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## Revised Verizon cell tower proposal to receive hearing

By Jim Garrett  
Staff Writer

In April, in the face of substantial public opposition, Verizon Wireless withdrew an application filed with Archuleta County for approval of a planned new cell tower.

The withdrawn application, if approved, would have allowed a new tower to be constructed near Lake Forest within the Pagosa Lakes community. Verizon said the tower was needed to remedy deficiencies in cellphone service in the vicinity.

The application would have required a zoning change to permit construction on land owned by the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA) designated as open space.

Prior to its withdrawal, the application had received a negative recommendation from the Archuleta County Planning Commission. During a hearing before the commission, concerns were raised that viable, and potentially less problematic alternative locations, had been insufficiently considered by Verizon.

County Planning Director John Shepard told The SUN this week that the fate of the original application showed “the public wanted a better proposal” from Verizon.

Consistent with that view, a new and revised proposal by Verizon was recently submitted to the county, applying for authorization to construct a cell tower on a 19-acre, privately owned property located at 3700 Piedra Road, approximately 1 mile south of Lake Hatcher. The proposed site is not within the PLPOA.

Shepard said the property at that address is zoned rural residential, and Verizon's application will require the county to grant a conditional use permit and a zoning height variance. An initial hearing before the Archuleta County Planning Commission to consider the application has been set for Dec. 14.

Shepard described the cell tower contemplated by the pending application as a 60-foot tall, undisguised “monopole,” topped by a 5-foot antenna, and with an

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Photo courtesy Chris Rapp/Wolf Creek Ski Area

Wolf Creek Ski Area had a storm drop 16 inches of powder last week, allowing for the opening of the 2016-2017 ski season on Thanksgiving Day. Another storm rolled in Saturday evening, dumping 12 more inches of powder. The storm continued through Sunday and Monday, leaving 28 inches of snow from the cycle. Tuesday gave way to a bluebird day with 95 percent of the mountain open and all lifts operating from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. More storms are in the forecast for later this week.

## Public meeting on 5th Street bridge set for Monday

By Jim Garrett  
Staff Writer

The Town of Pagosa Springs will convene a public meeting next Monday at 5:30 p.m. in the Ross Aragon Community Center, South Conference Room, for presentation of the reports by consultants engaged to evaluate potential impacts of the proposed 5th Street bridge.

The two reports to be presented will concern the impact of construction of a bridge on traffic flow and economic activity in the town, with and without implementation of future development in the area the bridge might serve, downtown, south of the San Juan River.

The consultants' reports are expected to be posted for review by members of the public in advance of the meeting on the town's website.

However, the reports had not as yet been posted by the time of The SUN's deadline for this edition on Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 30.

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## September sales tax 8.6 percent ahead of last year

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

Sales tax collections in Archuleta County in 2016 continue to be ahead of revenues collected in 2015.

The total sales tax collection in September for Archuleta County was \$864,086.69, according to a report issued on Nov. 14 by Archuleta County Finance Director Larry Walton.

The town and county each received

\$432,043.35.

“The year to date (January through September) 2016 sales tax is \$555,844 (8.6%) ahead of the same period in 2015,” reads Walton's report. “This is higher than the rate of growth anticipated by the County budget for this period of time.”

The report lists the following categories as being up for the same nine month period in 2015.

Revenue generated by retail trade went up 13 percent, or \$415,301.

Accommodations and food service increased 5.4 percent, or \$63,313.

Wholesale trade increased 12.3 percent, up \$33,058.

Manufacturing increased 10.1 percent, up \$30,748.

The other services category went up 12.1 percent, or \$12,748.

Utilities increased 2.3 percent, by \$11,584.

■ See Sales A8



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Protesters gather outside the U.S. Forest Service's Pagosa Ranger District office Tuesday. The demonstrators were protesting the seasonal closure of Forest Service roads across the San Juan National Forest, citing, among other things, affected winter activities and that conditions do not warrant closing the roads until the spring thaw.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

It's out with the old and in with the new, seasonally speaking. With Thanksgiving in the books, town crews were hard at work Monday morning, replacing the summer banners with seasonal decorations along U.S. 160 through the downtown.

## San Juan Water Conservancy District budgets for Dry Gulch progress

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) Board of Directors held a public hearing for the district's 2017 draft budget on Nov. 15, with that document including \$111,000 budgeted in expenditures toward the proposed Dry Gulch Reservoir.

Per state statute, the budget must be adopted by the board by Dec. 15, and the SJWCD is anticipated to adopt the budget at its Dec. 12 meeting, which is set to begin at 7 p.m.

The following figures are from the budget presented on Nov. 15, though board chair Rod Proffitt noted during the hearing that the final figures for tax revenue would not be available until December, prior to the budget's approval.

The draft budget shows a beginning balance for 2017 of \$267,300 and ending balance of \$203,542.

Not included in that, Proffitt noted at the meeting, is about \$500,000

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# Opinion

## EDITORIAL

### Burning bridges

On Monday, Dec. 5, the Town of Pagosa Springs will hold another public meeting pertaining to the proposed 5th Street bridge. The meeting will be held in the South Conference Room of the Ross Aragon Community Center beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The purpose of Monday's meeting is to present the traffic and economic impact studies performed by consultants who were hired by the town and the developer, Springs Partners LLC.

Be sure to get to the meeting early as the last public bridge meeting held in that location ran out of space for chairs, leaving citizens sitting on the floor and standing along the aisle.

The Nov. 8 meeting of the Archuleta County Republican Women was also a packed house when Mayor Don Volger and Town Manager Greg Schulte presented on the proposed bridge at 5th Street.

Things got a little heated during that meeting when Volger's integrity was questioned.

"Let me stop you right there, first of all, this is perfectly appropriate to provide information and it is perfectly appropriate for me to state my opinion because, because I'm a representative of this town and this government, and I will do that to the best of my ability. OK, I don't think there's anything inappropriate about that. Number two ..." said Volger before being interrupted and calmed down by businessman Mark Weiler.

The mayor apologized for his actions following his outburst, "You know, you're right, thank you, thank you for that admonition. It's just that this is one of those issues where we have been questioned and questioned, and we've tried to provide answers, tried to provide information, and, it seems like there are some who are just not going to accept anything we say. After a while, it gets frustrating. I'm sorry, I'm human, and that wasn't appropriate. Will you please accept my apology? Please, forgive me for being inappropriate."

Volger's frustrations are shared by opponents of the 5th Street bridge, which the mayor has openly supported and promoted.

Many feel that the mayor, council and developers have not provided satisfactory answers to their questions. People feel that information that should be heard in public instead was shared in private, closed-door meetings.

Volger isn't the only one who has acted inappropriately at public meetings regarding the bridge — kindness and decorum have been cast aside on more than one occasion. But, given his position in this community, we had higher expectations of the mayor.

Unfortunately, in the wake of an illegal meeting, bad advice from counsel costing the town thousands of dollars in attorney fees, little public information, lack of transparency and very few answers to numerous questions all related to the 5th Street Bridge, there isn't a whole lot of respect and trust remaining where the bridge is concerned.

It is already rumored that the traffic and economic studies have been skewed to meet the desired outcomes of the developers and proponents of the proposed bridge.

Trust is not something guaranteed; it is earned. It's nearly impossible to have trust in the process when the process wasn't transparent from the beginning.

We encourage you to attend Monday's public meeting and implore you to act appropriately and respectfully, no matter what side of the matter you are on. Listen with an open mind.

We are a unique community with individuals who offer a variety of expertise to draw upon. Pagosa Country has a beneficial pool of business leaders, financial experts, developers and realtors with great knowledge and valuable opinions that vary greatly. Let's put their expertise to work for the benefit of this community in finding the best solution to this matter in the best interest of our community.

Let's not burn our bridges.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

## WHADDYA THINK?

What is your favorite part of the holiday season?



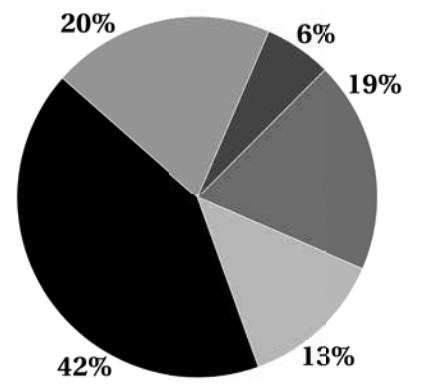
**Stephanie Hill**  
"I love the holiday movies by a fire."



**Lily Hope**  
"Having all of my family together. This will be the first time in seven years."



**Sharon Quintana**  
"Being with family and friends."



**Poll results (133 Votes)**

The traditions — 19 percent  
The food — 13 percent  
Family — 42 percent  
Time off — 20 percent  
Gifts/shopping — 6 percent

This week online: What gift would you like most this holiday?  
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## LOOKING BACK



From the Dec. 21, 1967, Pagosa Springs SUN. CAROLERS — The Girl Scouts, Brownies, and Cadettes were out caroling this past week around the town. They are shown at the start of the evening, with their leaders, in front of the Baptist Church. A large group of girls were present, as can be seen, and the caroling was a nice boost to the Christmas spirit.

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of November 26, 1926

**The state game and fish commissioner** is advocating a closed season on deer for one year, and in its place an open season on elk: 4 days the last of September. The elk, particularly the old bulls, it is claimed are doing much damage to the crops in certain sections of the state.

**While riding for cattle** for R.M. Farrow up the Piedra river Saturday afternoon, Jas. Leach had a narrow escape from death when his horse slipped on the icy trail and fell over a high cliff with him. Mr. Farrow came along the trail shortly after the accident and found Mr. Leach unconscious over the cliff and that the horse had been instantly killed when it plunged into the river below.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of December 5, 1941

**Fred Harman** announces this week that he is building a boys' camp on his Red Ryder ranch 18 miles southeast of Pagosa Springs, which will be ready for operation when the last snow melts next spring. Bud Noble and Bingo Cox are streaming things up with the construction of a large building, 24x50, which will be used to house the visitors from the east next summer. They hope to have the outside work done before snow gets too deep, and will then spend the winter on the finish work.

**Charles F. Rumbaugh** made a business trip to Durango Wednesday to contact investigators for a federal fish hatchery in southern Colorado to replace the present one at Leadville.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of December 1, 1966

**Today is the first of December** and the weather is still rather moderate. November was a dry month when compared to November of 1965. Thirteen inches of snow fell that month and the snowfall in town this year totaled less than two inches for the entire month.

**This issue is dated** the first day of December, 1966. According to our calendar there are only 31 days in December this year. This leaves but 21 shopping days before Christmas. In just about another week it will be getting a little late to shop early. Now is a good time to start and Pagosa Springs is the best place to start. Local merchants have what is probably the largest stock of Christmas merchandise in the history of the community.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of December 5, 1991

**The Pagosa Springs Pirates wrestling program** has been one of the most successful in Colorado 3A competition, and 1991 should bring no change in the trend. The Pirates produced a state champion both of the last two years. Last season, in Dan Janowsky's first year as head coach, six Pagosa wrestlers competed at state and the team finished sixth overall in the 3A division. Janowsky said this year's Pirate wrestlers will be young, and the athletes face a demanding schedule that will test them early and often, forcing them to hone their skills before the regional tournament in February. There are 34 wrestlers on this year's team, including 13 freshmen and 12 sophomores. For the first time since 1986, there will be a Pirate wrestler at every weight.

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# Letters

## Elected Trump

Dear Editor:  
Well you elected Mr. Trump, the stock market went way up and all the forgotten overlooked working white folks breathed a sigh of relief.

So what really happened ... well those folks fearing too much social, technology and trade change voted for walls, going in social reverse and a "strong leader" to get there. More a moral 9/11 than a cultural revolt as these voters were both proud of his egregious behavior and wanted to "Make America Great." T. Friedman has best expressed the three forces shaping our world: market forces (globalization), Mother Nature (climate change) and Moore's Law (acceleration in IT that changes all our worlds). Consciously Trump voters said ... no ... no ... phones yes/retraining for new jobs no.

What else happened since the election, over 700 hate crimes have been recorded, "swastikas with go Trump" have reappeared on our nation's walls and there's a general warm glow on his voter's (sic) faces.

So, when was American Great that these voters want back, probably a time when a worker, regardless of education, needed a plan to fail. Home equity allowed all Americans to feel they were keeping up and the factories were still here.

OK, so when did things start to go wrong for the Trump voters, maybe it was 2007 when ITechnology literally exploded in opening the world to accelerated change and then the 2008 financial collapse stole most of the ordinary person's equity.

We took a chance on Obama and look what happened. Can't keep up and angry so let's blame those darn rich 1 percents, big banks, PC (?) and Washington. Now you know DC's a swamp of termless congressmen and special interest lobbyists (sic); so let's fix it by electing the same Republicans (say Senator Mitch McConnell then stagnation); a 1 percent'er billionaire who we know is involved in fraud (tax, foundation and university) and over 4,000 separate litigations; has close ties to lobbyists (sic). Surprise he appoints a senator too racist to be a judge to be AG (Trump wants to keep managing his businesses). And he's truthful ... fact checker says Trump lies 80-90 percent of the time. Yup ... yup, that'll drain the swamp for sure.

Well what's this wunderkind up against: a divided county (sic) sort a like the Sunni vs Shias whose infrastructure is in bad shape; failing countries around the world (greater threat than rising competition); Climate Refugees (did I mention he's climate denier), regional wars and invasions (ISIS bad... Russia good) and accelerating forces of change his promises cannot reverse. Promises, promises broken except for the ideological ones needed by his voting base ... a little red meat is good for 'em.

Ideology for our remaining lifetime lives only in the past. Google it ... America is great. America is also a spirit, an idea and it's a "Faberge egg," if you drop it, you will break it. Want to Make America Great Again, then problem solving in a sharing

diverse community esprit (sic) is the only way forward.

Dave Blake

## Tribute to Jimmy

Dear Editor:

Lest we forget, 600 WWII (World War II) veterans die per day on average. My definition of a hero is one who makes a deliberate decision to risk his/her life for a good cause.

When the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, thousands of Americans flocked to the enlistment centers and were trained and armed, and faced enemies in foreign lands to stop Japanese aggression. At that time, the Japanese military were fanatical about dying for their god-like emperor, and had been at war since 1937. They had been well trained, but their cause was not "good." By Dec. 7, 1941, (75 years ago) the day they sneak-attacked the bombing of Hawaii, they were highly skilled and would charge en masse into our military men, dying by the hundreds.

The Japanese homeland was brainwashed to the idea that Americans were weak and would not survive the war. The Japanese military was successful not only in Manchuria, Korea and China, but in our Philippines and other Pacific islands. Our morale sank to an unusual low.

Our president was Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and was respected by all Americans as he directed our military around the world. Our Army Air Force (the predecessor to our Air Force of today) was asked to see if they could get some bombers to bomb Japan. The leader of this proposition was Lt. Col. Jimmy Doolittle. He selected 16 B25 bomber crews of five men each and asked if any would volunteer for a life-threatening mission; all volunteered and were advised of their mission, to fly the B25s off an aircraft carrier to Japan and bomb select targets. Flying loaded B25s, a twin engine bomber, off a carrier was itself unheard of, but the crews proved that it could be done. They loaded the 16 planes on an aircraft carrier and headed to war.

As they approached the launching area west of Hawaii, they were detected and decided to launch prematurely April 18, 1942, knowing that they would not have enough fuel to reach their recovery airfield in China. They all made it to their targets and headed toward China where 77 of the fliers survived the flights, crash landing or parachuting to earth (three died in a crash). The Chinese, who were also at war with Japan, aided the fliers, including Jimmy Doolittle, and many made it back to fly in other areas of the war.

The mission was a success for the USA and achieved an overnight morale-building of all Americans (the Japanese murdered 250,000 Chinese as punishment for helping us). Our 80 fliers were all heroes, making that conscious decision to fly to probable death knowing it was likely they would not make it to their assigned landing field. Jimmy finished WWII and ultimately retired as a four-star general after many flying-related assignments. One of his surviving crewmen started playing taps at his funeral (at 96 years old) and when he was overcome with grief, Jimmy's great-grandson took over and finished. Jimmy received the Medal of Honor.

Harris Bynum

## BootJack protest

Dear Editor:

Kudos to Tom Johnston and the protesters at BootJack Ranch last Sunday and to The Pagosa Springs SUN for having the courage to feature it "front and center."

The treatment of the protesters at the pipeline construction site in North Dakota is shameful beyond comprehension.

The pipeline itself threatens

the integrity of water, "liquid gold" essential for survival. If we don't reconsider our priorities, commercial greed and consumer apathy will be the death of our race, and eventually our planet.

As for BootJack Ranch, imagine the consequences if the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers decided there was reason to put a pipeline across BootJack Ranch. Do you think Kelcy Warren would sit back and let it happen?

M. Coleman

## Who benefits?

Dear Editor:

Who stands to profit from engaging in any eminent domain legal action? The former and adjacent property owners on Hot Springs Boulevard? The people of Archuleta County? The county attorney?

First, the current BoCC, county administrator and attorney don't seem to know what honoring their word means. Whether it's on a written document or not. The current BoCC, administrator and their attorney have an addiction to wasting public funds. It's a wonderful thing to have access to other people's money.

A recent example is the blatant violation of restrictions in the county's own procurement policy of not contracting with its own employees. The BoCC spent multiple tens of thousands of dollars hiring a law firm out of Denver, to justify their actions, stretching an ethics hearing out for nine months.

Who profited from that hearing? The people of Archuleta County or all seven attorneys that were involved?

Chairman Whiting promised a full accounting of the public funds spent on the Colorado Independent Ethics Commission hearing, that has yet to be published for all to read.

Public comment, following announcement to proceed with eminent domain action, clearly established no desire from the people to undertake such action.

Commissioners Lucero and Wadley along with attorney Starr, see no problem going against what the people want. This is an inherent problem everywhere in this country with public employees who are addicted to public money.

Under the general laws that established the authority granted to the government by the people, any question of taking property rights first has to be heard by at least three "freeholder" commissioners. Then if that is unsatisfactory, it remains a legal issue. By the actual laws of this state, a public hearing over the contested deed restrictions is the correct next step, not some legal action in court where the only person who profits is the county attorney. Do we have three "freeholder" commissioners qualified to oversee such public proceedings? Personally, I am very skeptical of that. Most people don't even know what a "freeholder" is, much less know how to honor the Declaration of Independence or Constitution. A freeholder has no lien on their property, making them the free and clear holder of title, to that property.

Let's see if the county handles this like the town handled paying attorney fees when they lost their lawsuit.

Greg Giehl

## Eminent domain

Dear Editor:

We relocated to Archuleta County in part to escape the stench of New Jersey-style politics. Upon learning from The SUN that eminent domain is being used to bypass a deed restriction on the proposed justice center property, we fear we have failed in this regard.

