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# Commissioner debate over justice center heats up

By Jim Garrett  
Staff Writer

Last September, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners decided in a 2-1 vote over the dissent of Commissioner Michael Whiting that a critically needed new justice center should be built on county land downtown, along Hot Springs Boulevard. Plans consistent with the decision have since moved forward, leading most recently to a presenta-

tion by architects of new schematic drawings for the site at the board's work session on Tuesday morning.

But, later on Tuesday afternoon, at the board's regular meeting, debate over the site erupted anew during the portion of the meeting allocated to commissioner comments.

The debate followed an observation by Commissioner Ron Maez that he was having difficulty reconciling comments by Whiting during discussions of the justice center at work sessions last month, and

the substance of a letter by Whiting to the editor of The SUN, which appeared in the newspaper's Jan. 26 edition.

Addressing Whiting, Maez observed he would "like to get some understanding from you ... so we can get some common ground."

Maez continued, "The location's already been chosen and ... our responsibility to the county and the community is that we need to learn to accept whether we win or whether we lose [votes] ... we need to ac-

cept the idea that we have to move forward in what has been chosen."

Whiting responded that he was glad the subject had been raised.

He observed that he wants "people to be really clear to separate ... our disagreements regarding the suitability of the location and our commitment to moving forward. My argument from the get-go has been

■ See Commissioner A8

# County will sue for damages from courthouse roof repair, jail flooding

By Jim Garrett  
Staff Writer

County Attorney Todd Starr said Archuleta County will bring suit against Hart Construction Corp. later this month for alleged defective workmanship in repairing the roof of the Archuleta County Courthouse in 2015, leading to extensive damage in the jail.

The damage from water reportedly infiltrating the building through leaks in the repaired area, and during the time the area was under repair, compelled the county to abandon the jail as a facility for housing inmates.

The county then needed to find space for inmates in jails operated by neighboring counties, and to

transport them back and forth in the custody of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office to attend their court proceedings.

Starr said that the county had settled a claim resulting from the damage caused by the extensive leaking with its insurance carrier, in the amount of almost \$331,000.

But Starr said the county's total claim for the direct damages done to the building by the flooding water, plus the consequential damages of paying for alternate secure housing and extensive transportation for prisoners, is over \$1 million.

Those costs are presently continuing to mount, and

■ See Suit A8



Photo courtesy Max Wood

These Bighorn sheep were spotted enjoying a meal and some sunshine up on Wolf Creek Pass this past week. Wolf Creek Ski Area received another 9 inches of snow this week, bringing its season-to-date total to 326 inches, with another storm in the forecast for the weekend.

# Roots & Wings



Photo courtesy John Duvall

The Tillerson family poses for a photo during Bob's 90th birthday party. From left are Dr. Rae Anna Hamilton, Jo Lyn Peters, Patty, Bob and Rex.

# How a local couple helped their kids soar

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

"There are only two lasting things we can leave our children. One is roots, the other is wings."

The above quote is attributed to Geno Baroni, an American Roman Catholic priest who lived in the 1900s, and is one of Pagosa Springs resident Patty Tillerson's favorites.

And, indeed, Tillerson's three children with her husband of nearly 70 years, Bob, have grown wings and soared, becoming an educator, physician and, most recently, secretary of state for the United States, as well as parents and grandparents.

But what makes Bob and Patty most proud isn't what their children have gained materially in their lives. Instead, what makes them most proud is the values they've see their children carry, many of which came from the family's strong involvement in scouting.

Patty's father joined one of the first organized Boy Scout troops in the country in 1913, Troop 1 in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Bob's father, too, was a Boy Scout in the organization's early days and, later, a scoutmaster.

In fact, Bob and Patty's marriage could, in a sense, be attributed to scouting, as could much of their own upbringings.

## Roots

Bobby Joe Tillerson and Patty Sue Patton began establishing roots when she was 16 and he was 17, with a love story one might expect to see in the movies.

During the summer between her junior and senior years of high school, in 1944, Patty went with her parents to visit her brother at Boy Scout camp, where he was a staff member.

"About mid-July, we found my brother down at the pool and I noticed a guy doing all kinds of silly things in the water who seemed to be trying to get my attention.

"After the picnic supper, we went to the Camp Fire and there he was again — leading the songs! My Daddy was sure impressed!" Patty wrote in "Threads," a series of books she wrote detailing the family's history.

The next week, Patty received a note from Bob asking if he could see her again when camp

■ See Wings A8

# ACSO seizes 88.8 pounds of marijuana in bust

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) recently conducted a drug bust that resulted in the seizure of 88.8 pounds of marijuana.

According to Undersheriff Tonya Hamilton, it began when Deputy Michael Sindelar pulled over a U-Haul truck for weaving on the night of Jan. 21.

Hamilton explained that Sindelar is in charge of the K-9 unit, and that the dog he works with is named Edo.

After running the driver's license and finding it was clear, Sindelar got the driver, a 25-year-old male, out of the vehicle and began questioning him about where he was headed.

"He said that he was from California and going to Texas," said Hamilton. "He didn't have the rental agreement for the vehicle, and said he was hired by a guy named Carl to haul some furniture and kid toys for him from California to Texas."

Hamilton pointed out that the driver and his passenger were "off the beaten path" and that taking I-25 would have been a faster route.

Hamilton said that the facts that the pair were off the beaten path, that they didn't have the rental agreement or even the last name of the man who hired them were all red flags.

"They had a GPS monitor on their dashboard, and

■ See Bust A8

# Lower Blanco house destroyed by fire

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

A structure fire resulted in the complete loss of a second home off of Lower Blanco Road early Monday, Feb. 6.

According to Karn Macht of the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PPFD), units were dispatched to a residence off of Capulin Court at 12:58 a.m., and arrived at 1:33 a.m.

Macht said that, upon arriving, he saw that the fire had already vented through the roof, which meant that the fire was deemed "defensive" and that no units would go inside.

Macht said that there were structures and trees roughly 50 feet from the fire, and the PFPD team began trying to control the fire so it didn't spread to the structures and trees.

Three tender vehicles and an

engine were dispatched to the scene, with 19 total personnel responding.

Macht explained that water had to be shuttled from the fire hydrant near Squaw Valley Place and back to the fire by a tender vehicle.

The fire was knocked down at 2:44 a.m., with Macht explaining that units were "mopping up" the scene until 6:06 a.m.

He said that the roof of the home had collapsed, and that any tin near the structure had to be removed, as pieces of tin could create hot spots that could rekindle the fire.

Macht explained that the house was deemed a total loss, and that the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

No humans or animals were injured in the fire.

Macht said that the scene was cleared at 7:13 a.m.

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# Opinion

## EDITORIAL

### What is there to hide?

"In the three-commissioner system we currently have, there is no real opportunity to 'build' consensus or coalition without violating open meetings laws."

We were surprised and disappointed to read the statement above made by Archuleta County Commissioner Michael Whiting.

Whiting's statement was made as part of his action plan to meet his 2017 goals as printed in the annual "Goals and Accomplishments" in last week's newspaper.

"A free self-governing people needs full information concerning the activities of its government not only to shape its views of policy and to vote intelligently in elections, but also to compel the state, the agent of the people, to act responsibly and account for its actions." The Colorado Supreme Court made this statement more than 30 years ago. These words are as relevant today as they were then.

According to the booklet "Sunshine Laws: Guide to Colorado Open Meetings & Open Records Laws," a meeting is defined as, "Any kind of gathering convened to discuss public business, in person, by telephone, electronically or by other means of communication."

"Local public bodies must open meetings of a quorum or three or more members, whichever is fewer, at which public business is discussed or formal action may be taken."

In the case of the Archuleta County commissioners, a quorum is two commissioners.

This means that two of our county commissioners can't discuss the future justice center without actually having officially posted "full and timely" notice of such meeting.

The booklet specifically cites, "County commissioners do not have to give 24-hour notice or personal notification if two or more meet to discuss 'day-to-day oversight of property or supervision of employees.' Hiring and firing, building a new courthouse or buying major equipment are not 'oversight.'"

So, clearly, if a commissioner wants to throw out the idea for a different location for the new justice center, he must do so during a meeting, which is open to the public. Unless an executive session is warranted, and properly noticed, the public is entitled to know how each commissioner comments on the matter.

Why would any elected official find it hard to openly discuss an issue, pose and/or answer questions, share their positions and discuss pros and cons pertaining to an issue?

Why does Whiting believe he can only build a coalition behind closed doors? Isn't an open public meeting just the place to present your ideas and garner support for them?

What is there to fear from discussing the county's business for anyone interested to hear?

Do you want your county commissioners to hold secret meetings and make deals behind closed doors? Do you want the discussion of a \$25 million justice center to be concealed as if it were a confidential matter? We think not.

With a project this big, everything needs to be above board. The only way to have full faith and confidence in our elected officials is to know they are working on our behalf.

When it comes to making budget decisions or setting public policy, the conversation should be held in open, public meetings.

We believe all of our local governing boards will get a lot further in building trust with their constituency by holding conversations in accordance with the Colorado Open Meetings Law.

Should anyone's personal agenda be above the law?

Terri Lynn Oldham House

## WHADDYA THINK?

Whose responsibility is it to develop arts in the community?



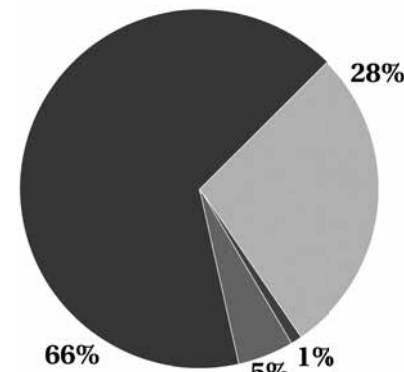
**Chris Graves**  
"Nonprofit organizations."



**Gina Graves**  
"It used to be the schools, and it should be if they were given proper funding. That develops interest that carries through life."



**Stacy Thompson**  
"We all have the responsibility. Unless individuals and businesses work together, community appreciation from working together is lacking."



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## LOOKING BACK



From the Feb. 26, 1970, Pagosa Springs SUN. JAYVEES — The Junior Varsity of Pagosa Springs High School is shown above. The squad has completed its season play and several members will now act as reserves in the coming A league tournament. They are, left to right, back row: Don Trujillo, Richard Chavez, Ron Trujillo, Cary Gallegos, Tom Hyde, Leonard Martinez, and Coach Shaw; front row, John Perea, manager, Leroy Lucero, Junior Lister, Bob Lynch, Jim Goodenberger, Burl Nossaman and Gilbert Perea, manager.

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 4, 1927

**Colorado women** are out for a law to enable them to sit on juries. Of course, it is just that they should be permitted to do so, but why should they want to serve on juries? We don't know of any men in this vicinity who are keen to serve at the \$2.50 a day wage allowed by law.

**Commissioner John E. Walker** was up from Arboles this week to attend the session of the county board.

**Doll Pargin** returned home to his ranch on the Piedra yesterday from a business trip in Durango. During his stay he disposed of two of his registered Hereford, 11 months old bulls for \$500 each. Mr. Pargin has been making a specialty of this kind of cattle. The sire of these two cost him a cool \$5,000.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 13, 1942

**To help offset** the growing labor shortage, Colorado old age pensioners will be allowed to take jobs and be suspended from the pension rolls only for the duration of their employment. Roy A. Davis of Colorado Springs, chairman of the state board of public welfare, issued this ruling. "There are places where these older people may perform valuable services during the emergency — especially on farms," Governor Carr commented.

**Corporal Eldon Gibson**, Jack Hill Murt McMullen, Fred Yamaguchi, and Neal Nelson have been transferred from Camp Roberts, Calif., to Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif.

**Ward Bennett**, in charge of the drilling operations on the Harry Macht Ranch, began work again Monday.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 9, 1967

**Dick Boyce**, manager at Wolf Creek Pass Ski Area, was a guest speaker at the meeting of the Lions club last Thursday. He told the Lions that the area was growing in popularity every year and that there was room for — and need for — additional development at Wolf Creek. Mr. Boyce said that the biggest day to date in the history of the ski tow was a week ago Sunday when 382 tow tickets were sold. This brought the total for the season to 7000 and it isn't much more than mid-season for skiers. Last year the season total was 8387. Wolf Creek Pass ski area has been in existence for many years. Boyce further pointed out Wolf Creek almost always had earlier snow, more snow, and later snow than any area within several hundred miles.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 13, 1992

**Alpha subdivision property owners** are working to create a special district for roads to deal with problems in the area that became obvious when Fairfield Pagosa Inc. ceased plowing, maintaining, and improving roads. A committee of property owners has been formed to work on the creation of the special district, and legal counsel has been retained. "The problem at Alpha became apparent when we were forced to deal with the snow plowing situation on our roads this winter," said Alvin Cannady. "We started looking around to determine how we could solve our road maintenance problem. Fairfield couldn't do it, and the county commissioners said our roads are not up to county standards — so they can't do it. We decided to quit asking other people to solve our problems."

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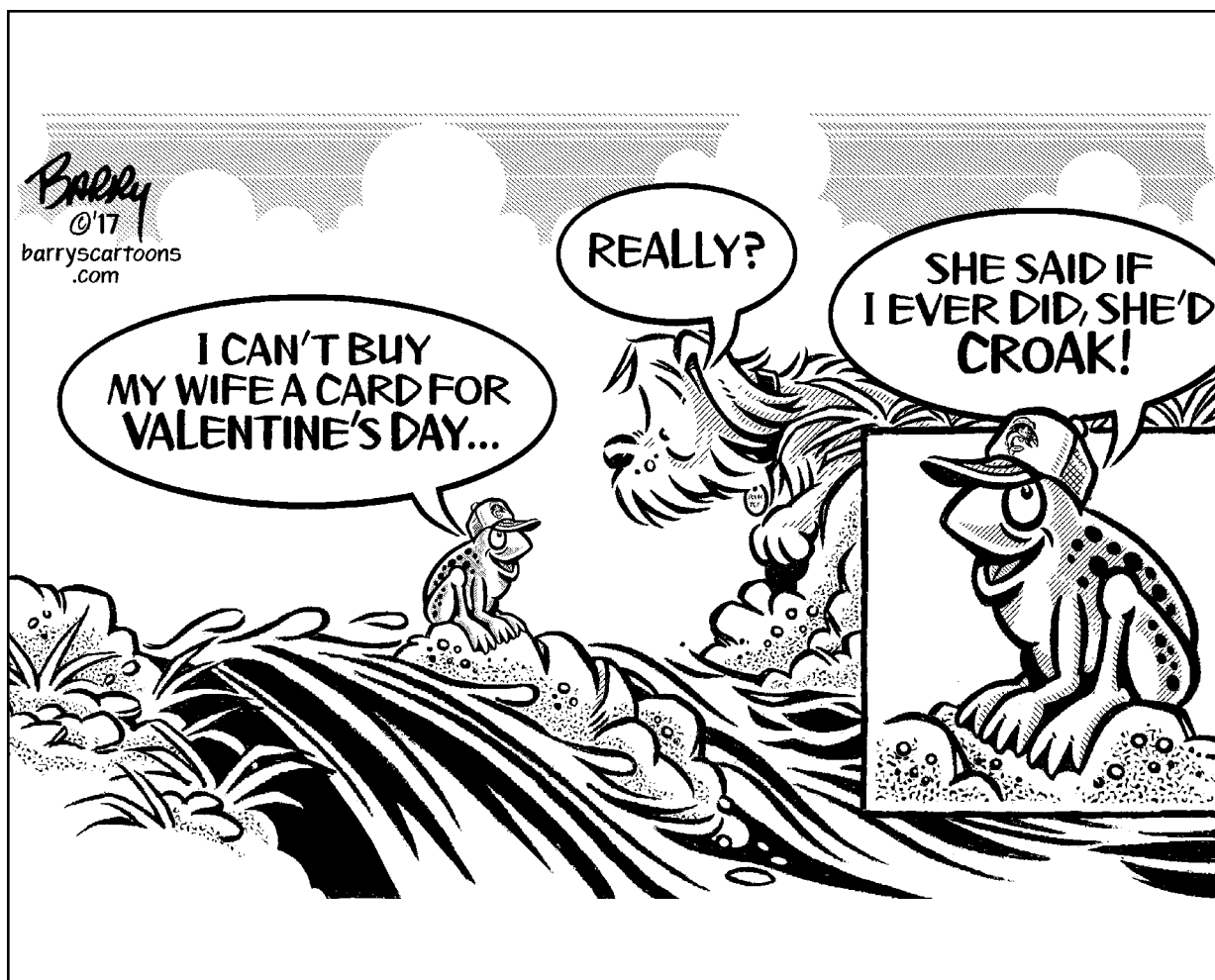
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# Letters

## Least deserving

Dear Editor:  
I read Mr. Bolland's letter to the editor with respect and sadness. It isn't that he's wrong in any of his group's beliefs. It's that his group chose the least deserving and capable representative.

Trump has led a life of opportunism, use and abuse of others. His religious beliefs are those of a NYC con artist. He has no stance in the value, moral and moray structure so well spoken of by Bolland.

To support Trump is to abdicate your inherent gut feelings of truth and justice for a vengeance on the newer Americans and people of color.

I am not religious in a structured sense, nor do I ascribe to many of the points so well made; but I

recognize and honor the values expressed by Bolland. Indeed, John Motter, in his column of times past, echoed these same laments. These values and social norms were the bedrock of the society that built America after WWII. While they were passed on to the boomers, they never rose above lip service, as if they had, Trump would have been laughed off at the onset... he wasn't. Most embarrassingly, the Republican Party, the party of individualism, chose to keep knocking on the men's restroom floors.

It is a time of change. Bolland's world will continue for a time, Trump will be recognized as a hoax, the newer societies moray will become the norm; and the new is more just, loving, accepting, competitively innovative and sharing. America is only at risk from moral inaction and hopefully, in time, the past will be just that.

Dave Blake

## K-12 funding

Dear Editor:  
The Colorado Legislature again will be struggling to balance the budget and it looks like they will do it again on the back of K-12 education by decreasing the Amendment 23 Constitutionally mandated spending requirement through the loophole of the "negative factor."

The "negative factor" was the brainchild of Gov. Ritter and the Democrat-controlled Legislature in 2009. It is a way for the Legislature to get around the 2000 Amendment 23 that requires a K-12 spending increase of the inflation rate annually. The governor and Legislature have shorted schools since 2009 by approximately \$875 million and the proposal is to increase the "negative factor" by an additional \$145 million this year.

To make up for this shortfall many school districts have gone to an increased tax on property owners. The Durango and Bayfield school districts passed property tax initiatives in 2016. However, not all districts can pass a property tax increase and is it fair to increase property taxes to do what the state should be doing?

In 2011, the economy rebounded and revenues were enough

to fully fund K-12 when in 2013, another Democrat-controlled legislature increased the eligibility for Medicaid with no plan as to how to pay for the increase in cost. Medicaid is an entitlement, which means that the state pays for it no matter what revenues are. K-12 is the easy place to find money for Medicaid.

I believe the Legislature has some other options rather than take money from K-12.

1. They must roll back the eligibility for Medicaid. Today 25 percent of Coloradoans are eligible for Medicaid. We all want to help folks, but Medicaid spending in Colorado today is not sustainable. (I will be severely criticized for wanting to take services away from the poor. Does anyone believe that 25 percent of Coloradoans are poor?)

2. There are, and have been in the past, pet projects of legislators that should not necessarily be a priority over K-12 funding. Every spending item should be looked at and appropriate cuts be made.

3. There are numerous costly and useless state and federal mandates on schools that must be repealed.

4. The Hospital Provider Fee should be made an "enterprise." The Hospital Provider Fee is a federal subsidy that backfills a hospital's requirement to provide Medicaid services for 42 cents of every \$1 of cost and for the cost of providing services for every person that comes in the emergency room door. Today the revenue for this fee is counted in the General Fund budget and triggers a taxpayer refund. This complicates the budget process and further restricts money that could go to K-12. As a conservative, it makes no sense to me to use a federal subsidy for a tax refund.

5. I do not believe that we should or need to increase taxes for K-12 funding.

I understand that the Legislature has to make some tough decisions. I wish them well.

J. Paul Brown

## Motter's column

Dear Editor:  
Each Thursday when the paper comes, the first thing I go to is John

Motter's column. His stories of the area's history are very interesting and well told. In last week's column, it was sad to hear of John's health issues but good to hear he plans to not "hang up the reins." I hope he can continue for many more pleasant years.

