mewes burst onto cinema screens in 1994 playing the grass-smoking, fast-talking, foul-mouthed and over-sexed — but very likeable — Jay in director Kevin Smith's classic indie comedy “Clerks.” The offbeat and philosophical drug-dealing characters of Jay and Silent Bob, created by Mewes and Smith, were reprised in additional films including “Mallrats,” “Chasing Amy,” “Dogma,” “Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back” and “Clerks 2.”

The “Jay and Silent Bob Get Old”
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Last year's Heralds of Christmas concert featured, in part, a flute ensemble with Jessica Peterson, Kathy Wadenpfohl, Lisa Hartley, Susy McKeal and, not pictured, James Kiker playing upright string bass with the flutes. Tickets are on sale now for \$10 for this year's performances on Dec. 17 and 18.

The Heralds of Christmas brass and friends concert tickets on sale now

By Clyda Elginer
Special to The PREVIEW

There are events associated with many yearly milestones: flowers in the spring, patriotic parades in July, hunting for a perfect pumpkin in October and, for Christmas, music. The Pagosa Springs Instrument-

tal Music Society is delighted to offer just that to the community. A brass quintet, chamber music trios, solos and a string quartet will play traditional favorites and works that may be new to some, but are sure to become requested encores. Spirited toe-tappers and **See Concert on next page**

Hall

continued from previous page stage show was originally launched by Smith as a podcast recorded live in front of an audience as a weekly intervention for Mewes (now clean and sober), whose drug addiction had spiraled out of control. The podcasts proved widely popular and the Jay and Silent Bob tour followed.

Smith and Mewes have gone on to perform hundreds of "Get Old" shows across the country and no

two performances are alike. Listen to the podcasts of "Jay and Silent Bob Get Old" at www.smodcast.com, ranked No. 1 on iTunes comedy podcasts.

Tickets for "Jay and Silent Bob Get Old" — \$29/\$35/\$39 — are available by calling 247-7657, on the Web at www.durangoconcerts.com or by visiting the ticket office inside the Welcome Center at 8th Street and Main Avenue in downtown Durango.

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

Thursday, Dec. 7

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

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

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

Pagosa Springs Girls Choir Holiday Concert. 7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir will be in concert presenting "Jingle All the Way." Listeners are in for a treat when they hear these talented young ladies perform.

San Juan Outdoor Club. 7 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Jeff Reichelwill speak on "Mt. Rainer's Wonderful Trail." Light refreshments will be available at 6:30 p.m. Guests welcome. For more information, go to www.sanjuanoutdoorclub.org.

Friday, Dec. 8

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

Pagosa Stitching Group. 9:30-11:30 a.m., second floor of the Pruitt

building, Pagosa Springs Medical Center. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

Literary Ladies. 10:30 a.m., Marilyn's home. We will discuss "Comfort and Joy," by Kristin Hannah. We will also enjoy our traditional holiday potluck. For further information about the location, contact Brad at the library.

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.

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

Pagosa Peak Open School Festival of Lights. 5-7 p.m., Pagosa Peak Open School, 7 Parelli Way. The festival will begin with a chili dinner and student performances. To raise funds, students will be selling ornaments, pies and casseroles. A gift-basket live auction will be held, followed by a lantern-lighting ceremony and a walk through the luminaries. Dinner will be served for a \$5 suggested donation, and paper lanterns will be available to

sponsor for \$5. Contact Ursula Hudson at 946-6204 for more information.

Saturday, Dec. 9

Mt. Allison Grange Grinch-mas Breakfast and Canned Food Drive. 8-10 a.m., Mt. Allison Grange Hall. Arboles. Mt. Allison Grange will host a free community Grinch-mas breakfast and canned food drive. There will be a brief program commemorating the 150th anniversary of the National Grange. Everyone is invited. For questions/directions, contact Shirley Engler at 883-2483 or Yvonne Chapman at 799-3064.

Breakfast with Santa. 8:30-11 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Hosted by the Pagosa Springs High School Music Department. Enjoy a full breakfast, games and face painting for the kids, hear inspiring Christmas songs and complete the morning with a picture with Santa. This event is a fundraiser. There is a \$5 fee at the door that covers all the morning's events. There is a \$20 maximum charge per family.

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.

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

Pagosa Piecemakers Quilt Guild. 10 a.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship Church, 1044 Park Ave. We'll be celebrating the season at our holiday meeting with Christmas show and tell, ideas, games, food and friends. It's all about creativity at these get-togethers. Join us for a fun morning.

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.

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

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Concert

continued from previous page music for calming reflection will help to bring in the season.

The talented musicians are Pagosa Springs Community Band members who willingly share their talents for this event. Well known for their many contributions to the Pagosa Springs performing arts community are Larry Elginer, Larry Baisdon, D'Ann Artis, Dan Burch, James Kiker, Jessica Peterson, Sally Neel, Heidi Tanner, Michelle Chapman, Karen Mesikapp, Jean Broderick, Kathy Wadenpfuhl, Glynis Tanner, Fr. Doug Neel, Grace

Wiersma, and Brandye and Grace-lyn Kiker.

This year, a second performance has been added to accommodate all who wish to attend. Performance dates are Dec. 17 at 3 p.m. and Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. Both performances will be at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

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Theatre Presents 'The Curious Incidents of the Hoff-Houser Christmas Murders.' 2 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. A quirky piece with lots of fun characters, including a cat, a robot, a homeless man, detectives, witches and radio personalities, that span three decades. A whirlwind of amusing ideas and goofy murders mixed in with a little audience participation. Tickets are \$5 and can only be purchased at the door.

St. Patrick's Annual Christmas Tea. 2-4 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. This is one Christmas season tradition you don't want to miss. It is an opportunity to dress up in your Christmas finery, be treated to an elegant afternoon of delicious treats, enjoy special entertainment and celebrate the holiday season with friends. Handmade crafts will be available for purchase to give to friends on your gift list. You must purchase your tickets in person at the church office; no phone-in reservations will be sold.

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

Advent Mission: 'The Gift of God.' 5 p.m., Pope John Paul II Church. Presenting "The Gift of God," with Dr. Tim Gray. Mass, potluck and Dr. Gray's presentation. There will be a special children's program following Mass.

Sunday, Dec. 10

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.

Sunday Night Unplugged. 5 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. The liturgical season of Advent is a time of waiting, a time to reflect on our lives and a time to prepare to receive the mystery and joy of the Christmas miracle. Jason Rose and Denise Chaney have collaborated their talents and song writing skills, bringing fresh sounds that envelope a variety of musical styles. Admission is free.