Although we are in favor of a downtown location for the justice center, we feel that this is a blatant, unconscionable misuse of the emi-

nent domain concept.

We find it interesting that the BoCC voted to employ eminent domain right after the election, with Mr. Lucero departing the board and Mr. Wadley entering his last term in 2017.

It is our fervent hope that the newly constituted BoCC will possess the conscience and decency to repeal what we see as an appalling travesty and abuse of government power.

We are sure that we are not the only voters to see the irony in eminent domain employed to bypass a deed restriction — for a justice center.

Joanne and Victor Lucariello

## Standing Rock

Dear Editor:

Kelcy Warren, the person behind the North Dakota Access Pipeline, has purchased the BootJack Ranch outside of Pagosa Springs for \$46 million. He is the person responsible for sending his own private army, along with Jack Dalrymple (governor of North Dakota) to protect their financial interest in the pipeline. The Standing Rock issue is not just about violating human rights and breaking treaties, it is about all of us, and the generations to come.

Several European countries such as Germany, Sweden, Austria, and Finland just to name a few, are actively taking the lead into a new energy future. While we are still investing in outdated infrastructures and primitive technologies that not only leave us behind the curve, but also destroy the very land that we live on, other countries are working toward a bright future. Kelcy Warren and our representatives could be heroes if they choose to lead the charge in renewable and clean energy, but instead it appears they want to poison this nation and our planet for their own greed.

We can all do something even if you cannot go to Standing Rock. Call every news outlet and ask them why they are not covering these human rights violations. You can also call the surrounding sheriffs' offices, state representatives and

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# Obituaries



## Amanda Christensen-Kerns

Amanda Christensen-Kerns, 33, of Pagosa Springs, died Friday, Nov. 18, at Mercy Regional Medical Center. Amanda, the daughter of Russell Christensen and Norma Darlene Matthews, was born June 16, 1983, in Aurora, Colo.

Amanda graduated at the top of her class, from the Colorado Springs School, with the class of 2001. Following high school, she attended Fort Lewis College and graduated in 2006 with a degree in anthropology.

On March 14, 2007, Amanda was united in marriage to Justin Kerns. Working diligently as a construction office manager, Amanda also passionately pursued her dreams

by baking and decorating wedding cakes. Amanda was a classically beautiful woman with a bold and bright personality. Her strikingly strong spirit lit up a room. She adored the outdoors and was usually found fishing and camping, but was just as content at home happily watching movies with her three children. Amanda was an adamant mother in her pursuit of care for her children; she loved them and always looked out for their best interests. They were the most important things in her life. Amanda had a big heart and was always trying to help someone. She will be dearly missed by everyone who knew and loved her.

Amanda is survived by her husband, Justin Kerns; her three children, Cadence Lily Kerns, Taylor Collette Kerns and Brandt Russell Kerns; her father and stepmother, Russell Christensen and Linda Christensen; her mother and stepfather, Norma Darlene Bocian and James Bryne Bocian; her two brothers, Andrew Ryan Christensen and Alexander Dalton Bocian; her two sisters, Melissa Dawn Grundy and Neely Droeger; and many other loving relatives.

The funeral service took place on Wednesday, Nov. 30, and was held at Restoration Fellowship. The service was elegant and beautiful, perfectly personifying who she was. The burial and consecration will take place Thursday, Dec. 1, at the New Manassa Cemetery in Manassa, Colo.

Memorial donations can be made in lieu of flowers to the Kerns Children Fund at any Wells Fargo Bank.



## Pauline L. Haist

Pauline L. Haist, 92, of Pagosa Springs, passed away Friday, Nov. 25, surrounded by her family. She was born Dec. 2, 1923.

Pauline is survived by her children: Bev Tyler, Gwyn Coggins, Wendy Dalton, Nona Adams, Cindy Ruyle, Brett Haist and Mego Haist; siblings Maxine Haist and Eva Mae Haist; 25 grandchildren; 52 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her siblings: Leland, Ron, Josephine and Meredith.

A service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3, at First Baptist Church, 332 E. 11th St., Durango.

## Herbert Nix Lattin

Herbert Nix Lattin passed away

Nov. 27 in a hunting accident. He was 31 years old. He was an avid rock collector and hunter. He loved spending his time with his children, Cave, Arise, Timothy and Justand, and his wife, Leah.

He was preceded in death by his father, Herbert Roane Lattin; his son, Baby Lattin; his grandparents, Faith and Herb Lattin; and his aunt, Charity Lattin.

He leaves behind his wife and four children; his mother, Rita Strickland; his brothers, Mat and Darrin Strickland; brother Dale Hott; sister Kim Sanders; aunt and uncle Rachel and Bob Snow; aunt Frosty Garret; aunt Hope Lattin; cousins Katie, Lacie and Jason Snow; cousins Mike and Beth Garret; cousins Sierra Lattin and Cimarrona Kelley; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Nix was loved by many and will be missed by all who knew him. May he find peace with his Lord.

### Obituaries

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# Letters

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the White House. You can find all these phone numbers online.

A young girl has had to have an arm amputation from a concussion grenade, and a 13-year-old girl has been shot in the face with a rubber bullet. Also a horse has been killed while its owner, a young boy, was riding it all by the "authorities" at Standing Rock.

It makes me wonder if the oil companies have bought everyone off, and if the government has turned everyone into sheeple?

Sandy Nelson

## What ails you?

Dear Editor:

OK, how good is your medical care? I imagine your answer most surely is good. With the new primary care clinic coming along, it will get still better. For a little bit of fun, I share with you some medical information from the 1800s that will give you more appreciation for today's care.

My great-uncle served as a medic in the Spanish-American War (1898) and my grandmother saved a book from those times that contains "recipes" for all kinds of

medical problems — asthma, tuberculosis, cancer, fevers, wounds, fractures, etc. Apparently during those times, doctors "compared notes" to share treatments that were successful. This book was written by one of those physicians. There are "concoctions" for just about everything — ingredients included mixing several various roots such as elecampane, angelics, comfrey, spilenard roots and hoarhound tops, perhaps steeped in honey with recommended dosage.

Many during those times relieved medical problems with the use of "spirits" and the such. The physician who wrote the book referred to those physicians as "old foggy docs" and warned against using such, addressing it in this way: Whiskey is the "key" by which many gain entrance into our prisons and almshouses. Punch is the cause of many unfriendly punches. Ale causes many ailings. Wine causes many to take a winding way home. Champagne is the source of many pains.

Take care and know you are loved.

Patty Tillerson

## Really in charge

Dear Editor:

President-elect Donald Trump has all but declared that he will not appoint a special prosecutor to investigate Hillary Clinton, as he promised during the campaign. The number of popular and energizing promises that Trump made before the election which are now being scuttled continues to rise. Some cynical political commentators might say that during the campaign Trump lied to get votes.

I don't think Trump lied on the campaign trail. I think he was acting. Donald Trump was acting aggressive, mean-spirited, and vindictive because he knew (or intuited) that this façade would gain him votes. Like a poker player acting calm with his straight flush in hand, or like a negotiator acting like he has the power position, Trump broadcasts whatever is necessary to make the deal that he wants to make.

Take one step further into this revealing semi-metaphor. Actors do not make films. Writers compose the script, producers arrange the logistics. And directors, as the name implies, really guide the

show. Even the best of actors, with poor direction, can turn a good script into a disaster. Actors are lost without a good director.

We have seen what a good actor Trump is. We know that he can follow the direction of a discontented citizenry who believes that they have been put last on the agenda. We know that he can follow the direction of the real estate market and international business interests. We know that he works well under the direction of reality television rubrics.

In less than two months, Trump will be the president of the United States. The question is not whether he will be able to act well in that role. The star actor has stolen the show already. The crucial questions are different. Who will his director be? Who in fact will be running the show?

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# Secretary Williams promotes wise charitable giving

Special to The SUN

With the holiday season upon us, Secretary of State Wayne Williams asks Coloradans to give generously to their favorite charities, but also to give wisely by guarding against scams.

"It is important for Coloradans to research the charities they support and trust that their donations are being used prudently," Williams said. "To this end, we encourage everyone to use CheckTheCharity.com to learn more about their favorite charities before making donations."

Here are the secretary of state's top 10 wise giving tips:

1. Ask for the registration number of the charity and paid solicitor.
2. Make a note of the individual caller's first and last name and the name of the telemarketing com-

pany that employs the caller.

3. Ask the solicitor how much of the donation will go to the charity, whether the donation is tax deductible and what charitable programs it will support.

4. If solicited in person, ask for the solicitor's identification and registration number.

5. Resist pressure to give on the spot, whether from a telemarketer or door-to-door solicitor, and beware if they thank you for making a pledge you don't remember making. If you feel uncomfortable, just say, "No, thank you."

6. Do not pay in cash. Donate by check made payable to the charity or use the charity's website to donate by credit card.

7. Make sure you are visiting the official website of the charity you wish to support, and beware

of lookalike websites, especially if you are asked to provide personal financial information.

8. Research the charity's disclosure and financial statements on the secretary of state's website.

9. Be wary if the charity fails to provide detailed information about its identity, mission, finances and how the donation will be used. Reputable charities will gladly provide the information requested.

10. Watch out for charities with names that sound similar to well-known organizations. These sound-alike names are intended to confuse.

Most charities that solicit contributions in Colorado are required to register with the secretary of state. The registration filings include information about the organization's leadership, mission, financial ef-

iciency and commercial fundraisers. Paid solicitors that raise funds in Colorado also register, and their disclosure forms show the duration and results of any solicitation campaigns conducted.

Colorado residents may also access the state's annual reports on charitable giving at <http://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/charities/annual-reports.html>. The reports analyze and illustrate the information reported by registered charities and paid solicitors, most notably the results of the joint solicitation campaigns they conducted during the previous year. The 2016 annual report will be available in January 2017.

Consumers should report suspected fraudulent charitable solicitations to the Colorado Secretary of State's Office or the Attorney General's Office.

## Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

### Monday, Dec. 5

**Pagosa Springs Town Council 5th Street Bridge Public Presentation on Economic and Traffic Studies.** 5:30 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, Hot Springs Boulevard.

### Tuesday, Dec. 6

**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.

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

### Friday, Dec. 9

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

### Monday, Dec. 12

**Pagosa Area Geothermal Water and Power Authority meeting.** 5 p.m., Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. or commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

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

### Tuesday, Dec. 13

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners and Pagosa Springs Town Council joint work session.** 8 a.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

9:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

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

**Town of Pagosa Springs Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments and Design Review Board.** 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.

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

**Pagosa Fire Protection District Board of Directors meeting.** 6:30 p.m., Station No. 1 training room, 191 North Pagosa Blvd.

### Wednesday, Dec. 14

**Town of Pagosa Springs Historic Preservation Board.** 5:45 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.

### Tuesday, Dec. 20

**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.

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

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

### Thursday, Dec. 22

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

### Tuesday, Dec. 27

**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, Board of Adjustments and Design Review Board.** 5:30 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

### Wednesday, Dec. 28

**Town of Pagosa Springs Historic Preservation Board.** 5:45 p.m., Town Hall front conference room, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

## In Memoriam



### Cindy Gustafson

In memory of Cindy Gustafson

May 21, 1935-Dec. 3, 2014

My dearest Cindy, it has been two years since you passed away in your sleep. You were a great lady and you did so much for our beloved town of Pagosa Springs. You helped save our town's movie theater and coordinated many fundraising events.

You organized a wonderful group of women in 2008 and they are still contributing to the community today — WHIPS (Women Helping Women in Pagosa Springs).

You raised over \$15,000 to help needy women in the community. In that group, a senior high school scholarship was established in your honor, helping two young women with \$1,200 for each to continue their education.

Posthumously in 2015, you received the 2014 Citizen of the Year award. CUPS, Curtains Up Pagosa, established a scholarship fund in honor of you for attending almost every performance. The ice hockey team in Pagosa named the concession equipment cabin in your honor, as you loved hockey so much.

I am still doing a lot of things you liked. I go to all the community and high school concerts and town events, the Four Corners Folk Festivals, the Fourth of July parades, the Tim Sullivan Foundation and programs. All the people of Pagosa will always remember you.

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# Business

## CHAMBER NEWS

### County's unemployment rate increases to 3 percent

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

The unemployment rate for Archuleta County increased to 3 percent in October, with 6,235 people in the labor force and 188 of those claiming unemployment.

In September, there were 6,255 people in the county's labor force with 170, or 2.7 percent, claiming unemployment. The total workforce lost 20 people over the month, while the number of unemployed people increased by 18, causing the .3 percent increase in unemployment.

In October 2015, there were 6,106 workers in the county, of which 188, or 3.1 percent, were unemployed. October 2016's rate is down .1 percent by comparison.

Looking at this October's employment situation for the rest of the state, Huerfano County had the highest unemployment rate for the month at 5.4 percent, while Baca and Jackson counties had the lowest rate at 2.0 percent.

According to the survey of households, the unemployment rate for the state decreased from September to October, going from 3.6 percent to 3.5 percent.

The number of people actively participating in the labor force increased 11,200 over the month to 2,909,200 and the number of people reporting themselves as employed increased 15,000 to 2,808,500. The increase in total employment combined with the increase in the labor force caused the number of unemployed to decline 3,800 and the unemployment rate to decrease to 3.5 percent.

In comparison, the national unemployment rate decreased one-tenth of a percentage point from September to October to 4.9 percent.

The unemployment rate, labor force, labor force participation, total employment and the number of unemployed are based on a survey of households. The total employment estimate derived from this survey is intended to measure the number of people employed.

However, nonfarm payroll jobs estimates are based on a survey of business establishments and government agencies, and are intended to measure the number of jobs, not the number of people employed.

The business establishment survey covers about seven times the number of households surveyed and is therefore considered a more reliable indicator of economic conditions. Because the estimates are based on two separate surveys, one measuring jobs by worksite and the other measuring persons employed and unemployed by household, estimates based on these surveys may provide seemingly conflicting results.

Over the year, nonfarm payroll jobs increased 64,100, with an increase of 57,800 in the private sector and an increase of 6,300 in government.

The largest private-sector job gains were in construction, leisure and hospitality, and education and health services. Mining and logging, manufacturing, and financial activities declined over the year.

Other data that is gathered by the survey of business establishments includes private-sector average weekly hours, average hourly earnings and average weekly earnings.

Over the year, the average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased from 33.9 to 34.3 hours and average hourly earnings increased from \$27.07 to \$27.27.

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### Health Care Options Forum slated for Dec. 6

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
SUN Columnist

On Tuesday, Dec. 6, the Chamber of Commerce will hold the last of its Business Bites educational sessions for 2016. A 2017 Health Care Options Forum will be held at the Ross Aragon Community Center from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

This very important forum will discuss some of the health care options available to the business community and individuals in 2017. With Rocky Mountain Health Plans now only covering group health in our area, the health care options may seem limited to residents of Pagosa Springs. The Chamber would like the public to be aware of a variety of options available to businesses and individuals.

The forum will consist of three health care panelists who will speak about group health care options available to businesses as well as information on the Colorado Health Exchange or individual coverage. They will also speak about alternatives to health insurance plans through a direct primary care model and will present information on

alternative health care options not under "Obamacare" and how you might qualify for "Obamacare" exemptions.

At the end of the presentations, there will be time for questions and answers on what the speakers presented and on health care options in general and networking time to speak with the presenters one on one. The forum is free and open to individuals and businesses since health care affects us all.

Open enrollment is in full swing, so whether a business or an individual, finding out about health care coverage for 2017 should be paramount on your list of things to do. Give yourself options and find out in one place what some of those options might be.

#### Parade of Stores Dec. 1-4

The 11th annual Parade of Stores will be in full swing this weekend, and residents and visitors can take advantage of extraordinary discounts all over town.

This year, we focus on "Rediscover Shopping Local." With over 35 retail stores and restaurants participating

in the program, shoppers have a wide range of shopping options.

New to the program this year is the addition of restaurants offering culinary discounts to shoppers. Stop in at one of the participating restaurants during your shopping trek and take advantage of meal discounts. You must show a validated frequent shopping brochure (not a blank brochure) to receive the Parade of Stores restaurant specials. They will also be displaying the "Parade of Stores Participant" Christmas tree.

Also new this year to the frequent shopping portion of the event is the colorful bear located somewhere in a participating store. You need to find the bear in the store — it shouldn't be hard. The bear will have the stamp so that you can validate your frequent shopping pamphlet. While in the store, look at all the unique merchandise. We have a large number of returning stores and some new additions to the program. Each store will be offering its own special discounts this year. It will not be a general tax-free weekend. Frequent shopping brochures may be picked up at the Chamber or at any of the participating stores.

Also remember that for every \$10 you spend, you can be entered into a drawing for three super prize packages. So, take advantage of all the discounts that are being offered this weekend. Remember that your dollars circulate through community and help support your neighbors and friends and their businesses. Shop till you drop and Rediscover Shopping Local.

#### Last week to complete economic survey

The 2017 Economic Outlook Survey has been available to businesses to complete since Nov. 15. We have had a good response to the survey,

but we can always use more data and obtain more input. This short survey takes about three minutes to complete. We encourage businesses to report on the challenges of running a business as well as commenting on the positives. The data will be collected and then we will be reporting out to the community and local government agencies.

Those interested in completing the survey can easily access it on the Chamber's website, www.pagosahun.com, on the home page. It is also available on the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation's website, www.pagosahun.com, on the blog page. We would appreciate your input and look forward to sharing the results with the community.

#### Membership news

We want to remind the community that there are some important activities coming up. The annual Chamber board election will take place during December. Members will be receiving information via email correspondence and various media outlets. The three selected board members will be announced at the Chamber's annual Membership Gala on Jan. 21. Tickets for this event will go on sale soon.

We will also have nomination forms available for the Citizen, Volunteer, Small Business and Non-Profit of the year awards soon. Start thinking about who to nominate for these very worthy awards. It is always nice to be recognized, and we have a plethora of people and organizations to be thankful for in regards to the work that they do and their giving attitude.

The December Business After Hours will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 14. Look for your electronic and postcard invitations coming out soon.

### Workshop series across state to detail energy savings opportunities for Colorado farmers and ranchers

Special to The SUN

The Colorado Energy Office (CEO) and the Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA) announced workshops to be held that will detail energy savings opportunities for Colorado farmers and ranchers. Created through a partnership between state government and agriculture leaders, the workshops will focus on energy efficiency and renewables.

Colorado farmers and ranchers spend more than \$400 million annually on energy, and the series of six workshops to be held late November through mid-December aims to help producers save money by utilizing new energy technology.

