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Section of South 8th Street to close

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

Beginning tomorrow, Jan. 13, a section of South 8th Street will be closed until better weather allows for maintenance to be performed on the road.

According to a press release from Pagosa Springs Special Project Manager Scott Lewandowski, the road will be closed from the San Juan Alley to Piedra Street.

The press release states the section of road will be closed due to "continuous winter weather and current road conditions."

Construction to improve this section of the road began in 2016, but wasn't completed by the time winter weather arrived.

"The Town of Pagosa Springs advises the public to follow detours and or utilize alternate routes. Alternate routes from Highway 160 to the south of Town include South 10th, South 6th Street and Hot Springs Boulevard to Apache Street," reads the press release.

For more information regarding the project, contact Lewandowski at 264-4151, ext. 235.

Come talk about art in Pagosa

By Rachel Novak
Special to The SUN

The Town of Pagosa Springs is currently in the process of updating its comprehensive plan and with that process will come several public meetings and open houses.

Stakeholder interviews were conducted Nov. 29 and 30 and throughout those discussions, one of the topics that was discussed pertained to art in Pagosa Springs. In response, the Town Planning Department is hosting a public conversation regarding art in our community this coming Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 5 p.m. in the Town Hall council chambers.

Join us in an open discussion regarding increasing public art

■ See Art A8

Rain, snow, sleet, slush, slides



Photo courtesy Colorado Department of Transportation

Top: A natural slide occurs on Wolf Creek Pass at mile-post 162.5 on U.S. 160, about 2 miles east of the lookout, on Thursday, Jan. 5. The snowslide path covered approximately 150-200 feet of roadway and was 6-12 feet deep with debris including trees and limbs. No one was injured in the slide. The pass was closed for mitigation work at the time of the natural slide and remained closed until 12:30 p.m. Friday due to avalanche concerns.

Right: An outdoor Christmas tree is viewed through rain streams running down the window of a Chromo residence. Area residents had a mixed bag of rain, snow and sleet over the past week. More precipitation is forecast through Tuesday of next week.



Photo courtesy George Hunyadi

More winter weather on the way

By Terri House
Staff Writer

Pagosa Springs area residents experienced a mixed bag of weather over the past week, including rain, freezing rain and snow, with more of the same pattern in the forecast.

According to the National Weather Service, "active weather" will continue as a series of storms move across the area.

The report states, "Expect periods of snow and blowing snow in mountain zones with snow and occasional mixed precipitation in valleys. Less active weather is expected this weekend as weak high pressure builds in from the west, then there is a chance of mountain snow, with rain and snow in the valleys, Sunday night through Tuesday."

Due to heavy snow and high wind gusts, and in the interest of public safety, the Colorado Department of Transportation

■ See Winter A8

Increased housing density, smaller lot sizes considered

By Jim Garrett
Staff Writer

At its meeting on Jan. 3, the Pagosa Springs Town Council approved on first reading an ordinance that would allow increased housing density and smaller lot sizes in parts of downtown.

The ordinance would amend portions of Chapter 21 of the town's Land Use and Development Code (LUDC).

The amendments would re-designate the current R-18 zoning district as R-22, and correspondingly increase allowed dwelling unit density per acre in that part of downtown

■ See Zoning A8

Geothermal exploration funding terminated

By Jim Garrett
Staff Writer

The Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) has nixed efforts of Archuleta County and the Town of Pagosa Springs to "repurpose" nearly 75 percent of a \$1.9 million DOLA grant approved in 2014 to help fund local geothermal exploration.

The grant was part of a package of funding assembled by a public/private partnership between the local governments and local renewable energy company Pagosa Verde LLC to undertake the exploration project.

The town and county teamed up

■ See Geothermal A8

Closing the gap: Residents express views on Riverwalk

By Jim Garrett
Staff Writer

The 2017 Goals and Objectives set by the Pagosa Springs Town Council specify completion of the downtown Riverwalk, by closing a quarter-mile gap, as a critical objective for the town.

However, several downtown residents who would be most directly affected by achievement of the objective, when asked for their views at a public meeting Thursday, Jan. 5, were critical, expressing concerns over the impacts on their homes of noise, litter and unseemly behavior of trail users.

The Riverwalk is a multiuse trail between the River Center east of downtown and the Apache Street bridge near Town Hall.

Town Planning Director James Dickhoff explained in a later interview that the trail extends over a total distance of 2 miles from start to finish.

Winding along the river, over a foot-bridge at 6th Street, and through bird-inhabited wetlands, the trail is popular with walkers, joggers and bicyclists. With its vistas of mountains and the river, it provides a signature tourist attraction for the town.

But for years, a gap has existed in the Riverwalk trail from Town Park to the east bank of the river on the north side of the U.S. 160 bridge at 1st Street, near the River Center. A public meeting was held on Jan. 5 to discuss alternatives to closing the gap.

■ See Riverwalk A8



Illustration courtesy Town of Pagosa Springs

For years, a one-quarter-mile gap has existed in the Riverwalk trail from Town Park to the east bank of the river on the north side of the U.S. 160 bridge at 1st Street, near the River Center. A public meeting was held on Jan. 5 to discuss alternatives to closing the gap.

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ARTS & LIFE

'Buyer and Cellar'

Thingamajig Theatre Company • Jan. 13-29 • Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts



‘Buyer and Cellar’ to open tomorrow at Center for the Arts

By R. Eli Townsend
Special to The PREVIEW

Andrew Start is so charming it's almost a crime. This New York actor has had the good sense to take this show — the perfect showcase for his extraordinary talents. One wishes he could take it on the road, just like the big stars of past used to do.

The play is “Buyer and Cellar” by Jonathan Tolins, a fantasy excursion about the memory of Barbra Streisand, which is to say an examination of fame, wealth, creativity and loneliness, among other things. It's a fascinating play with deep wells of compassion

for the rich and famous and for the poor and ignored.

But above all else, it's funny. Really, really funny. It feels so good to be in such reliable company as Start, Tolins and director Melissa Firlit, all of whom take good care of the audience. Everything is carefully calibrated to allow us to relax into the situation as Start begins the 100-minute play in a very self-effacing way, endearing himself to the audience and ensuring us that what we're about to see is purely a work of fiction inspired by something almost too strange too be true, but that is, in fact, the truth.