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. 11

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Commu-

nity 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.

Free Legal Services. 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Senior Center. Call the Senior Center for an appointment, 264-2167.

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

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

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

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

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

Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center.
CPR Certification Training. 6-10 p.m., CSU Extension Office. Anyone needing to receive or renew certification can register by calling 264-5931.

Tuesday, Dec. 12

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

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

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

Archuleta County Republican Women. Noon, Boss Hogg's Restaurant. We are welcoming representatives from Visiting Angels and BeeHive Homes. All are welcome.

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

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

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

Mahjong. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Book Club for Adults. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join our book club to discuss alternating fiction and nonfiction titles. We will be discussing "Doc Susie: The True Story of a Country Physician in the Colorado Rockies," by Virginia Cornell. Stop by to pick up a copy. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

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

Adult ESL Classes. 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. English as a second language class. Free child care is provided. Contact ACEC-

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Wednesday, Dec. 13

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

Our Savior Lutheran School Open Recitation. 8:30 a.m., Our Savior Lutheran School. Everyone is invited to an open recitation that will showcase Ms. Packer's 4th- through 6th-grade class and their memory work. This will cover over 120 facts across all core subjects as well as some poems and Bible verses.

Family Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for great stories, fun songs and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. For all ages. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

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

Do It Yourself Mint Sugar Scrub. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Coconut oil, peppermint extract and sugar create a sweet-smelling sugar scrub that makes a perfect stocking stuffer. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Teen Writers. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens in the 7th-12th grade. Calling all teen writers. Stories, poetry, graphic novels, fan fiction, it's all welcome. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

American Legion Post 108. 6 p.m., 287 Hermosa St. Veterans group meeting.

First Aid Certification Training. 6-10 p.m., CSU Extension office. Anyone needing to receive or renew certification can register by calling 264-5931.

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

Thursday, Dec. 14

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.

Hot Chocolate Hullabaloo. 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Come celebrate the holidays with us and drink some hot cocoa. You will create your very own seasonal crafts to take home. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

Our Savior Lutheran School Christmas Program: 'From Heaven Above.' 6:30 p.m., Our Savior Lutheran School. Come and marvel at the beautiful voices of Pagosa's next generation as they sing Christmas hymns in English and Latin, with elementary students playing eight-note hand bells and chimes.

Friday, Dec. 15

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

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‘Mommy, do angels smoke?’

By Hank Slikker
Special to The PREVIEW

A Matter of Faith

Five-year-old Rachel sat in the back seat with her two older sisters. Their mother and father sat in front. Their large red Suburban had no air conditioning except for the dry, hot desert wind blowing through the open windows.

The family drove south from Laredo on highway 85 heading home to San Luis Potosi, in central Mexico. Since her parents worked as urban missionaries in their community, the family of five made the 900-mile round trip twice a year to check-in with the national authorities.

About two hours into their drive home, the Suburban began to sputter and suddenly quit. Rachel’s father managed to pull the car onto the shoulder and got out.

She watched him as he opened the hood. He returned a few minutes later to say he believed the fuel pump had failed, so the family sat stranded in the desert with no phone service or gas stations for at least another two hours down the highway.

Rachel had always been a quiet girl — more contemplative and pensive than anything else — and

sat quietly, listening as the family talked about their predicament. She did not grow up protected and often accompanied her father and sisters to the local prison visiting needy inmates, or traveling to the outer country villages to attend the villagers’ needs. Maybe because she experienced similar predicaments before, she felt no anxiety about being stuck in the desert.

Unexpectedly, a van pulled over in front of them and parked. Five men got out and walked towards them as her father met them at the open hood. The men appeared like any other citizens of the region. They greeted him, looked under the hood and began talking back and forth to each other, all of them smoking cigarettes, pointing their fingers here and there at the motor, again talking back and forth, all the while ignoring Rachel’s father.

After consulting together for

a few more minutes, one of the men walked back to the van and returned with wrenches and a fuel pump. He handed them to the others, who began to work, all of them constantly smoking. The men removed the faulty fuel pump and replaced it with the one they brought from the van, using cardboard litter from the road shoulder as a gasket to seal the new pump.

When they finished, the men asked Rachel’s father to start the motor and let it run for a few minutes. Satisfied with their work, the men closed the hood, said something to her father, and quickly returned to their van.

As an added kindness, the men followed the Suburban for a while to make sure the repair worked. After a number of miles, the van turned off the highway and disappeared.

Rachel’s parents marveled and sat numb as they reflected on the miracle God just served them. As the family talked back and forth about His intervention — sending kind mechanics with the exact replacement auto part — Rachel, watching and listening throughout the event, waited for a moment and asked her mother, “Mommy, do angels smoke?”

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Jason Rose and Denise Chaney to sing for Sunday Night Unplugged

By Sally Neel
Special to The PREVIEW

The liturgical season of Advent is a time of waiting, a time to reflect on our lives and a time to prepare to receive the mystery and joy of the Christmas miracle. This can be rather daunting when buying and mailing presents, decorating, baking special goodies, preparing for the arrival of family or special guests and attending festive holiday activities seem to absorb all of our time and energy. However, just as rest is important to the body, the spirit requires us to stop, reflect and listen.

Sunday Night Unplugged will offer that opportunity this Sunday evening at 5 p.m. in the beautiful setting of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. The guest musicians will be Jason Rose and Denise Chaney, who offer songs that will bring us back to the gentle moments of the season.

Sunday Night Unplugged is a music and meditation service that offers an atmosphere of peace and quiet, music offered by local artists, the visual pleasures of the mountains and the woods as seen through the church's transept windows, and the soft glow of candles lit in prayer in front of a beautifully decorated altar. It is a unique setting that requires little more than your presence.

"Sunday Night Unplugged is not a typical liturgical Episcopal service of worship," said Fr. Doug Neel, rector of St. Patrick's. "We have intentionally kept things simple to allow our guests to experience the presence of God in their own way. We offer a few readings that pertain to a particular theme of the evening, but the focus is on silence, music and prayer. Jason and Denise have been frequent guests of Sunday Night Unplugged and their gift of music is always prayerfully and gratefully received."

Rose, pastor of worship and creative arts at Grace In Pagosa, and singer Chaney have collaborated their talents and songwriting skills for the past several years, bringing fresh sounds that envelope a variety of musical styles. Their blend has been described as "musical medicine for the soul."