"As technology advances, energy efficiency and on-farm renewables are real opportunities for farmers and ranchers to improve bottom line, and this partnership will give folks operational details about how they can use clean energy to their advantage," said Michael Turner, energy efficiency programs manager at the CEO. "Looking at energy use on farms holds potential to reduce cost of production and improve margins for farmers and ranchers."

The workshops will feature presenters from Colorado State University, CDA and CEO. In addition, Colorado State Climatologist Nolan Doesken will give an update on climate and weather considerations, energy and agriculture. Former Colorado agriculture commissioner John Stulp and Don Ament are partnering to lead the workshop events.

Registration is free, and breakfast/dinner and refreshments will be served. To register and reserve a place, RSVP via the Web pages provided below.

Tuesday, Dec. 13, 7:30 a.m., Montrose, montroseenergyworkshop.eventbrite.com.

Wednesday, Dec. 14, 7:30 a.m., Monte Vista, montevistaenergyworkshop.eventbrite.com.

Workshop attendees will learn about agricultural energy use; how

to save on energy costs; costs, benefits and opportunities for using renewable generation systems; and funding options to address barriers that prevent farmers from investing in energy efficiency and renewable energy.

If you have a question regarding the workshops, please contact workshop organizer Darrell Hanavan at (303) 981-4430 or dhanavanco@gmail.com.

### Region 9 hires economic development planner

By Terry Blair-Burton  
Special to The SUN

Jill Seyfarth is joining the Region 9 Economic Development District as a part-time economic development planner.

Seyfarth is a former planner with La Plata County and the city of Durango before starting her own business in 2000. Through her business, Seyfarth has worked on community development related projects for both the public and private sectors throughout southwestern Colorado. She recently completed two terms on the Colorado State Historic Preservation Board, which reviews nominations to the State and National Registers of Historic Places, and she currently sits on the Technical Advisory Committee for the Colorado State Historic Fund.

Laura Lewis Marchino, executive director of Region 9, said, "We think Jill will be able to walk in and get to work. She is already familiar

with Region 9 and the CEDS process and I am thrilled to have someone of her experience."

Seyfarth will manage projects, data reports and publications, including District 9's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, as well as grant applications.

"I'm excited to be working on projects throughout the Region 9 area. Southwest Colorado is such a dynamic place and there are so many opportunities here," said Seyfarth.

Region 9 works to improve economic conditions in La Plata, Archuleta, Montezuma, Dolores and San Juan counties. Seyfarth can be reached at jill@scan.org or by calling Region 9 at 247-9621.



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# Jackson appointed to town planning commission, impact fees to be discussed

By Jim Garrett  
Staff Writer

At the Nov. 17 meeting of the Pagosa Springs Town Council, local developer Jerry Jackson was appointed to fill a vacancy on the town's planning commission.

In support of his application for the appointment, Jackson, a former council member, wrote on Oct. 6, "I know that if a community isn't growing, it is dying, and that governmental control of growth is about balance."

Although the appointment was unanimous, councilor Mat deGraaf noted that it would raise the number of developers on the commission to two, with Jackson joining incumbent Peter Adams.

Emphasizing that he supported Jackson's appointment to the five-member commission, deGraaf nevertheless suggested that council should be careful not to allow over-representation of any group among its members. His point drew favorable reactions from other members of council prior to the vote endorsing Jackson's appointment.

## Impact fees

In public comment at the start of council's meeting on Nov. 17, builder Kelly Dunn ad-

ressed the subject of impact fees.

Dunn has plans to build a climate-controlled self-service storage facility on land in Harman Park, but as The SUN reported on Oct. 20, was unable to persuade the town in a previous council meeting to spread out over 10 years the collection of impact fees of approximately \$98,000 on the project.

Dunn suggested that impact fees may impede development in the town, citing the absence of any businesses under construction adjacent to the Walmart located on Aspen Village Drive.

He also inquired whether or not the town intended to impose a deed restriction on the Axis Health Systems property under construction on Village Drive.

The deed restriction, he suggested, could provide the town the ability to recover impact fees waived Aug. 18 on Axis' application, in the event the property was ever repurposed from health care to ordinary commercial activity.

Mayor Don Volger responded to Dunn's comment that the issue of impact fees is expected to be on the agenda in a future council meeting.

The SUN asked Schulte on Nov. 22 if a specific agenda date had been set.

He responded that initially he expects a work session will occur at which a consultant will provide the current council a summary of the considerations that went into adoption of impact fees by council in 2008.

Schulte said he "is trying to schedule the work session for the week of Dec. 5."

The consultant who will speak provided the study in 2008 on which the adoption of the fees was originally based.

Schulte commented that the work session may be subject to tight time constraints, but it is possible that Volger may provide an opportunity for members of the public to offer comments.

The SUN spoke with Town Planning Director James Dickhoff on Nov. 22 regarding Dunn's comment during the council meeting on the absence to date of development near Walmart.

Dickhoff responded that the town has "had numerous inquiries about properties around that site, but no applications as yet."

He added, however, that it is his impression that interested parties at this point are focused more on the cost of the real estate than the expense of impact fees.

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# Town snow removal responsibilities posted

By Jim Garrett  
Staff Writer

Snow has begun flying, and the Town of Pagosa Springs has posted a notice on its website reminding residents of its snow removal policies and their responsibilities.

The notice points out that "the town plows 30 miles of streets and roads and is asking for everyone's cooperation so proper and efficient street maintenance can be accomplished. Our Goal is to provide snow removal in a timely manner to facilitate traffic flow for drivers and pedestrians."

It adds that, due to factors like snow intensity and duration, time of day and traffic conditions, the rate at which roads can be plowed necessarily varies. However, "all available personnel will be on the streets during major snow storms."

To facilitate the task of snow removal, the town has designated a "snow route" of selected streets downtown, on which no parking is allowed during a "snow event." Violators are subject to towing at the vehicle owner's expense. Streets included in the route are marked by special signage. The notice does not specifically define snow event, but the prudent resident will recognize it includes any occasion calling for snow plows to operate.

The snow route covers a downtown circuit, with some extensions. The basic circuit includes Hot Springs Boulevard, Apache Street, South 10th Street, North 5th Street, Lewis Street and North 2nd Street. Extensions include South 8th Street, South 6th Street, Piedra Street, North 6th Street and North 3rd Street.

Pagosa and San Juan streets (making up U.S. 160 downtown)

are not designated as part of the town's snow route, but the notice mentions that all parking is prohibited on those streets between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.

The notice further advises that snowplows should not be obstructed, since a steady speed is important to clear snow efficiently. Residents are also urged to use caution and warn snowplow operators by sounding horns and flashing lights when intending to pass to ensure safety.

The notice also discusses snow removal responsibilities of property owners/occupants.

Snow must be disposed on the owner/occupants' own property, must not be left on any public right of way or other private property, and may not be lawfully pushed or thrown onto or across roads. Sidewalks are to be cleared by noon the

day following the storm. The notice adds that any damage to sidewalks resulting from the use of snow melting substances will be the owner/occupant's responsibility.

In addition, the notice advises that owners/occupants are responsible for removal of snow berms left by plows on their property. It adds that trash carts put out for pickup should be left in a property's driveway at least 5 feet from where a berm may be deposited until plowing has been completed. The owner/occupant is responsible for any trash cart that may be knocked over by plowing operations.

The notice is accompanied by a note on the website that "for more information relating to snow removal within the Town limits contact: Code Enforcement." The number is 264-4151, ext. 224.  
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## The Blotter

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

### Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

- Nov. 22 — Parole violation hold, East Golf Place.
- Nov. 26 — Warrant arrest, County Road 600.
- Nov. 26 — Criminal mischief, Navajo Trail Drive.
- Nov. 26 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, domestic violence, violation of restraining order, East Golf Place.
- Nov. 27 — Warrant arrest, High-

land Ave.

Nov. 27 — Warrant arrest, Bastille Drive.

Nov. 28 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.

### Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

- Nov. 22 — Animal/running at large, Hermosa Street.
- Nov. 23 — Criminal trespass, Hot Springs Boulevard.
- Nov. 24 — Information only, South Pagosa Boulevard.
- Nov. 25 — Traffic/license suspended, Village Drive.
- Nov. 25 — Animal/wildlife, Pagosa Street.
- Nov. 25 — Information only, North 5th Street.
- Nov. 25 — Shoplifting, Eagle Drive.
- Nov. 26 — Traffic/insurance, U.S.

160.

Nov. 27 — Theft, Pagosa Street.

Nov. 28 — Shoplifting, Pagosa Street.

### Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge William Anderson

- Nov. 9 — Cheryl Lien, careless driving, four points, fines and costs — \$167.
- Nov. 9 — Gusman Lucero, driver's vision obstructed through required glass, fines and costs — \$46.
- Nov. 9 — Alex Selph, unsafe backing, two points, fines and costs — \$72.
- Nov. 9 — Kyrstie Gordon, following too closely, four points, fines and costs — \$111.

### Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Nov. 17 — Michael G. Foulds, speeding 20-24 over limit, fines and

costs — \$274.50.

Nov. 28 — John D. Sharp, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$132.50.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Greg Lyman  
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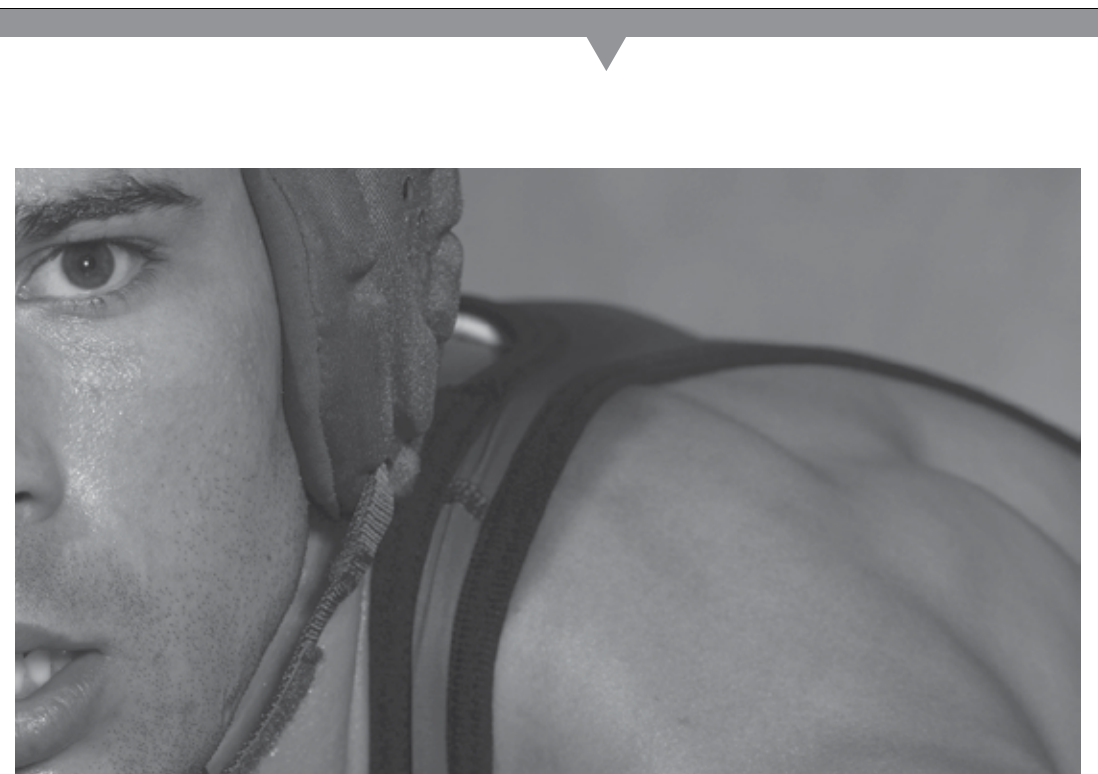
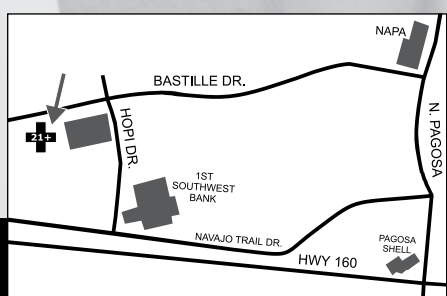
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# Town receives national technical assistance award

By Jim Garrett  
Staff Writer

According to its website, the nonprofit consulting organization Smart Growth America (SGA) is devoted to "[thinking] strategically about building better towns and cities."

Soon, SGA will bring its development approach to the town of Pagosa Springs, which last week was named one of six communities and regional associations nationwide awarded free technical assistance from the group.

Other successful applicants among more than 50 submissions were the communities of Sitka, Alaska; Fitchburg, Mass.; and Tulsa, Okla.; as well as the Osage Nation (based in Oklahoma); and the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (servicing 10 rural counties west of Green Bay).

In a press release announcing the award last Monday, the Pagosa Springs Planning Department said the town will receive a free "technical assistance workshop in 2017 ... from national experts."

The program will be titled "Implementing Smart Growth 101." Mayor Don Volger welcomed the news, saying, "This is an exciting time for the Town of Pagosa Springs. With many infrastructure and community enhancement

projects underway, it is my hope to continue this trend."

The press release quoted a remark by SGA Senior Policy Adviser John Roberts Smith that "this award is a testament to the hard work Pagosa Springs has already done."

Smith continued, "Our program was more competitive this year than ever before, and Pagosa Springs stood out as a community doing great work. We're excited to be able to help [the town] continue on to the next stage of this work."

The press release explained that SGA's technical assistance workshops "help communities build stronger local economies, protect the environment, preserve sense of place and improve overall quality of life."

Funding in support of the free workshops comes from a grant to the group from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Sustainable Communities.

The town's associate planner, Rachel Novak, advised The SUN on Monday, Nov. 28, that timing for the upcoming workshop will not be set until January 2017.

On a mutually agreed date, she said, an SGA team will visit the town to conduct the workshop.

Novak said workshop sessions will likely be conducted in the Ross Aragon Community Center.

During the visit, interaction between the workshop team, and the team from SE Group recently engaged to update the town's comprehensive plan, is expected to be extensive, she added.

Will Reckley of SGA said on Monday that the team's visit to Pagosa Springs would extend over two days. The first day will include information collecting activities such as an area tour and a public meeting. The detailed workshop presentations will follow the next day.

Reckley added that following the visit, SGA will submit a "next steps memo" to the town, including recommendations for "achievable actions." Over the ensuing year, the town will be expected to prepare reports on its follow-up, at three months, six months and 12 months.

The composition of the SGA team that will visit Pagosa Springs has not been determined as yet, Reckley said, emphasizing that as a group, its experts combine technical expertise with substantial practical experience.

As an example, he noted that Smith, quoted above, served several years as the mayor of Meridian, Miss., during a period when that community underwent substantial revitalization.

Reckley concurred with Novak's

expectation that SGA will undertake to maximize coordination between its technical assistance team and the recently started process to update the town's comprehensive plan.

He commented that SGA wants to optimize the benefit to clients of its efforts.

The comprehensive plan update, he said, offers the opportunity locally to leverage the impact of SGA's assistance.

In describing the organization's past work, the SGA website mentions its engagement last summer by the west slope town of Rifle, Colo. Due to its proximity and similarity, The SUN asked Reckley what SGA's role in that community had been.

The program there differed somewhat from the workshop that will be held here, he said, but the concept of "smart growth" is a common focus.

In Rifle, SGA was hired by the town as a consultant to evaluate the potential direction of future development.

A major part of its work was analysis of the relative costs of potential development under existing conditions, following alternative

patterns. The alternatives considered for Rifle were growth by geographic expansion, compared to growth within the existing core of the town.

As part of the analysis, Reckley said, SGA assessed the relative costs of providing the infrastructure for development essentials like utilities, transportation, shopping and recreation, and quantified the differences between the alternatives.

At present, he added, it remains to be seen what impact the assessment might have in Rifle, as that is a matter for local decision-makers.

The SUN also reviewed material on the SGA website relating to a prior workshop provided by the organization in the town of Macon, Ga., in 2015.

A presentation which provided the framework for the public meeting in conjunction with that workshop contains a breakdown of 10 principles of "smart growth." Among the elements spelled out in the presentation were walkable neighborhoods, transportation choices, mixed-use zoning, varied housing options, compact design and environmental preservation.

A slide sums the principles up:

"A neighborhood with transportation and housing choices near jobs, shops and schools is smart growth."

SGA Communications Director Alex Dodds told The SUN on Tuesday that the group has provided technical assistance workshops to over 70 communities and regional organizations nationwide. It has also provided consulting services on smart growth to many more clients throughout the country.

SGA's description of its "Implementing Smart Growth 101" workshop emphasizes the organization's "accumulated extensive experience working with communities to realize the benefits of smart growth."

It continues, the "workshop draws on this expertise to provide actionable steps that the community can use to overcome the barriers to smart growth and build stronger economies now and for generations to come."

Novak said the town expects to "gain a lot of knowledge of resources and tools" from SGA's workshop.

She added the hope that it will "give us a fresh perspective that we may not have considered."

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## Sales

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Real estate/rental increased 4.9 percent, up \$8,962.

Arts and entertainment increased 9.9 percent, or \$6,163.

The following categories were down over the same period in 2015.

Miscellaneous decreased 10.9 percent, by \$7,955.

Administrative and support was down 44.1 percent, or \$7,084.

Information decreased 2.7 percent, or \$6,387.

Mining was down 3.6 percent, or \$3,131.

The construction and professional and scientific categories were relatively unchanged from 2015.

In a month-to-month compar-

son, breaking the sales tax report down by sector, revenue generated by retail trade went from \$503,462 in September of 2015 to \$435,844 in September of 2016 for a decrease of \$67,618.

Revenue generated by accommodations and food service went from \$146,114 in September of 2015 to \$158,232 in September of 2016 for an increase of \$12,118.

Arts, entertainment and recreation, a sector of the local economy that is greatly influenced by tourism, went from \$8,134 in September of last year to \$9,613 in September 2016 for an increase of \$1,479.

The real estate industry garnered \$31,329, increasing \$5,513, while the construction industry

contributed \$16,660, a decrease of \$545 compared to September 2015.

Wholesale trade brought in \$38,719, an increase of \$4,281; manufacturing brought in \$43,652, an increase of \$5,680; and mining brought in \$16,658, an increase of \$4,700 compared to September of last year.

The information industry garnered \$25,422, a decrease of \$853 from September of 2015.

Professional, scientific and technical services contributed \$2,587, a decrease of \$847.

Administrative, support, waste management and remediation services generated \$1,117, a decrease of \$2,563 compared to last year. [marshall@pagosasun.com](mailto:marshall@pagosasun.com)

## Need a small business loan? Get to know your lender first

By Betsy Markey,  
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Special to The SUN

The decision has been made. You have decided that XYZ bank is the bank of choice to lend your company some badly needed capital. Now is the time to pay that banker a visit, right? Wrong.