The second place I go to is the letters to the editor. The political rambles found there are the closest thing you have to a comics page.

Overall a great paper, keep up the good work.

Mike Dallam

## Live and let live

Dear Editor:  
A recent letter in this column made an absurd claim about the political polarization currently plaguing our country.

The claim was that the polarization was the fault of progressives, claiming that they have changed their positions while conservatives have not.

I, like the author of that letter, also grew up in the '50s and '60s and I can remember when both conservatives and progressives took scientific evidence for what it is. Science was not a matter of politics. But today, conservatives regularly deny science when scientific evidence runs counter to their political agenda and that of the corporations they are allied with. In their view, politics trumps science (pun intended). It wasn't the progressives that changed on science. Also, when I was a child and Republican Dwight Eisenhower was president, the super rich paid income taxes at more than twice the rate they pay today. It was not progressives who changed the tax system to favor millionaires and billionaires. The result? Massive deficits, and big cuts to spending that benefits the rest of us who are not millionaires, such as education and infrastructure repair.

I would also point out that sometimes, change is good. One hundred years ago, women were not allowed to vote in most states. Eighty years ago, entire countries in Asia were banned from immigrating to the U.S. (Sound familiar?)

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the back of the bus and use a different bathroom if you were African American.

Twenty-five years ago, if you were born gay you could be discriminated against in the workplace, could not serve our country in the military, and could not marry the person you loved.

And 10 years ago, 20 million Americans more than today had no health insurance, resulting in more than 40,000 preventable deaths every year.

While I have no doubt that there are some supporters of our current president who would like to turn the clock back on every one of these things, the reality is that we are better today because every one of them has changed. We will not turn back the clock without a fight.

Finally, the letter made some absurd claims such as "people who believe in traditional marriage between a man and a woman are to be censured and punished." Totally false. If you believe in heterosexual marriage, marry a person of the opposite sex. Just don't force your views on people with different beliefs or different sexual orientations. Live and let live. Nobody is going to force your church to perform same-sex marriages. The First Amendment prevents that. You know, the same one that says people cannot be banned from the country based on religion and nationality.

Again, live and let live. A little more of that would go a long way toward reducing our polarization.

John Farley

## She is a lady

Dear Editor:

Having been told of some of the disgraceful images coming out of

the Chicago so called "Women's March ..."

I feel compelled to make a comment on the identity of the true American woman.

The true American woman is amazing, she has done everything from handling a plow, to having a baby alone on a prairie.

Her courage is unspeakable. She has refused to sit at the back of the bus.

She has and does work with her hands until they bleed.

She sewed the first flag to fly over this infant nation. A woman wrote "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

It was a woman who penned the novel that helped inflame white Americans to go to war ... to free their black brothers and sisters and change an evil system forever.

Never underestimate the true American woman.

She is a force to be reckoned with.

And she is a lady.

Wilma Hawkins

## Giving respect

Dear Editor:

It's been less than a month and already we're seeing childish name calling by the losing side. I can remember the same pattern with the election of Mister President Obama. You'll note I am giving him the respect he deserved. After all, despite controversy, he was elected and reelected. Now, despite differences of both sides, it is still Mister President Trump.

But this is not what I want to write about. I want to write about the separation of powers created by the Founding Fathers to keep balance in our government, making it so each part — executive, legislative and judicial — can not singularly take over. Each branch

has its own distinct area of power and responsibilities, and it should be kept to that.

One of these is the Executive Branch. One of his powers/responsibilities, as given to him/her by the Constitution, is the ability to create executive orders. That is all, create. This was given to this office so that in the time of national crisis, or war, he can put into motions those that would not be efficient if it was up to Congress to take months to finally pass it. The moment of importance would be lost, especially when you consider that his power as commander in chief of the military may need to attack an enemy before they could react, or initiate a devastating counter event.

With that being said, I agree that over quite a few administrations this power has been gravely abused.

Now let's look at the branch that is responsible for keeping these orders in check: the House of Representatives. They hold the purse strings for the funding of any aspect of government, to include executive orders.

Have you wondered why this latest order restricting emigration of Muslims to our country is only in affect for 90 days? It is not because President Trump wrote that in. It is because law requires the president to justify to the House the executive order, or there will be no further funding and it will die on the vine.

So who is at fault, the president who penned the order, or the House (those that represent us all despite a contested election) for funding it.

Has anyone thought that by doing this, though it might not stand, President Trump fulfills an election promise to address emigration policies. If it passes then in his eyes and those of his supporters

he's been very successful. If it fails then he can blame the House. An interesting thought. Either way, it's a win-win situation for President Trump.

Doug Roberts

## Keep values alive

Dear Editor:

Why did they come? Why did they subject themselves to so much hardship to settle in this place? Recent stories published in The Pagosa Springs SUN have provided immense inspiration from the history of our early families. It truly must have been a search for something spiritual in their lives, perhaps a search for peace that comes only from shared sacrifice, hard work and love for what God provides in this place.

All I really know, of course, was what drew us to this place in 1977. It was not only the beauty of nature but the beauty of the people, the "caring" atmosphere of so much volunteerism to help one another. We were in search of a simple life, a life centered around goodness and love and these past 40 years have proved that our choice was solid.

For those of us who are "year-rounders," it is important that decisions to answer "growth needs" be made to answer the following question: "Would those early settlers be proud of the decisions we are making? Will our decisions to move forward preserve the early 'character' of those people who provided the building blocks of where we are today?" Many have been drawn here because of those early values. As growth continues, we must keep those values alive. We can be both great and good, all at the same time.

Keep love alive.

Patty Tillerson

# 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

Jan. 30 — Information only, Prospect Boulevard.

Feb. 1 — Information only, Talisman Drive.

Feb. 1 — Theft, U.S. 160.

Feb. 1 — County warrant, San Juan Street.

Feb. 2 — Domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, U.S. 160.

Feb. 2 — Third-degree criminal trespass, Sunset Trail.

Feb. 2 — Criminal mischief, Bonanza Avenue.

Feb. 3 — Information only, Cloud Cap Avenue.

Feb. 3 — Animals running at large, Bonanza Avenue.

Feb. 3 — Animals running at large, Scratch Court.

Feb. 3 — Violation of restraining order, violation of bail bond condition-felony, San Juan Street.

Feb. 3 — Drove vehicle without insurance, no license plate light, drove vehicle when license suspended, failed to display valid registration, North Pagosa Boulevard.

Feb. 3 — Information only, Franklin Place.

Feb. 3 — Information only, County Road 391.

Feb. 4 — Animals running at large, Canyon Circle.

Feb. 4 — Owner operated or permitted operation of vehicle without liability insurance, improper registration-registration rescinded or canceled, Great West Avenue.

Feb. 4 — Animals running at large, Caddy Circle.

Feb. 4 — No insurance in possession, failed to display valid registration, improper registration-registration rescinded or canceled, drove vehicle when license suspended, no registration in vehicle, U.S. 160.

Feb. 4 — Drove vehicle without insurance, expired license plates, U.S. 160.

Feb. 6 — Harassment by phone or computer, River Run Drive.

Feb. 6 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.

Feb. 6 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.

Feb. 6 — Information only, Tom's Place.

Feb. 6 — County warrant, Rainbow Drive.

Feb. 6 — Stalking, San Juan Street.

## Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

Jan. 31 — Missing property, San Juan Street.

Feb. 1 — Animal/running at large, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Feb. 1 — Theft, San Juan Street.

Feb. 1 — Information only, North 5th Street.

Feb. 4 — DUI, North Pagosa Boulevard.

Feb. 4 — Traffic/insurance/speeding, U.S. 160.

Feb. 6 — Information only, East Pagosa Street.

Feb. 6 — Careless driving, Aspen Village Drive.

Feb. 6 — Violation of restraining order, Rainbow Drive.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge William Anderson

No report.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Feb. 1 — Frank L. Jumper, careless driving, 12 hours community service, fines and costs — \$98.50.

Feb. 3 — Jhenna D. Salas, safety glass not installed, license plates-expired temp permit, fines and costs — \$145.50.

Feb. 3 — James M. Hayes, speeding 20-24, fines and costs — \$474.50.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

No report.

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# Obituaries



## Trenton Maddux

Trenton Mason Stanley Maddux, 25, died Sunday, Feb. 5, in a snowmobiling accident in Beaver Meadows, Bayfield, Colo. Trent was with a group of friends when the accident occurred near Bayfield. An avid sportsman, Trent loved snowmobiling, motorcycle racing, hunting and fishing.

Born in La Mesa, Calif., Trent moved to Colorado in 1996 and lived with his grandparents, Stanley and Marcella Maddux, of Pagosa Springs, Colo., while his mother, Meegan Maddux-Valdez, finished her nursing program at Trinidad College in Alamosa, Colo.

Trent attended Pagosa Springs schools from 1999, graduating from Pagosa Springs High School in 2010. During his early school years, he was active in 4-H rocketry and animal husbandry programs.

Trent attended high school from 2006 to 2010. While in high school, he was on the school's wrestling and golf teams. He also participated in the Skills USA Colorado leadership program and won a gold medal. After graduation, he moved to Alamosa, where he attended Trinidad Junior College, and in 2011 earned a certificate in welding.

Trent worked in the family business, Foam Insulation Specialists, alongside his grandfather, Stan.

Trent was known for his kind heart and good soul. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to friends and family alike. He loved hanging out with friends, working on his truck, snowmobiling and motorcycle racing. He would attend motorcycle races in Aztec, N.M., and Alamosa with friends. If you asked him his favorite time of year, he would say winter, and then share stories about snowmobiling in the mountains near Chama, N.M., and at the higher elevations at Wolf Creek, Pagosa Springs.

He also looked forward to fall each year, when he could hunt turkey, elk, deer and bear. He loved fishing any time of the year. Trent was also an animal lover and spoiled his three young dogs: Ruger, Angel and Diamond. He was training them to become hunting dogs.

Surviving are his great-grandmother, Jean Maddux, of Alamosa;

his grandparents, Stanley (Marcella) Maddux, of Pagosa Springs, and Mencion and Janet Valdez, of Farmington, N.M.; his mother and step-father — Meegan (Mike) Valdez, of Bayfield, Colo.; his sisters: Marissa (Geoffrey) Danielson, of Ocala, Fla., and Ashley (Cole) Sutak, of Glendale, Ariz.; brothers Kaden and Kyler Valdez, of Bayfield; aunts Brenda (Todd) Viar and Tracy Maddux, of Brookville, Kan.; uncle, Richard (Janice) Johnson, of Woodville, Texas; cousins: Jessica and Miranda Merrill, of Brookville, Kan.; Christina (Lisa) Maddux, of Michigan; and Corey (Elizabeth) Maddux, of Salina, Kan.; and their children, Preston and MacKenzie; and two nephews and one niece, Deegan, Alakai and Bryghton Sutak, of Glendale, Ariz.

A memorial service is planned for Saturday at 9 a.m. in the high school auditorium. Burial will be at the Maddux family plot (Alamosa Cemetery) in Alamosa.



## Leonardo (Lee Andrew) Payne

Leonardo (Lee Andrew) Payne passed away on Jan. 26 in Truth or Consequences, N.M.

Lee was born and raised in San Luis, Colo., to Lee Payne Sr. and Refugio Bailon on May 18, 1927.

Lee served in the United States Army during World War II and was honorably discharged in 1946. He went to college at Adams State College in Alamosa, Colo., on the GI bill. Lee married Juanita Maye Turner on Nov. 5, 1954. He was a teacher in the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Taos, N.M., and then Brigham City, Utah, until his retirement in Pagosa Springs in 1980.

He loved the outdoors. He was an avid fisherman, hunter and skier (charter member of the Grey Wolves Ski Club at Wolf Creek), and he was an artist. He spent many years as a woodcarver. Lee was a true renaissance man, educated and proficient in a wide range of fields. He was an educator of all those he came into contact with. There was never a project too challenging for Lee: from building a replica stagecoach for his children to creating a wood-fired hot tub out of a stock tank and a used hot water heater jacket.

Lee and his wife, Juanita, moved to Truth or Consequences, N.M., in 2005.

Lee is survived by his wife, Juanita Payne, his daughter, Juanalee Park (spouse Dan Park), and Karen Sullivan (spouse Tim Sullivan), five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Lee was preceded in death by his son, Keith Andrew Payne.



## Betty Lucille Watkins

Betty Lucille Watkins was called to her eternal home on Monday, Jan. 30. For the last five years, she fought a grim battle with Alzheimer's disease, but always with her dignity and sweet spirit intact. She was 89 years old.

Betty was born March 17, 1927, in Clarksville, Texas, the youngest child of Carl and Lizzie Phares. The family moved to Carlsbad, N.M., during her high school years, where she graduated in 1945. After high school, she worked as a bookkeeper for the Coca-Cola Bottling Company. One Sunday, sitting at the back of the church, she caught the eye of Jimmy Watkins. On Oct. 1, 1951, James H. and Betty were married in Alamogordo, N.M. They would be married for 53 years, holding hands 'til the very end.

In June 1953, Jim and Betty, along with Jim's parents, moved to Pagosa Springs, where, as told by Ray, her father-in-law, "the rivers actually have water in them!" Betty was always by Jim's side in all of his endeavors, becoming a pioneer lady on the ranch and bookkeeper and partner in their businesses: Wolf Creek Industries, a house log mill, and High Country Lodge, a local motel. She was also the postmaster at Navajo, N.M., when Jim was training members of the Navajo tribe in the art of saw-filing at the new sawmill there. She and Jim became members of First Baptist Church of Pagosa Springs in 1953, serving faithfully throughout the years. Together they raised three children: Paula, Carla and James, who always remember Betty as a devoted mother, always there for them with love and encouragement, and good food on the dinner table every night.

Betty was an avid reader, history buff and patriot, always encouraging her grandchildren to learn about the history of America, and the lives

and events of spiritual leaders in her Christian faith. She loved her books and assembled quite an extensive library. Her other great love was children, especially, of course, her grandkids. She played a major part in their lives, always willing to care for, teach, share her faith and love, using her favorite word of endearment, "darlin'."

Betty is survived by her daughter, Carla Raye Bauer, and husband Paul; son James Lee Watkins and wife Linda; eight grandchildren: Susan (Bob) Williams, Steven (Tina) Parkhurst, Michael (Debbie) Moore, Christy (Stephen) Porter, Jesse (Jennifer) Bauer, Dusty (Kelly) Bauer, Resha (Jeremy) Still and Rachel Watkins; 15 great-grandchildren: Alisha, Justin, Stephanie, Paula, Katie, Britany, McKenna, Trevor, Jamie, Parker, Raygan, Christian, Bowen, Finleigh and Wesley; and four great-great-grandchildren: Camryn, Avery, Hailey, and Quinn; a sister-in-law, Chessie McBride, along with many nieces and nephews.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, James Homer Watkins; daughter Paula Ann Finch; her parents, Carl Roy Phares and Lizzie Mae (Phares) Skipworth; brothers Roy Lee Phares and Tom Johnson Phares; and two grandchildren, Megan Watkins and Christopher Lyn Williams.

Dearest Mom/Grandma Betty, we are so grateful to have been a part of your life. Your influence will be felt for generations to come. You are sorely missed, and will live on in our hearts forever.

A time of celebration and remembrance in honor of Betty's life will be held on Feb. 25 at 11 a.m. at Centerpoint Church in Pagosa Springs.

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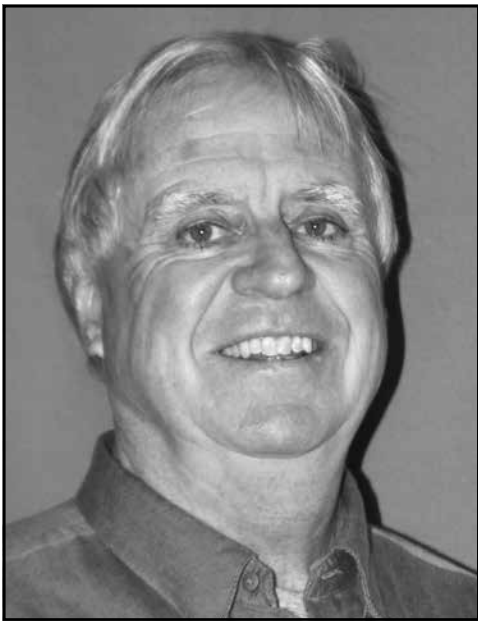
# Goals & Accomplishments

## Archuleta School District 50 Jt.

SUN staff asked representatives of publicly funded agencies in Archuleta County to individually answer a trio of questions relating to the goals and accomplishments of themselves and their agencies at the turn of the year.

Their answers will be printed in The SUN over the coming weeks. Answers are printed as received and are not edited.

### Greg Schick, DVM, President of the Archuleta School District 50 Jt. Board of Education



#### What were your three biggest accomplishments in 2016?

One of the more satisfying accomplishments of the School Board this past year was keeping our budget under control in the face of increasing numbers of students and the decreasing amount of money coming from the State government. We were able to give our teachers and staff step increases as well as a small increase in base pay. It is not enough but it is a start. We were also able to restructure the health insurance premiums to allow for more take home pay.

The Pagosa Family School has been a huge success in that we have created a school that is mutually beneficial to the School District and the home school and private school communities. Classes are now available to home school and private school students, such as art and Spanish, that have helped those students in those areas. The enrollment in the Pagosa Family School has far exceeded our expectations.

The Proud Partners Program, that has allowed business and community members to become more involved in the education of our students, has been started under the direction of Board Member Brooks Lindner and staff member Doug

Hershey. This accomplishment is in line with our Strategic Framework. Also, part of our Strategic Framework has been to increase and improve the quality of communication with the community in aspects of school function.

All in all, I feel that 2016 has been a very positive and forward moving year for our school system.

#### What are your three top goals for 2017?

It goes without saying that the continuation of programs started in 2016 will be a major ongoing goal in 2017. More specifically, we will begin the process, along with community input, to find new sources of funding to improve our educational process. Teacher salaries, technology, full day kindergarten and facilities will all be part of this conversation.

Finalizing and completing the Charter School application will be a big goal in 2017. Although I am a strong public school proponent and supporter, students learn in different ways and if a charter school can address the educational needs of a group students, then it is appropriate to have a well run and successful charter school to meet those needs.

Long Range Facility Planning and the Facili-

ties Study will allow the School District to analyze our facilities needs for the next several years. In the face of our growing enrollment this will be a significant goal.

#### What is your action plan to meet your goals?

The implementation of goals for 2017 is already underway. Meetings are taking place and are scheduled to outline the plan to find more funding for our schools. Community input will be a major part of the process. The only way we can go forward on this effort is to have buy-in from the community as a whole.

Negotiations are under way to finalize approval of the charter school. The effort will provide alternative modes of education for our students. The Charter School Board members are very dedicated and driven to make this effort succeed.

The Long Range Facilities Report will be finished soon. We as a Board will need to digest that information to determine where we are with the condition and capacities of our physical facilities.

2017 will be an important and exciting year as we move forward to continuously improve the education of our students.

### Linda Reed, Superintendent for Archuleta School District 50 Jt.



#### What were your three biggest accomplishments in 2016?

Our goals for 2016 included the implementation of several aspects of our Strategic Framework, including the improvement of community engagement and communication. To that end, we created the Proud Partners Program. This initiative, led by board member Brooks Lindner and facilitated by high school teacher Doug Hershey, is creating a system that makes it easy for community members and business organizations to engage with the schools on a volunteer basis, whether that is reading to a first grade class, providing speakers on a particular topic at our schools or donating goods or funds to the schools. We believe that by inviting community members into our classrooms and schools, we provide benefits for our students and staff as well as the community. Should you be interested in being involved with the Proud Partners Program, reach out to Doug Hershey at Pagosa Springs High School who will walk you through the enrollment process.

Perhaps our biggest accomplishment for 2016 was related to providing some financial support to our employees. We were able to do this by changing providers for our health insurance, thus saving our employees a significant amount of money over what they had been contributing in the past. The second way we were able to accomplish this was to provide a small raise to our base salary as well as a "step" increase on our salary schedule. While our employees are still not compensated in a competitive manner compared to other districts of a similar size, we made a move in the right direction after many years of not being able to increase our base pay due to reductions in funding from the state.