"Pagosa Springs is blessed with truly amazing musicians, professional in every way, and generously willing to give of their time and talent to benefit the community. Sunday Night Unplugged features these talented artists every month in a setting in which we are allowed to truly and deeply listen without distraction. Jason and Denise are wonderful artists who bring spiritually rich gifts of music. They will surely enrich and enhance this holy season with their beautiful voices," said Neel.

Take this opportunity to stop and reflect on the holy mystery of the season; the most precious gift to all mankind, God made flesh, dwelling among us through the humble birth of the holy child, Jesus Christ.

Sunday Night Unplugged, offered the second Sunday of each month, is open and free to the public. St. Patrick's Episcopal Church is located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Take a deep breath and transform your life at New Thought on Sunday

By Constance d'Angelis
Special to The PREVIEW

We can transform our lives from the inside out. The life force of breathing, when used in a conscious and optimal manner, can become a powerful tool. Are we ready to improve our lives?

This natural yet gifted technique can reshape our physical, mental, emotional and spiritual lives. Join Wendy Groves, who is a breath worker and registered nurse, at the Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT) on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 10 a.m.

Connect with Groves' passion and life's work through her personal journey.

The Center for Spiritual Growth is located at 40 N. 15th St.

New time for movie/discussion group: 10 a.m. on the first and third Saturday of the month.

Our Dec. 16 movie/discussion group at 10 a.m. will focus on "Spiritual Liberation," featuring Dr. Michael Beckwith. All are welcome.

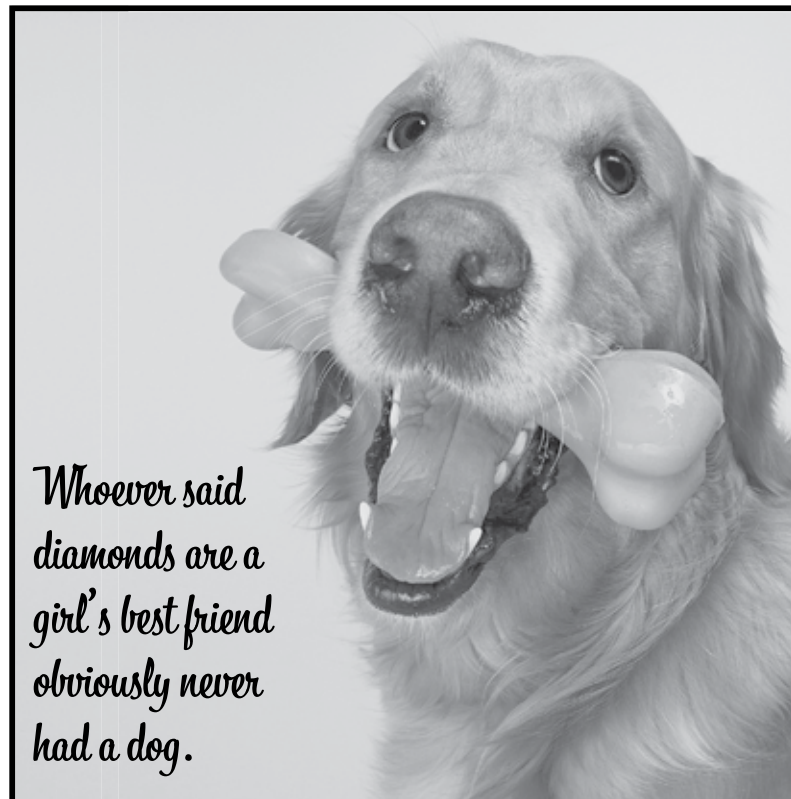
PCNT is building a community by exploring all paths to the Divine, especially by opening minds and hearts to what brings us together, rather than what divides us.

We welcome you and your insights, beliefs, knowledge and talents. Please be part of our Sunday services and/or come to our Saturday movie/discussions of higher consciousness and principles.

For information about the church, join us, email Pagosa-CommunityNewThought@gmail.com, call (970) 949-9020, or mail to P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1052. Find us on Facebook or our website: www.PagosaNewThought.org.

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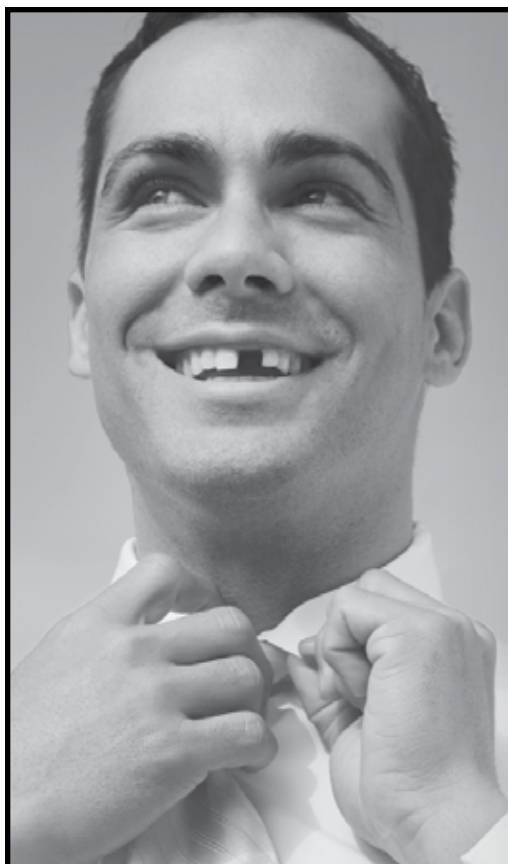
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UUs to learn how to slow brain aging with ageless dancing

By **Pauline Benetti**
Special to The PREVIEW

Dance has accompanied religious ceremonies and sacred rites since prehistoric times. More recently, the movement for sacred dance has sought to revive and promote religious dances, creating a diversity of innovative movement styles. Dance as a form of sacred art continues to evolve and diversify.

Cecilia Norman's presentation on ecstatic dance, a style of sacred dance, this Sunday is an apt illustration of the UU third principle, "Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregation."

We often think of spiritual growth as involving the mind and perhaps the spirit or soul, but connecting the mind, soul and body through sacred movement invites us into another aspect of spiritual growth.

Along with the spiritual aspect

of ecstatic dance, Norman also believes in its health giving attributes. She noted that according to a study published recently in *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience Journal* by Dr. Kathryn Rehfeld, being physically active can slow the brain's aging process. The neuroscientists in this study say that dancing is the most effective physical activity to slow brain aging — superior even to endurance training. Dancing to varied genres of music and learning varied dance moves in particular, increases the area of the brain called the subiculum in the hippocampus that declines over time as we age. The hippocampus is responsible for memory, balance and learning.