Once you sit down with a business banker, you will need to answer a variety of questions about your financial needs and business goals. If you do a little homework beforehand, answering those questions thoroughly may ensure a smoother, and possibly quicker, loan application process. Below are a few of the questions that most commercial lenders will want answered before your loan application can proceed.

What is your company's experience in its particular industry and market?

Do you have a well-designed business plan that includes a market definition, vision, company goals and financial projections?

What resources are available to support reasonable equity investment and/or what's your willingness to pledge personal assets to support collateral?

Business bankers also will need to review federal tax returns, monthly or quarterly financial reports and year-end balance sheets and income statements for the last three years (or since the business started, if less than three years old).

Why is it necessary to provide all this paperwork to receive a business loan? The answer is simple. Most financial institutions are relationship lenders. The business relationship you create with a commercial lender is based on experience, financial strength and integrity. Your lender must be assured that the cash flow generated by your business will be sufficient to make the loan payments into the future. The more complete your loan documents are, the better the chances of getting a loan approval.

Once your planning is complete and you've gathered the supporting documents you need, it is time to discuss your financial needs with a commercial loan officer. Many times the first step is completing a loan application; other banks may use the business financial statements as an "application." This application provides the banker with critical information, including the history of the business, names of owners, legal structure of the business, pledged collateral and the purpose of the loan.

Once the application is completed, your lender will want to discuss a variety of topics including your short- and long-term business goals. For instance, why do you want credit vs. internal financing? Will you be purchasing equipment? Paying off vendors? Buying real estate?

Is your company's cash flow needs primarily seasonal? Do you have long-term expansion plans? Will the loan require a Small Business Association (SBA) guarantee?

The answers to these questions will dictate the type of loan needed, and the terms under which that loan will operate.

Next, your banker will probably discuss details of the loan and the performance the bank expects of your company in order to satisfy the financing requirements. Many loans require a personal guarantee, which means you will need to provide personal financial information. A personal guarantee is an unsecured written promise from a business owner and/or business executive guaranteeing payment on a commercial loan in the event the business does not pay. Since it is unsecured, a personal guarantee is not tied to a specific asset. However, in the event of nonpayment, a lender can go after the guarantor's personal assets. This obligates the borrower to pay for the business loan in case the company itself cannot support the payment.

Once all of the necessary paperwork is completed and the terms, amount and expectations of the loan are agreed upon, the loan will be submitted for approval.

### Improving the odds

In order to improve the odds of having your loan request approved, be aware of these common reasons why business loans are denied.

1. Problems with past business or personal credit.
2. Lack of equity in the business.
3. Lack of planning (cash flow, marketing, legal).
4. Lack of collateral.
5. Sloppy application with obvious errors.
6. Unrealistic assumptions.
7. Tax liens and/or judgments filed against the company.
8. Recent bankruptcy, both personal or business.

Some industries naturally have a higher-than-average probability of failure, but each bank's experience by industry may vary. If you are concerned about your own industry's performance, and fear it may affect your application, talk to your lender. Ask how much experience the lender has in your industry and whether or not it has been positive.

Working together as a team with a commercial lender will place the business owner in a better position to make sound business decisions and build a better foundation from which to reach their financial goals. For more information on securing a small business loan, visit [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov).

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## Tower

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engineered foundation. The design requires no guy wires for support.

The tower would be sited 1,000 feet off the road, Shepard said, and there would be an adjacent storage building.

Details regarding Verizon's application are readily available via the Archuleta County website. Interested readers should go to <https://aca.accela.com/archco/>. From there, in the menus choose planning. Then enter the unique record number, "PLN16-114," and click on the search button.

Shepard told The SUN that the "intent of a public hearing is to balance need versus impacts."

He added that public comments

in advance of the hearing are welcome, and may be submitted by mail to the Archuleta County Planning Department.

Interested persons may also offer their views by appearing at the public hearing scheduled before the Planning Commission in two weeks, as well as at any later hearings held before the Board of County Commissioners, which would precede any eventual approval of the proposal.

Shepard commented, however, that the county has no authority to entertain objections to any cell tower based on theoretical health concerns associated with microwave transmissions.

That is an issue over which the

Federal Communications Commission has exclusive jurisdiction, he said.

If approval of the proposal is granted, Shepard said, Verizon is expected to commence construction of the new tower next spring.

He added that, according to the application, the new tower is expected by the company "to take pressure off" its current facilities for the delivery of cellphone service in the Pagosa Lakes area. It is intended by Verizon also to provide customers improved advanced digital services.

The SUN was unable to reach Verizon for comment on its plans prior to press time.

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## Budget

### Continued from front

in fund balance in certificates of deposit and in savings, with the budget showing only the operational account for the district.

### Revenue

The SJWCD is anticipating generating \$101,942 in revenues in 2017, with much of that coming in the form of general property taxes.

The amount currently budgeted for revenue from general property taxes is \$67,592, though Proffitt noted that number could change.

The district currently receives 1 mill, which produces varying amounts dependent upon assessed valuations for property within the district.

At the meeting, Proffitt noted that the revenue produced by the

mill decreased for three years before increasing the last two years.

A line item for grants shows \$25,000 in revenue, with Proffitt explaining that it is the same grant the district has budgeted over the last six years, but not spent.

The grant is for an environmental impact study (EIS) related to the proposed Dry Gulch Reservoir.

### Expenditures

Of the district's \$165,700 of budgeted expenditures, \$111,000 falls under Dry Gulch.

Among the expenses budgeted for Dry Gulch are \$50,000 for studies and engineering, \$40,000 for land and \$10,000 in legal.

The district is currently in negotiations with the Fairway Land Trust to purchase additional land

for the reservoir, and is working with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) on a potential land exchange, also for the reservoir.

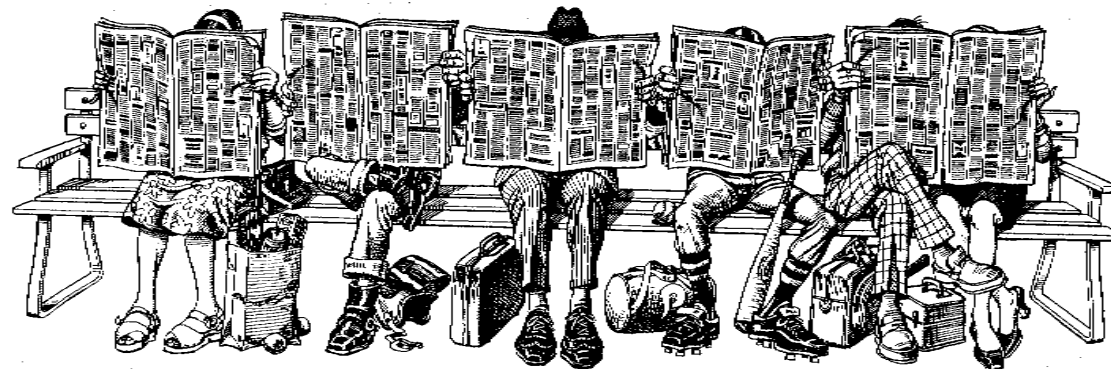
Proffitt explained that the district is working to obtain an initial approval from the USFS in order to move forward with the EIS portion of the land exchange.

Before the SJWCD can take that step, however, it is working with the USFS on a communications plan of how the district will communicate necessary details to the public.

Much of the rest of the budgeted expenses are at the same levels as in the 2016 budget, including \$1,000 for cloud seeding, \$10,000 in legal for water rights, \$7,000 for administrative services, \$7,000 for travel and more.

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# Health service district adopts 2017 budget

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

At its meeting on Nov. 15, the Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD) Board of Directors approved the district's budget for 2017 — the year in which the district will see the new primary care clinic wing of the Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) open.

The budget was approved as part of a set of three resolutions that approved the budget, set the mill levies and appropriated funds for the district.

While the budget was largely similar to the draft budget given to the board in October, there are final changes in the budget stemming from new and updated information.

Some of those changes are included below, as outlined in a list of budget assumptions updated on Nov. 9.

According to those updated budget assumptions, instead of the predicted increase in clinic volume of 25 percent that appeared in an earlier iteration of the document, the USJHSD is now predicting an increase in volume of 20 percent within the clinic.

In October, Chief Financial Officer Dennis Wilson explained to the board the volume increase is based off of current patient figures for each provider, and are expanded

to include providers who are seeing a limited number of patients currently, but are expected to see more, and new providers in the budget.

Other increases predicted for the purposes of estimating revenue are unchanged, with an overall weighted volume increase of 9 percent.

Salaries in 2017 will also rise, due both to increasing wages and additional full-time equivalents (FTEs).

"Increases in the average hourly wage are forecast at over 3%," the budget assumptions state. "Much of the increase has been consumed by an 11% pay increase to all of our nurses in late September 2016 to make their wages more market competitive. We have also budgeted for managers and other employees that are below the 25th percentile, to reach the 25th percentile. Employees without any other increase have been budgeted to receive an average increase of 2%."

FTEs, according to the document, are forecast to increase by 19, versus the 20 forecasted in October, with that one fewer projected FTE coming in the clinic.

"The most significant increase is in the Clinic with the addition of 6.6 new FTEs. One of our mid-level providers left in November 2016 and will not be replaced. We added three providers mid-2016, they are budgeted for all of 2017. We will

add two new clinic physicians, one mid-year 2017 and one in the last quarter. In addition to the clinic provider increases, they all have support staff, and 3 new FTEs were also added. We will have 6 physicians and 5 mid-levels by the end of 2017.

"Approximately 6.5 new FTEs relate to volume and coverage. 2.5 new FTEs were added to House-keeping related to cleaning the new Clinic. New FTEs were added for Fundraising and to help with our EHR (electronic health record system)."

The USJHSD is also forecasting a reduction in provider fee revenues that result from the Medicaid supplemental tax — which was not included in the September draft budget.

According to the budget assumptions, "The state has proposed significant cuts in the provider fee to balance the state budget. Based on preliminary forecasts from the state we expect provider fee revenues to decrease by \$55,000. In the original budget prepared in September we had forecast a significant increase based on current run rates. The net difference from the original budget to the current budget is \$379,000. There could be additional adjustments to the provider fee as final rates are determined in the next few months." Some of that appears to be offset

with other good news received by the district in October: "In October we received good news related to the Medicare meaningful use payment that will result in recording approximately \$83,000 in additional revenues in 2017 and 2018."

At the Nov. 15 meeting, board discussion included questions about how new surgery specialists were budgeted for the upcoming year (most are budgeted to bring in revenue for three-quarters of the year, versus beginning on Jan. 1, 2017) and specifics related to what the district will receive for the increased expenditure for the EHR.

Following board discussion, chair Mark Floyd indicated it was time for motions to be made, saying, "Let's adopt a budget."

The district's income statement shows budgeted revenue totaling \$32,251,167, an increase of 8 percent over 2016.

Of that, \$29,874,767 is net patient revenue — an increase of 12 percent over 2016's forecast.

Another portion of the statement lists tax revenue and interest income totaling \$1,149,000 — 1 percent higher than 2016.

Operating expenses for the 2017 are budgeted to total \$31,546,805, an increase of 12 percent, and the total revenue less total expenses shows the USJHSD and PSMC on the plus side \$2,203,362. [randi@pagosahun.com](mailto:randi@pagosahun.com)

# Taking a look at town building and fire code enforcement

By Jim Garrett  
Staff Writer

For the purpose of "safeguarding life and property," the Town of Pagosa Springs has adopted in Article 6 of its Land Use Development Code (LUDC) the International Building Code (Section 6.13.3) and the International Fire Code (Section 6.13.6).

These standards regulating the manner and characteristics of building construction and occupancy were promulgated by the International Code Council of Falls Church, Va., and are widely in use throughout the United States.

"Building codes establish a baseline of standards for ... safe design and construction," according to the website of the American Institute of Architects, in an article titled "Breaking the Code: Mastering building regulations."

The codes were adopted by the town and included in Article 6 of the LUDC among an array of other standards for the governance of land use and development, dealing with subjects ranging from floods to signage.

The building code and the fire code are enforced by the town's Building Department, under the leadership of Zach Richardson. The SUN discussed the enforcement process with Richardson on Tuesday, Nov. 29.

As all new construction is inspected for code compliance in

connection with building and occupancy permits, the discussion with Richardson concerned particularly inspections and code enforcement with respect to older buildings.

Richardson said that of greatest, routine significance for older buildings are the annual inspections now being conducted by the town of commercial premises for compliance with the fire code.

Prior to this year and the hiring of an additional building inspector, Richardson added, the town had not regularly checked for compliance by businesses with the fire code.

But, with its increased manpower, the town will now be doing annual inspections in conjunction with business license renewals, he said.

He emphasized this is driven by the underlying safety concerns. Richardson supplied a checklist used by inspectors for fire code compliance, including elements such as the safety of electrical connections and distribution, the adequacy of exits and entrances and emergency lighting, provision of fire extinguishers and sprinkler systems, the condition of cooking equipment and safe storage of any flammable liquids.

Richardson estimated that there are approximately 500 to 600 business premises currently in the town that will be included in the annual fire inspection process; about half

have undergone an inspection to this point.

He said that older buildings often will have issues needing correction, but normally a one-time fix resolves the matter, since changes in the codes are usually gradual.

The other situation cited by Richardson in which code enforcement can be significant in connection with older buildings arises in the context of renovations.

Commercial renovations, he said, require compliance with current code standards met through a building plan prepared by a licensed design professional, licensed contractors qualified in the relevant trades and inspections.

But Richardson added that current code standards are enforced in connection with renovations normally to the extent of the new work only. He identified two exceptions in which overall compliance with

current standards may be needed.

First are cases where a commercial building has been vacant for an extended period and updates are needed for public safety.

And, second, Richardson noted that full, updated compliance will be required in situations where there is a change of use, such as from office space to a restaurant.


Richardson added that requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) generally apply to all commercial premises as places of public accommodation.

However, he noted that while the town encourages businesses to comply with the ADA standards mandating reasonable efforts to accommodate persons with disabilities, direct enforcement actions are limited to the two circumstances outlined above.

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# Terry Schaaf chosen as Colorado's Fair Manager of the Year

By Lisa Jensen  
Special to The SUN

Archuleta County's own Terry Schaaf was chosen as Colorado's Fair Manager of the Year by the Colorado Association of Fairs and Shows (CAFS) at its annual convention Nov. 3-5.

CAFS is a voluntary nonprofit state association formed in 1967 in order to assist county fairs and associations to improve the fair industry and allied fields. Its primary purpose is to promote fairs, shows and similar events; to assist fair boards in providing social activities and entertainment for the benefit of the people in their communities; to assist members in the promotion of agriculture and industrial products; and to aid in promoting and sponsoring various types of entertaining and recreational events. CAFS encourages fairs to nominate and honor fair managers who have dedicated their lives to the fair industry.

Schaaf attends the CAFS convention every year and brings innovative ideas, evaluation criteria and resources back to the Archuleta County Fair Board.

In nominating Schaaf for this award, the Archuleta County Fair Board said, "Terry's tireless dedication, unflagging cheerfulness and impeccable character make her a pleasure to work with. She exemplifies the highest standards working with vendors, volunteers, 4-H, co-workers and board members. Terry thinks of every detail involved in planning the fair and is full of

creative ideas. Board members find serving on the board to be a very rewarding experience and are honored to nominate Terry as Fair Manager of the Year!"

Unlike many communities which have paid staff to carry out all the functions needed to put on a successful fair, Schaaf is the Archuleta County Fair's only paid employee. In addition to her duties as fair manager, Schaaf is administrative assistant for Colorado State University Extension in Archuleta County.

Schaaf's response to her award was, "I love my job! I couldn't do my work without the diligence and hard work of the board."

Schaaf grew up in Archuleta County, the fourth generation raised on the family ranch near Chromo. Terry has not missed a fair in her entire life, even when she was sick, even when she did not live in Archuleta County, even when she was pregnant. Schaaf's enthusiasm and love for the fair and her community infuses everything she does.

Schaaf said, "Having the knowledge of never missing a fair lets me tap into the roots and history of all that we continue to strive to do, while having an open mind so the fair is able to grow. It makes it easier to keep with our mission statement."

The mission of the Archuleta County Fair is to unite our community by preserving our history through building memories, encouraging cooperation, creating learning opportunities, providing

entertainment, as well as developing healthy competition for exhibitors of Archuleta County enrolled in 4-H and open class competitors from any geographical area of the world.

According to The Pagosa Springs SUN from Aug. 10, 1951, "the fair is for the benefit of the entire community, townspeople and ranchers alike."

The Archuleta County Fair is a returning theme in the pattern of our county's history, changing a little every year, growing with your county and keeping true to some of the very same values held dear over 50 years ago.

Schaaf and her husband, Alvin, have been married for 21 years and have three children they are raising in Archuleta County. All three are involved with the Archuleta County Fair, as well as 4-H and rodeo. It was very important to the Schaafs to raise their children in this community, with the values they grew up with.

Terry Schaaf has a degree in business, in the applied science of business. She loves statistics and accounting, skills which have greatly helped the Archuleta County Fair track revenue and expenses, monitor attendance and tabulate evaluations. The board relies on these statistics when planning activities, logistics and budget from year to year.

The Archuleta County Fair is held the first weekend every August. The volunteer board and Terry Schaaf work year-round to plan this event and present something fun for the whole community.



Terry Schaaf

## EXTENSION VIEWPOINTS

# Plants of the season part 1: poinsettia

By Roberta Tolan  
SUN Columnist

They come in deep reds, light pinks, ivory and even purple. They have dark leaves, light leaves, bicolor leaves and curly leaves. They are the focal point of our holiday home décor, provide the perfect gift for the holiday host and adorn church altars. The poinsettia hasn't always been a holiday tradition, but today, they are sometimes called the Christmas Flower.

The poinsettia, *Euphorbia pulcherrima* Willd., is a member of the family *euphorbiaceae*. The brightly colored bracts (modified leaves) of the poinsettia are often called flowers. But the true flowers of the poinsettia are very small and found in the center of the colorful bracts.

### History of poinsettias

The poinsettia is a native plant of Mexico and originated in a rather limited region near present-day Taxco. Long before the arrival of Europeans, the Aztecs of central Mexico cultivated the plant and called it *Cuetlachochitl*.

Because of its brilliant color, the poinsettia was a symbol of purity to the Indians. It was highly prized by both King Netzahualcoyotl and Montezuma, but because of the high altitude climate, the plant could not be grown in their capital, now known as Mexico City. The Indians used poinsettia bracts to make a reddish-purple dye. They also made a medicine for fever from the plant's latex.