Finally, we were able to replace the roof on the oldest building in the school district, the building housing fifth and sixth grades at Pagosa Springs Middle School. We were able to do this with financial support through a grant from the Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) program. BEST is partially funded with state marijuana tax money. So, if anyone asks what the school district is doing with all that marijuana tax money, you can tell them it's in our roof.

#### What are your three top goals for 2017?

Because the school district operates on a July to June fiscal calendar, we are well on our way to accomplishing the goals we have for 2017. These

goals fall into three categories. The first is long range planning. This year, we saw an increase in enrollment of almost 150 students. This unexpected increase has caused us to examine our facilities through a very thorough Facilities Study to ensure we can accommodate the students who are attending our schools. We have contracted with RTA Architects in partnership with Reynolds, Ash, and Associates. RTA Architects, based in Colorado Springs has deep expertise with school facilities and was responsible for the new and remodeled schools in Ignacio. Reynolds, Ash, and Associates has an office in Pagosa and is led by PSHS graduate, Brad Ash. The combined expertise of these two groups is helping us think through the best use of our facilities and properties. The second part of our long range planning is related to funding. We are beginning to explore the feasibility of seeking funding at the local level in order to backfill the funding shortfall from the state which now is well over 8 million dollars. From deferred maintenance to inadequate compensation for staff, we must find a solution to the funding question.

The second category is tied to our Strategic Framework goal of better communication and engagement and encompasses several different initiatives. These include the implementation of a new Student Information System, Infinite Campus. This system allows us to communicate with staff, students and families in a much more efficient manner. It provides us with unlimited data and reports that help us with planning and programs. The second major component of this goal is the total revamp of our district website. Under the guidance of parent, business owner and community partner, Lauri Heraty, we will be launching our new and redesigned website at the beginning of February. We believe the new website will allow for smoother and clearer communication with our clients and our community. We are greatly indebted to Lauri for all the volunteer time, talent and effort she has put forward on our behalf. The third component of this goal is the launch of a new brand for the school district and the development of brands for each of the schools that better exemplify the work of our schools in their entirety. While we will always be PIRATES and are very proud of that fact, the work that happens every day in our schools is focused on educating the Whole Student and we want to be able to capture the true spirit and meaning of that in our district and school brands.

Our third and final goal is to partner with

private and home school students in our community. To that end, we established a study group two years ago that focused on what collaborative efforts we could engage in with private and home school students. Through that collaboration, we were able to establish Pagosa Family School which provides elective programming in art, choral music, and Spanish for private and home school students during the school day and Spanish and choral music to public and private school students after school. Additionally, through the state level funding generated by the home/private students, we are also able to offer a Spanish elective at the elementary school for all kindergarten, first and second grade students.

#### What is your action plan to meet your goals?

As mentioned in the goal section, we have already contracted for a Facilities Study and have had several presentations to the board about the findings from that study. The next phase of the study will focus on future demographic projections. Given the enrollment growth we experienced, we believe we need better data regarding enrollment projections. To accomplish this, we are working with a demographer from Colorado Springs to gather more information. Additionally, the board will be researching different ways to increase revenue at the local level through sessions with different financial advisement organizations.

We purchased and began use of Infinite Campus at the beginning of the school year, after extensive training of all staff who utilize the system. Parents now have easy access to information about their student's progress. Our website redesign has been several months in the making and will launch in February. We have trained key people at all of the schools who will be working with all staff on the website prior to the launch. And finally, our brand work has been through a contract with two community members who have extensive international experience in graphic design and brand work. The district brand is now displayed on stationary, business cards and on email. School brands are still in development but will be debuting prior to the end of the school year.

Pagosa Family School, under the leadership of Jane Parker is off to a grand start. Our enrollment was over projection and we have had great feedback from parents and students alike. Our PFS Advisory Group, comprised of parents and professionals, will continue to guide the direction of the programs.

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By Jim Garrett  
Staff Writer

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According to data compiled by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in a 2010 report, "Control and Mitigation of Drinking Water Losses in Distribution Systems," estimated daily per capita water consumption in Colorado was 145 gallons. The highest daily estimate was Texas, at 218 gallons per capita. The least was Wyoming, at 48 gallons.

According to a report submitted to the board of the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) by staff in December 2016, PAWSD produced more than 37 million gallons of drinking water to meet the needs of its customers.

But, the report continues, for the year 2016, 34.8 percent of the drinking water produced by PAWSD was "unaccounted for," or lost. For December alone, the figure was 36 percent.

This is not a surprise. The report tracks PAWSD's monthly water loss back to May 2013. For that period, the loss has generally ranged between 10 and 20 million gallons per month.

The loss is not unique to PAWSD. An organization named Alliance for Water Efficiency has reported on its website that "in the United States, thousands of community water utilities operate treatment and piping systems that process over 42 billion

gallons of water withdrawn from water sources each day."

Although water utilities focus heavily on water safety and reliability of supply, the group observes that, historically, "a similar focus has not been given to efficiency in the water supply process, and it is believed that many water utilities suffer considerable losses from leakage and poor accounting."

As a result, it reports, "studies have estimated that as much as 5.9 billion gallons per day ... of water is lost to leakage, poor accounting and other unbilled consumption in the United States."

That amount "is more than enough water to supply the ten largest cities of the United States."

The organization accordingly advocates that "greater efforts will be needed than in the past to recoup the large volumes of lost water that will be in very great need in the future."

In its 2010 report, the EPA provided water loss percentages for a limited selection of 35 public water distribution systems throughout the country, based on data collected in 2003. The highest was reported for Williamsport, Pa., at 35.13 percent. The lowest was in Shoshone, Wyo., at 15.19 percent.

Municipal systems in the east, where delivery pipes are older, often were reported to have relatively high water loss rates: for example, Philadelphia at 31.18 percent and Cleveland at 28.72 percent. But sys-

tems elsewhere had relatively high loss rates too, such as Converse, Texas, at 29.85 percent.

PAWSD District Manager Justin Ramsey said that reduction of water loss is a priority subject for the district's board, as exemplified by the monthly water loss reports that it receives.

Loss is primarily attributable to pipe leakage, Ramsey said, discounting the likelihood of much loss locally due to theft.

According to the monthly report submitted to the PAWSD board at its meeting in January, the loss occurring in PAWSD system breaks down to the volume of about 303 gallons per minute.

Ramsey compared that rate of loss to common water consumption rates. Flushing a current, efficient toilet consumes only 1.5 gallons, he said, and taking a shower takes an average of two gallons a minute.

Ramsey said that the American Water Works Association has proposed a national public water loss goal of 11 percent. However, he said that it would be difficult for PAWSD to reach that level because of the cost. PAWSD has 290 miles of pipeline, and it costs \$450,000 to replace one mile of existing pipe with new.

Ramsey explained that since the majority of the cost of delivering water to customers consists of fixed, capital costs, replacement of leaky pipe does not result directly in customer savings of the same

amount.

For comparison, Ramsey contrasted PAWSD with the water utility in Flagstaff, Ariz., where he was previously employed.

Both utilities serve approximately the same geographic area, he said, but Flagstaff has 16,000 customer accounts, nearly three times as many as PAWSD, which has 5,400. So, the replacement cost in Flagstaff can be shared across a much greater customer base and can progress at a much faster pace.

Ramsey said in light of the circumstances under which it operates, PAWSD would be happy to reduce water loss to 20 percent of production.

In pursuit of that objective, he said the district will include a capital replacement program in its annual budgets to replace leaking pipe. PAWSD will focus on trouble spots, he said, citing pipe replacement on Twin Creek Road last year as an example, in an area where a pattern of leaks occurred.

To assist its objective to be more proactive in the future, Ramsey pointed out, PAWSD now has equipment to "sound the lines" for leaks.

He explained that the equipment includes an apparatus that operates like a doctor's stethoscope. Using the equipment with valves shut, if water flow is heard crews know that the pipe section has a leak, identifying it for correction.

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## Archuleta County Sheriff's Office to hold public Q&A forum

By Mike LeRoux  
Special to The SUN

This week, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office announced its upcoming public question-and-answer forum to be held Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 11:30 a.m. at the Archuleta County administration building,

located at 398 Lewis St.

This community event is open to all members of the public. Department heads will be available in an informal session to answer community questions regarding the department, as well as current activities and future plans.

Undersheriff Tonya Hamilton explained, "Sheriff Rich Valdez and

the rest of his command staff would like to personally invite the community to this gathering to provide a forum with which members of the public can ask those important questions they feel they may need more information about. Of equal value, it's also an opportunity for us to get to know the individuals that help shape our community

on a more personal and meaningful level."

The format of the forum will be an informal panel of all department heads including Valdez, Hamilton, Brandon Bishop (patrol sergeant), Mike LeRoux (director of emergency management), Alvin Schaaf (detentions sergeant), Michael Bishop (patrol corporal), Mitch Randall (corporal) and Mel Smith (office manager).

The meeting will start at 11:30 a.m. with light refreshments and general discussion, followed by a brief introduction from each of the department heads explaining their role and the current state of their departments, as well as a succinct overview of 2017 plans and goals for their department. After this, the panel will answer questions posed by the public.

For questions concerning the forum, please call 264-8430 or email mFine@archuletacounty.org.

## Multiple rollovers occur on Wolf Creek Pass

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

Several rollover crashes occurred on Wolf Creek Pass over the weekend, with one involving a vehicle that went airborne and rolled four and a half times.

The driver of the vehicle walked away unscathed, and it's believed it was due to the fact that he was wearing his seat belt when the accident occurred.

According to the Colorado State Patrol's (CSP) Scott Fenwick, the rollover occurred on Sunday, Feb. 5, near mile marker 153, close to Treasure Falls.

The driver, a juvenile male, was headed westbound in a Toyota 4Runner when he fell asleep at the wheel.

Fenwick explained that the car went up and over a snowbank and became airborne, before touching down and rolling four and a half times.

Fenwick estimated that the juvenile was going 60 to 65 miles per hour at the time that he hit the snowbank.

The juvenile was wearing a seat belt when the crash occurred, with Fenwick commenting, "That probably saved his life that day."

The juvenile was not complaining of any injuries, but was transported to Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) by PSMC EMS for precautionary measures.

Fenwick added that items were thrown from the vehicle when it rolled, and that the driver was cited for careless driving.

He noted that a crash of this magnitude usually results in severe injury or death.

In the early morning hours of Thursday, Feb. 2, another rollover occurred involving a semi truck that was hauling bottled water.

According to Fenwick, the crash occurred at mile marker 160 at

about 2:30 a.m.

As the truck was moving, it slid onto its side and into a concrete barrier.

Fenwick stated that the driver was transported to PSMC and was complaining of head injuries.

He also added that the driver was cited with careless driving.

On the same day, another semi truck rollover occurred in the same area.

Fenwick explained that this rollover occurred at around 5:22 p.m. near mile marker 161, near the entrance to the lower runaway truck ramp.

Fenwick stated that the driver lost control of his truck, which rolled onto its side and slid into the snowbank.

The truck was hauling Pepsi products, he reported.

Fenwick added that the driver, who was from Texas, was cited for careless driving.

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# Business

## CHAMBER NEWS

### Young Professionals of Pagosa Springs group being formed

By Mary Jo Coulehan and Mandi Davis  
SUN Columnists

Coming off a busy 2017 Winter-Fest weekend, the Chamber first wants to thank all of our event sponsors, including our lodging community. From media to materials to financial assistance, your contributions are key. We also want to thank the visiting hot air balloon pilots that enhanced the weekend and gave our community possibilities for additional photographic moments.

The eighth annual Penguin Plunge brought 10 plungers to the 32-degree water of the San Juan River. The 10 hearty souls raised over \$3,700 for area nonprofit organizations including the Humane Society, Loaves and Fishes, Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS), DUST2, Pagosa Fire Protection District and GECKO.

The Humane Society raised the most funds with DUST2 and BBBS also making a good fundraising effort. Nick Tallent plunging for BBBS won the best costuming. We had five out-of-town participants this year that made the plunge and donated money to local nonprofits. The one disappointment was that there were no females plunging — including yours truly. We'll need to work on that aspect of the Penguin Plunge next year.

The former Anything Goes Downhill Sled Race became the Sledz on Rez race, with the hosting of the event taken over by the new Young Professionals of Pagosa Springs, or YPOPS, group. These young go-

getters were able to attract 17 entries and a large crowd of spectators to Reservoir Hill as the participants of "Built It, Rode It and Wrecked It." The Best Wreck went to Kaylee Hensle and the Best Team went to Honesty Anderson and Cori Davis. Racing yet another creative sled and winning the Best in Show this year were Jeff and Tanya Quinn with their S.S. Quinn cruise sled theme. Congratulations, all.

So who are these YPOPS? It is a fun name for a group that is ushering in newcomers and longtime local young professionals with a chance to meet and network in an affordable, casual and non-intimidating environment. The group is sponsored under the umbrella of the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce and is sparking interest quickly because of the strong business ties, value and foundation the Chamber offers.

There is no other way to describe the quick formation of YPOPS except for: magic. Sometimes the world delivers the right group of people in the right place, and that is what happened in the winter of 2016.

Mary Jo Coulehan had just been delivered back into the arms of the Chamber and she sought out Mandi Davis, who was the founder of the Young Professionals Group of Durango and former Young Professional of the Year there. She had moved to Pagosa Springs with her husband, Justin Davis, and their children.

Several young professionals had also independently reached out for a better opportunity to connect with

their business peers. Some of these were former Chamber board members like Tallent and Nicki Smith. Others were independent business owners and operators like Haley Goodman, Cody Anderson, Jenelle Syverson, Matt Monroe and T Jay Carter. A few had just started new positions and wanted to make a big splash in the community by giving back like Christina Crain and Jesse Hensle. They formed YPOPS and kicked off 2017 with a family-friendly event at WinterFest, Sledz on Rez.

The YPOPS mission is to mentor, connect, empower and engage young professionals ages 21-45. Through educational, social and philanthropic activities that include civic activity and community service, the YPOPS have launched into giving back to the community while growing the opportunities and business connections within the group and in conjunction with the Chamber.

Actively shaping the community of Pagosa Springs while lifting each other up is the main goal and focus of YPOPS as it grows in numbers. They are also developing a mentorship program with the Chamber to connect a new generation with seasoned professionals in the area.

Joining the group is easy. You can reach out to the advisory board for YPOPS with any questions by emailing ypops.co@gmail.com. Or, if you're ready to jump in with both feet, sign up today on the Chamber's website, www.pagosachamber.com. The annual fee is \$25 and includes discounts to all YPOPS events and an invitation to the Chamber's monthly Business After Hours.

The next YPOPS event will be the kick off of Lunches with Leaders hosted by Tavern Le Boeuf on Feb. 28 at 11 a.m. This is an opportunity to get a delicious lunch for \$10 for YPOPS members or \$15 for non-members. You'll get advice from,

### Pagosa Mountain Morning Rotary Club varies meeting times

By Rod Proffitt  
Special to The SUN

Jeremiah Cummons, president of the Pagosa Mountain Morning Rotary Club, announced that the club has initiated an experiment to vary its meeting times in an effort to attract new members and encourage existing members to attend more meetings.

Beginning immediately, on odd Wednesdays of each month, the meeting will be held at 7 a.m. and each even Wednesday of each month will be held at 6 p.m.

All meetings will continue to be held at Pagosa Brewing and Grill located at 118 N. Pagosa Blvd.

For more information, please see pagosarotary.org/morning.

face time and the opportunity to network with established members and founders of community programs in Pagosa Springs. This event is reoccurring every fourth Tuesday in 2017.

So, if you just moved here, are new at a job, just need some direction, conversation or just want to grow your business, come to an event or reach out. The YPOPS are here with the help of the Chamber to ensure that Pagosa welcomes you and adds the right tools to your business toolbox.

### Membership news

We have some new members this week and a slew of renewals to announce. New to the Chamber is Pagosa Art Co-op, Williams Creek Angler and Constance d'Angelis.

Our renewals this week include Galles Properties, Upscale Resale, Axis Health Systems, the Flying Dutchman, the Malt Shoppe, Pagosa Springs Timeshare Rentals and Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

Please contact the Chamber if you would like to find out more about becoming a Chamber member or involved in the YPOPS.

### Region 9 announces new board members

By Terry Blair-Burton  
SUN Columnist

The Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado announces Craig Benally, Steve Garcher and Rebecca Anderson have joined the Region 9 Board of Directors.

Craig Benally, a town trustee with Mancos; Steve Garchar, a newly elected Dolores County commissioner; and Rebecca Anderson, town trustee for Pagosa Springs, were all appointed at the Jan. 26 board of directors meeting.

Region 9 is a public/private partnership that promotes and coordinates economic development efforts in five Colorado counties. The Region 9 Board of Directors is comprised of representatives from the 17 local governmental jurisdictions and nine members from the private sector.

The Region 9 board meets quarterly, with the next meeting scheduled for April. For more information, please call 247-9621 or go to www.scan.org.

## Biz Beat



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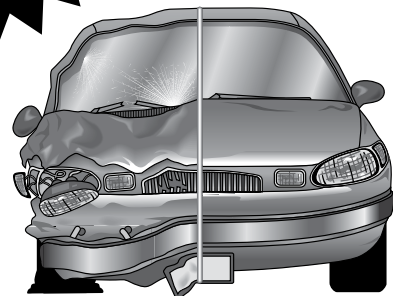
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# School board approves budget supplement

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education approved a supplemental budget during a special meeting on Jan. 24, with that supplement reflecting the increased enrollment in the district, as well as an anticipated decrease in federal funding.

Following are a few of the changes included in the supplemental budget.

## General Fund

The budget supplement includes an additional \$540,440 from the state in per-pupil funding due to the district's increased enrollment, which was above the budgeted figures.

For Pagosa Springs Elementary School, 533.5 students were included in the budget, with the October count landing at 581 students. For the middle school, the budgeted count was 449, with 514 counted in October. For the high school, 401 students were included in the budget, while 417 were counted in October.

However, despite the additional funding, the per-pupil funding decreased from \$7,572 per student to \$7,452 per student.

"It's kind of like they giveth and

they taketh away," Superintendent Linda Reed said in a later interview, explaining that the move increased the negative factor. The negative factor is part of the School Finance Act that reduces the program funding and state aid that flows to school districts.

From that additional funding, an additional \$25,150 will go to the district's schools to help cover the additional supplies needed, explained ASD Finance Director Mike Hodgson in a later interview.

The elementary school is receiving an additional \$8,550, the middle school is receiving an additional \$13,000 and the high school is receiving an additional \$3,600, totaling the above-mentioned \$25,150.

Other expenses related to the enrollment increase include an additional school bus and more staff, some of whom are still being hired, Reed noted.

Other funding increases totaled \$8,758 for the General Fund.

However, the General Fund also took a hit, with \$300,000 of Secure Rural Schools funding no longer budgeted since ASD is unsure if the federal funding will come through.

Stemming from that, the district also took \$30,000 out of the budget that was to be passed through to

Seeds of Learning.

Also included is an additional \$45,000 to be expended for "professional services," which Reed explained include additional legal services, as well as services from Will Neder.

The increased legal fees are attributed to the charter school process as well as a couple of confidential situations with students, she said, and Neder helps the district with a variety of projects, including the strategic framework and Proud to be ASD campaign.

"He does a lot of work behind the scenes," Reed said of Neder.

Other increases and cost savings, which the budget revision documents notes are primarily from benefits, total \$222,919 that is no longer slated to be spent.

The total net change in revenue for ASD's general fund is \$51,703.

## Other funds

Several other funds also include increased revenue and expenses.

In the Food Service Fund, both revenue and expenses increased due to the expanded enrollment, with more students paying to eat at school and the school feeding more students. The increase in expenses in the fund also reflects the recent pay increases caused by the new minimum wage law.

Within that fund, the revenue increased \$134,998, while the expenses increased by \$96,061.

The grant fund, too, saw an increase due to additional \$93,328 in grants that was not originally budgeted in June.

Revenue in the Bond Redemption Fund increased \$25,000 for specific ownership taxes and \$2,000 for more interest earnings.

The Capital Projects Fund also saw several adjustments, with increased revenue coming from the General Fund, the fifth- and sixth-grade building roofing project coming in under budget, prior year projects being included in the current year's expenses, a higher-than-expected cost for the district's facility study and the purchase of the additional bus.

The beginning balance of the Trust Fund increased, as did the interest earnings.

Finally, in the Student Activity Fund, the beginning fund balance was increased by \$11,743, and the revenue increased by \$13,250 due to \$13,000 more being raised by students and \$250 more in interest earnings.