Anchoring in our bodies with activities that connect mind, body and spirit create balance and harmony while also improving fine- and gross-motor skills. Ecstatic dance combines the benefits of both meditation and dance by

connecting body, mind and spirit with gently guided movements to music from varied cultures in an environment of support and unconditional acceptance of our individual physical limitations and skills. Anyone can experience the therapeutic benefits of music and dance to lift your spirits, create a sense of peace and increase your happiness levels.

Our Fellowship is about belonging and, through this sense of belonging, we each grow spiritually. We are a Welcoming Congregation; we invite everyone to share in our faith community. We cherish diversity and foster a safe environment for all.

Service begins at 10:30 a.m., and following that we invite you to share refreshments and conversation. Find us in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza. From North Pagosa Boulevard, turn right onto Park Avenue and right again into Greenbriar Plaza, then turn left and continue around the complex until you see the Unitarian Universalist sign as it faces the mountains. Come in and join us. You are welcome.

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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.

All-Ages Movie. 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. A doubting 8-year-old boy is whisked to the North Pole on a magical train for a meeting with Santa. Meanwhile, the train's conductor, along with the other young passengers, help turn the boy's crisis in faith into a wondrous journey of self-discovery. Call 264-2209

for more information.

Teen Book Club. 2-3 p.m. Sisson Library. Join us for snacks and a lively discussion of this month's book, "Bone Gap," by Laura Ruby. For teens in the 7th-12th grade. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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PAGOSA SCENE . . .

MAIN STREET BETHLEHEM

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Scene ... in first-century Bethlehem, brought back to life at Centerpoint Church last weekend. The event allowed those attending to experience the sights, sounds and smells of what Bethlehem might have been like on the night of Jesus' birth.



PAGOSA SCENE . . .

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Photos courtesy George Hunyadi

Scene ... at the Pagosa Springs Community Choir's Christmas concerts. The concerts, which centered on the theme of "noel," featured the choir's jazz ensemble, as well as the full choir of about 60 locals. The choir presented the concert three times over the weekend, welcoming December in a festive manner.



Getting ready for the next season

I decided to take one more swipe at the dust and cobwebs before the snow flies. Not only are we entering into the Christmas season, but Sweet Al and I are moving into the next season of our lives — called winter.

We always thought we could do anything. Especially take care of us. Now we have a list of things that need to be done in case one of our children come by.

Overhead on the 20-foot vaulted ceiling, the smoke alarm had been beeping for days and we were going crazy with the chirping. I said to my Sweet Al, “You don’t have any business up on that ladder and I’m not going up, either. We’ll wait for one of our kids to offer to change the batteries.”

Funny, no one offered to climb the ladder to fix it. I delved into writing and closed my mind to it. Sweet Al went outside.

Our youngest daughter came to the house. “I’ve got to do something about that noise. I can’t stand it another minute. Daddy, get the ladder and some batteries.”

When I heard free help, I started making my list. “While you’re up there, dust the flying goose and the turkey; here, take this broom and sweep the bear hide on the wall. Don’t forget to clean the deer and the wild pig. And sweep down those cobwebs. Dust those leaves on that tall plant. It’s a jungle in here.”

Al and our daughter climbed the stairs to the loft. She stood on top of the 10-foot ladder. I gave her instructions and Al held the ladder below and worried about his turkey wings.

“Be careful with the feathers. Be gentle. You’re not wiping the feathers the right way.” He couldn’t handle it any longer. He climbed up the backside of the ladder.

I heard our daughter yell, “Daddy, get down; I’m about to fall.” She held on to goose in flight tethered

Artist’s Lane

Betty Slade



by a fishing line.

I looked up and yelled. “Al Slade, get down from there. You are supposed to be holding the ladder for Angel. What are you doing on the ladder?”

“I’m holding it so she won’t fall.”

“You can’t hold the ladder when you’re 10 feet in the air.”

“Yes, I can.”

Al still has in his mind he can fly with the eagles. But, I see the limitations. We are slowing down and not making the best decisions.

When our daughter came down the ladder, she said, “There was 6 inches of dust on those wings, the turkey will be able to fly higher now, the wild pig doesn’t look so mean. Even the bear is happier.”

“I know I’m happier, but while I have help, let’s move to the bedroom. Let’s flip the mattress. It’s a king and we can’t do it alone.”

The mattress and box springs were slid off the frame and stood against the wall. The vacuum came out. “While we’ve got the bed pulled out, we need to sweep the logs behind the bed. Now, let’s put the mattress back.”

We wrestled with it. “Al, we need to flip it. You’re trying to put it back the same way. Why is it everything we do together we work against each other?”

He didn’t hear and kept pushing and pulling the mattress.

I said, “You can’t hear me. Would you wear them if we bought you hearing aids?”

He answered, “I don’t wear a size 38.”

“That’s not what I said. You can’t

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Hot chocolate hullabaloo: Free holiday fun for all ages

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

The first of three special free Christmas events for all ages takes place next Thursday, Dec. 14, from 4 to 6 p.m., when your library hosts a hot chocolate hullabaloo. Bring your family and friends and celebrate the holidays with us as you create your own seasonable crafts to take home while drinking hot cocoa.

Also, mark your calendars for two more special family holiday events: A cookie cook-off on Dec. 20 from 2 to 3 p.m., and an event to create candy and chocolate holiday treats on Dec. 21 from 4 to 6 p.m. Watch for more details in next week's "Library News" column.

Library closure

Your library is closed today, Thursday, Dec. 7, for staff training.

We are partnering with the Ignacio Public Library to share ideas and activities relating to community engagement and team building. So, while the building is closed, our staff will be working and learning things to make the library even better for you, our patrons.

All-ages gaming tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, Dec.

Library News

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

LEGO Club

Kids ages 6-12 are invited to bring your imaginations — LEGOs are provided — this Saturday, Dec. 9, from 11 a.m. to noon for the free LEGO Club.

Tween gaming

Free gaming for fourth through eighth grades is Monday, Dec. 11, from 4 to 5 p.m. Enjoy Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks.

Teen gaming

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

Book club for adults

Our free book club for adults meets the second Tuesday of each

month from 2 to 3 p.m. to discuss alternating fiction and nonfiction titles.

On Dec. 12, we will discuss "Doc Susie: The True Story of a Country Physician in the Colorado Rockies" by Virginia Cornell. Stop by to pick up a copy. No registration is required.