During the 17th century, a group of Franciscan priests settled near Taxco. They began to use the poin-

settia in the Fiesta of Santa Pesebre, a native procession. Juan Balme, a botanist of the same period, mentioned the poinsettia plant in his writings. He described it as having large green leaves and a small flower surrounded by bracts, almost as if for protection. The bracts, he said, turned a brilliant red. Balme also found the plant flourishing on the slopes and in the valleys near Cuernavaca.

Poinsettias were first introduced in the United States in 1825 by Joel Roberts Poinsett. While serving as the first United States ambassador to Mexico, he visited Taxco and found the flowers growing on the adjacent hillsides. Poinsett, a botanist of great ability, had some plants sent to his home in Greenville, S.C.

They did well in his greenhouse and he distributed plants to botanical gardens and to horticultural friends, including John Bartram of Philadelphia. Bartram, in turn, supplied the plant to Robert Buist, a nurseryman who first sold the plant as *Euphorbia pulcherrima* Willd. The name poinsettia, however, has remained the accepted name in English-speaking countries.

The modern era of poinsettia culture began with the introduction of the seedling cultivar Oak Leaf. This cultivar was reported to have been grown originally in Jersey City, N.J., by a Mrs. Enteman in 1923. From 1923 until the early 1960s, all of the principal cultivars of commercial importance were selections or sports from this original Oak Leaf seedling.

During the middle 1950s, poin-

settia breeding programs were initiated at several institutions. With the introduction of the cultivar Paul Mikkelsen in 1963, poinsettias entered a new era. This cultivar, with stiff stems and foliage retention characteristics, provided the trade with the first longer-lasting cultivar of commercial importance. Annette Heggä Red was introduced in Norway in 1964. This cultivar was quickly followed by a number of sports. The Hegg cultivars introduced an entirely new type of multi-flowered plant to the trade because of their ability to produce from five to eight blooms from a pinch, and because of their ease of production.

Many more cultivars have been developed since that initial introduction. Today, poinsettias may be found in many different colors as well as product forms from mini poinsettias to large specimen trees and every size in between. Testifying to its success and popularity, the poinsettia is not only the most popular holiday flower, it is the No. 1 flowering potted plant in the United States, with over 65 million plants sold nationwide in 2000.

### Care of poinsettias after Christmas

When kept in an ideal environment, poinsettias will hold their brightly colored bracts for months. In fact, newer poinsettia varieties have been bred to hold bracts on the plants for a longer "shelf life." With the poinsettias still looking good after the holidays, the big question for homeowners is whether to trash the poinsettia or keep it for next year.

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# Man sentenced in 2015 incident that killed state trooper

By **Randi Pierce**  
Staff Writer

The 28-year-old man who struck and killed a Colorado State Patrol (CSP) cadet who was set to become one of the newest troopers in Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County was sentenced to life in prison plus an additional 342 years on Tuesday.

The incident, which took place in Weld County on May 23, 2015, killed cadet Taylor Thyfault, 21, and seriously injured Sgt. Clinton Rushing.

Thyfault was nearing completion of his training at the CSP academy at Camp George West in Golden when he was killed, and was set to begin his field training in Pagosa in a few weeks, CSP Master Trooper Doug Wiersma reported to The SUN in 2015.

He was posthumously promoted to trooper.

At the time he was killed, Thyfault was doing a ride-along with Rushing, who also has ties to the area — he was formerly assigned to

the Durango CSP office, but transferred out a few years ago, Wiersma reported in 2015.

The defendant, Christopher Gebers, of Federal Heights, Colo., was involved in a high-speed chase with different CSP troopers at the time he struck Thyfault and Rushing, who were clearing an accident scene.

He was convicted on 14 counts by a Boulder County jury in September, including first-degree murder and three counts for attempted first-degree murder.

A September Longmont Times-Call article indicates that Gebers was acquitted on two other charges — DUI vehicular homicide and DUI vehicular assault.



Taylor Thyfault

The article reports that, during the trial, prosecutors alleged that Gebers was driving a modified Honda Civic with inoperable rear breaks while under the influence of methamphetamine.

The article states they further alleged he had traveled "from Federal Heights to Longmont intending to deal drugs" when a trooper attempted to pull him over for having blue headlights.

The article notes that the chase reached speeds above 100 mph.

"The defendant in this case was convicted of acting '...with extreme indifference to the value of human life....' In direct contrast, Taylor Thyfault spent his life valuing the lives of people around him," CSP Lt. Col. Brenda Leffler said in a September statement following the verdict. "Taylor was 21-years-old when he died, but he packed a lot into those few years. Taylor was a son, a brother, a grandson, a nephew and a friend and had fulfilled his dream of becoming a Colorado State Trooper. Taylor was

an American soldier who served his country and he died serving the people of Colorado and by saving another man's life."

A 2015 Denver Post article stated that after receiving word that troopers were chasing a suspect who was evading capture in a Honda, Rushing began "trying to deploy 'stop sticks' to puncture the Honda's tires while Thyfault was watching out for the accident victims and emergency workers."

Thyfault also reportedly yelled a warning to a tow truck driver on the scene, with that tow truck driver believing that the warning from Thyfault saved his life.

The Honda then careened through the unrelated accident scene, striking both Thyfault and Rushing.

Thyfault was killed. Rushing was hospitalized with critical injuries, but survived.

"Taylor Thyfault would have been an amazing trooper," Leffler said in September.

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# Answers to some of commonly asked Medicare questions

By **Mike Fierberg**  
Special to The SUN

Q: Are Medicare Part B premiums increasing in 2017?

A: Yes, but for most beneficiaries, not by very much. If your Part B premium is withheld from Social Security benefits, by law it can only increase by the same amount as the benefits increase in 2017. That's typically going to be about \$4 per month. Since 70 percent of Medicare beneficiaries are in this situation, they will only go up to about \$109 per month compared to \$104.90 for the past four years for those on Medicare before 2016. Many 2016 newly eligible beneficiaries will see an average \$4-\$5 premium increase from their 2016 premium of \$121.80, and pay about \$125-\$127 per month for those who joined this group in 2016. The exact amount will depend on the size of your Social Security benefit increase.

Q: What about people who don't qualify for the lower premium increases based on their Medicare Part B premiums not deducted from their Social Security check and for other reasons? How much will they pay?

A: Some beneficiaries will not qualify for the rule that limits the size of the Part B premium increase. These include: people who do not yet collect Social Security benefits; people who will become new beneficiaries in 2017; people who have their Part B premiums paid through a different process, such as federal retirees; and people who pay an additional premium already because of their income. People on both Medicare and Medicaid, whose premiums are paid by their states, are also ineligible for limits on premium increases. All beneficiaries in those categories will see an increase in their Part B premiums to \$134 per month (higher for those with income-related surcharges). These groups

together account for about 30 percent of Medicare's 58 million beneficiaries.

Q: Are Medicare Parts A and B deductibles going up, too? Will some people be exempt from those increases?

A: The Part A deductible for an inpatient hospital admission is going up from \$1,288 in 2016 to \$1,316 in 2017. Coinsurance for stays beyond 60 days, and for stays in a skilled nursing facility following an inpatient admission will also modestly increase, by just over 2 percent in 2017.

The Part B deductible is increasing from \$166 in 2016 to \$183 in 2017. These increases will apply to all beneficiaries, so all beneficiaries will still be subject to the new deductible and copay amounts in 2017.

For more information about 2017 premiums and deductibles, you can go to www.medicare.gov, or call Medicare any time of day or night, at (800) MEDICARE (800) 633-4227.

# Buying your first house: Are you really ready?

By **Saul Rosenthal**  
Special to The SUN

Q: How do I decide if I am ready to buy my first house?

A: The decision to buy a home — whether for the first time or as a repeat buyer — is an important one and deserves considerable thought and attention. The size of the investment you will be making and the responsibilities you will take on as a homeowner make this purchase different from almost any other one you will make in your lifetime.

Buying a home is both an emotional and a financial decision. To be successful, you need to be prepared on both fronts. Start by asking yourself why you want to buy a home (or find a new home if you are a repeat buyer). Is it about lifestyle? Location? Financial investment? What is motivating you to move from where you are? Are you ready to live in a neighborhood, interact with other homeowners, be part of a larger community and put down roots?

A 2013 study from the National

Association of Home Builders (NAHB) shows that the average buyer of a single-family home will stay in that home approximately 13 years before moving out. For first-time home buyers, the average is slightly lower, closer to 11 and a half years. Making the right choice is critical as you will likely be there for a number of years.

Think about how you like to spend your time away from work. That may help you define the type of home and the location that will be best for you. Are nearby schools and parks important to you? What about transportation, shopping, restaurants and access to highways? Do you want to have the privacy of a single-family home or would a condominium where you can lock the door and travel without concern for your property fit you better? All of these lifestyle components of the decision need to be considered before you get too far into the search process.

Owning a home comes with lots of responsibilities. Do you believe you are ready to take care of your property — inside and

out — so as to preserve or even enhance its value? As you look for properties, pay attention to how the other homes in the area look. Are they well taken care of with newer roofs, fresh paint, attractive fences and well-maintained lawns and gardens? If so, your neighbors will expect your home to add to the neighborhood value, not detract from it. That means both responsibility and expense.

Owning a home brings new financial responsibilities when compared with renting. Mortgage companies and banks — who will lend you the money to make the purchase — may not be as flexible and understanding as your former landlord when it comes to late payments. As a homeowner, you'll be responsible for real estate taxes, insurance and a variety of services like utilities and waste disposal that may have been included when you were renting. Developing a good financial plan for how you will meet your obligations after you buy the house is as important as having a good plan for making the purchase itself.

Of course, the main item on the financial side of deciding to buy a home is what you can afford based on your income, savings and credit scores. You can increase your attractiveness to lenders by clearing up any issues with your credit and having a significant down payment set aside. This means some effort on your part long before you begin the search process.

Meeting with a Realtor as you are exploring the idea of buying will be very helpful to you in understanding where you stand financially and what you can likely expect a mortgage lender to make available to you. For first-time buyers, there are lots of special financial resources available to make this easier. Your Realtor can point you to those resources and help you access them. Visit www.helpdownpayment.com to see the Colorado Association of Realtors' Down Payment Resource Program, a free tool that helps you discover down payment programs that fit your personal situation.

Owning a home has always been part of the American Dream and it still is. A home is both a place to create memories and an important investment. Take the time to plan with a qualified professional so that you find the right home, at the right price and for all of the right reasons.

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# Viewpoints

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time temperatures remain above 50 degrees, the plant can be placed outside. Start by placing the poinsettia in a shady spot for a few days, gradually increasing its exposure to sunlight until it becomes acclimated to full sun. At this time the poinsettia should be repotted into a slightly larger container.

Poinsettias that are grown for Christmas flowering should not

be pinched (pruned) after Sept. 1. When the temperatures become cool (55 to 60 degrees), bring the poinsettia back indoors and place in a sunny location. Poinsettias require short day lengths to bloom, which means it needs a continuous long dark period each night to form its colorful bracts. Starting around the first week of October (for an eight- to 10-week period), the plant must be kept in total and uninter-

rupted darkness for 14 continuous hours each night. During this time, the plant must also receive six to eight hours of bright sunlight daily.

Information for this article was taken from "Poinsettia: The Christmas Flower" written for The American Phytopathological Society and "What Do You Do With a Poinsettia After the Holidays Are Over?" written by Millie Davenport of Clemson Cooperative Extension.

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# Outdoors



## Support the work of Chimney Rock Interpretive Association on Colorado Gives Day

By Nadia Werby  
Special to The SUN

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) invites Coloradans to support its efforts toward preservation, protection and education through the interpretive programs offered at Chimney Rock National Monument by donating to the organization on Colorado Gives Day, Dec. 6.

Colorado Gives Day is an annual statewide movement to celebrate and increase philanthropy through online giving. The event is powered by ColoradoGives.org, a year-round, online giving website. Search for CRIA's profile on the site and make your safe and secure donation in a few easy steps.

"The donations we receive on Colorado Gives Day help us do more to support the community by attracting visitors to the area and stimulating the local and regional economy," said Danyelle Leentjes, administrative director for CRIA. "Our goal is to raise \$2,000, which is a big part of our interpretive budget. We also want to get a share of the \$1 Million Incentive Fund."

### \$1 Million Incentive Fund

Community First Foundation and FirstBank each contributed \$500,000 to create a \$1 Million Incentive Fund, one of the largest gives-day incentive funds in the country.

Every nonprofit receiving a donation on Colorado Gives Day receives a portion of the fund, which increases the value of every dollar donated. For example, if CRIA receives 10 percent of the total donations made on Colorado Gives Day, CRIA also receives 10 percent of the \$1 Million Incentive Fund.

By making fundraising simple for nonprofits and giving easy for donors, Colorado Gives Day is one of the most successful events of its kind in the nation. Last year, \$28.5 million was raised for Colorado nonprofits in just 24 hours. Since its inception in 2010, \$111 million has been donated on Colorado Gives Day.

### About CRIA

CRIA operates the interpretive program at Chimney Rock National Monument in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service.

The monument encompasses 4,726 acres, preserving hundreds of prehistoric sites including the Great Kiva, a multifamily dwelling and a Chacoan-style Great House Pueblo and was home to the Ancestral Puebloans over 1,000 years ago.

While CRIA received 501(c)(3) status in 2004, the volunteers who make up CRIA have provided the interpretive program at Chimney Rock for more than 20 years. Only four year-round, part-time people are employed, which makes over 90 volunteers the back bone of this organization.

These passionate volunteers run the daily operations, tours, special programs, educational activities, visitor's cabin and routine maintenance of the site. An average of 16,000 hours and 70,000 miles are accumulated annually by CRIA volunteers. CRIA offers free tours to school groups to lift the financial burden from families and educators.

For more information about CRIA, please visit ChimneyRockCo.org. For more information about Colorado Gives Day, please visit ColoradoGivesDay.org.



Photo courtesy Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) invites Coloradans to support its efforts toward preservation, protection and education through its interpretive programs offered at Chimney Rock National Monument by donating to the organization on Colorado Gives Day, Dec. 6. CRIA hopes to raise \$2,000 for its interpretive budget.

## Pagosa Springs hunter receives national honor



Nicholas E. Cronon Jr.

Special to The SUN

Nicholas E. Cronon Jr. of Pagosa Springs was honored earlier this year by the Boone and Crockett Club, a conservation and big game hunting organization.

Cronon was recognized for his typical mule deer at a special dinner for youth hunters during the Boone and Crockett Club's 29th Big Game Awards in Springfield, Mo., on July 15.

Every three years, the finest North American big game trophies taken, entered and accepted into Boone and Crockett Club's big game records-keeping program are assembled for public display and a celebration of the ongoing success of our systems of conservation and game management.

The Boone and Crockett system of scoring big game trophies originated in 1906 as means of recording details on species thought to be disappearing because of rampant

habitat loss, market hunting and unregulated harvest. Science-based conservation efforts led and funded by license-buying hunters helped bring those species from vanishing to flourishing. The existence of mature, male specimens remains a classic gauge of sustainable hunting and successful habitat and wildlife management programs.

The Boone and Crockett Club is associated with the highest standards of hunting ethics referred to as fair chase.

Cronon's trophy scored 192-5/8 Boone and Crockett points. As a young person under the age of 16, the club gave special recognition at a banquet to Cronon along with 41 other young sportsmen and sports-women from 168 who harvested a Boone and Crockett qualifying trophy between the years 2013 and 2015. It will be listed along with over 4,000 other outstanding trophies in the Boone and Crockett Club's 29th Big Game Awards book.

## Bird identification classes offered in preparation for Christmas Bird Count

By Keith Bruno  
Special to The SUN

The Weminuche Audubon Society welcomes all local residents, visitors and bird enthusiasts to join the longest-running citizen science survey in the world, the Christmas Bird Count. The Pagosa Springs count will take place on Dec. 17.

In order to prepare for the count, Audubon Rockies' Keith Bruno will

host a bird identification class, "Winter Birds 101," on two evenings prior to the count — Dec. 7 and 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the West Conference Room of the Ross Aragon Community Center.

Join in on the fun, learning about birds and contributing to citizen science. For more information, check the website, [www.weminucheadubon.org](http://www.weminucheadubon.org), or call Dottie George at 731-5759.



Photo courtesy Susan McAdams

Evening grosbeak

## Are you ready for Old Man Winter? Some tips for safety

By April Prout-Ralph  
Special to The SUN

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

Proactivity can make a huge difference in how you "weather" the storm. Before winter sets in, prepare your home with these tips:

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

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

- Repair roof leaks, check for damaged shingles, deteriorated flashing at the chimney, skylights and around vent pipes, along with sealing joints where water could penetrate. Make sure that all roof vents and openings

are covered to prevent insects, birds and rodents from getting inside to nest in a warm place.

- Annual chimney inspections will help to ensure your chimney is clean of soot or creosote and that there are cracks or voids that could be a fire hazard. These annual inspections can also check for drafts and a warped, worn or rusted damper, all of which can cause leaks and extra heating costs.

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

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

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

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

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

Work together with your neighbors. Keep in contact not only with your neighbors, but also anyone you know with medical issues. Be sure and check the snow load on your roof — check the neighbors, too — to avoid potential roof collapses.

When the winter cold finally arrives, be aware of the temperatures. Warmer storms will bring heavy, wet snow that can snap trees or tree branches, downing power lines, or lines may be affected by bouts of large accumulation. Colder temperatures bring lower-moisture snow that does not adhere to lines or branches but can cause pipes to

freeze and break. During these cold spells, keep in mind the following tips: allow faucets to drip a bit of water to keep pipes from freezing, make sure fuel-burning equipment which is vented to the outside is kept clear from snow and ice and know how/where to shut off water valves in case pipes do freeze.

Once you get outside to shovel and/or plow off all the snow, be sure to be aware of electric equipment (poles, transformers, junction-boxes, etc.) gas meters, water meters, phone pedestal and additional equipment that may be buried/covered by the snow. Shovel pathways to all outside facilities shutoffs, water, electric and gas to ensure easy access in case of repair or service needs.

Finally, make sure all your favorite furry creatures are brought indoors and that livestock have the ability to get to food and unfrozen water.

### Important numbers

- Emergency — 911.
- Nonemergency dispatch — 731-2160.
- LPEA — 247-5786.
- Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) — 731-2691.
- Black Hills Energy — (970) 379-1900.
- Town of Pagosa Springs, non-emergency — 264-4151.

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# Sports



Left: Pirate Keaton Laverty dribbles around a Durango defender during scrimmages held Nov. 26 at Pagosa Springs High School. Right: Pagosa's Ty Kimsey puts up a shot during the same affair. The Pirate basketball teams will kick off their 2016-17 seasons on Dec. 8 in Salida.