Expenses within that fund also increased by a total of \$11,993 for more spending by students based on them raising more money.

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# Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

## Thursday, Feb. 9

**Town of Pagosa Springs zoning public meeting.** Smaller lot sizes R-12 and R-18 presentation, 5:30 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, Hot Springs Boulevard.

## Monday, Feb. 13

**San Juan Water Conservancy District regular bi-monthly meeting.** 7 p.m., district offices, 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 5.

## Tuesday, Feb. 14

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session.**

8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

**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.** 6:30 p.m., Station No. 1 training room, 191 North Pagosa Blvd.

## Wednesday, Feb. 15

**Archuleta County Sheriff's Office public meeting.** For questions and answers with all department heads. 11:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building,

commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

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

## Tuesday, Feb. 21

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

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

Lewis St.

**Town of Pagosa Springs comprehensive plan update public meeting.** River master plan presentation, 5:30 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, Hot Springs Boulevard.

## Wednesday, Feb. 22

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

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

## Thursday, Feb. 23

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

## Tuesday, Feb. 28

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners and Pagosa Springs Town Council joint 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.

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

**Upper San Juan Health Service District regular board meeting.** 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Medical Center main building conference room, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd.

# Public meeting tonight on lot sizes and density in residential districts

By James Dickhoff  
Special to The SUN

Since October 2015, the Town of Pagosa Springs Planning Commission has been discussing smaller minimum lot sizes in the medium-density residential district (R-12) and the high-density residential district (R-18) as well as increasing the allowable density in the R-18

district from the current allowable 18 dwelling units per acre.

The town will conduct a public meeting on Feb. 9 at 5:30 p.m. at the Ross Aragon Community Center in the Senior Center Dining Room to explain and discuss the code amendments contemplated in Ordinance 853 for the R-12 and R-18 districts.

Property owners within these districts and adjacent property

owners are encouraged to attend this meeting, which is scheduled prior to town council's consideration of approving Ordinance 853 on second reading at a future public town council meeting.

The Town Planning Department encourages anyone with questions to please contact its office at 264-4151, ext. 225 or email jdickhoff@pagosapings.com.

# San Juan River Master Plan public meeting Feb. 21

By James Dickhoff  
Special to The SUN

As part of the town's comprehensive plan update process, the town planning and parks and recreation departments will conduct a public input work session regarding updating the San Juan River Master Plan on Feb. 21 at 5:30 p.m. in the Ross Aragon Community Center, in the Senior Dining Room.

The San Juan River Master Plan encompasses at least the 2-mile river corridor through town. Town staff will present previously completed projects and current scheduled projects.

The public will be asked to provide input and comments regarding additional amenities envisioned along the 2-mile corridor. These amenities could include, for

example: shade structures, picnic tables, rustic trails, Riverwalk connectivity, boater improvements, wildlife, fish and bird habitat, parking, access, signage, restrooms and more.

Please plan on attending the meeting. Your input is very important at this stage of the comprehen-

sive plan update process.

This public input work session is one of many public input meetings being conducted as part of the comprehensive plan update process.

If you have any questions, please contact the Planning Department at 264-4151, ext. 221.

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# Cyclists will turn miles into memories during the 32nd annual Ride The Rockies bicycle tour

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Pagosa Springs will be a host community for The Denver Post Ride The Rockies Bicycle Tour's annual summer event for the seventh time this summer.

Previous years the Pagosa Springs community hosted the event were 2013, 2010, 2006, 2002, 1996 and 1991.

The 2017 ride will take place over seven days from June 11-17. The ride will include 2,000 cyclists from across the country, chosen through a lottery registration. Riders will be treated to the majestic views and challenging terrain of some of the best miles Colorado has to offer to the cycling community.

The 32nd tour will showcase the communities of Alamosa, Pagosa Springs, Durango, Ridgway, Montrose, Gunnison and Salida. Beginning in Alamosa, the "Gateway to Colorado's Great Sand Dunes," cyclists will ride through some of the same mountain passes made famous by the historic Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad. From Alamosa, cyclists will cover 447 miles and ascend over 32,000 vertical feet, all the way to the "Heart of the Rockies" in Salida.

Keeping to tradition, the course will feature some of Colorado's most scenic and breathtaking views. Highlights of the route include: Wolf Creek Pass, the Pagosa

hot springs, the Durango-Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad, Hesperus Hill, Coal Bank Pass, Molas Pass, Red Mountain Pass, Ouray Hot Springs, Cerro Summit, Blue Mesa Reservoir and Monarch Pass. Cyclists will be treated to some of Colorado's finest mountain towns that host the tour.

"There is a reason why Ride The Rockies is no stranger to the majority of the communities highlighted on this year's tour; the routes between each town are spectacular and the charming hosts do an exceptional job of welcoming everyone associated with the event," said Renee Wheelock, tour director. "We're ecstatic to revisit this region."

Local hotels, restaurants and retailers in each host community benefit from an estimated \$250,000 in economic impact each day of the tour. Increasing this impact, The Denver Post Community Foundation will award a \$5,000 grant to a nonprofit organization in each host town.

For over three decades, Ride The Rockies has showcased some of the state's most beautiful regions, a stewardship made possible by countless volunteers, loyal sponsors, dedicated partners and gracious host communities.

The 2017 Ride The Rockies route is:

June 11 — Alamosa to Pagosa Springs.

June 12 — Pagosa Springs to Durango.

June 13 — Durango loop.

June 14 — Durango to Ridgway.

June 15 — Ridgway to Montrose or optional Government Springs Challenge.

June 16 — Montrose to Gunnison.

June 17 — Gunnison to Salida.

The route is subject to change pending permits.

## Registration

Cyclists must register for the event lottery online at [ridetherockies.com](http://ridetherockies.com). Applications will be accepted through Feb. 26. Applicants will be notified of their standing on March 3.

## Charitable contributions

Proceeds from Ride The Rockies and its ancillary events benefit The Denver Post Community Foundation. Since 2001, Ride The Rockies has presented 108 grants, totaling more than \$585,000, to nonprofit agencies in the host communities. These organizations focus on youth education, cycling safety and increased access to bicycle use for low-income participants.

## About Ride The Rockies

Each June, Ride The Rockies participants venture on a six- or seven-day bicycle tour across Colorado's Rocky Mountains. The route is different each year, but always

climbs a few challenging passes to showcase the state's spectacular scenery. To date, the tour has visited 47 different towns.

The ride is exceptionally popular and approximately 2,300 applications are received annually. Ride The Rockies is embarking on its 32nd consecutive tour, making the ride one of the longest running bicycle tours in Colorado.

## About The Denver Post Community Foundation

The Denver Post Ride The Rockies Bicycle Tour is an event of The Denver Post Community Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, which serves to improve and enrich the lives of those in our community by raising and distributing funds to metro-area and Colorado nonprofit agencies serving the areas of arts, youth, education and human services.

In 2016, \$225,250 was granted to over 36 nonprofit organizations in Metro Denver and Colorado. The foundation raises funds primarily through eight signature events and programs including: Basket of Joy, Cheyenne Frontier Days Train, Colorado State Spelling Bee, Passport to the Arts, Pedal The Plains Bicycle Tour, Pen and Podium Series, Ride the Rockies Bicycle Tour and Underground Music Showcase.

To learn more about Denver Post Community, visit [denverpostcommunity.com](http://denverpostcommunity.com).

# Volunteers tally 61 bird species and 2,811 individual birds

By Anne Stevens and Al Pfister  
Special to The SUN

Our local Weminuche Audubon Chapter again participated in the Audubon's annual Christmas Bird Count in Pagosa Springs on Dec. 17, 2016.

Thirty-four volunteers canvassed the 15-mile diameter Pagosa count circle (divided into eight sections) for four to six hours. It was a cold, windy, snowy day. A few other volunteers observed and counted birds visiting their home feeders.

A final tally and summary was conducted that evening over a chili potluck supper at the county Extension building. Sixty-one species and 2,811 individual birds were counted. It was a particularly good day for raptor sightings, with three golden eagles, five bald eagles, two northern harriers, three ferruginous hawks, and 34 red-tailed hawks counted.

The Audubon Annual Christmas

Bird count is the longest running citizen science survey in the world, starting in 1900. Our local chapter has participated in the survey since 2011.

This event, and the one discussed below, are examples of the contributions citizen science can make to the management of our wildlife resources. State, federal and local resource agencies can use data collected in such events to supplement data they have collected to better inform management decisions. Resource agencies frequently do not have the budget to support intensive data collection efforts for all the projects they are asked to assess. For example, landscape-scale projects are best approached and assessed when partnerships in data collection are utilized to the maximum extent practicable.

Another important citizen science project, the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) is coming up Feb. 17-20. It is very easy to partici-

pate: simply tally the numbers and kinds of birds you see for at least 15 minutes on one or more days of the count. You can count from any location anywhere in the world for as long as you wish. Then enter your checklists onto eBird.

If you need more direction on how to participate, Weminuche Audubon will host an informational meeting to explain all of this on Wednesday, Feb. 15 (setup at 6 p.m., meeting to start at 6:30 p.m.), at the Community United Methodist Church on Lewis Street. More information about the GBBC is also available at the GBBC website: [birdcount.org](http://birdcount.org).

Become an active participant in assisting resource agencies in data collection as a private citizen, pursuing and advancing your bird and wildlife identification skill — come join your local Weminuche Audubon Chapter in events such as the aforementioned. If you have additional questions, please call Becky Herman at 903-0788.

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# Sports

## BASKETBALL



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Pagosa's Megan Farrah and her Bayfield counterpart fight over a rebound during the second half of Monday evening's 65-25 win over the Wolverines.



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Lady Pirate Morgan Lewis goes up for a shot while being surrounded by Bayfield's team. Lewis tallied 28 points in the 65-25 win.

### Lady Pirates set to welcome rival Falcons to town Saturday

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The No. 7-ranked Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirates basketball team logged several victories, including two wins and the return of senior Megan Farrah to the lineup.

Farrah missed several games following sustaining a concussion and broken nose in Monte Vista on Jan. 13, but returned in time to round out the regular season and head into the postseason.

The two game wins came against Intermountain League (IML) opponents, giving the Pirates a 7-1 league record and 13-2 overall mark.

#### Alamosa

After only beating the Mean Moose by two points on Jan. 14 in Pagosa, the Lady Pirates logged a much more decisive win in Alamosa Friday evening, 53-16.

"I thought we were good defensively again," coach Wes Lewis said, adding, "We really just kind of locked in on them."

Lewis said the Lady Pirates went into the game ready for the challenge and wanting to redeem themselves for the previous close game.

The goal, he said, was to "Get after them defensively" and let the offense take care of itself.

The game plan apparently worked, with the Lady Pirates taking an early lead and stifling Alamosa's offense.

Pagosa broke out with 15 points in the first quarter while holding the Mean Moose to eight. In the second quarter, Pagosa added another 17

points to the scoreboard while shutting out Alamosa.

The strong effort continued in the second quarter, with Pagosa besting Alamosa 9-4 and 12-4 in the final two quarters for the 53-16 win.

"I was proud of our effort," Lewis said.

Morgan Lewis chalked up 22 points in the game, followed by eight from Ada Peshlakai, seven from Devin Wilson, six from Farrah, and two each from Hailey Griego, Keena Murphy, Teagan Stretton, Taylor Lewis and Zoe Stroecker.

Fourteen of those points came from the free-throw line, out of 26 attempts.

Morgan Lewis also led the team in rebounding, pulling down 13 of the team's 32.

Pagosa turned the ball over 18 times in the game.

#### Bayfield

Tuesday evening, the Lady Pirates recorded another solid win, sending the Wolverines home with a 65-25 loss.

"I thought ... we were good in some areas," the coach said. "I didn't think we were explosive at any point in the game; we just consistently were solid, I guess you'd say, to stretch out the margin ..."

The coach noted three main areas where the Lady Pirates "could have been a lot cleaner" — turnovers, playing defense without fouling so much, and giving away too many offensive rebounds.

"I think our defense was good, great at times, but our rebounding needs to be shored up, for sure," he

said, adding that it's frustrating to do a good job on defense, then miss a rebound because you either have to "start all over again or they get an easy shot right in the paint."

The Lady Pirates outscored the Wolverines in three of the game's four quarters — 13-6, 21-3 and 21-4 — with Bayfield besting the Pirates 12-10 in the third quarter.

Of the Pirates' 65 points, 28 came from Morgan Lewis, 10 came from Wilson, nine from Griego, six from Farrah, five from Peshlakai, two each from Murphy, Amelia Peshlakai and Taylor Lewis, and one from Stroecker.

Morgan Lewis also led in rebounds, tallying nine of the team's 26.

The Pirates turned the ball over 11 times and notched 16 steals.

#### Up next

The Lady Pirates will finish their regular-season schedule with three games over the next week, two of which are league matches.

First, the team will head to Cortez to face the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers in what the coach anticipated would be a physical game on Friday evening.

"We've got to take care of business Friday at Cortez," Wes Lewis said, adding, "It's usually been a little bit of a battle over there."

The Panthers are 0-8 in the IML and 1-16 overall.

That game is scheduled to begin at 6:15 p.m.

The next day, the Lady Pirates will be back in action, welcoming the Centauri Falcons to town.

The Falcons are the No. 5 team in

girls' 3A basketball and hold a perfect 8-0 IML record and 16-1 overall mark.

"It should be a good one," the coach said. "They're good, we're good."

The Lady Pirates fell to the Falcons

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## BASKETBALL

# Pirates look to avoid 'big trouble' in final league games

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

It was a rough week for the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate basketball team, with the team dropping a pair of league matches.

The losses leave the team with a 3-5 Intermountain League (IML) record and 7-9 overall mark with two league games remaining before the district tournament, and three games overall.

Coach Randy Sorenson noted the team "better fix things fast" to avoid falling into deeper trouble.

### Alamosa

The team's week of play started in Alamosa on Saturday, with the Pirates returning home with a narrow, 48-44 loss to the Mean Moose in the books.

"The Alamosa game was another close one," Sorenson wrote in an email to The SUN.

Alamosa took an early lead in the game and never gave it up, besting the Pirates 11-8 in the first quarter.

Both teams scored 11 in the second quarter.

Alamosa again outscored the Pirates in the third quarter, 13-9, but the Pirates found a way to outscore the Mean Moose in the fourth quarter, 16-13.

"We were down three at half and Alamosa extended the lead to thirteen at one point in the second half but the kids fought back and had a chance to win but we were unable to pull out a victory," Sorenson wrote.

The Mean Moose are now 16-1 on the season and a perfect 8-0 in the IML, earning them the No. 4 spot among the state's top 3A boys' teams.

"Alamosa is a very good basketball team and you have to be at your very best to beat them. Our kids gave a great effort but it wasn't enough," Sorenson noted. "We turned it over twenty times, we gave up too many offensive rebounds to them, and they shot thirty eight free throws to our seven. You are not going to win many games against any teams let alone good teams with those stats."

Only one Pirate racked up double digits in terms of scoring, with Isaiah Griego putting up 18 points.

Ethan Brown followed with eight points, Keaton Laverty had seven,



SUN photo/  
Randi Pierce

Pagosa's Keaton Laverty goes up for a shot amidst Bayfield's defense Tuesday evening. Laverty finished the game with seven points, five rebounds and five steals, but the Wolverines bested the Pirates in the affair, with a final score of 67-47 in Bayfield's favor.

Mason Snarr recorded four points, Cade Cowan put up three points, and Lane Schaaf and Ty Kimsey each added two.

Pagosa pulled down 31 rebounds on the night, led by 14 from Griego.

### Bayfield

Tuesday, the Pirates welcomed the Bayfield Wolverines to town, but, unfortunately, sent their opponents home with a 67-47 victory.

"Bayfield outplayed us in every aspect of the game," Sorenson wrote. "Give them all of the credit. They played great."

Bayfield started the game strong and went on to outscore Pagosa in the first (23-14), third (19-12) and fourth (18-12) quarters. Pagosa bested Bayfield in the second, 9-7.

"Our defense was not good and we struggled scoring the ball. We again turned it over seventeen times and gave up too many offensive rebounds. It was not a good performance by us."

Griego again led Pagosa's scoring efforts, chalking up 15 points in the game. Laverty and Brown followed with seven points each.

Kimsey and Zach DeVooght each added five points, and Schaaf and Jesus Pacheco each added two.

Laverty and Griego jointly led the

team with five rebounds each, with the team totaling 21.

Of the team's 14 steals, five were credited to Laverty.

### Up next

This week, the team will round out its regular-season IML play in a pair of games against the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers and Centauri Falcons.

"We have two more tough games this weekend and we better fix things fast or we are in big trouble," Sorenson wrote. "We have been very inconsistent and on a roller coaster all year. We need to figure it out."

First, the Pirates will head to Cortez to take on the Panthers on Friday, who also sit at 3-5 in the IML and own a 6-11 overall record.

Tipoff is slated for 8 p.m.

The next day, the Pirates are scheduled to welcome the Centauri Falcons to town for a 7 p.m. affair.

The Falcons are 2-6 in the league and 8-9 overall.

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## Pirates

### Continued from A12

37-33 on Jan. 27 in La Jara, when the team was without Farrah.

"There's no doubt we're a better team with Megan Farrah back," the coach said, adding he hoped it would be enough to put the Pirates on top.

Tipoff is scheduled for 5:30 p.m.



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Randi Pierce

Pirate Ty Kimsey goes up for a layup in Tuesday's loss to the Bayfield Wolverines. With two league games remaining, the Pirates are tied for third with Montezuma-Cortez, with both teams owning a 3-5 conference record.

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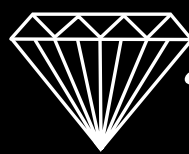
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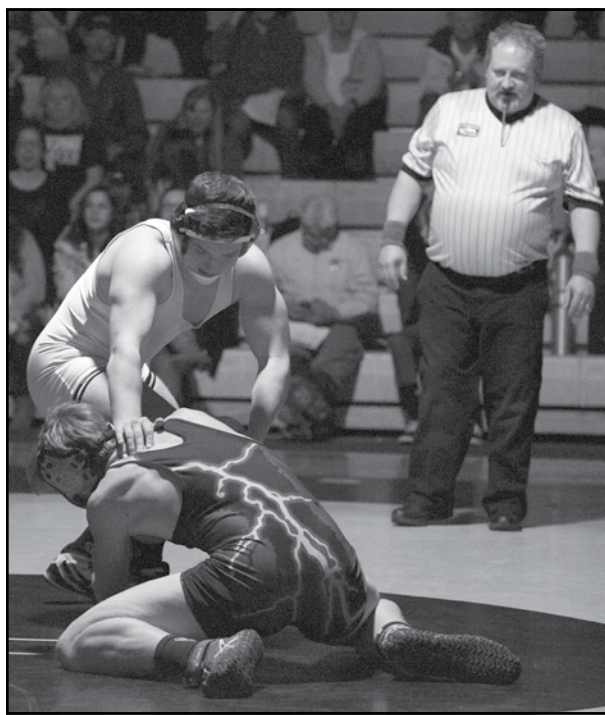
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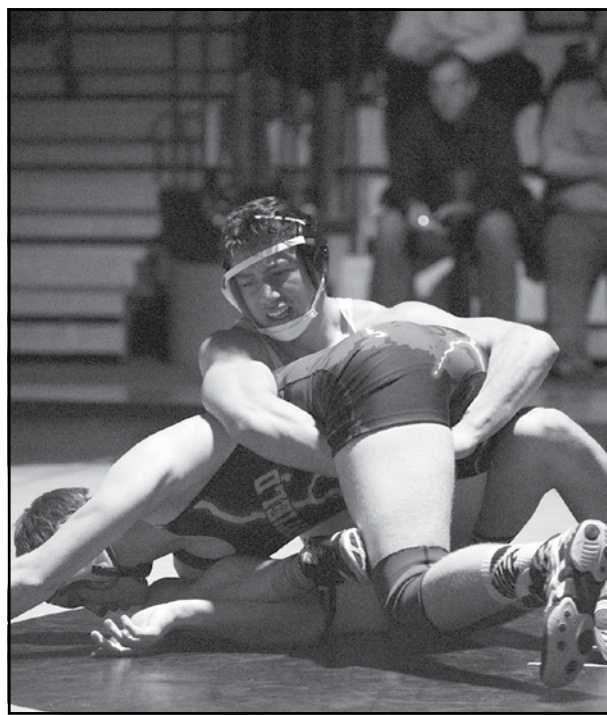
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## WRESTLING



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Sophomore Connor Aragon works to avoid being taken down by his opponent during the Pirates' home dual against the Bayfield Wolverines last Thursday. The Pirates won the dual 34-24.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Sophomore Caleb Janowsky gets his opponent into a hold during the Pirates' home dual against the Bayfield Wolverines last Thursday. Janowsky beat his opponent in a 3-1 decision, scoring three points for the Pirates.