In her 2010 coffee table book “My Passion for De-
■ See Center on next page

Thursday

Pagosa Brewing Company: Live Trivia, 6 p.m.

Riff Raff Brewing Company: Brooks i Duo, 6 p.m.

Friday

Borde Rio: Rob and Zac Schmidt, 5 p.m.

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

Saturday

Borde Rio: Rewired Blues Band, 5 p.m.

Riff Raff Brewing Company: Loose Produce, 6 p.m.

Sunday

Borde Rio: Bob Hemenger, 4 p.m.

Riff Raff Brewing Company: M.R. Tillman, 6 p.m.

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Borde Rio: Steve Blechschmidt, 4 p.m.

Pagosa Brewing Company: Tim Sullivan, 6 p.m.

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The Pagosa Springs SUN thanks longtime Pagosa Springs supporter Mrs. Shirley Slesinger Lasswell for the privilege of being the only newspaper in the United States to publish the ‘Red Ryder and Little Beaver’ comic strip. The ongoing adventures of Red Ryder and Little Beaver which began appearing in the Preview section with the December 26, 1996, edition of the SUN first ran in major daily newspapers across America from December 25, 1938 through December 4, 1963. Drawn by the late Fred Harman, the comic strips are under the registered copyright restrictions of Red Ryder Enterprises, Inc.

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By Fred Harman

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Charles Martinez to offer contemplative music for Sunday Night Unplugged

By Sally Neel
Special to The PREVIEW

This Sunday evening at 5 p.m., Sunday Night Unplugged will enjoy the contemplative music of the Native American flute expertly played by local artist Charles Martinez.

Sunday Night Unplugged is a monthly service of music, short readings and silence for meditation offered to the public by St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. It is free of charge, though donations are always appreciated.

Martinez, a Pagosa Springs native, has inspired many by the haunting, mellow sounds of his handmade instruments. His reverence for God and creation speaks through each flute, unleashing sounds that seem to depict the mystery and holiness of nature. He plays his own compositions, drawing his listeners into a time of meditation and peace.

"As we embark upon a new year, I can think of no greater way to contemplate the path God wants us to take than to sit, listen and pray in the midst of Charles Martinez's music. Charles' tunes are not ones that tend to stick in your mind's ear. Rather, his music transports us, enabling us to rid ourselves of the busy thoughts that tend to consume us in our daily lives. It gently guides us to a peaceful place, to a place of holiness," said Fr. Doug Neel, rector of St. Patrick's.

St. Patrick's provides a perfect venue for meditation with its floor-to-ceiling transept windows that offer views of the San Juan Mountains and towering pine trees. The altar is beautifully decorated and prayer candles are made available to commemorate special prayers you may wish to offer.

Sunday Night Unplugged is an opportunity to offer your personal prayers in a setting that is purposefully prepared to help you feel



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

Charles Martinez will offer the haunting beauty of his Native American flutes at Sunday Night Unplugged, a service of music and meditation, this Sunday evening at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. This monthly service held at 5 p.m. is offered free of charge to the public. St. Patrick's is located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

welcome and safe. Many make this service a monthly commitment to enhance their spiritual journey.

St. Patrick's is located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Sunday Night Unplugged begins at 5 p.m. and lasts about an hour. You are invited to come and enter into peace and prayer.

Festival

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The films will start at 7 p.m. on Jan. 28 at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse. Tickets are available online at cmc.org/bcff or at the

door. PLPOA members receive discount.

Contact Julie Mach for more information at juliemach@cmc.org or (303) 996-2764.



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Stirring and gathering up the heart

We have entered into a new year and left behind the old one. This is the time when I reflect on where we've been and what we've walked through in 2016. We might have to roll up our pant legs on this one. My Sweet Al and I have waded through a lot of stuff, some good and some not so good.

I call it reflecting. Al calls it "stirring the pot." He says when I reflect, I keep the smell in the air. About the time it settles down, I stir the pot and whip it up again.

I tell him I'm bringing closure and I'd like to think I'm gathering up the things of the heart. I'm bringing important things home to me. I bundle them up and feel completed, and then I'm ready to start a new year.

I just received a message from our son. He said, "Hug Whiskey for me." I told him I had made peace with the Whisk, but it's his Daddy that I have problems with. I rode to our Christmas party with black hair all over the back of my coat. By the time I got to the party, I was stirred up over Al's dog in the car. I threatened Al that I was buying my own car. He and his dog would be forbidden to ride in it. He could have the 4-Runner since he can't and won't leave his dog at home.

My son, Stephen, responded, "Just wear a black dress and get over it."

So, there you have it, no sympathy from him. But here we are looking at a new year and new possibilities.

We have been stirring a couple of pots for the last two years with our son's situation with where he wants to be and where he needs to be. He's been in the Philippines for the past 10 years and loves it, but his heart has turned toward home.

Our son read my article "When to leave the party?" He replied, "The only constant in my thinking lately is coming back to the U.S. To be more honest, my only thinking has been why am I staying in the Philippines? I have 100 reasons, but none seem to be my passion point."

I wrote back and shared a quote I had heard. "If you belong here, you won't be worth a flip there." Believe me, if this child comes home, I'd have a lot of material for my articles. Also, since he does graphic design, I could use his expertise. I need a cover for my new book. I should encourage him to get on that plane and fly home as fast as he can. The problem is he will bring his two golden retrievers. I might rethink it. Email could be the way for him to feel the love of home and for me to get my book cover done.

He responded, "I have one big reason to come back. Daddy. You, too, but ... I got very sad when I read your article. How many pictures weren't I in? I'm long overdue, needing to be seen. Heard would be nice. I'm okay knowing that I

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



wasn't in the pictures because the camera was low on batteries, but not because I wasn't there."

I told my friend what Stephen was going through. He loves the Philippines, he doesn't want to leave, but lately something has stirred in him to be here for his dad and not to have regrets later. We are all getting older. Apparently, he sees the change in us when he does come home.