SUN photos/Randi Pierce

## WRESTLING

### Pirate grapplers to open season Saturday in Buena Vista

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Winter sports are underway at Pagosa Springs High School, with the Pirate wrestling team set to open its regular season at an invitational Saturday in Buena Vista.

With about 40 student-athletes on the roster, the Pirates will have a mix of varsity veterans and "promising" younger wrestlers.

"There's an expectation that we have put in a lot of fundamental ground work and we're going to have some fun and get some winning done," coach Dan Janowsky wrote in an email to The SUN about the upcoming season.

While the team does not have many returning state-qualifying wrestlers, "we think that's deceiving as we (had) several kids right on the brink of state tournament success last year that worked hard in the offseason and we think are ready to compete all the way to the end," Janowsky noted.

Helping to lead the team this year are five seniors, all of whom have varsity experience: Owen Severs, Nick Cronon, Daniel Hammelman and Nick Talamante.

"They are solid wrestlers, and really strong leaders both in and out of the practice room," the coach wrote of the seniors, calling them "Very dili-

gent workers that help build a strong team work ethic and set a good tone through their example."

The juniors on the team include three state qualifiers — Tate Hinger (two-time), Dalton Lucero (two-time) and Trevor Bryant — as well as others who "had some significant success" last season, including Nolan Stretton, a national qualifier, and Colton Castro, who placed fourth at regionals.

The sophomore class, Janowsky explained, "is a big group of very promising wrestlers," some of whom have already seen success at the varsity level.

Those include James Thomas, who placed fourth at regionals last year; Caleb Janowsky, who boasts a winning record and was a national qualifier; and Cody Caler.

"Plenty of others will see varsity action and contend for state qualification: Connor Aragon, Braden Shulda, Ian Reinhardt, Ethan Evans, Levi Guthrie, Hunter Smith, Tim Cochran to name a few. There's more and hopefully as the year goes by you'll hear their names as well," Janowsky wrote.

There are also freshmen Janowsky expects will see varsity action this season, including the following.

The two lightweights, Will Vilalobos and Nathan Smith, "will no doubt wrestle some varsity, especially down the stretch as we get

close to the playoffs," he noted.

Too, middleweights Dustin Clark and Tay Barker are "very solid" and may see swing time between the junior varsity and varsity squads.

Other freshmen may find their way into varsity action, as well, with Janowsky noting that you never know how quickly a wrestler will develop.

Janowsky was optimistic about the team's preseason practices leading up to this weekend's action, explaining that the wrestlers are "all pretty focused when they come in to work out every day. Really good 'vibe' I guess you could call it. The mood is excited and energetic."

That doesn't mean the practices have been easy.

"We spend our first few weeks getting our basic techniques established, building our base conditioning and making sure our guys know the rules and strategies because in wrestling, you really can't do that much coaching during the fight. There's no timeouts and no substitutions, so they really have to be their own coach out there to a large extent," Janowsky explained.

#### Schedule

The following schedule was accurate as of Tuesday, but is subject to change.

This Saturday's invitational will

open the 2016-2017 regular season beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Buena Vista High School.

The following Saturday the team will take part in the Columbine Tournament at Columbine High School in Littleton.

On Dec. 16 and 17, the Pirates will be at Central High School in Grand Junction for the Warrior Classic.

After a hiatus for the holidays, the team will open league play on Jan. 5, 2017, in La Jara with a dual against the Centauri Falcons.

The following two days, the Pirates will host the Rocky Mountain Duals and Rocky Mountain Tournament.

On Jan. 12, Pagosa will continue league play against the Monte Vista Pirates in a home dual.

Two days later, on Jan. 13, Pagosa will return to tournament play in Alamosa, before returning to Alamosa on Jan. 19 for a league dual.

On Jan. 26, the Pirates will head to Cortez for a league dual and two days later will head to Ignacio for the Butch Melton Invite.

On Feb. 2, the Pirates will welcome the Bayfield Wolverines to Pagosa for a league dual to close out the regular season.

Regional action is scheduled to be held in Buena Vista on Feb. 10 and 11, with state action at the Pepsi Center in Denver Feb. 16-18.

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#### COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

### Festival of Trees viewing today, auction tomorrow

By Traci Bishop  
SUN Columnist

Don't miss out on this year's Festival of Trees free public viewing today, Thursday, Dec. 1, from noon to 7 p.m. at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

Come on down and enjoy listening to Christmas music as you wander through many unique Christmas trees.

Hot chocolate, coffee and cookies will be offered during this wonderful opportunity. This will also be the day to vote on your favorite tree. Voting this year is \$1 per vote.

The Festival of Trees event will follow on Friday, Dec. 2.

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

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

For more information about

this one-of-a-kind event, please contact us at 264-4152.

#### Fitness room

Stop by and try the fitness room located in the Community Center. Memberships can be daily for \$2, monthly for \$10 or yearly for \$80.

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

#### Programs

The Community Center offers many free programs throughout

the week. Check out our website, <http://townofpagosasprings.com>, for a current calendar with all of our free programs or like us on Facebook: Ross Aragon Community Center Parks and Recreation Department.

#### More information

The Community Center hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The center is located at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. The phone number is 264-4152 and email is [lgutierrez@pagosasprings.co.gov](mailto:lgutierrez@pagosasprings.co.gov).

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# Nossaman: Settling at the Pagosah Hot Spring

By Shari Pierce  
Staff Writer

*Editor's note: The Pagosa Springs SUN printed a special presentation of narrative profiles of Pagosa Springs pioneers in celebration of the town's centennial in 1991. The profiles were based on family records, earlier writings and remembered family lore, rather than historical research.*

*Those profiles are being reprinted as the town celebrates 125 years of incorporation.*

Welch Nossaman was one of the first white persons to come to Pagosa Springs with the intention of staying. In the fall of 1876, he and two other men built a cabin near the Pagosa Hot Springs and hauled in supplies for the winter. They spent the winter at the springs. In the springtime, Indians returned to the hot spring.

Nossaman later wrote the following account about the encounter:

"Hamilton and Baker had come from Fort Sill, Indian Territory, and had been in the Indian troubles, so I told them what Howard said — to watch the ridge for Indians. 'Well,' they said. 'They are liable to be here any time. The grass has started so one of us had better stay here or they will take our grub and ammunition.'

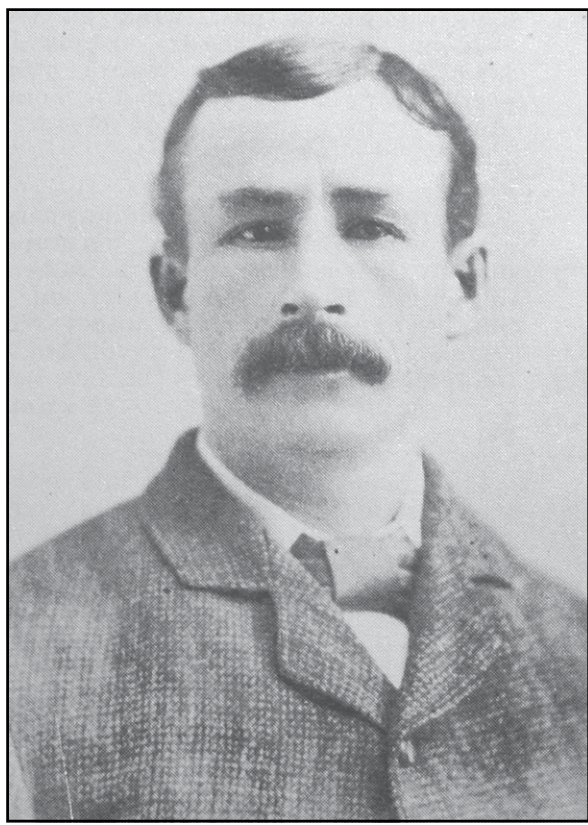
"It came my day to stay home and Lafe and Joe had gone, and here the Indians came. They didn't come on the ridge at all, but they came right up to the house and stopped right out in front of the cabin. There was one Indian whose name was Colorow Ignatio. There was an agent on the Pine River, but Colorow was a younger Indian and he was in charge of this gang.

"So when he came to the cabin door I took my six-shooter out of the scabbard hanging on the corner of the bunk and put it under the corner of the blanket and sat down on the bed and held the dog. This Colorow came to the door and I motioned for him to come in and he did. He said, 'Sugar.' I shook my head — told him I didn't have. He said, 'Biscuit.' I shook my head — no biscuit. 'Bacon' — 'Coffee' — and I kept shaking my head — no biscuit — 'Tobacco' — shook my head — didn't get off the bunk at all, but I put my hand on the 45 that was lying there under the blanket, and it was cocked. When I

kept shaking my head that I didn't have it for him, he grabbed me by the arm and ran his finger across my throat and tried to scare me. He had nothing on but a breech-clout — no blanket — but feathers on his head. When he done that I kind of got scared. He had a big knife sticking in his belt that held his breech-clout on. I thought he could pull it out in a shake, so I just jerked the six-shooter out and put it up against his belly. When the muzzle of that gun got up against him he just made two jumps and out he went. They went on down below and when the boys came in that night they said, 'Well, you are all right?' I said, 'Yes, all right, but, boys, there is an awful bunch of Indians down below there.' They said, 'There is?' I said, 'Yes.' 'Any squaws or children?' I said, 'Yes.' I told them what happened and I said, 'He ran his finger across my throat as though he would cut my throat if I didn't give him our grub. Then they all went down there and camped.' The boys said, 'Well, that means we sit up tonight. But with squaws and children along, they are not on the warpath.'

"We did sit up all night, but the Indians never came back until about 8 o'clock the next morning and then they came back and stopped right there in front of the cabin again and shot off three volleys in the air. Didn't try to shoot us or anything.

"Then his Colorow said, 'Me camp Pagosa. You vamoose.' That means 'Leave.' We told him, all right, we would go. Lafe and Joe ran over to grease the wagon and load while I got the cattle. About 11 o'clock we got started and we hadn't gone more than half a mile when we looked back for the first time and they had the house afire. We thought they might change



Welch Nossaman.

their minds and think they hadn't ought to let us go, and we went on 22 miles to where Edith now is drove those cattle until dark. They never followed us. And we never went back until fall, of course, when the Indians quit coming there."

## Welch Nossaman returns to Pagosa

Nossaman returned the next fall. This pattern of wintering at the hot spring and departing with the arrival of the Indians continued for three years. By that time, Fort Lewis was established at Pagosa Springs to protect settlers from the Indians.

Wellington Welch Nossaman was born April 2, 1851, at Pella, Iowa. He attended school for about three months when he was 18 years old as was rather common for his day. Nossaman was one of the oldest of 13 children. It was normal for the older children to work rather than attend school. They helped to support the family and the younger children could then get an education.

Nossaman and two friends rode the railroad to Pueblo, Colo., from Iowa in the early 1870s. They traveled by wagon to Del Norte and then to Summitville. At that time, Summitville was a busy mining

town. Nossaman worked in the mines at Summitville when he wasn't at Pagosa Springs.

In March 1878, he "struck out from Pagosa." He worked for a man by the name of Perkins on the Yellowjacket Ditch. After he had labored for two months, he learned that Perkins had no money to pay him.

From Yellowjacket, Welch Nossaman moved on westward to the Pine River (Bayfield) where he worked about six weeks for Charlie "Race Horse" Johnson until the trail to Silverton opened up.

Upon arriving at Silverton, Nossaman got a job burning charcoal for a smelter company. But after three days, he went to work skidding logs for the George Green Smelter Co. for \$2 per day.

That fall, he went back to Alamosa. He had a check for the wages he had earned over the summer. Welch found that the check was no good when he took it to the bank, but was assured that it would be accepted later after the company made a deposit. Rather than wait, Welch traded the check for two head of cattle. He then bought a wagon and started freighting.

In 1878, Welch Nossaman went to work for Judge Bowen at Summitville. For four years, he hauled gold from the San Juan Mine to the bank at Del Norte. He worked at Summitville until about 1882, when work slowed down.

In 1879, he bought three oxen and a big wagon and hauled freight from Fort Garland to Fort Lewis and other places in the area. He purchased additional stock with his profits and, in time, had 155 head.

Nossaman hauled in the sawmill equipment used to cut the timber for the government to build Fort Lewis.

He also had the mail contract between Del Norte and Summitville. He sometimes hired men to haul the mail while he did other work.

## Homesteading at Pagosa Springs

Welch came to Pagosa Springs in 1882 and homesteaded his ranch. His brother, W.J. (Billy) Nossaman filed on a homestead adjoining Welch's parcel. They soon decided they couldn't make ends meet selling hay. It was costing more to produce it than they could earn by selling it. Therefore, Welch borrowed \$4,000 and bought cattle.

He married Addie Phillips on Aug. 31, 1885, at Del Norte. Addie was born Jan. 24, 1865, in Illinois. They had three children: Thomas, Terri and Sallie.

Terri was born in 1888 at Tierra Amarilla, N.M. After she married, she lived in California.

Thomas Nossaman was born in 1890 at Pagosa Springs. He received a seventh-grade education. He married Hazel Gildersleeve on Dec. 25, 1925. Hazel was born in Denver in 1893.

Sallie was born in May 1892 and died less than three years later in February 1895.

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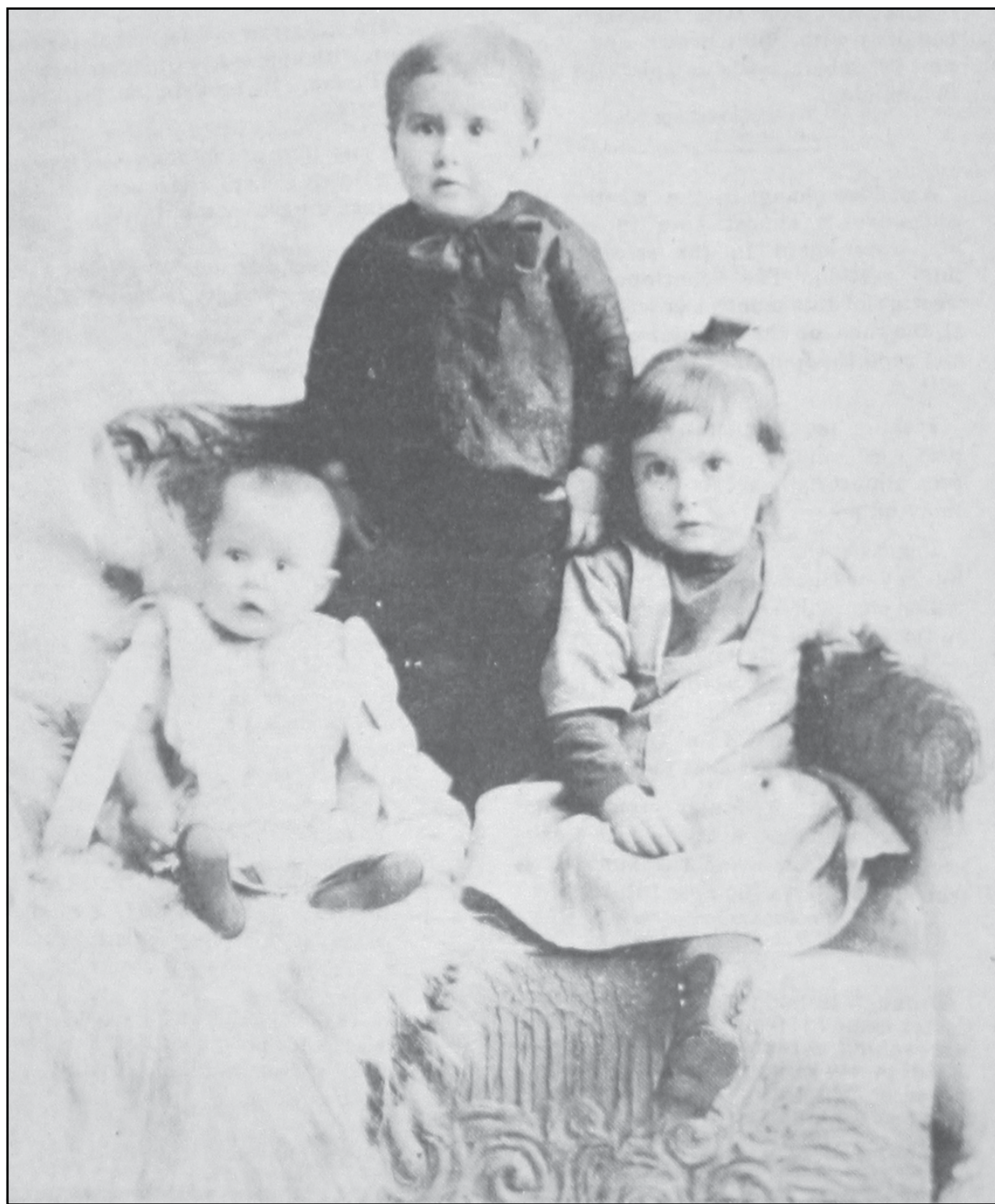
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Sallie, Thomas and Terri Nossaman circa 1893.

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# Nossaman

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the southern portion of Archuleta county, Welch built a telephone line to the railroad. His wife, Addie, handled the telephone switchboard.

In 1900, Welch went to work for the New Mexico Lumber Co. He worked there 10 years hauling logs. He had 225 horses at this time and hired 75 men to work for him. During this time, he leased his ranch out.

Welch Nossaman was one of the organizers of the Citizens Bank. He also served as president of the bank.

The family sold the Welch Nossaman ranch to the Decker Family and moved to McPhee, about 10 miles north of Cortez, where Welch worked for the Montezuma Lumber Co. His son, Thomas, worked as a scaler. It was while they were living there that Thomas met the girl who would later be his wife.

Welch was a 32nd-degree Mason. He died in December 1937.

Addie worked on the ranch and was a homemaker. She passed away in December 1944.

## Thomas Bowen Nossaman

Thomas and Hazel Nossaman had two daughters, Martha Sharp, who lives in northern Colorado, and Sara, who married John Masco and lives today near Pagosa Springs. John and Sara Masco have two sons, Larry and Russell.

Thomas Bowen Nossaman served as a county commissioner and as county surveyor. He was a past master of the AF & AM Lodge No. 114 and a past worthy patron of Harmony Chapter 84 of the Eastern Star. In later years, he was active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Thomas ranched in the area most of his life until his ill health forced his retirement.

Thomas Nossaman passed away in 1965. His wife, Hazel, passed away in 1987.

## A.J. Nossaman

A.J. Nossaman was a brother of Welch Nossaman. He was born in 1866 in Iowa and lived there until

15 years of age when he moved to Del Norte. He drove the stage from Villa Grove, Colo., to Del Norte. He also ran an engine for the Queen Anne mine at Summitville.