## Pirates conquer Wolverines, fall to Falcons

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirates wrestled hard last week, resulting in a win in a dual against the Bayfield Wolverines and a loss in a dual against the Centauri Falcons.

"I thought we wrestled well," said coach Dan Janowsky. "We're wrestling better every week and we've definitely got some areas that could help us a lot to get better in. We were battling through some sickness, and I know they were too, but our kids came out and wrestled hard, and we won some big matches."

Janowsky said that various wrestlers were still struggling with cold and flu-like symptoms, which is something the Pirates have been dealing with for the last two weeks.

"I think it's something that everybody goes through this time of year, it just happens to be an important part of our season," said Janowsky, adding that he was unsure if the sickness would dissipate before the Pirates went to regional matches.

"You can only hope for the best, and there comes a point when you just have to deal with it, and that's part of the lessons of this sport, is that you have to make the most of what you have and live with the results," said Janowsky.

### Wolverine dual

On Thursday, Feb. 2, the Pirates beat the Wolverines 34-24 in Pagosa Springs.

At 106 pounds, freshman Will Villalobos beat his opponent with a 10-3 decision, scoring three points

for the team.

"I think everybody likes to watch ... Will Villalobos. He's a high-energy kind of guy, and very competitive," said Janowsky. "He's kind of been in the shadows just because he's a freshman, but he contributes a lot both with his energy in the practice room and his combativeness in the matches and competitions."

At 113 pounds, freshman Nathan Smith won due to a forfeit and scored the team six points.

In the 138-pound division, junior Tate Hinger beat his opponent by an 8-3 decision and scored the team three points.

At 152 pounds, junior Dalton Lucero got a pin on his opponent and scored the team six points.

In the 160-pound division, sophomore Ian Reinhardt beat his opponent with a 11-3 major decision, scoring the team four points.

At 170 pounds, junior Colton Castro beat his opponent in a sudden victory round 7-5, scoring three points for the team.

"Colton's overtime win ... was big for us; we've wrestled (his opponent) in some close matches, and we'll have to see him again on Saturday," said Janowsky. "We've lost to him two or three times, and to get a win was good for us, and it's an indication that we're getting better. It was a really exciting match."

In the 195-pound division, sophomore Caleb Janowsky beat his opponent with a 3-1 decision, scoring three points for the team.

At 220 pounds, junior Nolan Stretton won due to a forfeit, scoring the team six points.

The Wolverines also lost a point

due to unsportsmanlike conduct.

Dan Janowsky explained that the penalty resulted due to something the Wolverine's wrestler in the 126-pound division did after his match.

The coach said it could have had something to do with not shaking hands at the end of the match, or saying something that was unsportsmanlike.

### Falcon dual

On Saturday, Feb. 4, the Pirates lost to the Falcons 44-23 in La Jara.

At 106 pounds, Villalobos won due to a forfeit and scored the team six points.

At 152 pounds, Lucero won in a sudden victory round 13-11, scoring the team three points.

At 170 pounds, Castro beat his opponent with a 9-1 major decision, scoring four points for the team.

In the 182-pound division, sophomore Connor Aragon beat his opponent with a 18-5 major decision, scoring the team four points.

At 195 pounds, Caleb Janowsky won due to a forfeit and scored the team six points.

In preparation for regionals this weekend, the coach said that he was focusing on making sure the wrestlers know what holds they're good at, as well as how to wrestle their opponents into those holds.

He said another key point in preparing for regionals was relaxing.

This Friday and Saturday, Feb. 10 and 11, the Pirates will travel to Buena Vista to wrestle in regionals. [marshall@pagosasun.com](mailto:marshall@pagosasun.com)

## RECREATION NEWS

## It's time to register for youth volleyball

By Darren Lewis  
SUN Columnist

The recreation department is accepting youth volleyball registration for 9-10 and 11-12 age groups through Feb. 24.

The 9-10 division will be an instructional league held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

The 11-12 division will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings. The cost is \$35.

Please call the recreation department with any questions, 264-4151, ext. 232.

### Open gym Saturdays

The Ross Aragon Community Center will be open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for open gym. This will continue through April.

Any event conflicts which would not allow a Saturday open gym will be posted in advance on the town's website, Facebook page and in The

SUN.

Please call the Community Center with any questions, 264-4152, ext. 521.

### Online registration

To register for programs online, visit the parks and recreation department page at [www.townofpagosasprings.com](http://www.townofpagosasprings.com).

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

## Pagosa Rangers soccer registration continues

By Dorman Diller  
Special to The SUN

Registration for the spring season is beginning for the Pagosa Rangers traveling teams. Coed teams will play in the following age divisions: U-10, U-12, U-13 (and in sixth grade or below; birth years 2004-2008).

Pagosa Youth Soccer is an organization that competes through Colorado Youth Soccer with other teams from southwest Colorado or New Mexico. Teams travel in the Four Corners area and play in the Four Corners League or Southwest League.

A skills clinic will be held for

players on Feb. 11 at the Ross Aragon Community Center from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Players will have an opportunity to work on skills and learn more about the club. A parent meeting will be held at 3 p.m. to pass out information and answer questions.

The early registration discount is \$160. After Feb. 17, the fee goes up to \$185. The fee covers league registration fee and insurance, team practice equipment, field rentals, coach stipend, referees, tournament registration and an end-of-season party. Players purchase their uniforms for \$75.50, which includes two jerseys with the team patch on them, shorts, socks

and a bag with their number and team patch on it.

Registration closes on Feb. 24 with all paperwork and fees submitted. Scholarships are available until registration closes.

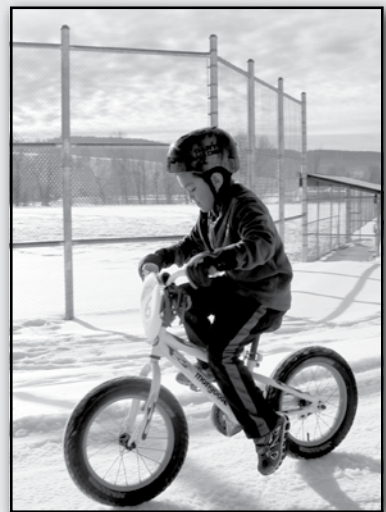
Practices will begin in March and teams will practice twice a week. Two games are usually played on each Saturday. The first games will be in late March or April.

You may find more information or register online at [www.pagosa-soccer.org](http://www.pagosa-soccer.org) or pick up registration forms at Toner Mountain Copiers at the top of Put Hill. For questions or further help, email [info@pagosoccer.org](mailto:info@pagosoccer.org) or call Stephanie at 769-2163.



SUN photos/  
Randi Pierce and Marshall Dunham

Pagosa's annual snow celebration, WinterFest, took place throughout Pagosa Country last weekend and featured, among other events, jumping into the freezing-cold San Juan River and sledding. Other happenings during the weekend celebration included hot air balloon ascensions, the Barkus Parade, fat bike race and a cornhole tournament.













# WinterFest



SUN photos  
Randi Pierce and Marshall Dunham

People of all ages turned out for a series of wintertime events during last weekend's WinterFest. Festivities included Sledz on Rez, where brave souls slid down Reservoir Hill in all manner of contraptions. The hot air balloon ascension, Barkus Parade, fat bike race and Penguin Plunge also drew crowds of spectators seeking a good time.



## SENIOR NEWS

### Tax assistance available for seniors

By Cheryl Wilkinson  
PREVIEW Columnist

For the past several years, the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) group out of Durango has come to the Pagosa Springs Senior Center offering free income tax preparation for seniors.

This year, due to lack of adequate volunteers from THC (Tax Help Colorado) out of Denver, the Durango VITA tax volunteers will not be able to assist senior taxpayers in Pagosa Springs.

Seniors can, however, go to Durango for help with their taxes.

The schedule is as follows: seniors only, Mondays, beginning Feb. 6 (call 382-6445 for an appointment). All ages, Saturdays beginning Feb. 4 (call 335-9776 for an appointment).

The qualifying income level for free assistance is \$54,000.

#### Next health and wellness clinic Feb. 21

The Senior Center has initiated a new pilot program expanding health and wellness services to Archuleta County seniors. The program will include wellness, blood pressure monitoring or allow 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 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, of Alpine Medical and Specialty Practices. Zappone has been a nurse practitioner for six years and a longtime resident of Pagosa Springs. She understands the difficulties of 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 wellness event is Feb. 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 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, Feb. 9 — Chicken tostadas, spinach with tomato, Mexican corn, salad bar and pineapple/orange cake.

Friday, Feb. 10 — Beef Philly cheesesteak, potato salad, orange beet salad and salad bar.

Monday, Feb. 13 — Tuna and noodles, Brussels sprouts, baked tomato provencal, salad bar and lemon dessert.

Tuesday, Feb. 14 — Happy Valentine's Day — Beef spaghetti with Italian meatballs, marinara sauce, snap peas, cauliflower with red peppers, focaccia bread and salad bar.

Wednesday, Feb. 15 — Chicken enchiladas, charro beans, squash calabacitas and salad bar.

Thursday, Feb. 16 — BBQ pulled pork sandwich, baked beans, spinach with tomato 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.

For your convenience, you can make your reservations in advance or have a standing reservation on days you know you will always attend. Please cancel if you cannot attend on your standing reservation days.

### Free dental screenings for children

By Claire Ninde  
Special to The SUN

In the spirit of National Children's Dental Health Month, San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) is offering free dental screenings and fluoride varnishes for any child age 1 to 5 years.

Kari Plante, RDH, regional oral health specialist, will be available in Pagosa Springs on Feb. 20, March 20, April 24 and May 15.

Walk-ins are welcome, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m., and children must be accompanied by an adult.

The American Dental Association recommends kids get an oral screening by the age of 1. If your baby has teeth, he or she can get cavities. It is important for you and your child to get an early start on dental care and begin good habits

early on to prevent damage and decay later in life.

All children enrolled in the local WIC program are eligible for a free dental screening and fluoride varnish, either during their WIC appointment or at any other time. Make sure to mention the dental screening at the front desk when you come in for your appointment.

Treating cavities is important, but preventing cavities is best. Your mouth contains bacteria that feed on the sugars in the foods we eat and the beverages we drink. This produces acid that can wear away the hard, outer shell of your tooth (enamel) and can lead to cavities.

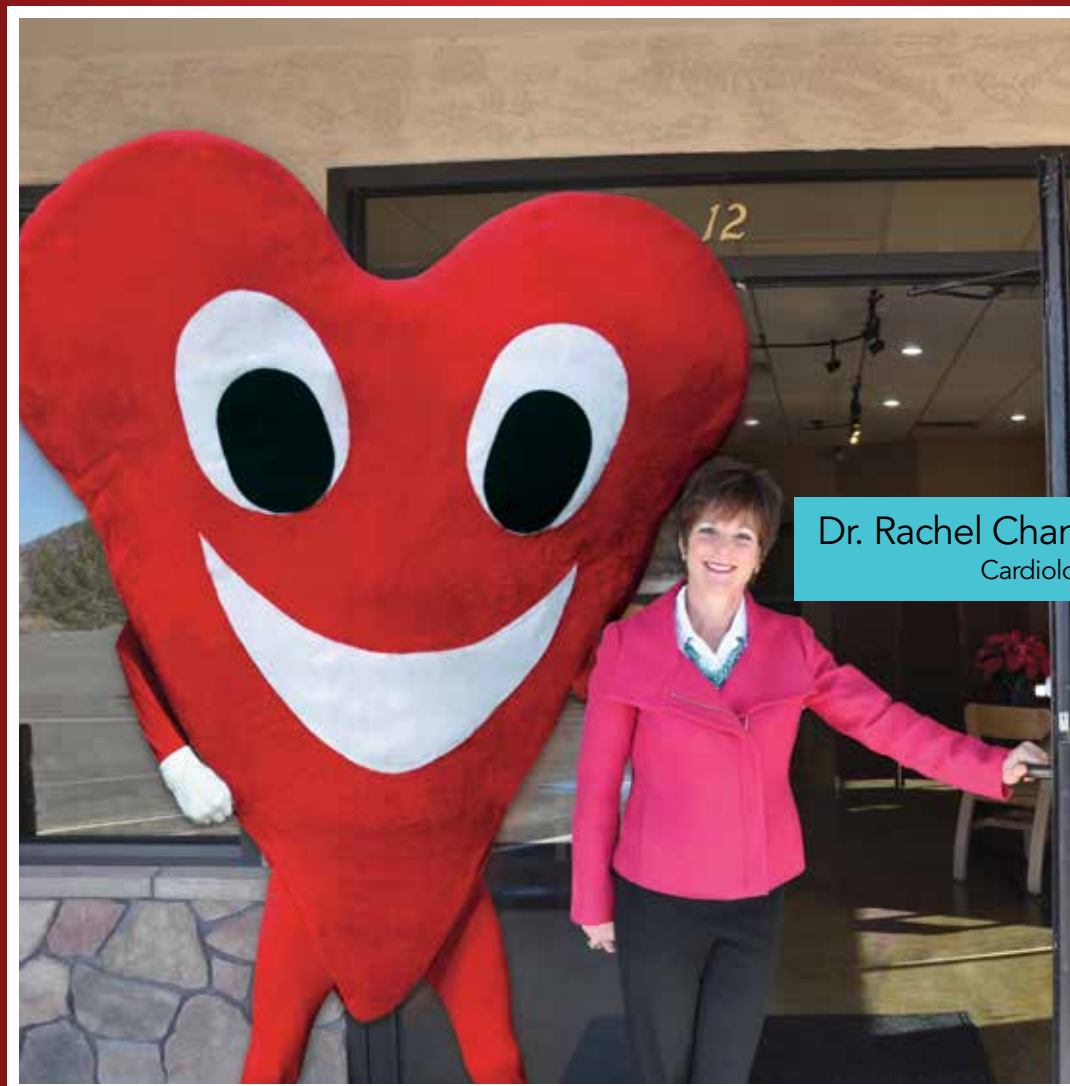
Fluoride is a great way to protect teeth by making them stronger and more resistant to acid. It not only reduces the risk of cavities, it can even help reverse early signs of

decay. Most toothpaste contains fluoride, but it's important we ingest fluoride as well as receive it topically. Dentists can apply fluoride varnishes and fluoridated tap water also prevents cavities. Due to its success in preventing cavities, adding fluoride to tap water was named a top public health achievement in the 20th century.

SJBPH is a local public health agency, governed by a seven-member local Board of Health, serving all residents of Archuleta and La Plata counties. For over 75 years, SJBPH has improved the health and environment of the southwest Colorado.

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# Storytime with Michael

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# Why we need to read and talk more about books

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

“We all ask each other a lot of questions. But we should all ask one question a lot more often: ‘What are you reading?’ It’s a simple question but a powerful one, and it can change lives.”

These are the words of author Will Schwalbe, whose book “Books for Living” is getting rave reviews and has been added to your library’s collection.

## Library News

Following is an excerpt from the book.

“We need to read now more than ever. We overschedule our days and complain about being too busy. We shop endlessly for stuff we don’t

need and then feel oppressed by the clutter that surrounds us. We rarely sleep well or enough ... We watch cooking shows and then eat fast food ... We keep up with hundreds of acquaintances but rarely see our best friends. We bombard ourselves with video clips and emails and instant messages ...

“Books are uniquely suited to helping us change our relationship to the rhythms and habits of daily life

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### Thursday

**Pagosa Brewing Company:** Live Trivia, 6 p.m.  
**Riff Raff Brewing Company:** M.R. Tillman, 6 p.m.

### Friday

**Borde Rio:** Rob Schmidt, 5 p.m.  
**Riff Raff Brewing Company:** San Juan Mountain Boys, 6 p.m.

### Saturday

**Borde Rio:** Rob Schmidt, 5 p.m.  
**Riff Raff Brewing Company:** Brooks i Duo, 6 p.m.

### Sunday

**Borde Rio:** Bob Hemenger, 4 p.m.  
**Riff Raff Brewing Company:** Steve Blechschmidt, 4 p.m.

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

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

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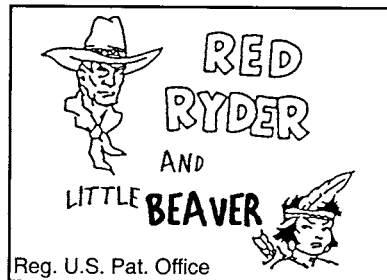


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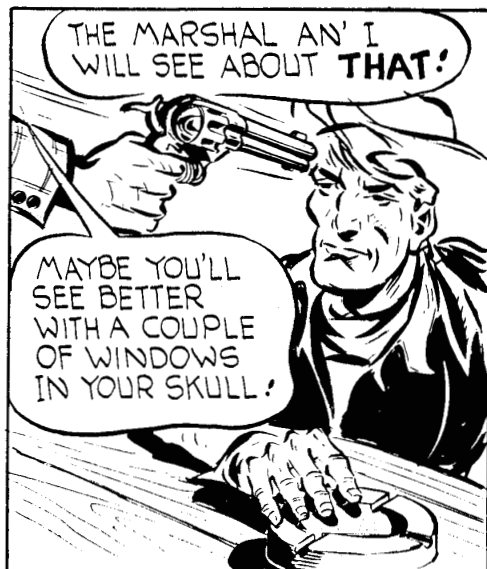
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## Two Valentine's events

Today, Thursday, Feb. 9, from 4 to 6 p.m. is a Valentine-making party for all ages. You'll be able to hand-craft awesome valentines while you munch delicious treats with your family and friends. Everyone loves a handmade valentine.

Then, next Friday, Feb. 17, from 5 to 7 p.m. is an anti-Valentine's lock-in for ages 12-17. Join us for food, games and activities for teens who are tired of a romantic Valentine's Day.

## All-ages gaming tomorrow

Enjoy video gaming on the Wii and X-box 360 Kinect with your family and friends tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 10, from 2 to 3:15 p.m.

## Fan fiction for teens tomorrow

Tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 10, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., teens in the seventh through 12th grades are invited to a fan fiction writing event where you'll be coming up with stories about some of your favorite characters.

## LEGO Club Saturday

LEGO Club for kids 6-12 years old is 11 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Feb. 11. We've got the LEGOs—just bring your imagination.

## Book club for adults

Our 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 Feb. 14, we will discuss "The Empire of the Summer Moon" by S.C. Gwynne. Stop by to pick up a copy. No registration is required.

## DIY for adults

At this month's DIY on Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 1 p.m. we'll learn to whip coconut oil into lavender body butter. Bring an electric mixer if you have one. No registration is required.

## Teen sewing fun

Teens in the fifth through 12th grades are invited next Thursday, Feb. 16, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. to learn some basic sewing skills and make a felt plushie to take home.

## Tech sessions

Rachael is available for Tech Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon and Tech Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. Drop in with your technology questions.

On Saturday, Feb. 11, from 3 to 4 p.m., she'll give a short introductory talk about the iPad and then stay for an extended question-and-answer session. Whether you're thinking about buying an iPad or wondering how to change the settings, this session is for you. No registration is required.

## Teen gaming

Teen gaming happens every Tuesday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for teen gaming fans in the seventh through 12th grades. Enjoy X-box 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks.

## Kids storytime

Every Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m., join Michael for 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 Michael for a 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.

## Toddler storytime

Every Saturday from 9:30 to 10

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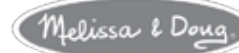


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the free activities available to you and your families at your library, we encourage you to pick up a copy of the events calendar each month. There are three versions — kids, tweens/teens and adults.

## Nonfiction

“Lost City of the Monkey” by Douglas Preston details a scientific exploration of a lost civilization. “Frommer’s Easy Guide to Disney World, Universal and Orlando 2017” is quick to read and light to carry. “Occupational Outlook Handbook 2016-2017 edition” contains information about 300 occupations. “Primal Fat Burner” by nutritionist Nora Gedgaudas is a dietary approach with a 21-day meal plan and recipes.