DIY for adults

At this month's free DIY event on Wednesday, Dec. 13, from 1 to 2 p.m., we'll learn to make mint sugar scrub. We'll use coconut oil, peppermint extract and sugar to create a sweet-smelling scrub that makes a perfect stocking stuffer. No registration is required.

Teen writers group

Join us next Wednesday, Dec. 13, from 4 to 5 p.m. for our free teen writers meeting for seventh-through 12th-graders. This group's interests include stories, poetry, graphic novels and fan fiction.

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Step Back into Colorado's Territorial Days,

with ex-scout Mathew Hensen and his best friend Corporal Tom Cooper as they head up a cattle drive to bring cattle to the valley of the healing waters. Mathew establishes his ranch, then he and Tom Cooper fight side by side when the Civil War threatens the sovereignty of the Western Territories. He also finds himself fighting the giant Navajo on behalf of his Ute friends for ownership of the healing waters, with *Katie West's ...*



Valley of the Healing Waters

And the continuing saga of the Hensen and Cooper families ...



T-Bar Three

The Henson brothers eagerly await the arrival of the Cooper sisters in Pagosa. Tom Cooper warns the young Matt Hensen to stay clear of his daughters but upon meeting Hannah, Matt finds her a temptation hard to resist. Hannah finds herself caught between the love of two brothers while struggling to save the T Bar Three after her father's death.

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Lane

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"I can hear just fine."

Our daughter intervened. "Stop arguing." With one heave, the mattress was turned.

What's the deal? We can read each other's minds, finish each other's sentences, but in this new season of life we can't hear or see each other. No wonder the children don't come by any more.

Final brushstroke: Al says he can see the hair on a turkey leg on

top of Square Top Mountain, but he can't see the salt and pepper on the table. He believes he can still fly with the eagles and I don't think I'll tell him that he's weighed down with a pound of dust from walking this country property. He needs a good dusting. Maybe one of the kids will come by and give my Sweet Al an airing.

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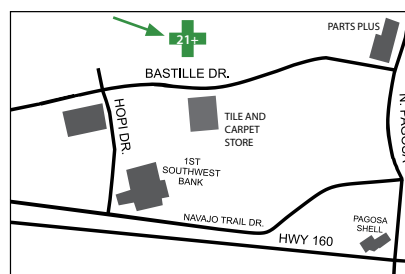
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Adult education

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.

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. Note there will be no Tech Time today, Dec. 7.

Kids storytime

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

Baby storytime

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

Toddler storytime

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

Activities calendars

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

DVDs

"Stateless" is a documentary about former Soviet Jews denied refugee status in the U.S. "No Time for Sergeants" is a comedy starring Andy Griffith. "Windwalker" is the story of a Cheyenne warrior. "Wind River" is a thriller. "American Gods" is season one.

Thrillers and mysteries

"Ramses the Damned" by Anne Rice begins with the Egyptian pharaoh waking up in Edwardian England. "The People vs Alex Cross" by James Patterson has the hero on trial for murder. "Tom Clancy Power and Empire" by Marc Cameron is a Jack Ryan adventure.

Other novels

"The Story of Arthur Truluv" by Elizabeth Berg features three people, two of whom meet in a cemetery. "Secrets of Cavendon" by Barbara Taylor Bradford is a saga of two families.

Large print

"The House of Unexpected Sisters" by Alexander McCall Smith is a No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency story. "Quick and Dirty" by Stuart Woods is a Stone Barrington adventure. "Mind Game" by Iris Johansen is an Eve Duncan mystery. "Deep Freeze" by John Sandford is a Virgil Flowers mystery. "After the Fire" by Henning Mankell follows an elderly recluse after his house burns down. "Typhoon Fury" by Live Cussler and Boyd Morrison is an Oregon Files adventure. "In the Midst of Winter" by Isabel Allende

is a romance. "Pulse" by Felix Francis is a Dick Francis racing world mystery. "The Quantum Spy" by David Ignatius is a CIA mystery. "In This Moment" by Karen Kingsbury is a Baxter family Christian novel. "Every Breath You Take" by Mary Higgins Clark and Alafair Burke is an Under Suspicion mystery. "Tell Tale" by Jeffrey Archer is a short story collection.

Nonfiction

"Colorado" is an Insight Guidebook with a free app and e-book. "The Long Running Life of Helena Zigon" by Jasmina Kozina Praprotnik is a biography of the legendary Slovenia runner. "Eat and Make" by Sweet Paul provides recipes and kitchen crafts. "What Unites Us" by Dan Rather features the former TV anchor's reflections on patriotism. "Inside Camp David" by Rear Adm. Michael Giorgione explores the private world of the presidential retreat. "Football's Greatest" is an updated Sports Illustrated guide.

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But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." *Luke 2:10-11*

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When the shepherds heard the news announced by angels they hurried to find this newborn Messiah. Throughout the gospel accounts Jesus is proclaimed with power to be the Christ. In Acts 2 Peter declared to the gathered crowd of Jews that Jesus is the Christ proven by his life and miracles, eye witness accounts of his resurrection, and fulfilled Hebrew prophecy. What response would they make?

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Free legal aid day set for seniors and people with disabilities

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

Anthony D. Edwards of Sholler Edwards LLC will be at the Pagosa Springs Senior Center for consultation on Dec. 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The free legal aid is provided by the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging.

Edwards offers assistance with public benefits and utilities shut off; landlord/tenant problems; older adults being evicted; simple wills; power of attorney; medical durable power of attorney and living wills; consumer issues such as advocating for persons harassed by debt collectors; emergency limited

Senior News

long-term care guardianship and domestic problems, such as abuse (all inclusive: exploitation, emotional, physical, etc.); and elder abuse education presentations: financial exploitation, emotional, physical, etc.

Please call the Senior Center for an appointment, 264-2167.

Health and wellness

The Senior Center has a pilot

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The next wellness event will be Dec. 20.

There is no charge for Medicare enrollees. Participant IDs will include Medicare card, photo ID and, if necessary, any supplemental insurances. No Medicaid is accepted at this time. Participants are encouraged to bring a list of their current medications.

Clinical assessment will be provided by Tabitha Zappone, FNP-C.

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San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging long-term care ombudsmen: New long-term care regulations

By Kay Kaylor

As the ombudsman for Archuleta County, I advocate for residents

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Senior

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 at Pine Ridge and BeeHive Homes. Federal and state laws protect these residents and the second phase of the new long-term care regulations took effect Nov. 28. As noted in an earlier column, various entities are challenging these new laws, which were written after a lengthy process to further protect vulnerable residents.