He returned to Iowa to finish high school. He graduated from Central University at Pella, Iowa, and, in 1892, graduated from Keokuk Medical School.

In September 1892, he married Emma Welch in Pella. He practiced medicine in Pella until 1903, when he moved to Pagosa Springs and set up his practice.

A.J. and Emma had five children: Ruth, Helen, Carl, Richard and Robert.

A.J. Nossaman was a member of the American Medical Association, a 32nd-degree Mason, a Shriner and a member of the Pagosa Springs school board.

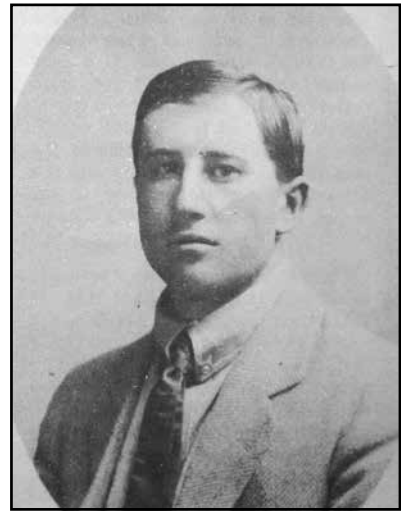
He passed away in Denver in 1931. His wife, Emma, passed away in 1945 in Denver.

## William J. Nossaman

William J. Nossaman was the youngest of the Nossaman children. He was born on March 19, 1869, in Pella, Iowa. He came to Colorado in 1881 at the age of 13. Like his brothers, he spent some time mining in the Summitville region and driving the stage.

In 1882, W.J. came to Pagosa Springs with his brother, Welch, and filed on a homestead. After settling at Pagosa Springs, he farmed and worked in the lumber business.

In 1904, he married Ida Pankey



Thom Nossaman circa 1910.



Back row L-R: Clarence Nossaman and Mark Todd; next row: Amelia (Millie) Shupe Nossaman, Emma Welch Nossaman, J.W. Todd, John Shupe, Margaret Nossaman (wife of Clarence); next row: William J. Nossaman, Allen Judd Nossaman, Sarah Elizabeth Welch Nossaman, Wellington Nossaman, Mary Elizabeth Nossaman Todd, Eliza Jane Nossaman Thomas, John Carlos Nossaman; front row: Franklin Matthias Nossaman.

Tschudy. They had three children: Fred, Dwight and June.

Ida Nossaman was a member of the Baptist Church and a charter member of the Pagosa Springs Chapter of the Eastern Star. She passed away in December 1972 in Durango.

W.J. Nossaman was a rancher most of his life. He disposed of his ranch in 1941. He was one of the charter members of the AF & AM



Hazel H. Gildersleeve Nossaman.

Lodge 114 of Pagosa Springs and was a member of the San Juan Pioneer Association. He passed away in April 1942.

## Clarence Nossaman

John Carlos Nossaman, another brother of Welch Nossaman, never lived in Pagosa Springs, but his son Clarence did move to this area in 1910.

Clarence Nossaman first settled



Addie Phillips Nossaman.

west of Pagosa Springs at Stollsteimer. He later moved to Arboles. Clarence was married twice. By his first wife he had a daughter, Myrtle. After his first wife died, he remarried. He and his second wife, Elizabeth Udell, had two sons, John and Royal. Clarence passed away in 1944. John Nossaman and Royal Nossaman continue to live in the Pagosa Springs area.

Information on the Nossaman family was provided by Mrs. Sara Nossaman Masco and Mrs. Elaine Johnson Nossaman.

# Public Notices

District Court, Archuleta County, Colorado

449 San Juan Avenue  
P.O. Box 148  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
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EDWARD V. VANDERPOOL and JENNIFER L. VANDERPOOL, Plaintiffs,

v.  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO, A COLORADO CORPORATION, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WESTERN GAS SUPPLY COMPANY, A COLORADO CORPORATION, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WESTERN SLOPE GAS COMPANY, A COLORADO CORPORATION, PAGOSA AREA WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT, PAGOSA SPRINGS SANITATION GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, HARMAN PARK OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., A COLORADO NON-PROFIT CORPORATION, U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO FIRST TRUST OF NEW YORK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO MORGAN GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK, AS SUCCESSOR OF NEW YORK, BETTY DILLER IN HER CAPACITY AS ARCHULETA COUNTY PUBLIC TRUSTEE, AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION, Defendants.

Summons by Publication  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):  
You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the Clerk of this Court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the date of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court.  
If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.  
This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiffs in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows and by this reference made a part hereof:  
A tract of land lying and being in the NW1/4SW1/4 of Section 15, Township 35 North, Range 2 West, N.M.P.M. Archuleta County, Colorado, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:  
BEGINNING at the Northwest corner of said tract, whence the E1/4 corner of said Section 15, Township 35 North, Range 2 West, N.M.P.M. bears North 79 degrees 32 minutes East, 4860.0 feet;  
Thence running from said point of beginning South 33 degrees 58 minutes East, 208.0 feet, to the SE corner;  
Thence running South 56 degrees 02 minutes West, 208.0 feet, to the SW corner; Thence running North 33 degrees 58 minutes West, 208.0 feet, to the NW corner, from said NW corner, a Colorado Department of Highways concrete RW marker on the West boundary line of said Sec. 15 bears North 65 degrees 55 minutes West, 316.09 feet; Thence running from said NW corner, North 56 degrees 02 minutes East, 208.0 feet, to the NE corner, the point of beginning.  
DATED this 10th day of November, 2016.  
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Attorney for Plaintiffs  
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ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block; 13 Lot; 8 AS 4 Sec: 11 Twn: 34 Rng: 3W  
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## VETERAN'S CORNER

# County lawsuit remanded to District Court in Archuleta County

By Terri House  
Staff Writer

In the lawsuit brought against the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) and county attorney over ballot initiatives that were denied a place on the county's 2014 ballot, U.S. District Judge Raymond P. Moore remanded the action to the District Court for Archuleta County on Nov. 9.

This followed action by Archuleta County Attorney Todd Starr to have the case moved to the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado due to several of the requests for relief including putting federal issues on the county's ballot.

The lawsuit came when a complaint was filed on May 4 and stemmed from actions in November 2013, when the plaintiffs brought 11 ballot initiative petitions to the BoCC seeking to have them placed on the November 2014 ballot.

According to statement of the case, "The county attorney advised the board that there is no constitutional right of the initiative for electors at the county level. The Board of County Commissioners never took any action to either grant or deny the citizens request."

The complaint lists the plaintiffs of the lawsuit as, "Pat Alley, Dave Brackhahn, Wayne Bryant, Greg Giehl, Cole Graham, Vernon Greenamy, Bill Gottschalk, Sue Gottschalk, Stephen Keno, Tom Kramer, Jeffrey Maehr, Sharon Parker, Tracy Salazar, Dennis Spencer, David West, John and Jane Does, 1-600."

The defendants were listed as, "Archuleta County Board of County Commissioner Clifford Lucero; Commissioner Steve Wadley; Commissioner Michael Whiting; Previous Archuleta County Attorney Todd Starr."

According to the Nov. 9 order remanding the lawsuit back to the lower-level court, the recommendation to remand the action came as part of a Report and Recommen-

ation (R&R) by U.S. Magistrate Judge Nina Y. Yang.

In a phone interview Starr said, "Of course, it was remanded to state court because we filed a document consenting to it. This is neither a victory or loss for either party."

The defendants sent their notice of intent to accept the recommendation in June, stating, "In light of the Plaintiffs statement in the penultimate paragraph of page 2 of 7 limiting their claims to 'state' issues, Defendants are willing to accept the remand to the State Court and will not oppose the Magistrate recommendation."

"WHEREFORE, Defendants pray the court Order the case to be remanded to state court where the parties will continue, and for such other and further relief as the Court deems just and equitable."

The county's Motion for Summary Judgment filed on Sept. 1, states that the, "Plaintiffs' claims are barred by the statute of limitations."

It also states, "However, even if the court were to disregard the statute of limitations the Plaintiff's seek to enforce an initiative process at the county level which simply does not exist ..."

The motion goes on to read, "Further Defendants claims against Defendant Todd Starr arise out of his service as County Attorney and certain advice he gave the Board of County Commissioners' of Archuleta County. First, these Plaintiffs are not in privity with Defendant Starr. 'In light of this relationship, an attorney's obligation is generally to his or her client and not to a third party.' ..."

The county's motion states, "This Motion to Show Cause, which isn't even a recognized pleading is just that, Frivolous, groundless, lacking in substantial justification and not well grounded."

The Nov. 9 order also addressed the county's Motion for Summary Judgment, stating, "The R&R specifically advised the parties that written objections were due within 14 days after service of the same. ..."

The Magistrate Judge warned the parties that failure to file timely objections would waive de novo review of the R&R. ... Despite the Magistrate Judge's warning, no objections to the R&R were filed in this case. Instead, more than one month after the entry of the R&R, defendants filed a Motion for Summary Judgment ..., which, given that it does not include a statement of undisputed facts (in violation of this Court's Civil Practice Standards), is more accurately considered a motion to dismiss. In any event, defendant's motion does not address any part of the R&R, and certainly does not raise any objections thereto."

The court's order of Nov. 9 later reads, "In addition, the Court DENIES AS MOOT defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment ..., and DENIES AS MOOT plaintiff's Motion for Clarification ..."

Starr's position is that the U.S. District Court did not address the merits of that Motion for Summary Judgment and, consequently, "we intend to refile it in state court."

Greg Giehl, one of the plaintiffs in the matter, commented by email Nov. 18, "... county attorney, Todd Starr attempted to move the lawsuit over the eleven 2014 Initiatives to federal court. Last week Federal Magistrate Wang affirmed remanding the case back to the proper Colorado District Court, where the People live and the Initiatives began."

"If we are going to keep score, do you want to add up the cases involving Todd Starr denying the rights of the People or the dollars wasted paying him for bad advise (sic)."

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# Festival of Trees

Ross Aragon Community Center • Thursday and Friday, Dec. 1 and 2



# 11th annual Festival of Trees this weekend

By Traci Bishop  
PREVIEW Columnist

Don't miss out on the free public viewing and voting of the 11th annual Festival of Trees at the Ross Aragon Community Center. Doors to the viewing and voting will open at noon on Thursday, Dec. 1, and will

stay open until 7 p.m.

This unique, free public event will offer 18 differently decorated Christmas trees, each representing a different local nonprofit.

Enjoy Christmas music, hot chocolate, coffee and cookies while walking around exploring all the trees.

■ See Trees on next page



**Thursday**  
Riff Raff Brewing Company: Gleewood, 6 p.m.

**Friday**  
Coyote Moon: Tongue-N-Groove, 9 p.m.; Groove Casters featuring Lisa Saunders, 10:30 p.m.  
Riff Raff Brewing Company: Robin Davis Duo, 6 p.m.

**Saturday**  
Coyote Moon: Karaoke, 8 p.m.  
Riff Raff Brewing Company: Ben Gibson Duo, 6 p.m.

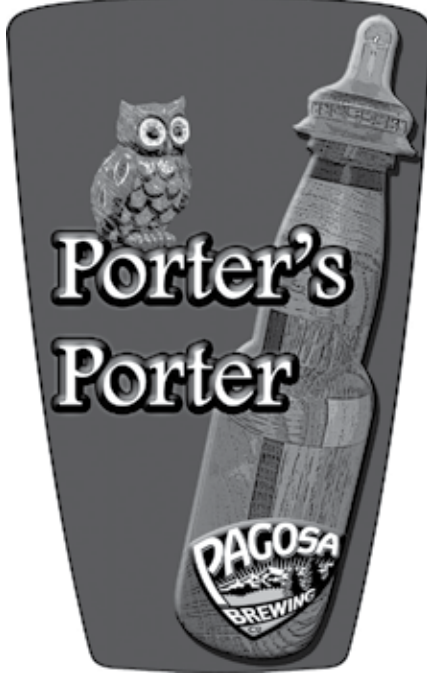
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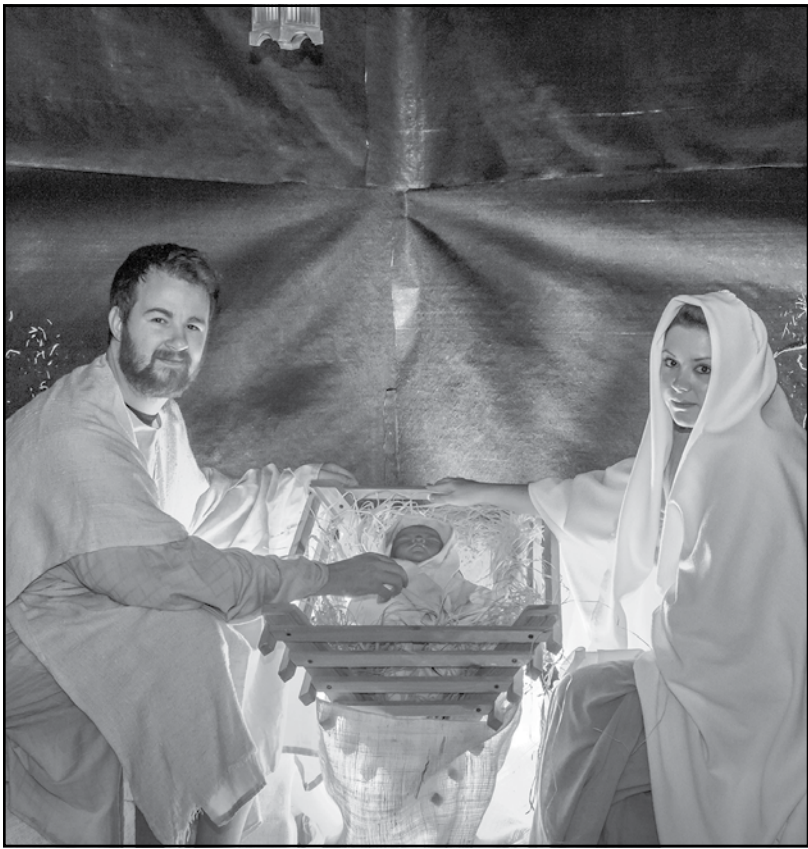


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**First-century Bethlehem comes to life at Centerpoint Church's Main Street Bethlehem, open Dec. 1-3 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. each evening. The event features the sights, sounds and smells of the small village, including authentic costumes, live animals, a synagogue, shops, the inn and, of course, the stable where Jesus was born.**



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## Main Street Bethlehem brings first-century town to life

By Jon Duncan  
 Special to The PREVIEW

Main Street Bethlehem returns to Centerpoint Church Dec. 1-3 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. each evening.

Come experience first-century Bethlehem and witness the sights, sounds and smells of the small village where the Christ child was born. There will be Roman soldiers ready to enforce the mandatory census, anxious pilgrims making their way to Bethlehem and eager shop owners looking to make extra income from the additional numbers journeying to the city of David.

There will be authentic costumes, live animals, a synagogue, shops, the inn and, of course, the stable where Jesus was born.

There is no charge and everyone will enjoy walking the streets of Bethlehem, interacting with the shop owners, petting the animals and leaving with a better understanding of what it might have been like to be in Bethlehem during the birth of our savior.

The doors open at 6 p.m. tonight, and will reopen Friday and Saturday evenings at 6 p.m. and remain open until 7:30 p.m., so there is plenty of time to come and experience this one-of-a-kind opportunity. It could change the way you think of Christmas and deepen your understanding of scripture. Don't miss this incredible chance to travel back into time to experience the village where Jesus Christ was born.

## Trees

■ continued from previous page  
 If you would like to vote on a tree to help get it into the top 10 live auction trees for the Friday, Dec. 2, Festival of Trees event, each vote is a \$1. The nonprofit you vote for will receive 50 cents from each vote.

If you would like to attend the 11th annual Festival of Trees event on Friday, tickets can only be purchased at the Community Center and only in advance. Each ticket to the event is \$25 and includes: live music by Steve Blechschmidt and the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir, hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. on Friday.

All 18 trees will start out on silent auction; by attending the event, you will receive an event vote. The event vote is the last vote placed to determine which 10 trees

go up for live auction.

At 6:30 p.m., all voting will close and the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir will take the stage for a performance. The live auction with auctioneer Jake Montroy, Mark Crain and Michael Branch will start at 7 p.m. with the announcement of the top 10 trees. The remaining eight trees will stay on silent auction throughout the live auction. Once the live auction ends, you will have 10 minutes to place bids on the eight remaining silent auction trees.

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The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir will present its Christmas concert, "Sing with the Angels" Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. at Community United Methodist Church.

## Pagosa Springs Girls Choir holiday concert Tuesday evening

By Linda Parker  
Special to The PREVIEW

Next Tuesday evening, the Pagosa community is in for a wonderful holiday treat as the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir (PSGC) will be performing its holiday concert, "Sing with the Angels."

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

Presenting traditional as well as lesser-known Christmas music, the PSGC will be joined by Darcy DeGuise and Jeanette Hill, featured soloists. These two amazing sopranos will sing solo selections alone as well as a combined piece with the Girls Choir. Also assisting

the choir will be members of the Quodlibet Handbell Choir and violinist Heidi Tanner.

The PSGC will be offering Rocky Mountain Chocolate bars for sale, singly and as part of a stocking stuffer. The CD Christmas album, "Christmas in My Hometown," which features the PSGC, will also

be available for purchase.

This concert is a "must-see" for Pagosans to hear the beautiful singing of these young musicians. Join us Tuesday night for "Sing with the Angels" at Community United Methodist Church beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is free, but your donations will be gratefully accepted.

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# World Craft Fair open this weekend

By Carole Nasralla  
Special to The PREVIEW

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The World Craft Fair will be held Friday, Dec. 2, and Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and on Sunday, Dec. 4, from noon to 4 p.m. The sale is located at Restoration Fellowship, 264 Village Drive, behind City Market.

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## Contra dance to benefit Archuleta County Victim Assistance

By Juanalee Park  
Special to The PREVIEW

A devastating fire destroyed the newly remodeled offices of the Archuleta County Victim Assistance Program (ACVAP).

It is truly a resilient and incredibly hardworking organization, but it needs your help. And what better way to help than to dust off your dancing sneakers and learn something new.

We are having a contra dance

to benefit ACVAP on Dec. 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the PLPOA Clubhouse. Donations will be accepted at the door to help get this important organization back on its feet.

Contra dances are traditionally accompanied by a live band and this event will be no exception. Local musicians Randall Davis on fiddle, Juanalee Park on banjo, Ron Sutcliffe on mandolin, Dan Park on guitar and Clay Campbell on bass, calling themselves Contra-

fusion, will provide the music. Durango dance caller Wendy Graham Settle will teach and lead you through the dances with prompts to the live music throughout the dance.