We used to laugh at our family portraits. Stephen has been out of the country for so long, we would Photoshop him into the pictures. We'd laugh and joke and we'd send a picture of Ryan Gosling as a stand-in for him. It was fine then to laugh and deal with his absence because we knew he would probably never come back home to live.

My friend said something that shot right through me to my core. "God has worked on your son's heart and got him like putty in God's hands. He is using all of this to get Stephen where his heart finds his family, friends, job and purpose all in the same place."

I told her that he has a real mission with the street kids there. I felt it was his purpose and reason the Lord kept him there. It wasn't my call to make. He needs to be where the Lord wants him.

With the stirring in his heart to come home, maybe God is gathering up his heart where every thing he loves is in one place. Who knows? I had an "aha" moment. In the scripture, there is a place where God says he bundled up David in his belly. In other words, he brought everything to his heart, not to a location, but where his heart was completed.

I heard a story years ago. A young child was bothering his father. His father took a page from a magazine, tore up a picture of a world in pieces and told the boy to put it back together. In a few seconds, the boy had put it together and was bothering his father again. When his father asked how he did it, he said, "I just put the pieces of the man together on the other side of the page. When I did, I got the picture of the world right."

The moral to the story is, when the man is right, his world will be right. We blame the world for a lot of things when possibly the heart of man is still in pieces and needs to be put back together.

That's what God has been doing with us this year. He's bringing our family together and getting our world right. He might bring our son home in 2017 and I might get a new car. I'm still stirring the pot and

trying to figure out a way to keep Al and his dog out of it.

Final brushstroke: When the heart is gathered up and is completed, there home will be. As you gather up your thoughts from last year, reflect on them and start a new year; I pray for you and your family to walk in a completed heart. God bless you and yours in this coming year.

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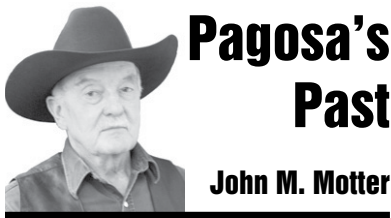
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After the flood: from calamity to humor

We've been writing about the 1911 flood, the worst natural disaster in recorded Pagosa Country history.

The disaster began with an innocent-looking, drizzling rain on Wednesday, Oct. 4, 1911. By Thursday, every river in the county was over its banks and every bridge in the county was destroyed. The downpour eased by late Friday, but



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

already two lives had been claimed by the watery debacle. On Saturday, a tour was made of the flood area.

The editor of The Pagosa Springs SUN wrote on the day following the flood: "On the streets are seen clusters of people congregated together, and one who happens to linger for a moment will hear them consoling and sympathizing with each other in their loss. The people of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County are of a class who can stare calamity in the face and smile. A class of people who will not bow to discouragement. A class who will go ahead with the battle of life with renewed energy. With this class of people, the ruined homes will soon rise from their present state, and will be built up to the same standard that they were before the flood."

He continued, "We can yet boast that we live in the Switzerland of America. We still have the beautiful



Photo courtesy John M. Motter

Hermosa Street in the main residential part of town in October of 1911 was a sea of mud on the day following the flood.

mountain scenery, plenty of hunting, thousands of acres to grow abundant crops, the famous hot springs, and a hundred other facilities are within our reach. The recent incident will pass into history, while we will remain and enjoy privileges as heretofore."

From calamity came humor. Judge E.K. Caldwell's home was moved from its foundation by the force of the waters to a point in the

center of Town Park. After some years elapsed and Caldwell showed no inclination to return the building to its proper setting, the town board sent a delegation to ask him to move it.

"Move it?" he asked the group. "Gentlemen, I can't move it. God put that house there. Who am I, a mere mortal, to tamper with the hand of God?"

Rally, the people did. By the end of October, a bridge was restored

over McCabe Creek and a temporary bridge provided where the U.S. 160 bridge remains today at the east end of town.

A new waterworks was started on 1st Street where the museum is today. A flume was built to provide a temporary source of water for the townspeople. A levy of 32 mills was assessed to pay for replacing damaged town property, including the water works. Within a few months, the town was back to normal.

International affairs study group announces series of sessions in Durango

By Janice Sheftel
Special to The PREVIEW

Great Decisions, an international affairs discussion group, is celebrating its 15th year in Durango. Knowledgeable facilitators will present background materials and lead discussions on eight timely topics in international relations selected by the Foreign Policy Association (FPA).

The discussions begin on Jan. 31 and are held every other Tuesday thereafter at the Durango Public Library. The public is encouraged to attend these thought-provoking sessions.

The discussions, held from 11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., are free and open to the public, students included. Attendees are welcome to bring their lunches.

For the eight selected topics, the FPA has prepared a DVD and book. The DVD will be shown at the corresponding session. The book covers all eight topics and is available for \$25 by sending a check in that amount

made out to LWV LPC and mailed, including email address, to Great Decisions, c/o S. McGinness, 756 E. 6th Ave., Durango, CO 81301.

The sessions are as follows.

- Jan. 31: "The Future of Europe," led by Eric Nedergaard.
- Feb. 14: "Trade and Politics," led by Michael Todt.
- Feb. 28: "Conflict in the South China Sea," facilitated by Gail Harris.
- March 4: "Nuclear Security," led by Ruth Almanis.
- March 28: "U.S. Foreign Policy and Petroleum," led by Janine Fitzgerald.
- April 11: "Latin America's Political Pendulum," led by Ellen and Ross Park.
- April 25: "Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan," led by Dennis Aaronson.
- May 9: "Saudi Arabia in Transition," led by Katherine Burgess.

More information about the FPA can be found at www.fpa.org. For questions about local discussions, contact Janice Sheftel at janicesheftel@gmail.com.

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Monday Night - Trivia at 7pm

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Wild Wednesdays - \$2 off Wine and Whiskey 3-9, Classic Guitarist Steve Blechschmidt at 4

Next health and wellness program day Jan. 23

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

The Pagosa Springs Senior Center has initiated a pilot program expanding health and wellness services to Archuleta County seniors.

The program includes wellness, blood pressure monitoring or allows individual area seniors to discuss two subjects of their choice. There is no charge for Medicare enrollees. Participant IDs will include Medicare card, photo ID and, if necessary, any supplemental insurances. No Medicaid is accepted at this time. Participants are encouraged to bring a list of their current medications.