## Thrillers and mysteries

“World, Chase Me Down” by Andrew Hilleman is based on the true story of the first most-wanted man in America. “First Strike” by

Ben Coes follows the most powerful U.S. hand-picked leader in the Middle East as he double-crosses us. “Never Never” by James Patterson and Candice Fox follows a top investigator whose brother is arrested for three murders. “True Faith and Allegiance” by Mark Greaney is a Jack Ryan thriller.

## Other novels

“Mexico Stories” is a collection of stories by Josh Barkan about different people trying to live their lives and steer clear of crime. “This Is How It Always Is” by Laurie Frankel tells of a family dealing with a young boy who wants to be a girl. “Transit” by Rachael Cusk follows a writer and her two young sons who move to London. “Lucky Boy” by Shanthy Sekaran focuses on a boy being fought over by two mothers. “To The Bright Edge of the World” by Eowyn Ivey is a story of survival and love set in 1885 in the vast unnamed Alaska Territory.

## Programmed Nooks

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## Quotable quote

“People have always received life-guiding wisdom from certain types of nonfiction like self-help books. But all sorts of books can carry this wisdom: a random sentence in a thriller will give me unexpected insight. In fact, novels ... can increase our capacity for empathy by engaging our imagination as they introduce us to new perspectives.” — Will Schwalbe, author of “Books for Living.”

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# Senior Book Club announces February book

By Marilyn Stroud  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Senior Book Club has returned full time to its home. The Senior Book Club meets the fourth Friday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the large meeting room at the Ruby Sisson Library.

Our next meeting will be on Feb. 24, when we will discuss “Dead Wake” by Eric Larson.

The group suggests nonfiction and fiction books that they may have read, have been on the New York Times Best Sellers list or received awards in the past. The library staff requests the books for the group through the inter-library loan system and some members read them on their own tablet. The Senior Book Club has been in existence for over 10 years. The club is always open to new members.

Our February selection is “Dead Wake” by Erik Larson, No. 1 best-selling author of “In The Garden of Beasts.”

Join us to read this exciting book. Future books to be read by the club are “The Little Paris Book Shop,” “Girl Under Water” and “The Zion Covenant-Vienna Prelude.”

Drop by, visit and chat with us during one of our meetings. For further information, check with the library staff for a member’s name and telephone number that you can call.

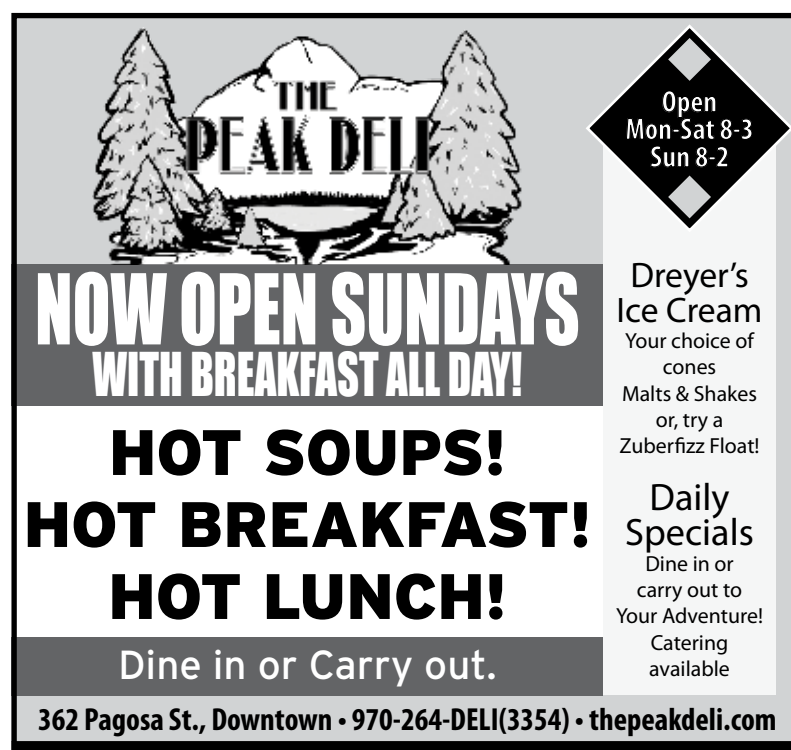


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## 'The Good Body' opening Friday at Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts

By **Tim Moore**  
Special to The PREVIEW

"The Good Body" is a collection of short stories and monologues inspired from interviews with hundreds of women about their bodies written by the same witty, uninhibited and charmingly honest playwright that brought us "The Vagina Monologues."

Eve Ensler's work comes to life at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts for seven nights starting Feb. 10 and running Thursday through Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. through Feb. 19.

"The February show has become one of my favorite traditions at Thingamajig Theatre," Director Laura Moore said. "Each February, we cast a group of local people — many of whom have never been on stage or thought to be on stage before and we throw them together in the rehearsal process to create a wonderful production. It is a cross between an educational outreach program, a professional production and a wonderfully good time."

"I am always so impressed with how many people come out to support the locals in their production and even more impressed with how much work and how seriously each of our casts have taken

this endeavor year after year and how well they do with it. Putting yourself up on stage in front of people for the first time can be an exciting and daunting experience. It really creates an atmosphere for bonding — especially when the play subject is so personal. I really enjoy reliving the memory of my first productions by watching the February cast grow closers as they share this experience."

"The Good Body" cast consists of Rosana DuFour, Terri Pritchard, Joyce Ryan, Rebecca Anderson, Joan Ward, Devina St Clair and Robin Brobst. The ladies are hard at work in rehearsal every day for several hours getting ready to open this funny and poignant piece.

"In the regular stores, you notice how they keep the plus sizes in the back — like porn!" quips Bernice, an overweight 15-year-old, in the play.

"I have talked with women in surgical centers in Beverly Hills; on the sensual beaches of Rio de Janeiro; in the gyms of Mumbai, New York, Moscow; in the hectic and crowded beauty salons of Istanbul, South Africa, and Rome," Ensler writes. "Except for a rare few, the women I met loathed at least one part of their body."

■ See Opening on next page

Photo courtesy Bill Hudson

Rosanna DuFour tells her story with Thingamajig Theatre Company's cast of "The Good Body," opening at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, with Terri Pritchard, Devina St Clair, Robin Brobst and Rebecca Anderson laughing along.

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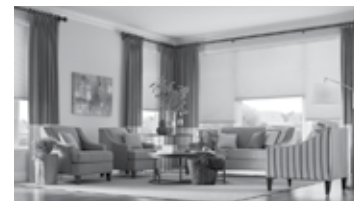
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# CAN YOU ESCAPE?

# Nightsong Trio featured musicians at Sunday Night Unplugged

By Sally Neel  
Special to The PREVIEW

This Sunday evening at 5 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church will feature the finely tuned talents of NightSong Trio at Sunday Night

Unplugged. NightSong Trio, with Jessica Peterson on flute, Heidi Tanner on violin and Sally Neel at the piano, will bring the sonorous music of the classical composers to enhance this evening of music and meditation.

Each month, St. Patrick's offers its beautiful venue to provide an hour of peace; silence, accompanied by brief readings, prayers, and contemplative music. The altar is decorated with beautiful colored cloths, flowers, statuary or other visuals meant to help enhance meditation. Votive candles placed in front of the altar are available to be lighted as signs of personal prayer. The church's transept windows offer spectacular views of the San Juan Mountains and pine forests. And, of course, St. Patrick's acoustics offer musicians an ideal setting to complement the sounds of their instruments.

Sunday Night Unplugged was the brainchild of St. Patrick's rector, Fr. Doug Neel, and was implemented in January 2009.

"We wanted to offer an evening once a month when anyone could come and enjoy an hour designed for spiritual reflection. We knew that it would have to include music and a few readings, but we were not absolutely sure how to shape the service in such a way that felt comfortable for our guests," he said.

He continued, "Initially, I had input from our church pianist, Rada Neel, who knew most of the musicians in town, as well as from my wife, Sally. Rada invited musicians to come and play and, much to our delight, they were not only willing, but enthusiastic. They enjoyed playing in a setting where their music was heard with intent — with no applause, no emphasis on performance, just the pure act of listening. When Rada moved away, Sally took over the musical aspects of planning the service.

"We also received input from people who attended. A number of people said they would like longer

periods of silence, which we were happy to provide. The silence is ended by a bell and, believe it or not, it was a challenge to find just the right sound that wouldn't startle people out of their prayers or contemplation. We found the sound of the Tibetan bowl was just the right one to bring people's minds out of the silence.

"As time has gone by, we have continued to find more and more local musicians who are willing to offer their talents. Sally and I work together to determine the right readings and prayers for each service. As the years have gone by, we have locked into a format that seems to work well. And, interestingly enough, those who attend come from all over town and beyond. We have people attend who represent many different church denominations in our community, as well as people of other faiths and out of town guests."

This Sunday evening, NightSong Trio will offer their well-polished musical gifts.

"These three ladies meet for several hours once a week at St. Patrick's to practice. They are dedicated to their art and obviously enjoy playing together. I have the privilege of sitting in my office and listening to them create their beautiful music. Of course, there are also periods of laughter and bantering, proving that they are not only compatible musicians, but dear friends as well," said Doug Neel.

Sunday Night Unplugged is offered at 5 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month and is open to the public free of charge. St. Patrick's Episcopal Church is located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.



Photo courtesy Nancy Crouse

On Thursday, Feb. 2, students from Pagosa Springs High School volunteered at Loaves and Fishes, the free community meal. Guests were delighted to be served by the students and appreciated their bright smiles and warm, respectful attitudes. The students enjoyed volunteering so much that they'll be coming back on Feb. 9. Pictured, from left to right, are Michelle Hutcherson, Samantha Foster, Blanca Varela, Amy Archuleta and Tylor Evers with teacher Kristin Morehouse.

## Opening

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"Do you say that tree isn't pretty 'cause it doesn't look like that tree? We're all trees. You're a tree. I'm a tree. You've got to love your body, Eve. You've got to love your tree. Love your tree," advises Leah, a Masia woman.

Come support the locals, have

a couple belly laughs and fall in love with your body. Thingamajig Theatre Company is a 501(c)3 that operates inside the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

Tickets are \$28 in advance or \$33 at the door. Ticket are available by calling 731-7469 or by visiting [www.pagosacenter.org](http://www.pagosacenter.org).



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# Tickets on sale now for A Colorado Guys and Gals Country Hoedown with The High Rollers

By Pennie DeClark  
Special to The PREVIEW

It's time to dust off yer fanciest western boots, denim jeans and cowboy hat and join us for a fun night of great music, food and dancing to benefit the children of Our Savior Lutheran School.

Ask anyone who attended last year, this is an amazing event that is not to be missed.

On March 17, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the Our Savior Lutheran gymnasium located at 56 Meadows Drive, The High Rollers will be playing their boot stompin' tracks for your entertainment. We will also have a brisket dinner with beans, tater salad, rolls and dessert to fill up on.

Dance the night away or bid on the many silent auction items for sale while you enjoy a glass of beer or wine (available for purchase from our cash bar).

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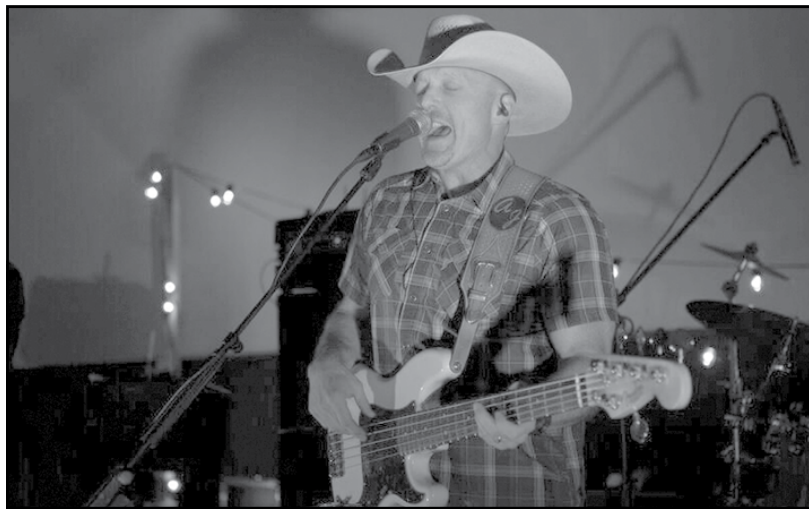


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We can't wait for you to join us for a great time, with good folks for a worthy cause.

# British soul to hit Durango with The James Hunter Six on Feb. 21

By Indiana Reed  
Special to The PREVIEW

The British soul singer James Hunter, whose smoky voice has been compared to his influences Sam Cooke, Georgie Fame and Jackie Wilson, takes the stage at the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College with his band, The James Hunter Six, on Feb. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

The dance floor will be open.

As the newest family member of the famed Daptone Records (America's premier soul imprint),

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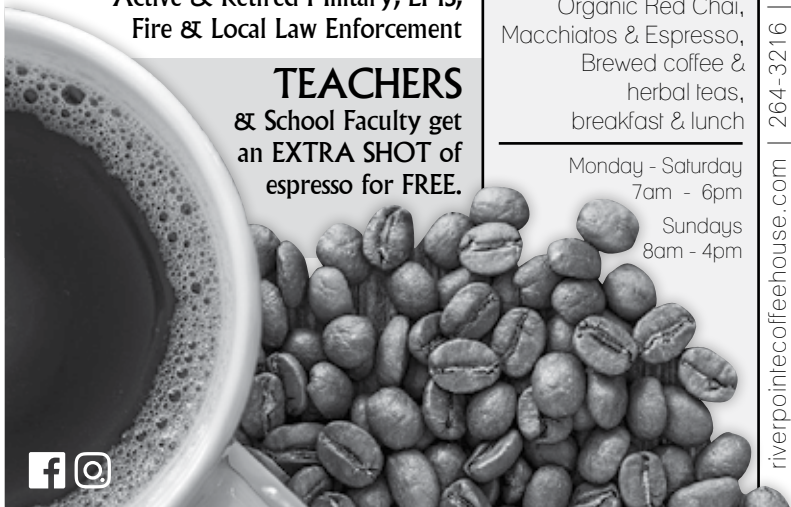


  
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## S'more fun with books just around the corner

By Lisa Scott  
Special to The PREVIEW

Pagosa Springs Elementary School will host the Scholastic Book Fair Feb. 27 through March 10 during school hours in the school library.

Families, teachers and the community are invited to attend the fair, which will feature a special theme: "Happy Camper Book Fair — S'more fun with books!"

Many activities at the school accompany the Book Fair, as this is an exciting time for students at the school and a fun and gratifying way to increase interest in reading for pleasure.

Parent/teacher conferences are Feb. 27, 28 and March 1 and the Book Fair will be open during these after-school and evening hours. This Book Fair was scheduled to

coincide with parent/teacher conference nights so there is another opportunity for busy families to visit the fair together. Students love showing their families the decorations and the books they have their eye on.

Family Night will be held on March 8 from 5-7 p.m. The Partners In Education Committee (P.I.E.) has organized the evening. A delicious and nutritious homemade dinner will be served and there will be other fun activities.

Students visit the Book Fair with their class to preview the books for sale, especially the new releases. There are a wide variety of books and price ranges available and there is always a huge supply of bargain items as low as \$1.99. Students also view the "Author DVD," supplied by Scholastic, which features authors discussing the books

they wrote with kids in mind.

The elementary school has been hosting a book fair since 1982. The two Book Fairs last school year earned the school over \$3,200 in cash and \$370 in books for the school library. The proceeds were used to purchase additional books for classroom libraries and comfortable student furniture for the reading nook in the library. Proceeds also assist with purchasing the meal and entertainment for the Family Night event.

Proceeds from previous book fairs were used to help purchase playground equipment and a much-needed and utilized book repair machine that fixes loose pages, damaged bindings and broken spines to allow damaged books to be repaired and remain in the library.

Individuals attending the event can also help build individual classroom libraries by purchasing books for teachers through the Classroom Wish List Program that is highlighted within the Book Fair.

The Book Fair will offer specially priced books and educational products, including newly released titles, award-winning titles, children's classics, beautiful hardback books, interactive software and book titles from more than 150 publishers. There are products for all age ranges and many excellent gift ideas.

The community is invited to attend the Book Fair as a shopper or volunteer during book fair hours as the event is hosted in the school library and staffed by volunteers.

For more questions or to volunteer, contact Lisa Scott at 264-2730 or sranch@centurytel.net.

## Are you ready to start talking about healthy relationships?

By Cheryl Bowdridge  
Special to The PREVIEW

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. Are you aware:

- One in three teens in the U.S. is the victim of physical, sexual, emotional or verbal abuse by a dating partner, a figure that far exceeds other types of youth violence.

- Girls and young women between the ages of 16 and 24 experience the highest rate of intimate partner violence (almost triple the national average).

- Violent relationships in adolescence can have serious ramifications by putting victims at higher risk for substance abuse, eating disorders, risky sexual behaviors and further domestic violence.

- Only 18 percent of teenagers who are involved in an abusive relationship ever tell anyone.

- Dating abuse affects 1.5 million teens each year.

Dating violence can happen to anyone, regardless of age, financial status, race, gender, sexual orientation or background. Dating abuse can be physical, emotional, verbal, sexual, financial or digital.

The Archuleta County Victim Assistance Program (ACVAP) will be hosting a variety of events and activities this month to make people more aware of the warning signs of teen dating violence, how to help friends in unhealthy relationships and how and when to report abuse.

As the adults in the community, we have to start talking to kids about the dating abuse. We must let them know we stand beside them and that it is not their fault.

Feb. 13-17 is "love is respect" week. On Feb. 14, we are asking everyone to wear orange to show

your respect for love. Please share your photos on our Facebook page and Instagram and use the hashtag #orange4love. Peace cranes will be on display to show that we support love and peace not violence.

We will be doing a public service announcement on Feb. 17 on the radio, TV, and school announcements. Pagosa Springs Dance Academy will be doing a performance at the basketball games on Feb. 14 at Pagosa Springs High School. Proclamations are being signed by the town and the county declaring February Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.

Please join us in making young people today aware of what a healthy relationship is and how everyone deserves respect and love, not violence.

ACVAP provides 24-hour support and advocacy services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault or other forms of violence, serving over 400 victims each year.

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# The return of the Prodigal

“When the Prodigal comes to himself ...”

I can't tell you how many times My Sweet Al and I have said those words.

For years, this child, our now adult son, has been in a fight against real and paper tigers. He has been at war with himself, fighting both real and perceived battles, for as long as we can remember.

Time and time again we received an email or phone call that sent us back to our knees. Many were in a voice that was full of pain, confusion and hopelessness. Some were full of fun, laughter and expressed great accomplishments. Whether he hurt or we hurt for him, or we simply enjoyed a happier side of him, he was out of reach.

His fears surfaced when he wrestled the paper tigers. To him they were real, powerful and dangerous. But, of course, they were just paper aberrations, which were lies that robbed him of his confidence and made him feel weaker than he really was.

We were perplexed. “How could someone so capable, be so frightened?”

Oh, there were real tigers, but that is his story to tell. When he wasn't fighting his own demons, he was dodging roadblocks he single handedly put in his own path.

There were times he was riding the high life in a house with marble floors and a built-to-suit penthouse in the sky. A sobering departure from the humble abode where he would eventually be found. He would exchange his king-sized mattress and high thread count for a mat made of collapsed cardboard boxes and layers of sheets, towels or anything else to cushion the hard floor.

He once managed thousands of personnel in a multinational

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Betty Slade



business. He rarely walked down the street without seeing someone he knew or without being recognized. Hard to imagine that there would come a day when his words would only be of heartbreak and despair. The accolades and accomplishments were no more. His staff and friends all but disappeared. He went from being the one, to one who just wanted to disappear.

His “have” to “have not” story would eventually become “have not, yet have more.” Words of great sadness and tears would become words of victory with a voice filled with laughter. He once soared with eagles that would reject him, then found a greater purpose. He became a hero to a group of teenage street boys who had less than he had.

He wrote the following message on Facebook before he boarded his plane at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport in Manila:

“They say your prize is to cross a finish line. I'd argue that. The true prize in any race, regardless of the good, the bad or the ugly, comes from the relationships forged.

“There are those who run, walk or stand in front of you, behind you and next to you; all part of what makes us who we are when we finish our course.