Every nine to 15 months, the Colorado Health Facilities and Emergency Medical Services Division conducts a survey of each nursing and assisted living home to determine compliance of federal and state laws, unless complaints initiate more frequent surveys.

The new survey process is even more resident-centered, with changes in the following areas: behavioral health services; dietary services; quality assurance and performance improvements; infection control and antibiotic stewardship; smoking policies; resident rights and facility responsibilities (required contact information); freedom from abuse, neglect and exploitation; admission, transfer and discharge rights (transfer/discharge documentation); comprehensive person-centered care planning; pharmacy services (psychotropic medications); dental services (replacing dentures); and facility assessment of residents.

For readers who have friends and relatives in long-term care homes out of state, the same survey will be used throughout the United States. In future columns, I will explain the survey process in detail.

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

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Tuesday, Dec. 12 — Beef red chili, zucchini medley, charro beans, cornbread and salad bar.

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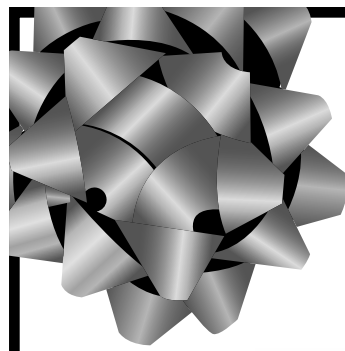
Thursday, Dec. 14 — Sweet and sour pork, brown fried rice with egg, sugar snap pea medley, roasted cauliflower with red peppers and salad bar.

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

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Wrapping trees to prevent damage

By Darrin Parmenter
PREVIEW Columnist

In southwest Colorado, our coldest months are fast approaching. In December 2016, Pagosa Springs had nine nights that registered below 10 degrees, January of 2017 had 17 nights. Additionally, between those two months, we also had 17 days where the temperature swing was greater than 30 degrees.

As someone who has lived in this neck of the woods the majority of one's life, I appreciate those warm sunny days in the dead of winter. It's not gray; the chance of fog and high humidity is relatively slim and there is no high of 32 and low of 28 with a chance of freezing rain.

But for a number of our trees, especially those that are thin-barked, the cold nights coupled with the large swings in temperature, snow on the ground and sun in the sky can make for a stressful winter.

So, for deciduous trees such as lindens, maples, honeylocusts, crabapples, poplars and most fruit trees, I recommend wrapping the trunk of the tree the first two to three years after planting them in your landscape. The wrapping material, which is typically made of a crepe paper-like material, is commonly found at our local nurseries and a roll can last for numerous seasons, depending on how many trees you need to wrap.

As a side note, I have never really liked wrapping Christmas presents. Actually, as I have aged I have purposefully gotten worse at perfecting my craft. My hope is that in the next two years, my daughter, Elena, who is all sorts of arts and crafts, can wrap all the presents. Even her own.

But I digress. The purpose of wrapping a tree's trunk is because

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the thin-barked trees are susceptible to sunscald (also referred to as "south-side damage" because that is typically the side of the tree that incurs the injury) and frost-cracking. In both of these cases, what happens is during our warm sunny days, the cells of the trees come out of their slumber and start moving water and nutrients through the vascular tissue. The snow on the ground only exacerbates the amount of cellular activity as it reflects the sunlight back to the trunk of the tree, warming up the tree's tissues even more.

Come late afternoon when the sun drops, so does the temperature. Rapidly. The cells don't push the water through their walls fast enough, so they burst. Given the fact that last winter (November-February) we had over 30 days where the temperature difference was greater than 35 degrees, it is no surprise that we frequently see this type of damage on our newly planted trees.

The tree wrap will provide a bit of insulation, but will also reflect

the sunlight, keeping temperatures cool. Start wrapping the tree at the base, overlapping one-third with each turn, which will enable the wrap to shed water and keep the trunk dry. Once you reach the first branch, cut the wrap and either staple it to itself or adhere to the tree with duct tape.

Wrap the tree around Thanksgiving (right now is fine, since we have been so unseasonably warm) and remove it around Tax Day (think "feast and famine") because it can harbor diseases and insects during the growing season. Once the tree starts to form a rough, or calloused, bark, you most likely won't have to wrap it anymore.

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Staying in control of the holidays

By John Lough
Special to The PREVIEW

Yes, you made it through Thanksgiving and only feel slightly guilty about that third helping of dessert. But, hang on, the real temptations of the holiday season are still in front of you.

Of course, the odds are pretty good you'll survive the holiday season (unless you drink and drive, but more on that later), but how about a goal this year of successfully being in charge of yourself during the holidays, in charge in a way that lets you enjoy the holidays without feeling tired, overweight and guilty when Jan. 2 rolls around?

One starting point to making the holiday season more manageable is simply to do some planning. If this is a season of gift buying for your family, start making lists now of what things will do the job and keep you within an affordable budget. Holiday gift giving can be fun and exciting. January credit card bills can only be depressing, especially if December spending was all last minute impulse buying. And yes, homemade gifts, or truly thoughtful gifts, are always what will be the most appreciated and usually won't break the bank.

How about not letting holiday overeating this year be another source of guilt when you step on that scale in January? Most of us will face multiple temptation opportunities from office parties to visits with friends to family gather-

ings. Each event will usually offer plenty of chances to consume too many high-calorie treats. Should you avoid all the parties and those food temptations? Nope. That will just leave you feeling deprived and unhappy. Instead, enjoy all your favorite things, but do so slowly and in moderation. The main thing is to make sure you're in control. One serving of holiday dessert is lovely, but two or three means the party is in control of you.

And, speaking of staying in control, the place it matters most is holiday drinking. One drink too many has led to countless DUI tickets, serious accidents or even just a career disaster thanks to what was said or done at that office party. Especially if you're normally a non- or very light drinker, don't let the holiday spirits do you in. Soft drinks, a wine spritzer or just one drink slowly enjoyed throughout the party are all good choices compared to over-indulging.

Enjoying the holiday season while staying in control is a nice formula for a good time without January regrets.