Clinical assessment will be provided by Tabitha Zappone, FNP-C. Zappone has been a nurse practitioner for six years and is a long-time resident of Pagosa Springs. She understands the difficulties obtaining health care in a rural area and how these obstacles can be greater for seniors. The goal of the outreach clinic is to provide care to those who are not able to travel.

The next scheduled visit by Zappone will be Jan. 23, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Computer center

The Senior Center is now providing computer access to seniors who are members of the Discount Club.

Computer stations are available by the hour. If no one has signed up for the next hour, seniors may continue to use the computer for an additional hour(s). Computer and Internet access is available during business hours when staff is in attendance and classes are not in session.

New volunteer for computer help

A volunteer will be at the computer center on Mondays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to help with your computer issues. Bring your computer or use one of ours.

Medical alert system

Medical alert monitoring systems are available for seniors. We can help you get set up with a system and assist with the monthly service charges or if you already have a system in place, we can help supplement the monthly service fees. Please call 264-2167 for more information or to sign up.

Medicare Mondays

Are you turning 65? Do you need some help with Medicare? The San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging has openings every Monday at the Senior Center to help you with your Medicare enrollment questions.

Here are some quick tips: If you are collecting Social Security, you will be automatically enrolled in Medicare parts A and B. We can

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help you pick a Part D Prescription Drug Plan. If you don't enroll in a Part D plan, you could face penalties. If you are new to Medicare, you have an eight-month Special Enrollment Period to sign up for parts A, B and D around your 65th birthday. Medicare starts after your employment ends or the group health insurance plan based on your current employment ends, whichever happens first. You do not pay late penalties if you enroll within the eight-month Special Enrollment Period. COBRA and retiree health plans are not considered coverage based on current employment.

Important dates: General enrollment runs from Jan. 1 through March 31 each year and coverage starts July 1. Oct. 15 through Dec. 7 is open (or annual) enrollment for switching plans for Part D and a Medicare Cost Plan; coverage starts Jan. 1.

If you would like to talk to a Medicare counselor, please contact the Area Agency on Aging to make an appointment. Please call 264-0501, ext. 2. We will put you in touch with one of our talented and experienced Medicare counselors.

Memberships

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

Menu

Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch. If you are a senior (60 years and older), for only a \$4 suggested donation, you are eligible for a hot meal, drink and a salad prepared by our kitchen staff.

The guest fee for those 59 and under is \$10 and children 10 years and under can eat for \$5 each. Access to the salad bar is only \$6 for those under 60.

Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 12 — Chicken tortilla soup, three-cheese queso-dilla triangle, steamed asparagus with lemon, black bean with mango salsa and salad bar.

Friday, Jan. 13 — Open-faced tuna melt, shredded Brussels sprouts, baked tomatoes provençal, salad bar and baked apples with pears.

Monday, Jan. 16 — Turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, cranberry sauce and salad bar.

Tuesday, Jan. 17 — Sweet and sour pork with egg, fried brown rice, roasted cauliflower with red peppers, Chinese stir-fried mustard greens, salad bar and almond shortbread cookie.

Wednesday, Jan. 18 — Chicken cordon bleu, linguine, marinara sauce, whole wheat roll, spinach with mushroom sauté, roasted asparagus with walnuts and salad bar.

Thursday, Jan. 19 — Lemon-baked fish, baked sweet potatoes, yellow squash casserole, split pea soup 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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Winning a culture war

By Jeff Smith
Special to The PREVIEW

David, the shepherd boy and slayer of the giant Goliath, lived in a time of madness. Driven to the edge of his culture by a jealous king, he was able to bring the worship of Yahweh back to the center of public life, win his "culture war" and the crown.

The young Christian Church did much the same. Here is how Paul and the other leaders went about it.

Fleeing King Saul, fearing for his life, hiding in a cave, David was joined by other outcasts and misfits (1 Samuel 22:1,2). His first lesson was to lead the people he had and not the ones he might have chosen. The Apostle Paul described the early Christian Church saying that "not many ... were wise ... influential ... or of noble birth" because God chooses "the foolish things of the world to shame the wise" (1 Corinthians 1:27).

David would not kill Saul when given the chance (1 Samuel 24:5). This allowed David to have his place later on. Centuries later, Peter told the Christian Church to "honor the king" (1 Peter 2:17) even though Nero would one day make him a martyr.

Alone, unarmed, in front of Saul and 3,000 troops, David disarmed them with a stunning appeal to the conscience of the mad monarch

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(1 Samuel 24:8-15). Paul said that "setting forth the truth plainly" we "commend ourselves to every man's conscience." (2 Corinthians 4:2).

David's band for war made unarmed people feel safe (1 Samuel 25:14-16). Then a fool named Nabal almost provoked him to murder. Nabal's wife stepped in and begged David not to avenge himself, saying this unjust act would follow him later (1 Samuel 25:33). Paul's entry into the hearts of others was this: "Receive us. We have wronged no man" (2 Corinthians 7:2).

David foresaw that the great evil practiced by the king would one day wreak havoc on him and his kingdom. As Saul chased David, the Philistines regrouped and then drew Saul and his army into a field of battle of their choosing, dooming them (1 Samuel 28:4,5). Patient endurance while evil seemed to prosper was also a trademark of the early church (Romans 15:4).

With time, those loyal to David flourished, while Saul's royal house withered (2 Samuel 3:1). It is fair to ask ourselves as Christians, do we

cause people to flourish (Colossians 1:6)? This is not a given. Jesus was angered when teachers used holy law to tie heavy burdens on people or to focus on minute details while missing greater matters like mercy and justice (Luke 11:46, Matthew 23:23).

The crowning of David receives scant mention in scriptures, but his return of the worship of Yahweh required days of feasting and dancing. Shrewd in battle, skilled as a poet and singer, savvy with allies, flawed but deeply faithful, David had to triumph on several fronts. But he never failed to point to someone far greater than himself and to ideals that transcend small hearts and violent times.

The pattern still works.

Writers' group

You are invited to write for "A Matter of Faith." Send your articles to betty@bettyslade.com.