“I will miss you PH ... and the crispy pata, but I leave heart full with 2 dogs, 2 suit cases, 2 carry-on's and an insulated lunch bag with “ba-own” for the Prince and

Reyna.

“For now, I turn my head and cry in private. After all, not even I can distinguish which are tears of sadness, laughter or joy. What a blessed man I am (in fairness).”

Our son wrote to us, “I'm scared to death, but excited.”

On the same day Donald J. Trump, the president of the United States, was sworn into office, our son's feet stood on American soil once again.

I said many times, I'll know when our son's heart has turned to God. He will come home, not home to mother, but home to himself. He'll be comfortable in his own skin.

I prayed Psalm 40 over him so many times I began to call it Stephen's Psalm. I believed one day God would pull him out of the “miry clay,” put his feet on a solid rock, establish his path and put a new song in his mouth. He would say, “I will do thy will, O Lord.”

I reminded him of his name, Stephen, a crown, full of power and spirit, a server of tables. A

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# PCNT to continue look at ‘The List of Love: Getting the Heart in Order’

By **Carla Ryan**  
Special to The PREVIEW

With “Love” as the central theme in February for messages and music at Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT), the Rev. Carla Ryan will focus on “Love and God” at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service on Feb. 12. There will also be a recognition of Valentine’s Day for all attending.

Last Sunday, Ryan shared a list of love in order of priority. Next on that list is God, Spirit, Divine Power or The Beloved. The name is not as important as is the connection to this creative energy and universal power.

The talk will include ideas about how to recognize God in our lives, as well as suggestions to deepen our connection to this Eternal Presence. An expanded awareness of heart and mind attracts more good in all areas of life. It’s a practice well worth the effort. Come, find out.

A workshop is scheduled for this Saturday, Feb. 11, titled, “Win/Win in 7 Steps” (12:30-4 p.m.) and will be presented by Constance d’Angelis.

The suggested donation for the workshop is \$18 and includes a workbook, as well as the opportunity to: 1. achieve success no matter the obstacles; 2. tips and tools to avoid stress, anxiety and worry; and 3. reach your goals using techniques that change the brain.

Visit [www.PagosaNewThought.org](http://www.PagosaNewThought.org) for more details about the workshop and the facilitator.

PCNT honors all lifestyles, belief systems, religious paths and people for who they are, children of the Divine. NewThought is a trans-denominational philosophy and draws from all the world’s major religions to teach universal principles and concepts for a positive, joyful life. Be part of this unique spiritual adventure.

Weekly Sunday gatherings (10:30 a.m.) are held at the PCNT center at 2800 Cornerstone Drive, Unit 3 (across the parking lot from the Sears store).

For information about the church or New Thought in general, attend a Sunday service, send an email to: [PagosaCommunityNewThought@gmail.com](mailto:PagosaCommunityNewThought@gmail.com), call 749-9020, or send mail to P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1052. You can also find us on Facebook or at our website: [www.PagosaNewThought.org](http://www.PagosaNewThought.org).

# 2017 World Day of Prayer set for March 3

By **Mercedes Leist**  
Special to The PREVIEW

The World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer. It is an annual movement initiated and carried out by women in more than 170 countries and regions.

It is a movement that brings together women of various races, cultures and traditions in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year. Through the World Day of Prayer, women affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world.

The women of the Philippines invite us to consider these words:

“Am I being unfair to you?” This year’s worship theme is taken from Matthew 20:1-16, the parable of the laborers in the vineyard.

Join us in the worship and a potluck salad luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on March 3 at the Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Call for day care at 264-5508. Everyone is welcome.

This service is sponsored by the Community United Methodist Church, Immaculate Heart of Mary Pope John Paul II, Saint Patrick’s Episcopal Church and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

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mother’s voice may be just words without sound to a son. My words became more religious notions and unfair expectations for him to bare under, and more paper tigers for him to fight.

All the same, our Prodigal son finally came home. My Sweet Al and I stood at U.S. 84 where the Lower Blanco meets it. We watched him sink down in 3 feet of new snow wearing only flip flops on his feet, with no coat on his back.

We unpacked his old winter coat and worn-out snow boots that he left behind years before. He never needed them in the Philippines. Of course, he always left everything behind each time he would visit, then leave. Probably just his way of dealing with where he was in life or who he needed to be when he returned to wherever he was going.

His dad and I ran to him and put our arms around him when we saw him. We didn’t care where he’d been or what he had been doing. We were just happy to have our son home again. As the story goes, we would have killed the fatted calf and thrown him a party but he

had only one request: “Can I have a bowl of posole?”

He came with no demands, learned to accept his authenticity, seek truth, and stay clear of life’s propaganda. We received him, accepting him for all that he is.

Final brushstroke: Our Prodigal wasn’t met with a ticker tape parade. In fact, his battlefield was of his own prescription. But with a stout heart and determination, he learned to choose the battles he could win or grow from. It doesn’t even matter if he fought tigers or paper tigers, he came home to us as our hero.

*This article was co-written by our son, Stephen Z. Slade. He added his side of the story.*

### Readers’ comments

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# 'Some kind of miracle'

By Lynn Moffett  
Special to The PREVIEW

My husband, Dick, leaped off the couch and raced out the door before I realized I'd heard tires screeching, a scream, a thump. I followed on his heels, scared, even though I refused to believe anything terrible had happened. Until I spied the bicycle, Alan's bicycle. It lay mangled under the front of a large white van.

I scanned the crowd as I ran and located our daughter, Lori, and our son, Alan. My heart lurched. Our youngest was nowhere to be seen. Where was Adam, my boy with the easy smile and gentle spirit? Where was the boy who as soon as he could walk mimicked seagulls, flapping his arms, trying to fly?

"Call an ambulance," Dick shouted over his shoulder as he ran to a spot a hundred feet in front of the van.

His command propelled me back inside. I dialed 911 and bounced on my toes while I waited to connect. "Answer the phone. Come on, answer the phone. Why won't they answer? God, please!"

Once I made contact, I ran out

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and pushed through a throng of neighbors clad in bright Memorial Day shirts and shorts. Children pushed and shoved for a better view. The gawkers stared at a spot in front of the van.

I wanted to scream, "Why do you just stand there? Do something. Help my baby." I was too intent on getting to Adam to yell at them.

Dick, trained by the Air Force in emergency first aid, always knew what to do and how. He knelt beside our son, checking his injuries, and praying. Adam's neck was twisted strangely, his shoulder so badly dislocated it appeared deformed, his hand backward on his arm. And he was still. So still.

Would he ever sing "Crawdad" at the top of his lungs again? Would he make the planned climb to Mt. Whitney's summit?

Though my concentration stayed on our son, I smelled ham-

burgers and hot dogs cooking over holiday barbecues. Our friends murmured to one another, "They shouldn't be touching him."

In unison, our hands settled on him lightly as I cried out, "Oh, Jesus, please help our boy. Please, help him."

We waited, impatient.

"Where's the ambulance? Won't they ever get here?" I demanded. Dick's face mirrored my edginess. If anything more could be done to speed help, we would do it.

Finally, the siren wailed in the distance.

Relieved, I gazed down to find Adam's big brown eyes fixed on me, glazed, but open.

He tried to move.

"Quiet, son," Dick instructed. "We don't want you getting back on your bike just yet."

"I'm OK," came his response, accompanied by an attempt at his usual infectious grin. The attempt missed the mark, but won a high score from me.

Dick, gentle while firm said, "We'll take it slow and make sure you're really all right."

The ambulance drew closer. Nearby, someone whispered, "He's

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# Luminosity Talks: ‘The Wisdom and Beauty of Peru’

By Julie Loar  
Special to The PREVIEW

Luminosity Talks invites you to Julie Loar's presentation on "The Wisdom and Beauty of Peru." Loar will show photos and speak of the mystical and magical land of Peru, where she traveled in October of 2016.

Hear of the history as well as her inner and outer experiences in this ancient land. Loar will present her talk on Feb. 12 at 3 p.m. at the PLPOA Clubhouse, located at 230 Port Ave.

Peru is a magical place of spell-binding beauty, from mountains to beaches and rainforest to lakes. Peru has been home to many ancient cultures and has a rich tradition. Some believe certain aspects of Peru may be a legacy from Lemuria.

Detailed maps of the lost continents Mu and Atlantis were found on stone tablets from pre-Inca Peru by Javier Cabrera, engraved in stone and photographed by Robert Charroux.

Loar's presentation will include: the pyramids in Lima; the Sacsayhuaman stone monoliths in Cusco area; the Sacred Valley of the Incas — Ollantayambo fortress; Macchu Pichu, one of the new seven wonders of the world; Lake Titicaca and the Uros Islands — spongy reeds that are made into floating islands, boats and houses.

She will also discuss the Nazca Lines — amazing animal shapes only visible from above — and the shamanic medicines of San Pedro and Ayahuasca.

Loar is a five-time national award-winning author. She is a frequent speaker, radio guest and

workshop leader.

After a near-death experience in Mexico, Loar pursued her lifelong interest in angels, dreams, mythology, space travel and other dimensions through an intensive study of metaphysics, while climbing the corporate ladder in two major companies. Focusing on symbols, mythology, astrology, tarot, Qabalah and dreams, Loar has been a spiritual teacher and counselor since 1972. She has led 11 sacred journeys to Egypt.

Luminosity Talks presents speakers and films that educate, inspire, inform and uplift in a progressive way. The focus is awakening wisdom and how it is lived, and looking at new ways of living that is in harmony with the planet and each other. The event is free and donations are appreciated.

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I glanced down at his arm. "Look!"

Dick's stunned eyes confirmed what I hardly believed. Adam's hand was properly aligned again. His neck no longer looked twisted. His shoulder appeared perfectly normal. Dick smoothed his hand from our son's neck to his shoulder to his wrist. Our eyes met. We kept checking, full of wonder. All we found was a scrape on his close-buzzed scalp, and that seemed to be getting better.

Soon, he stood.

The murmurs went something like, "Do you believe that?"

"He must not have been as bad as he looked."

"What happened? How come he's standing up?"

The ambulance driver hurried to us and asked, "Where's the patient?"

The police arrived. "Where's the victim?"

Everybody pointed at Adam, the boy standing between his parents. Dick explained the initial injuries and motioned for them to see for themselves. Disbelief and shaking heads made clear what the emergency people thought of our story. They insisted he be taken to a nearby hospital for X-rays and a complete examination. We agreed, all too ready to get confirmation from a professional that he was all right.

We started to put him in the ambulance, but he refused the ride. This from a boy entranced with any vehicle sporting flashing lights and sirens, a boy who had perfected the sound of a siren so

well his piercing voice caused cars to pull to the side of the road. The police eventually agreed to our transporting him ourselves and promised to follow.

God's hand in our lives became more obvious when the X-rays showed a healthy boy, no fractures, no concussion, nothing. The doctor didn't believe our report. With a dismissive wave he sent us home.

Once, not long afterwards, I overheard two young boys talking. The one said, "Do you remember the time Adam got hit?"

"Yeah," the other replied.

"Do you think it was some kind of miracle?"

"My mom does. She says we're going to church from now on."

Though we lived in that neighborhood five more years, not another word was uttered. Not by the neighbors, except for the one woman who asked me to pray with her. To this day, I rejoice for her.

And I rejoice for Adam. Whether anyone else believes or not, I absolutely do. God worked some kind of miracle.

I'm aware it doesn't always happen this way, but in this case it did.

Acts 3:16 reads, "We believe in the one named Jesus. Through his power alone this man, whom you know, was healed, as all of you saw."

### Faith writers

Meet our Faith Writers' Team at [http://bettyjslade.com/BJS/Faith\\_Writers.html](http://bettyjslade.com/BJS/Faith_Writers.html).

For anyone who would like to write for the Matter of Faith, email [betty@bettyjslade.com](mailto:betty@bettyjslade.com).

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# UU topic: ‘Sexuality and Spirituality’

By Anna Royer  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship invites you to attend a program titled “Sexuality and Spirituality,” with Durango visitor Anna Royer, this Sunday, Feb. 5, for its regular service.

How do our values influence our understanding of our own and others’ sexuality? Join the Fellowship in reflecting on what we were taught, and on what we are teaching, about this vital dimension of being human.

For a welcoming congregation, ongoing learning and social justice activism are vital. And, yet, those are only pieces of the puzzle, not the whole. How can we deepen our understanding of our sexuality in

order to deepen our spiritual connection? We must dive deeper and wrestle with our own emotional and spiritual longings to create true social change.

Royer has participated in the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Durango for the past three years and serves there as a volunteer worship associate and as a member of the LGBTQ Social Justice Team. She also attended the Pagosa Fellowship between 2005 and 2011.

She draws on her life experience for this message, whether it’s growing up a child of the 1970s in California, serving as a case manager for homeless teens in Tucson, teaching sex education to the ninth-grade wrestling team in Pagosa or currently volunteering at the 4 Corners Rainbow Youth Cen-

ter in Durango. She is a master’s degree-level social worker with 25 years experience working directly with youth and families who now works as a nonprofit consultant.

This program reflects the Unitarian Universalist principles of “The inherent worth and dignity of every person” and “Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations.”

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is a caring, inclusive fellowship dedicated to spiritual growth, justice and serving the needs of our larger community.

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# ‘The Basics of Screenplay Writing’ to be offered Feb. 18

By Betty Slade  
Special to The PREVIEW

Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network (WCCWN) will host an all-day workshop on screenwriting titled “The Basics of Screenplay Writing.”

C. Neal Johnson will lead this event on Feb. 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at CrossRoads Christian Fellowship, located at 1044 Park Ave. The cost is \$15.

Johnson will cover three main topics in the screenplay writing sessions: 1. creating a strong, thoughtful and emotion-provoking story; 2. creating strong, unforgettable characters; and 3. crafting a tight, compelling structure. There will be hands-on exercises.

Johnson, Ph.D., JD, a professor of business and management at Hope International University in Fullerton, Calif., now lives in Pagosa Springs. He still teaches online for a Christian university in Fullerton.

Since an early age, Johnson, like many of us, has had a driving passion for and fascination with the movies. He has educated himself on the realities and demands of the film industry through numerous workshops, film festivals, conferences and symposia, including the

Sundance Film Institute in Park City, Utah, where he studied under director and screenwriter Oliver Stone (“Platoon,” “JFK,” “Midnight Express,” which won an Academy Award, “Scarface” and “Born on the 4th of July”).

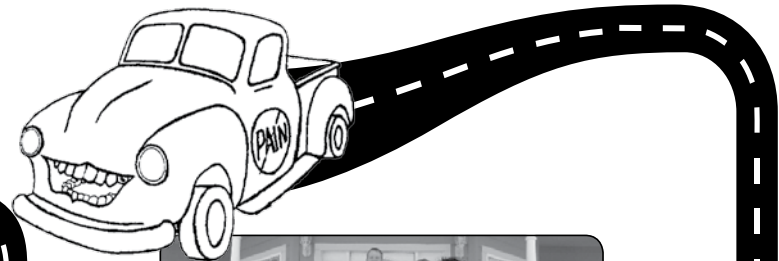
Johnson has written several screenplays with his writing partner, Toni Haas (it is definitely a collaborative art form). They have won top regional honors on their scripts and are currently finishing a compelling script on the human and faith struggles of a Navy chaplain in the midst of the Vietnam War.

Johnson is a native of New Mexico and, after all of his extensive travels, said that he has “come home” to Pagosa Springs from southern California.

For further details about the Saturday meeting, contact betty@bettyslade.com, or visit the WC-CWN website, <http://www.wolfcreekwriters.com/>.

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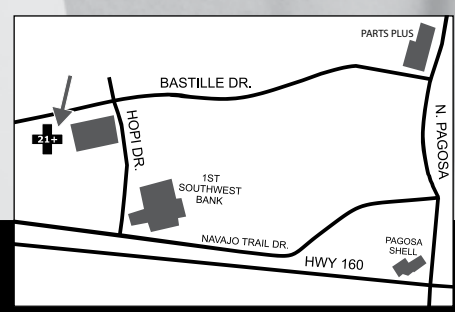
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Horse teams and their drivers load logs at the Pagosa Lumber Company Mill No. 2 site near Dyke, a few miles west of Pagosa Springs along Stollsteimer Creek.

## Pagosa lumbers into the 20th century

Two large lumber manufacturing companies were harvesting logs and exporting timber as Pagosa Country entered the 20th century. Each of these companies was among the largest, most modern, and best equipped lumber businesses in Colorado.

It has been said that most of the communities stretching from Boulder in the north of Colorado to Albuquerque in New Mexico were built with lumber cut from Archuleta County's huge stand of ponderosa pine trees.

The oldest of these companies was the New Mexico Lumber Company (NML Co.), which entered Archuleta County from New Mexico by way of Edith. This company was owned by the Biggs family. The main mill of NML Co. was at Edith.

Both lumber companies relied on narrow gauge railroad trains for moving logs and lumber. The NML Co. railroad system moved northward through the eastern part of the county before stopping near Mill Creek just south of Pagosa Springs. After being mostly dormant for a number of years, the NML Co. sold out to a firm called McPhee & McGinnity in 1917, ending its involvement in Archuleta County. The purchaser continued to log and manufacture lumber in the Dolores, Colo., area for a number of years.

The second major logging and lumber manufacturing company to operate in Archuleta County was the Pagosa Lumber Company owned and operated by Alexander T. Sullenburger.

Sullenburger's first mill was built at Pagosa Junction. Sullenburger's railroad left the east-west



### Pagosa's Past

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trending Denver and Rio Grande railroad at Pagosa Junction and meandered northward along Cat Creek, changed to a northeasterly course until reaching Dyke, then

moved almost due east until finally entering Pagosa Springs in October of 1900.

By the time Sullenburger's mill was fully operational, the population of Pagosa Junction had jumped to more than 300. As Sullenburger's railroad moved northward, new mills and communities sprouted along the way. A second Pagosa Lumber Company mill was erected near Dyke in 1903 and em-

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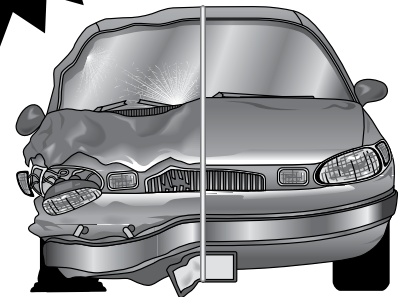
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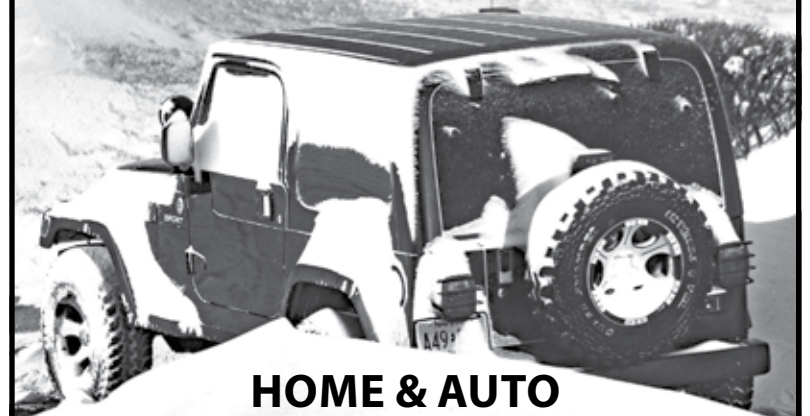
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All events listed in The PREVIEW Calendar are free of charge unless otherwise noted.

## Thursday, Feb. 9

**Gardening and Landscape Series: 'All you Need to Know About Gardening in the Mountains.'** 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Extension building. Including water, climate, growing season, wildlife and microclimates. Class is delivered electronically with question-and-answer availability. Cost is \$35 per class or \$150 for the entire series. Call 264-5931 to register and for more information.

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

**Mountain View Homemakers.** 11:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Come prepared to share your favorite thing: a book, a recipe, a house-keeping or computer tip, whatever you think is a great idea. 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.

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

**Valentine-Making Party.** 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. Everyone loves a handmade Valentine. At this all-ages party, we'll be getting creative, handcrafting awesome Valentines and munching delicious treats. Supplies will be provided. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Town Planning Department Public Meeting.** 5:30 p.m., Community Center. Meeting to explain and discuss the code amendments contemplated in Ordinance 853 for the R-12 and R-18 districts. Property owners within these districts and adjacent property owners are encouraged to attend this meeting, which is scheduled prior to town council's consideration of approving Ordinance 853 on second reading at a future public town council meeting. Call 264-4151, ext. 225 or email [jdickhoff@pagosasprings.co.gov](mailto:jdickhoff@pagosasprings.co.gov) for more information.