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

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- 16 Page size
- 17 _____ Park, KS
- 18 Low pair
- 19 Perfect score, sometimes
- 20 Venomous viper
- 22 Fern-to-be
- 23 Farm structure
- 24 Hardly wimpy
- 26 Butter up?
- 29 Hamlet, e.g.
- 33 Kind of code
- 34 Official mandate
- 35 Windy City athlete
- 36 Molasses yielder
- 38 Style seen in "The Great Gatsby"

- 40 Easily tamed bird
- 41 Post-vacation task
- 43 Parade stopper
- 44 Inlaid with gold or silver
- 46 Hunky-dory
- 47 Treasure holder
- 48 Corn's core
- 49 A deadly sin
- 52 Gripper
- 54 Kind of gun
- 57 Exit, in a way
- 59 Poison ivy aid
- 61 Arrival en masse
- 62 Parrot
- 63 Cut molars
- 64 Silent party at a will reading

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- 12 Fiesta fare
- 13 Part of OTC
- 14 Come in last
- 21 Grind
- 23 Doe's mate
- 25 Counter worker
- 26 Stationed
- 27 Cooking smell
- 28 Red Cross supply
- 29 Violent storm
- 30 Poseidon's place
- 31 Clear
- 32 Dark wood
- 34 Kind of cap
- 37 Secret

- 39 Lackluster
- 42 Alka-seltzer, eg.
- 45 Rebel, in a way
- 46 Be generous
- 48 Infant's illness
- 49 Crack
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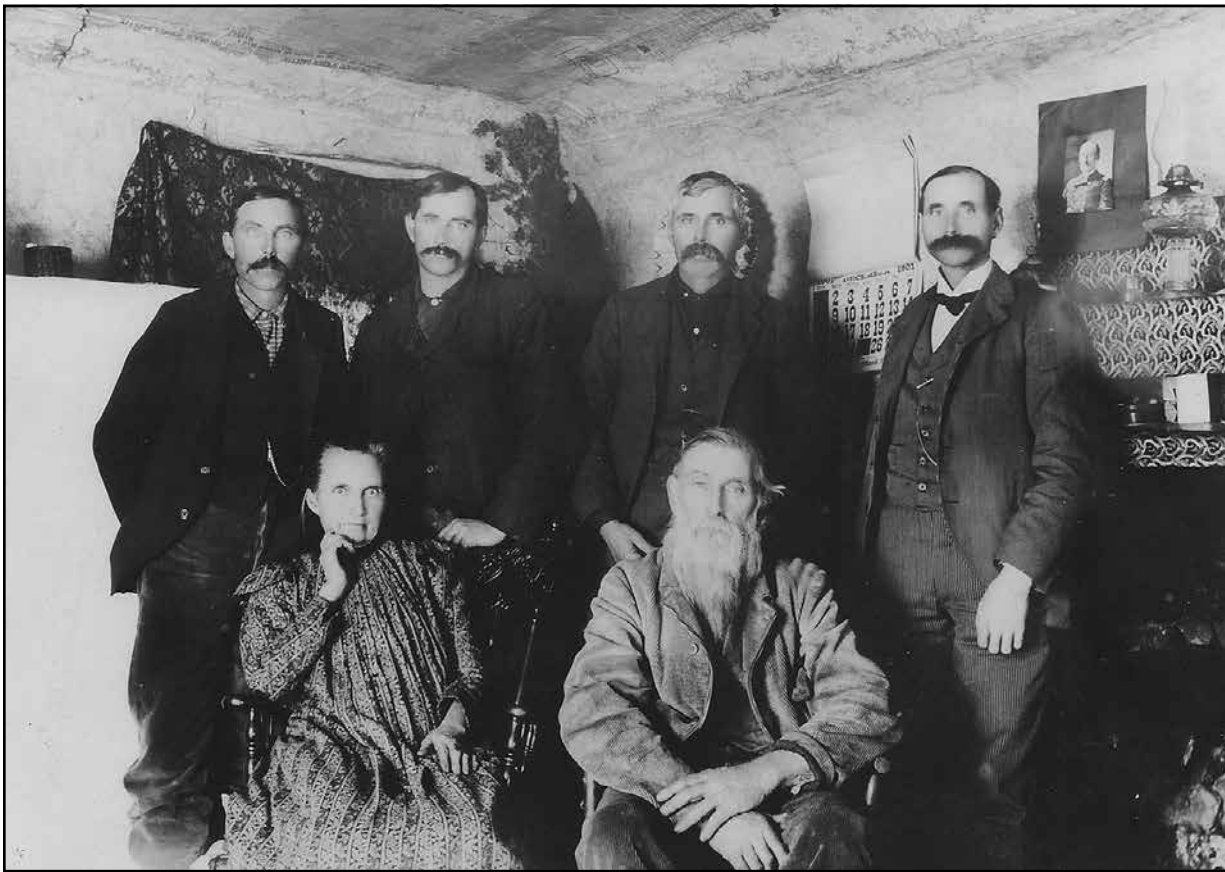


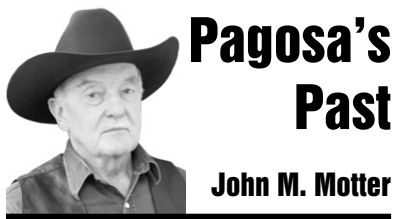
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The Chapson family ranched and did whatever they could to make a living on the West Fork of the San Juan River. Many of the Summitville and East Fork miners lived on the West Fork, but maintained close ties with the East Fork.

History of the East Fork: Utilities stretch over the mountains

We continue with the history of the East Fork of the San Juan River. After Cumbres Pass opened in 1877 and the Denver and Rio Grande narrow gauge railroad reached the upper Animas River mining country by that pass in 1881, the East Fork entry route to Pagosa Springs and the San Juan Basin was not the only or even the best route across the South San Juan Mountains.

Some pioneers continued to



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

use the East Fork as an entry route, prospecting and mining continued in the mountains surrounding the East Fork and several home-

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A person who desires to be considered for the vacant school director position needs to submit a letter of interest by 3 pm on December 14, 2017, to the District Office at 309 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs; by email, rbennett@pagosa.k12.co.us; or by mail to: Executive Assistant Robyn Bennett, PO Box 1498, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. The letter of intent must address the following: 1. Why do you want to be on the Board? 2. Do you plan on running for the position once your term expires in November of 2019? 3. What is your philosophy of education as it relates to serving on the Board?

The Board of Education plans to conduct interviews at 5 pm on January 4, 2018.

State Street Ballet of Santa Barbara to perform classic 'Nutcracker' this weekend

By **Indiana Reed**
Special to The PREVIEW

More than 60 local dancers will join the professionals of the State Street Ballet of Santa Barbara to present the magical holiday ballet, "Nutcracker," at the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College.

For the 11th consecutive year, the ballet will charm Durango audiences with two matinee (2 p.m.) and two evening (7:30 p.m.) performances, Friday-Sunday, Dec. 8-10, and the ballet will once again feature a live orchestra, as the San Juan Symphony is set to perform.