If you want to learn more about writing, you are invited to become part of an exciting writers' group in Pagosa Springs.

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For further details, email betty@bettyslade.com.

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UU topic: 'Martin Luther King Jr. Day with Anna Ramirez'

By Anna Ramirez
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship invites you to attend a program titled "Martin Luther King Jr. Day with Anna Ramirez," this Sunday, Jan. 15.

This service celebrates the life and legacy of King. He was committed to ending African Americans' status as second-class citizens in their own country and advanced the worldwide cause of human rights. In 1964, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Here are five ways to honor King: 1. Read his work. Check out some lesser known speeches, such as "Our God is Marching On." 2. Read works that inspired him, such as Henry Thoreau's 1849 essay "Civil Disobedience." 3. Watch the film "Selma." 4. Talk with others about King. 5. Help out. Martin Luther King Jr. Day has become recognized as a day of service across the country.

This presentation is designated as intergenerational, so please encourage youth to attend. The collection that was started Dec. 18

for donations to go to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee will continue at this service.

This program reflects the Unitarian Universalist principles of "The inherent worth and dignity of every person," "Justice, equity and compassion in human relations" and "The right goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all."

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Enjoy refreshments and conversation after services, which are held Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza. From North Pagosa Boulevard, turn onto Park Avenue; then turn into the Greenbriar Plaza, drive to the east side of the parking lot and look for the Unitarian Universalist sign, facing north. For further information, see pagosauu.org or call 731-7900.

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The first in a new series of “Artists You Need to Know,” Welshly Arms will take to the stage of the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College in Durango on Jan. 21.

Rock/R&B comes to the Community Concert Hall with Welshly Arms

By **Indiana Reed**
Special to The PREVIEW

Contemporary rock/R&B will warm up the winter night at the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College as Welshly Arms takes the stage on Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m. The dance floor will be open.

Welshly Arms, which has its roots in the heart of Midwestern rock ‘n’ roll and blues, is the first of a new series for the Community Concert Hall: “Artists You Need to Know.”

“So often we have these musical gems that are well-known in their local areas, but have difficulty selling tickets in a broader market,” said Concert Hall Director Charles Leslie. “It’s part of our mission to bring new and exciting music to the hall, and so we’re asking you to trust us when we announce a band or musician as one of the ‘Artists You Need to Know.’ I’m going to assure you that if you’re a fan of classic R&B and rock, you won’t be disappointed with Welshly Arms.”

Formed in Cleveland, Ohio, the home of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Welshly Arms creates a fresh “throwback” sound that pays homage to the band members’ collective influences from a town rich with musical history, including bands such as The Ojays, The

James Gang and The Black Keys. Original material from Welshly Arms echoes memories of Jimi Hendrix, The Temptations, Otis Redding and Howlin’ Wolf. Welshly Arms honors its hometown by writing, producing, and recording all material in Cleveland.

Named after a “Saturday Night Live” skit, Welshly Arms is made up of founder Sam Getz (guitar/vocals), Brett Lindemann (keys), Jimmy Weaver (bass), Mikey Gould (drums), and Bri and Jon Bryant (background vocals).

In recent years, the power of the band’s live shows has built a dedicated following in Ohio and it set the stage for a growing national following in 2016 with performances at The Rock Boat, SXSW, Summerfest, ACL and more.

Tickets for Welshly Arms (\$26/\$36) are available online at www.durangoconcerts.com, by calling 247-7657 or by visiting the ticket office inside the Durango Welcome Center at 8th Street and Main Avenue in downtown Durango. All sales are final.

Celebrating its 20th anniversary season in 2017, the Community Concert Hall is a not-for-profit, multiuse performance venue located on the campus of Fort Lewis College.

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Showcase the special memories of your year by starting a scrapbook.

Scrapbooks can help document your year

Special to The PREVIEW

Many interesting and special events take place during the course of a typical year. While the trend is to share photos and anecdotes via social media, these memories tend to be forgotten soon after they are posted. Rather than relegate birthdays, holidays, school milestones, and other such yearly events to the black hole of cyberspace, crafty men, women and children may want to display them in more prominent ways.

Scrapbooking is a popular hobby that can help people document various events over the course of the year. But scrapbooking can be much more than that as well. Scrapbooks can serve as valuable resources that speak to the way life once was.

Such traditions are not new. Books highlighting family memorabilia, such as recipes, poems, letters, and illustrations, were popular in England as early as the 15th century. Even school yearbooks are a type of scrapbook, highlighting students and events in a single convenient book.

The reasons for scrapbooking are the same today as they once were. Scrapbooks preserve memories, record family stories and pass down information through generations. Scrapbooks can even be customized in any manner their creators desire.

For those who have resolved to devote more time to documenting happy times and special events, scrapbooking is a great way to do just that. Here's how to make the process creative and successful.

- Devote a box to "scraps." At the beginning of the year, set aside a medium-sized box, such as a shoe box, that can store various items you want to include in your scrapbook. These may include ticket stubs, receipts, brochures from trips, or any other items you deem worth saving.

- Make time to scrapbook. Set aside a few days each month to go through collected items and organize them so you have an idea of what will be included on your pages. Every event may not make the final cut, but that's up to you.

- Indulge in some craft-store shopping. Not everyone has the time to design each scrapbook page from scratch. Fortunately, there are numerous pre-designed templates or slip-in pages that require little work on the part of scrapbookers.

- Use your own handwriting. Handwritten sentiments can make the scrapbook even more meaningful.

- Don't overload with photos. Let one or two photos on a page best convey the emotions and stories. Create balance with white space, text and other accents.

- Categorize your photos. Disorganized photos can make scrapbook creation more challenging and ultimately frustrating. Organize your photos by month and rely on cloud-based photo storage systems to keep them safe. Then, when you need them, you can print only those images you want to include in your book.

- Have fun with the process. Take your time and experiment with different ideas.