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

**Yoga.** 6:30-7:30 p.m., Community Center.

## Friday, Feb. 10

**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.

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

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ployed from 25 to 30 men for two years until Sullenburger opened a new mill in South Pagosa in 1905.

Located generally on land where the present high school and sports complex now are, the newest mill was also the largest. The designation South Pagosa was created for this particular mill site and the housing for workers and other accouterments surrounding the mill.

Pagosa Springs residents now awakened to the blast of the steam whistle as the day's work at the mill began. Smoke boiled from the smoke stacks used to get rid of

wood scraps and sawdust left over from the lumber manufacturing process. Newly washed clothes hung on lines to dry collected sawdust, a never-ending plague for towns located in the vicinity of lumber mills. Rail tracks snaked through town to the north, east and south, supporting chugging, narrow gauge engines and their log carrying cars.

Finally, The Pagosa Springs SUN reported Aug. 4, 1916, "The expiring whistle of the Pagosa Lumber Co. mill was heard this morning."

New owners moved the mill to Dulce, N.M.



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

**Fan Fiction.** 3:30-4:30 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 grade. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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**Saturday, Feb. 11**

**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. Come join us with hearts full of love of quilting and creative stitching of all kinds. We welcome new quilters and interested bystanders. Come share the fun for refreshments, new ideas, show and tell and good fellowship with friends, old and new.

**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 6-13. 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.

**iPad QandA.** 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Come to this short introductory talk about iPad and then stay for the extended question-and-answer session. Whether you're thinking about buying an iPad or wondering how to change the settings, this session is for you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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**Sunday, Feb. 12**

**Thingamajig Theatre Presents 'The Good Body.'** 2 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Eve Ensler turns her unique eye to the rest of the female form. Whether undergoing Botox injections or living beneath burqas, women of all cultures and backgrounds feel compelled to change the way they look, to fit in. This is Eve's own personal journey coming to terms with her "less-than-flat, post-40s stomach." For tickets and more information, go to [www.pagosacenter.org](http://www.pagosacenter.org) or call 731-SHOW.

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

**Archuleta County Victim Assistance Cooking with a Cause.** 3-6 p.m., Alley House Grille. Join Chef Kellie Stevens to learn how to make a delicious chocolate pastry and then have a wine rep. do a tasting that will pair with your chocolate dessert. Cost is \$35 to benefit the Archuleta County Victim Assistance Program. Call 264-1129 to register and for more information.

**Sunday Night Unplugged.** 5 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Featuring the finely tuned talents of NightSong Trio, bringing the

sonorous music of the classical composers to enhance the evening of music and meditation.

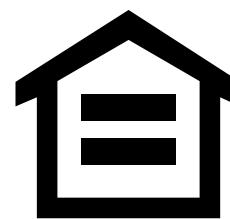
**Bingo.** 6 p.m., Parish Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

**Monday, Feb. 13**

**Pickleball.** 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are

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**ANSWER:**

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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.

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

**Technology Help.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Senior Center. Technology help with your computer or cell-phone.

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

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

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

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

**Homebrewing Order of Pagosa Springs.** 6 p.m., Coyote Moon. Learn about the art of brewing your own beer, wine and mead, or just learn more about craft beer and fermentation. Presentations on style, flavor and processes regularly given.

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

## Tuesday, Feb. 14

**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. The ACRW will be hosting Sally High, a master gardener from the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership. We will also be presenting teddy bears to the Sheriff's Office for our "Share the Love" program for children in emergency situations. Lunch will be offered for \$12. Email acrwpagosa@gmail.com for more information.

**Zumba.** Noon-1 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

**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.

**Book Club for Adults.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join our book club for adults to discuss alternating fiction and nonfiction titles. This month we will be discussing "The Empire of the Summer Moon" by S.C. Gwynne. 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 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 de-

signed to raise your heart rate and increase strength and flexibility. Open to all levels and abilities. Call 264-4152 for more information.

## Wednesday, Feb. 15

**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., Ross Aragon Community Center. Please bring a mat and a towel. For more information, call Roz at (281) 435-0563.

**Radon Education and Test Kit Class.** 10:30-11:30 a.m., Extension building. Registration required. Radon can be a problem

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in most counties in Colorado, including Archuleta County. Test kits will be available while supplies last. Call 264-5931 for more information and to register.

**Republican Central Committee.** Noon, Boss Hogg's Restaurant. This will be an organizational meeting to elect new officers. All members should attend or submit their proxy. 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.

**Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Body Butter.** 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn to whip coconut oil into lavender body butter. Bring an electric mixer if you have one. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**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.

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

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

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

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

**Weminuche Audubon Society.** 6:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Informational meeting on the Backyard Bird Count. For more information, call Becky Herman at 264-2171.

**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, Feb. 16

**Gardening and Landscape Series: 'Soils, Fertilizers and Amendments.'** 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Extension building. Taught by Darrin

Parmenter, Extension agent in La Plata County. Cost is \$35 per class or \$150 for the entire series. Call 264-5931 to register and for more information.

**Technology Help.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Senior Center. Technology help with your computer or cell phone.

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**Make a Felt Plushie.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Stop by to learn some basic sewing and make a felt plushie to take home. For youth in the 5th-12th grades. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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**Terrific Tuesdays.** 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. A special Thursday session. Learn to dance the rumba. Call Wayne at 264-4792 for more information or go to <http://www.meet-up.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa>.

## Friday, Feb. 17

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

**'Quiet': Book Pick Up.** 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sisson Library. On March 18, we will be holding a book discussion about "Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World that Can't Stop Talking." We will have books available for pick up. The first 15 people will get a copy that is theirs to keep. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**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.

**Zumba.** Noon-1 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

**Movie.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. A boy named Elliot befriends a creature from outer space. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Anti-Valentine's Lock-In.** 5-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us for an evening of games, movies and crafts. In order for your child to participate in the teen lock-in, a permission slip must be filled out and presented with the child upon entry to the program. Participants must be ages 12-17 to

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## Saturday, Feb. 18

**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.

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

**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.

**All-Ages Art.** 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Pinecone bird feeders. Feed the birds this winter season with a handmade pinecone suet feeder. This hands-on activity is great for all ages. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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## Sunday, Feb. 19

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**Square Dance with the High Country Squares.** 2-4 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Mainstream and Plus Squares dancing with Richard Berry calling. Contact Steve at 731-0044 for more information.

**Bunco Party and Soup Feast.** 4-7:30 p.m., Mt. Allison Grange Hall. Bring some crackers or a pot of soup to share. Call Yvonne at 799-3064 for more information. Additional details can also be found at [facebook.com/mtallisongrange/](http://facebook.com/mtallisongrange/).

**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, Feb. 20

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

**Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network.** 9-11 a.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship. Writers are invited to hone their craft in fiction, nonfiction and poetry. For more information, email [richgammill41@wolfcreekwriters.com](mailto: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.

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

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

## Tuesday, Feb. 21

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

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

**Zumba.** Noon-1 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

**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.

**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 abilities. Call 264-4152 for more information.

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

## Wednesday, Feb. 22

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

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# Cool history about Monte Vista's annual Crane Festival

By Diane Underwood  
Special to The PREVIEW

It might surprise you to know that sandhill cranes weren't the original stars of Monte Vista's first crane festival back in 1984. Whooping cranes were.

Whooping cranes, it turns out, were on the brink of extinction from hunting and habitat loss. In 1941, there were only a couple of dozen left in the wild. So scientists began placing whooping crane eggs in sandhill nests as part of a foster program aimed at establishing a population outside of the eastern states.

When the whooper chicks hatched, the foster parents raised the chicks as their own. Sandhill cranes migrating through the San Luis Valley were used in the program in hopes that the shorter migration route — from southern New Mexico through the San Luis Valley to nesting grounds around Yellowstone — would improve the whooping crane's chances for population growth.

The Monte Vista event was orig-

inally called the Whooping Crane Festival because of a few dozen foster whoopers spotted as the sandhill cranes migrated through the valley. Bigger and lighter in color, the whooping cranes were easy for bird lovers to spot.

But, over the years, the valley's small whooping crane population petered out because of drought, mortality and failed breeding. The only pseudo success was a possible hybrid sandhill-whooping crane spotted a couple of years in the early 1990s. By the year 2000, only two whooping cranes passed through the valley. The only remnant these days is a unique sculpture fashioned from farm tools standing in front of the Monte Vista Safeway named "Cooper the Whooper."

The first crane festival was a small event that attracted mostly locals. Over the years, festival activities have included square dances, bluegrass festivals, pancake breakfasts, baked potato dinners, quilt raffles, juried art contests and music performances by artists such as Michael Martin Murphey. Keynote speakers have

included big names like wildlife photographer and nature writer John Fielder and former Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell.

Nowadays, thousands of bird lovers flock to Monte Vista in mid-March for the three-day festival filled with tours, lectures, live bird exhibits, photography classes and an arts and crafts show. But the biggest draws remain the scenic San Luis Valley, hospitality of valley residents and the tens of thousands of sandhill cranes and other unique wildlife.

For details and registration, visit [www.mvcranefest.org](http://www.mvcranefest.org) or call the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce at (719) 852-2731. The event registration deadline is March 8.

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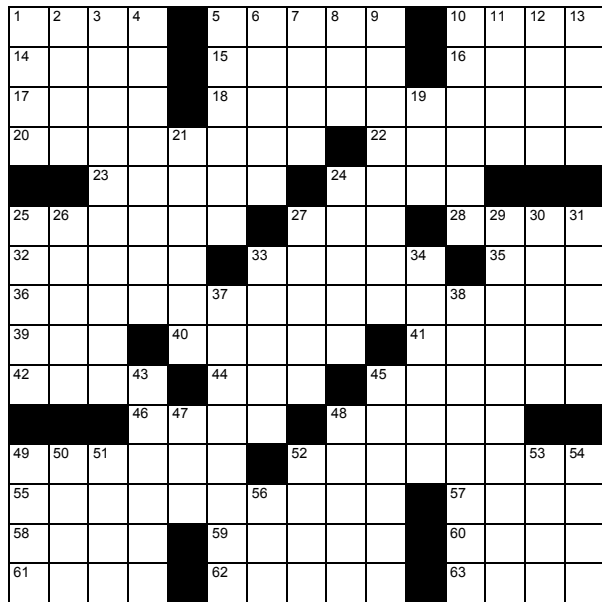
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by Margie E. Burke

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- 5 Mink's cousin
- 10 Warbled
- 14 Garden wedding feature
- 15 Come about
- 16 Symphony member
- 17 "Good one!"
- 18 Printing process
- 20 Without a hitch
- 22 Snapper
- 23 Established
- 24 Cassette contents
- 25 Kitchen space
- 27 Barracks bunk
- 28 Aerial maneuver
- 32 Church part
- 33 Bustles
- 35 Nod, maybe
- 36 Clinton's domain, once
- 39 Till bill
- 40 A bit lit
- 41 Flinch, say
- 42 Cultural doings
- 44 "Get the picture?"
- 45 Kind of bean
- 46 Deal (out)
- 48 Like some liberties
- 49 One-dimensional
- 52 Grammatical slip
- 55 Cheap additive
- 57 \_\_\_ meridiem
- 58 Gangster's gal
- 59 Burn
- 60 Santa's reindeer, e.g.
- 61 Wartime partner
- 62 Primitive fishing tool
- 63 Conclusion starter

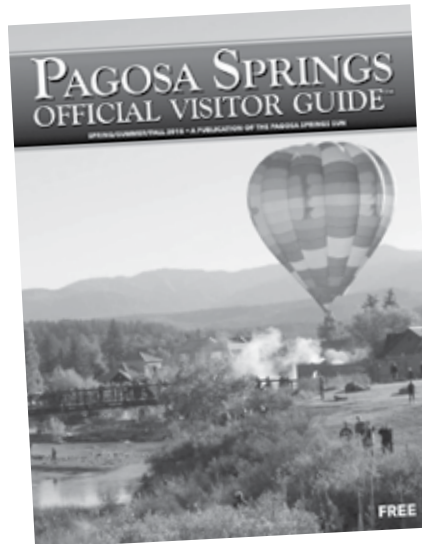


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- 3 2016 Affleck title role
- 4 Current regulator
- 5 Walk nonchalantly
- 6 Voice lesson topic
- 7 Overly smooth
- 8 "Don't \_\_\_!"
- 9 Will-maker
- 10 Reddish brown
- 11 Look out for, say
- 12 Yuletide song
- 13 Heredity carrier
- 19 Stanley, for one
- 21 Tank top
- 24 NBC morning show
- 25 Ziti, e.g.
- 26 Adjust
- 27 Thicket
- 29 Seagoing vessel
- 30 Postal scale unit
- 31 Minor
- 33 Home of the brave
- 34 Endeavor
- 37 Type of call
- 38 Treat with drugs
- 43 Rotten
- 45 Off-\_\_\_ (awry)
- 47 Bother, with "at"
- 48 Line dance
- 49 Dalai \_\_\_
- 50 "Rebel Yell" rocker
- 51 Partner of void
- 52 Balanced
- 53 Alone
- 54 Kind of pad
- 56 Swindle, slangily

### Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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# VA researcher working to improve HIV care for rural veterans

By Raymond Taylor  
PREVIEW Columnist

Dr. Michael Ohl of the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) Iowa City VA Health Care System is creating a model titled Telehealth Collaborative Care to improve the quality of care for veterans who live far from specialty clinics. Telehealth Collaborative Care uses videoconferencing to connect rural veterans with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) with VA specialists.

HIV is a chronic condition that can result in serious outcomes for patients lacking access to quality treatment. The illness attacks the body's immune system and can cause acquired immune deficiency syndrome, or AIDS, a potentially life-threatening disease.

Approximately 18 percent of the 26,000 veterans under VA care for HIV live in rural areas. These veterans have limited access to high-quality, HIV specialty clinics.

"Veterans should have easy access to HIV testing and state-of-the-art HIV care regardless of where they live," said Ohl, an infectious disease specialist. "We know that compared to their urban

## Veterans Corner

Raymond Taylor



counterparts, rural veterans with HIV enter care with more advanced illness, are less likely to receive the latest advances in HIV treatment, and have lower survival rates. We want to change that."

Ohl's study explores rural veterans' interest in using video telehealth at nearby VA community-based outpatient clinics, (CBOCs) to maintain their ongoing care. CBOCs serve as satellite clinics for large VA medical centers. Veterans can telecommunicate, via video at CBOCs, with an HIV specialist at the larger facility.

HIV pharmacists, psychologists and nurse-care managers may also be included in videoconferences. A nurse on site with the veteran at the outpatient clinic can administer treatment if prescribed by the specialist. Veterans can also meet with their primary care physician on site. The primary care clinic and

specialty care clinic can then communicate to determine how best to co-manage the veteran's care.

The coordinated process lifts a major travel burden off rural veterans. In 2010, rural veterans with HIV were an average of 86 minutes by car from the closest infectious disease clinic versus 23 minutes on average for urban veterans. Rural veterans were also less likely than their urban counterparts to use specialty care.

The Telehealth Collaborative Care study, which involves approximately 800 veterans, is focusing on rural areas near San Antonio, Houston, Dallas and Atlanta, each of which has a VA hospital with an HIV specialty clinic. Veterans with HIV who live closer to a primary care clinic or CBOC than to a specialty clinic and who have at least a 90-minute drive to one of these cities are being offered the telehealth option.

Through interviews with the veterans, Ohl and his team are finding that most of those offered telehealth are choosing to take advantage of the option. VA offers close to 50 telehealth specialties. During fiscal year 2016, more than

700,000 veterans completed approximately 2 million telehealth appointments.

For more information about the VA's work in HIV and AIDS, visit <http://www.hiv.va.gov/patient/index.asp>. Information about Ohl's study may be found at [http://www.hsrd.research.va.gov/research/abstracts.cfm?Project\\_ID=2141702405](http://www.hsrd.research.va.gov/research/abstracts.cfm?Project_ID=2141702405).

For further information, please contact the local Veterans Service Office.

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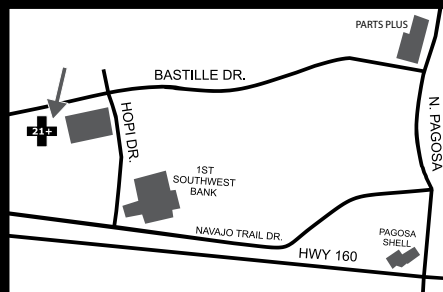
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The best way to contact me is to set up an appointment, for either at your home or in the office, so I can schedule a specific time in order to answer and assist each veteran in Archuleta County.

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.

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- American Legion Post 108: second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.

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

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

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

- Women's Group of Spouses of Veterans: First and third Wednes-

days at 5:30 p.m., Dr. Sharon Carter's office. Contact Charlotte at 903-9690.

## Important numbers

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- Durango VA Outpatient Clinic: 247-2214.

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

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

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# Annual 4-H cookie dough fundraiser returns

By Roberta Tolan  
PREVIEW Columnist

It's cookie dough time again and your favorite flavors are back. Don't miss this opportunity to support your local 4-H program and have your favorite cookie dough ready for baking in your freezer.

Whether it's mint chocolate chip, oatmeal raisin, snickerdoodle or peanut butter, we have the flavor for you. And we are bringing back some of last year's specialties including soft pretzels, cinnamon rolls, pumpkin rolls and cream cheese coffee cake, all for only \$17 per item.

Each year, Archuleta County 4-H participates in three fundraisers: cookie dough sales in the spring, truck raffle tickets throughout the summer and the Chuckwagon BBQ at the county fair. These fundraisers support the 4-H program and its youth membership in many ways.

Each year, there are many families who can't afford the registration fees. Money raised through these events helps provide scholarships for these families so all youth in Archuleta County can participate in 4-H regardless of their ability to pay.

In addition, 4-H youth are eligible to attend various 4-H conferences located throughout the state. Again, these fundraisers lower the cost to each family and make it possible for all youth to attend. Finally, fundraising dollars are also used to buy fair ribbons, club shirts and many other things that help make the 4-H experience enjoyable for all members.

Over the years, 4-H has provided millions of youth nationwide with opportunities to develop their leadership, citizenship and life skills that have helped them become community leaders, successful professionals, astronauts, entertainers and professional athletes — whatever they dreamed. Research findings show that compared to their peers who are not in 4-H, young people in 4-H are:

- More likely to report better grades, higher levels of academic competence and an elevated level of engagement in school.

## Extension Viewpoints

- Less likely to engage in risk behaviors such as drinking, smoking and drug use.

- Two times more likely to plan to go to college.

- More likely to pursue careers in science, engineering and technology.

During the upcoming year and with your help, our 4-H youth will participate in leadership conferences, learn life and project skills, meet other youth throughout the state and provide community service. Thank you for supporting this important youth development program and the youth of Archuleta County.

### Gardening and landscaping series continues

Winter is a great time to think, plan and learn about how to grow successfully at high altitude. Whether you are a novice gardener, new to Pagosa Country or want to plant a landscape this spring, these classes are for you. All classes are located at the Extension building at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds, run from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and cost \$35 per class. Preregistration is required by calling 264-5931. Class topics and dates are as follows:

- Feb. 16: "Soils, Fertilizers and Amendments," taught by Darrin Parmenter, Extension agent in La Plata County.

- March 2: "Tree and Shrub Selection, Planting and Maintenance," taught by Roberta Tolan, Extension agent in Archuleta County.

- March 9: "The State of our Forests," including insect pressures and trends, and fire mitigation, taught by Kent Grant, Colorado State Forest Service and Matt Tuten, Pagosa Ranger District of the U.S. Forest Service.

- March 14: "Vegetable Gardening in the Mountains," taught by

Parmenter.

### Free radon class Feb. 15

Radon is an odorless gas that can find its way into our homes and negatively affect our health. Learn how to measure its impact in your home and mitigate it if necessary.

As part of the class, each attendee will receive a free radon test kit for their home while supplies last.

The class is Wednesday, Feb.

15, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Extension building at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds. To preregister, call 264-5931.

### CPR and first aid classes

CPR and first aid certification classes are now being offered monthly by the CSU Extension office on the second Monday and Wednesday of each month from 6 to 10 p.m. Anyone needing to

receive or renew certification can register by calling the Extension office at 264-5931.

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

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