Artistic Director Rodney Gustafson holds true to the original classical ballet in this Tchaikovsky masterpiece, creating a traditional "Nutcracker" set in Victorian times and suited for all ages.

"Everyone should have the opportunity to see this timeless and beautiful ballet during the holidays," noted Gustafson in a press release. "It's a story everyone can follow as it's brought to life through familiar music and timeless dance."

The "Nutcracker" is based on the book "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King" by E.T.A. Hoffman and tells the story of a young German girl, Clara, whose godfather Drosselmeyer, a skilled clock and toy maker, presents her with a toy nutcracker during a holiday party.

In Clara's dream, the toy comes to life and escorts her on a journey to a magical land, where a cast of unusual characters entertains her through dance.

The young, local dancers scheduled to perform with the professionals have been coordinated by Emily Simpson Grandt of San Juan Ballet. Local dancers scheduled to perform are:

Party scene children: Alisen Bailou, Penelope Brabeck, Sydney DeLacey, Cameron DeLacey, Lilia Reynolds, Adaley Rhea, Embrey Saville, Dane Solecki, Anna Wiley and Laynes Williams.

Mice: Gabriella Albert (Queen), Breeanna Barrett, Makayla Bogan, Lana Brooks (Queen), Maya Fontenot, Rose Hamill, Annabeth Hanson (Queen), Bela Knox, Ayumi Lambert (Queen), Rose LeCompte, Julian Lochte-Bono, Brooklyn McConnell, Evie Onions, Scarlett Ramsey (Queen), Gillian Reynolds (Queen), Lyla Solecki, Naomi Verow and Alexis Wood.

Soldiers: Ben Barrett, Elizabeth Barrett (Lead), Violet Bleger, Kalina Brabeck, Juliet DiGiacomo, Hannah Dobesh (Lead), Dewa Ilg, Wei Lambert, Sophia Scavo, Eden Smith and Genevieve Thompson.

Angels: Alisen Bailou, Penelope Brabeck, Zara Rose Brown, Sydney DeLacey, Emila Faijala, Emma Hallin, Samantha Phelps, Alyxandrya Potter,

Lilia Reynolds, Adaley Rhea, Embrey Saville, Anya Snyder, Gwendolyn Thompson, Rexanne Trautmann, Anna Wiley, Laynee Williams and Lucinda Zastrocky.

Bon-Bons: Amaris Bedell, Millie Bird, Alexa Blake, Vivian Frazier, Maia Garcia, Cora Hay, Ada Kelley, Elaina Onions, Abigail Phelps, Manna Roethenmund, Marley Stordeur and Sophie Valdez.

Bon-Bon Big Sisters: Kalina Brabeck and Sophia Scavo.

State Street Ballet of Santa Barbara was founded in 1995 as a non-profit organization by Gustafson, who was formerly with Geneva Ballet, Cleveland Ballet and American Ballet Theatre.

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Past

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decay under the withering assault of summer sun and winter snow. We'll name several of those early residents and describe their East Fork lifestyles later in this series. It should be noted that the valley remained useful for other purposes.

It seems mail from the east was delivered by this route from 1878 until the late 1880s. It was also the shortest crossing of the mountains for a number of other purposes. About 1907, the Colorado Telephone Company strung a major east-west telephone line through the East Fork route. The East Fork road provided access for the installation and maintenance of this line.

An item in the Times-Observer newspaper, one of several newspapers serving Pagosa Springs in earlier times, published the following article on Nov. 1, 1907. It read: "Work on the new telephone line between here and Monte Vista is progressing nicely. Deputy Forest Ranger, E.E. Chapson has seven men working on this side of the range."

Right of way patents were obtained by the Colorado Telephone Company in 1910. By 1911, they transferred ownership to the Mountain States Telephone Com-

pany. According to an article in The Pagosa Springs SUN in March 1952, this company still operated the line in 1952.

Jud Thiele, owner of the Pagosa Springs Telephone Company, purchased the Mountain States Telephone Company toll line running from Platoro through the East Fork (the same line we've been talking about) to Yellow Jacket in May 1955. Thiele sold to Oswald Reeves and family in October of 1956. Some time after this purchase, service from the East Fork line was discontinued. Much of the wire and insulators were sold for salvage, I've been told by both Thiele and Reeves. I'm sure old-timers from Pagosa, as do I, remember seeing

the rotting old telephone poles.

Finally, a natural gas line was laid along this route, necessitating restoration of the old road for installation and maintenance access. Later owners of the East Fork, Whit Newton and Frank Teal, closed the route, but allowed limited passage if permission was first obtained by them. During recent years (early 1980s), an agreement between the U.S. Forest Service and Teal and more recent owner McCarthy has kept the road open to the public. It provides logging, cattle grazing and recreational access to an extensive area.

Next week we'll get into East Fork settlers and their homesites, for sure.

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MARDEL GALLEGOS CENTER is hiring a part-time (25 hours a week) Program Support Assistant. HS/GED and prior clerical experience required. Send resume to mandyc@tchs4c.org or apply in person at Mardel Gallegos Head Start, 475 S. 8th St.

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VA announces rollout and application process for new veterans ID card

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced that the application process for the national Veterans Identification Card (VIC) is now available for veterans — yet another action honoring their service.

This has been mandated through legislation since 2015 to honor veterans, and the rollout of the ID card fulfills that overdue promise.

Only those veterans with honorable service will be able to apply for the ID card, which will provide proof of military service, and may be accepted by retailers in lieu of the standard DD-214 form to obtain promotional discounts and other services where offered to veterans.

“The new Veterans Identification Card provides a safer and more convenient and efficient way for most veterans to show proof of service,” said VA Secretary Dr. David J. Shulkin. “With the card, veterans with honorable service to our nation will no longer need to carry around their paper DD-214s to obtain veteran discounts and other services.”

The VIC provides a more portable and secure alternative for those who served the minimum obligated time in service, but did not meet the retirement or medical discharge threshold. Veterans who served in the armed forces, including the reserve components, and who have a discharge of honorable or general (under honorable conditions) can request a VIC.

To request a VIC, veterans must visit vets.gov, click on “Apply for Printed Veteran ID Card” on the bottom left of the page and sign in or create an account.

Veterans who apply for a card should receive it within 60 days and

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can check delivery status of their cards at vets.gov. A digital version of the VIC will be available online by mid-December.

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.

For more information

The office of the Archuleta County veterans service officer (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.

This assistance is provided within the guidelines, policies and procedures established by the Colorado Department of Military and Veteran Affairs. This is a mandated program of the state of Colorado.

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.

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