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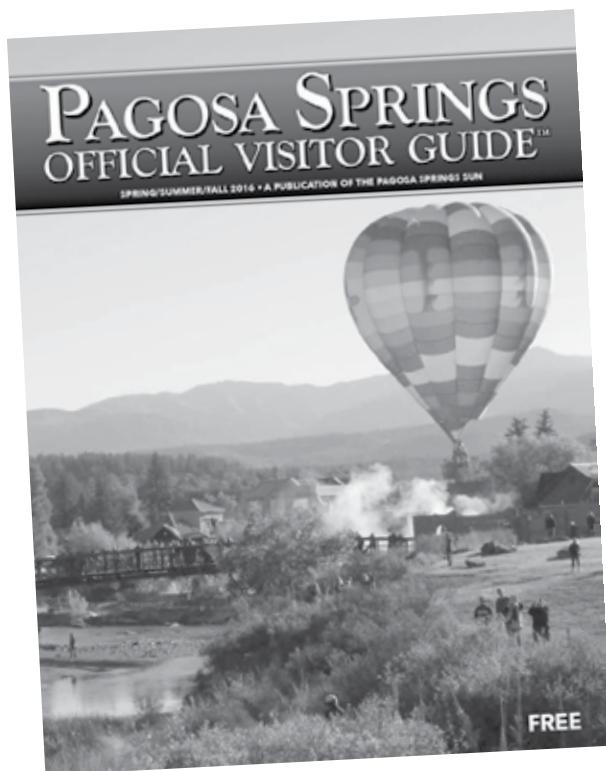
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What's Cookin'

Winter Squash and Autumn Vegetable Soup

Recipe courtesy: Colorado Department of Agriculture and Chef Bob Holloway, C.E.C.

- 1 acorn squash, about 2 1/4 pounds
- 1 butternut squash, about 2 pounds
- 1 stick butter, cut into tablespoons
- 1/4 cup molasses
- 2 carrots, peeled and halved
- 2 parsnips, peeled and halved
- 1 onion, julienned
- 3 garlic cloves, peeled
- 2 cups white wine
- 8 cups chicken stock/broth
- 1 teaspoon allspice
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1 tablespoon parsley, finely

chopped
 2 tablespoon sour cream
 1 tablespoon chives, chopped
 Salt and white pepper

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Cut the squashes in half lengthwise and remove the seeds. Season the squash with salt and white pepper. Place the halved squashes skin side down in a shallow roasting pan. Place one tablespoon of butter and 1 tablespoon of molasses in the center of each squash. Arrange the carrots, parsnips, onions, and garlic cloves around the squash. Pour 1 cup of the wine and 1 cup of the stock in the pan, cover with foil, and bake for 2 hours.

Remove from the oven and cool the vegetables for 5 minutes. Scoop the flesh out of each squash and place in large sauce pot. Discard

the skin. Place the other roasted vegetables and the cooking liquid in the pot. Add the remaining wine and chicken stock to the pot. Bring the liquid up to a boil and reduce to a simmer, seasoning with allspice, salt and pepper.

Simmer for 10 minutes, then remove from heat. Using a handheld blender on low speed, puree the soup until smooth. Add the heavy cream and parsley and season with salt and pepper. Ladle the soup in a shallow bowl and garnish the soup with the sour cream and chives.

The Pagosa Springs SUN does not have a test kitchen and does not independently test recipes printed. Please share your tried-and-true, favorite recipes with us by emailing them to randi@pagosasun.com.

Monte Vista Crane Festival March 10-12

By Ruthanne Johnson
 Special to The PREVIEW

It is nearing that time again, when tens of thousands of sandhill cranes descend upon Colorado's scenic San Luis Valley to feed and rest up for the journey further north to their nesting grounds.

The silver-colored cranes stand 4 feet tall and don a distinguishing red forehead and russet-flecked wings. They feed in the nearby fields by day and roost in the refuge's wetlands by night.

This year's Monte Vista Crane Festival includes sunrise and sunset tours, photography workshops,

raptor tours, field trips to the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Penitente Canyon and more.

For details and registration, visit www.mvcranefest.org. The registration deadline is March 8. For more information, call the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce at (719) 852-2731.



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A trust can be used to protect assets for a child, someone that is mentally or physically disabled, or someone that simply cannot manage money. Some taxes, like capital gains taxes, can be delayed but eventually the tax collector will want to be paid.

A candid discussion with an attorney and your tax preparer will help you decide what will work for you and your potential heirs and whether you may need further advice from other advisers.



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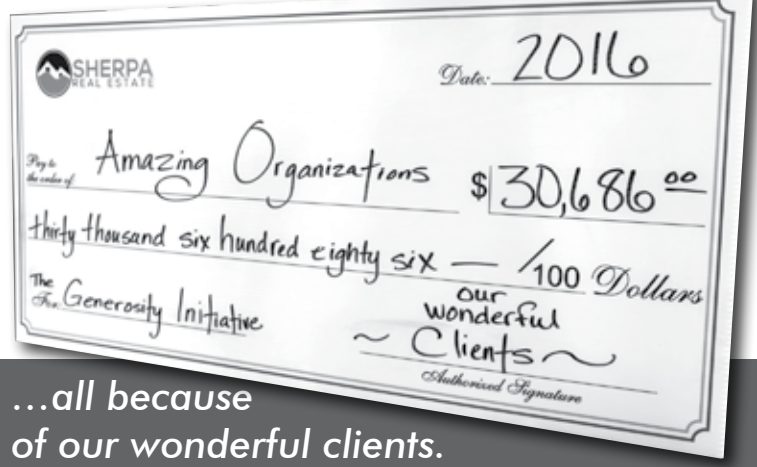
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Preview Calendar

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

Thursday, Jan. 12

Overeaters Anonymous. 11 a.m., Centerpoint Church library. Open to everyone. For more information, call Leslie at 799-0775.

Mountain View Homemakers. 11:30 a.m., Community United Methodist Church. The program will feature fascinating Alaska travel stories. A covered-dish lunch will be provided by members. All area women are invited. For information, call Tozi at 731-3360.

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

Mexican Train. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Medicaid and Connect for Health Session. 1-1:45 p.m., Sisson Library. Kevin O'Connor from San Juan Basin Health and Renee Burch from the Archuleta County Department of Human Services will discuss options and changes to Medicaid and Connect for Health. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Role-Playing Game. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters in our ongoing RPG. This is a recurring program. If you want to be a part of the game but missed the last event, don't worry, you can join in anytime. For teens in the 7th-12th grades. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Friday, Jan. 13

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

Pagosa Stitching Group. 9:30-11:30 a.m., second floor of the Pruitt building, Pagosa Springs Medical Center. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

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

Mexican Train. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Gaming. 2-3:15 p.m., Sisson Library. Enjoy video gaming on

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Thingamajig Theatre Presents 'Buyer and Cellar.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Alex More has a story to tell. A struggling actor in Los Angeles, he takes a job working for beloved megastar Barbra Streisand. Streisand does indeed have a mall, with shops and all, in her Malibu mansion's basement. One day, the lady herself comes down to play. It feels like real bonding in the basement, but will their relationship ever make it upstairs? For tickets and more information, go to www.pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

Saturday, Jan. 14

Open Gym. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center.

Baby Storytime. 9:05-9:25 a.m., Sisson Library. 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. A half hour of stories, songs and fingerplays for you and your little one. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills in everyday family life. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Pagosa Piecemakers Quilting Guild. 10 a.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship Church, 1044 Park Ave. We welcome the new year with many new programs in our future for quilters and those who just want to see what it's all about. Come check out this group of talented ladies. There's always show and tell, fellowship, refreshments, new friends and old. Everyone is welcome.

Zumba. 10-11 a.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

LEGO Club. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Join us to build wonderful creations with LEGOs. We've got the LEGOs, just bring your imagination. For ages 6 to 13. Call 264-2209 for more information.

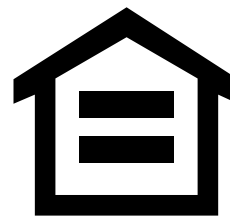
Yoga: Laugh and Let Go. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Community Center. This class explores the ancient technique of chi self-massage followed by a lighter

yoga asana practice. Call 264-4152 for more information.

Audiobooks and Ebooks: Installing and Using the Cloud Library. 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Did you know that with your library card you have access to the library's digital downloadable materials? This includes many popular ebook and audiobook titles that can be accessed

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on your smartphone, laptop and many devices. If you would like help installing and using the Cloud Library, bring your device to this hands-on workshop. Call 264-2209 for further information.

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Sunday, Jan. 15

Thingamajig Theatre Presents 'Buyer and Cellar.' 2 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Alex More has a story to tell. A struggling actor in Los Angeles, he takes a job working for beloved megastar Barbra Streisand. Streisand does indeed have a mall, with shops and all, in her Malibu mansion's basement. One day, the lady herself comes down to play. It feels like real bonding in the basement, but will their relationship ever make it upstairs? For tickets and more information, go to www.pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

Pagosa Uke Jam. 2:30-4:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. All levels welcome.

Sunday Night Unplugged. 5 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Come and enjoy the contemplative music of the Native American flute expertly played by Charles Martinez.

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

Monday, Jan. 16

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

Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network. 9-11 a.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship. Writers

are invited to hone their craft in fiction, nonfiction and poetry. For more information, email richgammill41@wolfcreekwriters.com or call 731-2040.

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

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

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

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

Pagosa Peak Open School Enrollment Presentation. 7 p.m., 7 Parelli Way. Parents and community members can learn about the enrollment process for this public elementary school. For more information, contact Kierstan Renner at 946-6362 or go to www.pagosacharterschool.com.

Tuesday, Jan. 17

Stuffed Animal Sleepover Drop Off. All day, Sisson Library. Bring your stuffed animal for an overnight adventure. You can pick up your pals at Wednesday morning storytime. We'll take pictures so you can see all the fun they had. For all ages. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Veterans for Veterans. 10 a.m., St.

Patrick's Episcopal Church.
Yoga. 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center.

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

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

Mahjong. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Mexican Train. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Teen Gaming. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Xbox 360 Kinect. Wii and snacks. For teens in the 7th-12th grades. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Night Yoga: YoGain. 6:30-7:30 p.m., Community Center. YoGain is a fast-paced blend of yoga asana and body weight exercises designed to raise your heart rate and increase strength and flexibility. Open to all levels and

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Terrific Tuesdays. 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Learn to dance the night club two-step, a flowing, romantic dance. Call Wayne at 264-4792 for more information or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa>.

Wednesday, Jan. 18

Wolf Creek United Way Ski Day. Wolf Creek Ski Area. Purchase adult all-day lift tickets on the mountain for \$55. Save money and help United Way.

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

Library Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join Early Literacy Librarian Michael for great stories, fun songs and plenty of reasons to get up and move. Storytime is a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. 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.

Republican Central Committee. Noon, Boss Hogg's Restaurant. Monthly meeting. For further information, call 731-4277.

HELP (Healthy Eating Lifestyle Plan). Noon-1 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Weigh-in, support and more. Everyone welcome. Call Nancy Strait at 731-3427 for more information.

Movie. 1 p.m., Senior Center. Popcorn and beverages provided.

Coed Volleyball. 1-3:30 p.m., Community Center. Friendly, non-competitive games open to all ages.

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

Fan Fiction. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Ever wanted a book to go on beyond the last page? Join us to make up and share new stories about some of your favorite characters. For teens in the 7th-12th grades. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

The Spouses/Family of Veterans Group. 5:30-7 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Contact Sharon Carter, Ph.D., at 398-0883 or Charlotte at 731-1025 for further information.

The Most Excellent Way. 7 p.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship Church, 1044 Park Ave. The Most

Excellent Way offers Bible-based relief from addictions and compulsions with men and women meeting separately for utmost confidentiality. Call 507-0123 for more information.

Thursday, Jan. 19

Medicare 101. 10:30 a.m., Sisson Library. San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging volunteer Medicare counselors will offer a free Medicare class. Space is limited. Call 264-0501, ext. 2 to reserve your spot.

Overeaters Anonymous. 11 a.m., Centerpoint Church library. Open to everyone. For more information, call Leslie at 799-0775.

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

Mexican Train. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Medicaid and Connect for Health Session. 1-1:45 p.m., Sisson Library. Kevin O'Connor from San Juan Basin Health and Renee Burch from the Archuleta County Department of Human Services will discuss options and changes to Medicaid and Connect for Health. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Steampunk Crafts. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Stop by to make jewelry and knickknacks from gears and whatever else we can

find. For youth in the 5th-12th grades. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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Friday, Jan. 20

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

Pagosa Stitching Group. 9:30-11:30 a.m., second floor of the Pruitt building, Pagosa Springs Medical Center. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

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

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Cook's canful
- 5 Antivenins
- 9 They may be mixed
- 14 Instrument in a wind quintet
- 15 Kind of tradition
- 16 Obey, with "by"
- 17 Baseball feature
- 18 Game show prize, often
- 19 Accept
- 20 Play, in a way
- 22 Without wavering
- 24 Undivided
- 26 It has its limits
- 27 Panama, e.g.
- 30 Hopper's style
- 32 Likely
- 35 Desk item
- 37 Incised carving
- 39 No more than
- 40 Bush-league
- 42 Farm call
- 43 Way to line things up
- 45 Heir's concern
- 47 Dissenting vote
- 48 Jackhammer sound
- 50 Michael, to Kirk
- 51 Cracker spread
- 52 Bohr's study
- 54 Two-sided
- 58 Christmas wish
- 62 Mature insect
- 63 Mouselike animal
- 65 Cargo boat of old
- 66 Informal farewell
- 67 After awhile
- 68 Howard Hughes' alma mater
- 69 It may be at your fingertips
- 70 Dirty
- 71 Bloodhound's clue

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- 2 Support, in a way
- 3 Den din
- 4 Object
- 5 Pub crawler
- 6 Proofreader's finds
- 7 Bust, so to speak
- 8 Johnny of "Frankie and Johnny"
- 9 Literally, "great soul"
- 10 Sri Lankan export
- 11 Impression
- 12 Fan favorite
- 13 High nest (var.)
- 21 Filly's mom
- 23 Abuse
- 25 Pass through
- 27 Macho guys
- 28 Place to play
- 29 Late, on a report card
- 31 Oscar winner Hunt

- 32 Handle
- 33 Kind of bean
- 34 Arcade coin
- 36 Band performance
- 38 Portman flick, "Jane ___ a Gun"
- 41 Gap in time
- 44 Public speaking
- 46 "Enough!"
- 49 Candle ingredient
- 51 Cell phone forerunner
- 53 Newspaper section
- 54 Liver secretion
- 55 Mosque leader
- 56 Behind schedule
- 57 Top-rated
- 59 Like Death Valley
- 60 Type of palm
- 61 Still-life piece
- 64 Word after tight or tail

Answer to Last Week's Crossword:

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Kick off the new year at the Community Center

By Traci Bishop
PREVIEW Columnist

Stop by and kick off your new year at the fitness room located in the Ross Aragon Community Center.

Memberships can be daily for \$2, monthly for \$10 or yearly for \$80. The fitness room offers many options, like elliptical, medicine balls, free weights, treadmill, exercise bikes, cardio equipment and much more.

For more information, please call the Community Center at 264-4152.

Zumba classes

We are happy to announce that the Community Center, along with Christine Muniz, will now be offering Zumba on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 to 11 a.m. starting this month. This free program is open to all abilities and ages.

For more information about all the Zumba classes, please contact the center at 264-4152.

Yoga classes

Did you know the Community Center, along with Margaret Burkesmith, Charlotte Maier, Roslyn Earle, Gunnar Bergkamp, Kristen Alberts and Sherri Murray, offers yoga several times each week?

Start on Tuesdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and then hit the night class from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m., Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and then hit the night class from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Then, to kick off your weekend, Saturdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. These free programs are open to all abilities and ages. For more information about any of the yoga classes, please contact the Community Center at 264-4152.

Pickleball

Come learn the fast-growing

Community Center News

game of pickleball. This program is offered on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to noon. This free program is open to all abilities and ages. For more information about the pickleball program, please contact the Community Center at 264-4152.

Coed volleyball

Want to learn the game of volleyball? Or do you already know the game and just want to play? Either way, stop by the Community Center on Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m. and play in this noncompetitive, free-play game. This free program is open to all abilities and ages. For more information about the volleyball program, please contact the Community Center at 264-4152.

Qigong class

Have you ever wanted more information about qigong? Or have you ever just wanted to see what it's all about? The Community Center and Lynnise Steinert have teamed up to offer a qigong class.

The purpose of qigong is to maintain and improve health, improve strength and balance and encourage stillness in both mind and body. The goal in this class is to open and stretch every joint and muscle group in the entire body.

The exercise opens the energetic pathways to facilitate good health. The exercises are gentle, but, over time, have a very positive effect on the body. This free program is open to all abilities and ages. For more information about the qigong class, please contact the Community Center at 264-4152.

Tai chi classes

Have you ever wanted more

information about tai chi? Or have you ever just wanted to see what it's all about? The Community Center and Jeanette Pike have teamed up to offer a tai chi class. 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.

Please come with a bottle of

water and some flat-soled shoes. Class is open to anyone and no experience is necessary. For more information about the tai chi class, please contact the Community Center at 264-4152.

More information

The Community Center hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The center is located at 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

The phone number is 264-4152 and email is lgutierrez@pagosasprings.co.gov.

Don't forget to look at our website, <http://townofpagosasprings.com>, for upcoming events at the Community Center or "like" our Facebook page, Ross Aragon Community Center Parks and Recreation Department, for updates on current events, activities and recreational programs.

Computer on the blink? Fix-It-Free day set for Jan. 21

By Lois Lee
Special to The PREVIEW

The goal of the Computer Fix-It-Free Day is to provide free technical assistance to members of our community who would otherwise not be able to afford it.

Local computer technicians are donating their time. Used parts will be provided at no charge by the Humane Society for the purpose of repair and the volunteering computer technicians. If new parts are needed, they will be provided at a discount.

If you would like to donate parts and/or used computers, we gladly accept items that are less than 5 years old. Unfortunately, we cannot accept any computers running Windows XP or Vista. Please label the items "Fix-It-Free" and take them to the Humane Society Thrift Store prior to noon Jan. 20.

Computer repairs are by appointment only on Jan. 21. To schedule an appointment and prove eligibility, please call The Training Advantage at 264-5627, ext. 1 or 2 before noon on Jan. 20.

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