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The Pagosa Springs Community Choir is presenting its annual Christmas concerts this weekend at the high school. The Dec. 2 and 3 concerts are at 7 p.m., and the Dec. 4 concert is at 4 p.m. All of the concerts are free and open to the public.

## Celebrate Christmas at this weekend's Community Choir concerts

By Betty Schwicker  
Special to The PREVIEW

The joy and warmth of holiday music will fill the air at the Pagosa Springs Community Choir's annual Christmas concerts this weekend.

"We Need a Little Christmas" is the theme of this year's concerts, being held in the high school auditorium Dec. 2 and 3 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 4 at 4 p.m.

As in previous years, the concerts will be a blend of music styles, all celebrating the Christmas season. Inspirational favorites "Great is Our Joy" and "Carol of the Kings" will make you want to sing along. Secular selections like "North Pole Rock and Roll" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" will have you moving to the beat and warm your hearts. The choir's jazz ensemble will have you ready to dance in the aisles as they sing "Cool Yule."

The choir is again being directed by Dan Burch and accompanied by Venita Burch. Faith Richardson will provide the beautiful sign language

translation as the choir sings and the concert will be narrated by Dale Schwicker.

The jazz ensemble will open the concerts and the choir will join the audience to sing the final five a capella selections "in the round." "Sing We Now of Christmas" will bring a smile to your face and "Great is Our Joy" will fill the room with the magic of Christmas. This intimate musical format is always a favorite part of the performances.

You are invited to get your holiday season started off right. All concerts are free and open to the public. However, the choir always

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# St. Patrick's annual Christmas Tea a community tradition

By Sally Neel  
Special to The PREVIEW

This Sunday at 2 p.m., the women of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church will help Pagosa Springs ladies get into the spirit of the season with the annual Christmas Tea.

The Christmas Tea is a tradition that is on the "can't miss" list for many. With only 140 tickets available, there is a rush every year to acquire one of the "golden tickets."

The beautiful worship space at St. Patrick's will be transformed into an enchanting Christmas tea room, with tables set with fine china, elegant decorations and plates of delicious pastries and Christmas delights. Hot tea is in abundance and replenished readily.

The Christmas Tea was the brainchild of the late Linda Warren, a longtime leader of the church. The tea is intended to bring women together to enjoy being pampered. It provides an opportunity to celebrate the warmth of friendships around a beautiful table. Tickets went on sale Monday for \$10 each, with sales ending today at noon.

Don't forget to bring your ticket. Your ticket will be entered into a drawing for handmade door prizes. This year, they include beautiful hand-knitted tea cozies, made by friends from both near and far.

Sandy Artzberger, one of the tea organizers, does a great deal of traveling via cruise lines. Along the way, she has met many friends



Photo courtesy Sally Neel

Hand-knitted tea cozies and other handmade Christmas delights will be given away as door prizes at the annual Christmas Tea at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4.

through knitting groups on board ship. After sharing with them the stories of the tea cozies she knits for the Christmas Tea, women from a variety of countries have joined in to help make them.

"The St. Patrick's Christmas Tea is an elegant, joyful event that allows us to sit back and enjoy the gentle pleasures of the season," said Fr. Doug Neel, rector of St. Patrick's. "The women do a great deal of baking, planning and footwork in order to make it a memorable

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Patrick Crossing Band will perform a Celtic Christmas show at the Restoration Fellowship Church at 7 p.m. on Dec. 11.

## Restoration Fellowship announces evening of Celtic Christmas music

By Mark Thompson  
Special to The PREVIEW

Patrick Crossing Band will be performing a Celtic Christmas show at Restoration Fellowship Church, located at 264 Village Drive, on Dec. 11 at 7 p.m.

Patrick Crossing Band is one of the most celebrated Celtic acts in the great southwest. Their music

has been heard in a number of festivals, house concerts and pubs throughout the Rocky Mountain region. As the house band for the Irish Embassy Pub in Durango, Patrick Crossing has entertained audiences with their large selection of traditional Celtic music using their own unique arrangements.

One of the must-see events

each year in Durango is their Celtic Christmas show, which has played to full houses at both the Irish Embassy Pub and at the historic Henry Strater Theatre, and which will now be brought to Pagosa Springs.

Mixing tight harmonies with exceptional instrumental craftsmanship, the band brings to its audience a joyful, humorous, poignant and interactive show. Patrick Crossing's newest CD, "A Beautiful Night," is a collection of traditional and contemporary Celtic Christmas songs and tunes and will be available at the show.

Admission is by donation only. Come and enjoy an evening of Christmas music with a Celtic flavor.

## High school choir to entertain the Mountain View Homemakers Dec. 8

By Tozi Rubin  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Mountain View Homemakers invite all area women to our special holiday gathering on Thursday, Dec. 8.

The group will meet at 11 a.m. at the Extension building on the fairgrounds. The reason for this earlier time is to hear the Pagosa Springs High School choir sing Christmas music. The program, under the direction of their leader, Dan Burch, is one of the club's favorite events of the year.

Note that we are meeting at the Extension center for this meeting.

The carolers will stay to have lunch and visit with their appreciative audience. Homemakers always enjoy talking with the young people and the singers always enjoy our special Christmas luncheon.

A special menu for the day has been planned. Those who have not

signed up for a dish but want to bring something are asked to call Lorna Fox at 731-5525 for a suggested dish that's needed.

Everyone who would like to stay and participate in a gift exchange is asked to bring a wrapped gift costing no more than \$15. Since the members include local artists and craftspeople, many of the gifts really attract excitement. The effort to get these special gifts can be hilarious. Plan to stay until about 2 p.m. or so for the gift exchange.

The Homemakers club is a monthly gathering of women who are interested in making their lives, the lives of their families and the community more enjoyable. The meetings include lunch and a speaker or activity. There are no dues or membership requirements and sewing/quilting/baking skills are not needed. Come join us. We meet the second Thursday of every month. Call Tozi at 731-3360 with questions.

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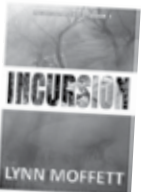
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# Heralds of Christmas concert set for Dec. 18

By Heidi Tanner  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Heralds of Christmas concert will be presented this year on Dec. 18 at 3 p.m. at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

This concert is presented by members of the Pagosa Springs Community Band under the oversight of the Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society.

This year's concert will once again feature the Pagosa Brass Quartet, whose members are Larry Elginer and Larry Baisdon on trumpet, D'Ann Artis on horn and Dan Burch on trombone. The quartet will also have selections including organ played by Sally Neel of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

Those who have attended this concert in the past can testify that the sounds of brass and organ which fill the sanctuary at St. Patrick's are truly glorious and a special event for Pagosa Springs during the holiday season.

This year's concert will also feature woodwinds from the Community Band. Listeners will be treated to selections for flute quartet performed by Kathy Wadenpfuhl, Jessica Peterson, Lisa Hartley and Suzy McKeal. There will also be selections performed by younger members of the Pagosa Springs Community Band, such as a clarinet solo performed by Grace Wiersma, a trumpet solo by Glynis Tanner and a piano selection performed by Jon Hudson.

Admission to this concert is free.



Photo courtesy Heidi Tanner

From left to right, D'Ann Artis on the horn, Larry Elginer and Larry Baisdon on trumpets, and Dan Burch on the trombone make up the Pagosa Brass Quartet, which will be a part of the Heralds of Christmas concert on Dec. 18 at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

We do, however, appreciate donations, which assist in keeping the Community Band operating during the year.

The organization presents four concerts annually and funds collected via donations allow the organization to continue operations and also to support music education in our local schools. The Community Band is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and we will be able to provide you with a receipt in exchange for your tax-deductible contributions.

This year, we will also be selling boxes of homemade cookies for \$10 each. These cookies will be delicious delectables that can be shared with company and will make great gifts for your neighbors.

Come early for a good seat. Your local musicians look forward to playing for you and bringing joy to your holiday season. The concert begins at 3 p.m. on Dec. 18 at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, located at 225 South Pagosa Blvd.

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- Place the drip pan with turkey on the cooking grid.
- 2 PM • Check the internal temperature of the turkey for doneness.
- 4-5 PM • When your turkey has reached the ideal internal temperature, remove the bird from the EGG, tent with aluminum foil and let it rest a few minutes so that the juices settle.



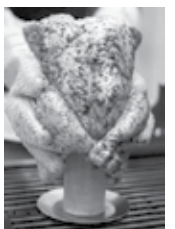
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Parents on the Family Involvement Committee at Seeds of Learning make holiday art cards created from their children's classroom paintings. The cards are on sale at local stores, with proceeds benefitting Seeds.

## Handmade holiday cards to benefit Seeds of Learning

By Terri Hardeman  
Special to The PREVIEW

On Nov. 14, parents from the Family Involvement Committee met at Seeds of Learning to make holiday art cards that are now on sale to benefit Seeds.

The cards are created from artwork that the children paint in the classrooms. They come in glittery gold as well as holiday reds, greens and purples. The blank-inside cards are bundled in packs of 10. These holiday cards are on sale at local coffee shops and retailers. All

proceeds from the sale of the cards go toward educating our at-risk children at Seeds.

The Family Involvement Committee is active at Seeds. Its monthly meetings include activities such as the card-making projects, school preparations for Christmas, field trips to the Senior Center and Yamaguchi Park with the children, and spruce-up projects at Seeds as well as in the community. In addition, the committee hosts presentations for families to help their children learn and grow. Those have included "How

to Read to Your Child" and "How to Discipline Your Child Without Guilt." Last month's meeting was a presentation by Cooking Matters of Colorado in which Grace Heglund-Lohman shared tips on selecting the healthiest foods from the grocery store on a budget. She also addressed how to handle the picky eater.

Seeds of Learning is a nonprofit, high-quality early care and preschool education center in Pagosa Springs. If you are interested in learning more about the center or how you can contribute to the success of its young children, please call 264-5513 for more information and a tour of the center.

## WHOOOPS taking break until January

By Carla Ryan  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Writing Hands Organization of Pagosa Springs (WHOOOPS) has been meeting at the Ruby M. Sisson Library for the past several months. At the meeting on Nov. 22, those in attendance, and based on feedback from other group members, decided to pause the meetings temporarily and take a break during the holidays.

The group will reconvene at 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 24 at the library and continue doing so on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. A "closed" Facebook group has also been created so WHOOOPS members can connect with one another between meetings.

The members also discussed the format they wished to pursue in the future. This will be primarily a critique group where feedback will be offered to those who request it. Members are encouraged to bring pieces of their current work(s)

to share/read with the group at each meeting, whether its fiction, nonfiction, poetry or another writing project. In this way, members will have the opportunity to glean different perspectives, make corrections and improve their writing skills. Other topics will also be discussed as time permits.

WHOOOPS is open to all genres and skill levels, and is for those who have a desire to strengthen their talents and network with other like-minded individuals. Members of the group share ideas, learn technical aspects of writing, experiment with different writing exercises and offer critiques. Occasionally, published authors are invited to present ideas to develop writing skills and so members can learn about writing as a full-time career.

Carla Ryan is the contact person for the group. For information about recent meetings, call her at (303) 358-0069 or email carlamryan@gmail.com.

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My Sweet Al doesn't feed me candy and talk Greek to me, but he does feed me candy and sweeps out the garage. He takes care of the car and I take care of his memory. He cooks my breakfast and I program his NASCAR races. He changes light bulbs and I pay the bills. He and I desperately need each other. We take care of common ground together.

It's Thursday morning and I'm sitting in a warm house. The wind is fiercely driving the snow in and Al is fiercely fighting the trash can. I watched him chase the green bucket down the Lower Blanco, then bring it back for trash pickup day. He takes the trash out for me and I keep the house warm and clean for him. It's a win-win.

This is the way it works. At church, a man introduced himself. Afterwards, Al asked me his name. Before I told him, I gave Al a memory lesson. Associate his name with someone you can remember, like your dog.

I reminded him as a young boy, his dogs were named Rusty, Blackie, Brownie, Whitey, Red and Chocolate. I thought he could have been a bit more original, but he wasn't. I told him the man's name is Rusty, think about his dog Rusty. And, for heaven sake, the next time you see him, don't call the man Whitey.

I recently heard that several of our 70-year-old friends are divorcing. I said to Al, "I'm baffled. Didn't they take care of important things along the way? Why in the world after 50 years together do people get divorces? Have they forgotten the good times, the sweet moments and how they need each other in their older days?"

Life is more challenging for older people today. We have limitations we didn't have when we were younger. With technology it's a learning curve and current times have become more complicated. It's not fair to rely on our children any more than necessary.

So when these couples throw in the towel, have they thought about the destruction of their household? They separate themselves from a unit of people who love them, take care of them and have their back? They chose a divided house without thinking of the ramifications.

My Sweet Al said, "A woman puts up with her husband's nonsense and

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foolishness for 50 years, why would he want to leave her? It doesn't make sense."

"No, it doesn't," I tell him. It's like a 70-year-old man who looks across the fence at the spring field with green grass and white daisies. He doesn't see himself in his winter season as a broken down dry tree with naked limbs. I would think a young woman would have to brace herself before she opened her eyes in the morning to see such a sight. Apparently, they both operate in blindness and different seasons don't count.

Maybe the answer for division is finding enjoyment in common ground, like finding a good football team. Sit together on the same sideline, cheer for the same team and get excited over the same win.

We recently were at a football game cheering for our grandson's team. The fans on the sideline yelled, "Bring it to the house." They understood the game. They were focused on the outcome and the win for the house.

I didn't think too much of the chant, "Bring it to the house," until I read, "A house divided will not stand." If division is in the house, the house will experience future destruction. In other words, selfish choices today will tear apart the whole unit tomorrow. The parts have become more important than the better good of the total picture.

We've all done foolishness, been spoiled and selfish. But at the end of the day, we want those people around us who love us and will have our back. Al will never speak Greek, but he's spent a lot of money on Greek books so I can speak it.

Final brushstroke: We can't afford to be divided on any level. We see divided marriages, family units, government, country and even division in God's kingdom. Because we all want what we want, we disregarded the bigger picture.

As the fans yell, "Bring it to the house," they forget their differences.

They are cheering for the same team, the game and the win. They know the importance of "Their House."

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# PCNT moving into own church space

By **Carla Ryan**  
Special to The PREVIEW

Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT) recently signed a lease to move into its own church space on Dec. 1.

The new location (2800 Cornerstone Drive) is across the parking lot from the Sears store. Volunteers, ministers and the leadership team will be busy during the next few days as they prepare the space for its first Sunday gathering (study

group) on Dec. 4 at 10:30 a.m.

The study/discussion group will focus this week on Lesson 7, Part I of the Extension Study Course created by the Rev. Dr. Ernest Holmes, author of the "Science of Mind" textbook and founder of the religious science philosophy. Materials are available for new guests to join the discussion. Fellowship and hospitality will follow.

With the freedom of a dedicated center, PCNT is planning several events in December along with

the regular Sunday services and study group sessions. Currently, the schedule looks like this:

- Dec. 11: Graduation ceremony (during the regular morning service) for students completing the Science of Mind 101 course.
- Dec. 18: Study/Discussion Group, Lesson 7, Part 2 — with an open house and minister's birthday celebration from noon to 2 p.m. The public is invited.
- Dec. 23: Seasonal celebration and candlelight prayer service.
- Dec. 25: The regular Sunday service that day will be replaced by a quiet time of prayer, music and meditation open to all.
- Dec. 31: Candlelight vigil of prayer, music, and meditation to bring closure to 2016 and welcome the new year, open to all.
- Jan. 1 (Sunday): New Year's Day service (service/program to be announced).

PCNT honors all lifestyles, belief systems, religious paths and people for who they are, children of the divine. New Thought is a transdenominational philosophy and draws from all the world's major religions to teach universal principles and concepts. Everyone is welcome.

Weekly Sunday gatherings are held at the PCNT center at 10:30 a.m. at 2800 Cornerstone Drive, Unit 3. For information about the church or New Thought in general, attend a Sunday service, send an email to 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.

# When a sparrow falls

By **Hank Slikker**  
Special to The PREVIEW

Once upon a time, there was a young boy. He was no normal boy in the sense that we're all accustomed to. He never took naps, he always ate whatever his parents put on his plate, he never cried, he always shared, he never hit, and he always said "thank you" and "please."

But a most unusual thing about this boy was that he loved to make clay birds and make them live. With his paintbrush, he differentiated them with a variety of colors, gave them a name and a personal song, and blew into their beaks, whereupon they came alive. Then with joy he sent them out to fly in the sky and to sing their songs.

The story of this abnormal boy comes from an ancient tale of the boyhood of Jesus, written by an unknown author. While the story is fictitious, the author suggests a special personal bond that exists between the Creator and the creature — that He fashions them with his hands and brings them to life with his breath.

The picture this unknown author paints of the Creator reminded me of the God of the sparrow that Jesus speaks of. He tells us of the special personal bond that He has with His sparrows at all times, making sure they get their daily food, and that not one of them ever falls to the ground without Him seeing it.

This tale of Jesus's boyhood turned up in my mind a few days ago when I came home and found a lifeless woodpecker laying on its back on my back porch. In sadness for it, I picked it up and spoke to it, telling it how sorry I was for its misfortune.

I had never seen a woodpecker so close and, as I held it, I marveled at its beauty and its Creator. It had a long, pointed beak and short, stubby legs with wide toes. Its head was dressed in a colored hood of brilliant deep ruby red that covered its neck down to its black-and-white-spotted wings that wrapped its body. I felt a family-like

## A Matter of Faith

connection to the woodpecker and decided to give it a proper funeral.

My wife found a soft red cloth that matched its brilliant red hood, and we wrapped it and bound it with a decorative pin. Out in the backyard, I dug a small grave and gently laid it inside. Before we covered it, we stood over it for a moment and thanked its Maker for its life, and that we were able to offer a final service for His beautiful creature.

Woodpecker's funeral left me with a new awareness of Jesus' words about the woodpecker's cousin, the not-so-resplendent sparrow. Jesus's lesson to us is that if God sees His sparrows fall, how much more does He notice when one of us falls? He said, "You are of more value than many sparrows" (Matthew 10:31).

### Writers' group

You are invited to write for "A Matter of Faith." Send your articles to [betty@bettyslade.com](mailto:betty@bettyslade.com).

If you want to learn more about writing, come and join the Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network Writers' Critique Group on Monday mornings. For further details, email [betty@bettyslade.com](mailto:betty@bettyslade.com).

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# UU topic: ‘Using Archetypal Language to Foster Kindness’

By **Stacey Couch**  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship invites you to attend a program titled “Using Archetypal Language to Foster Kindness,” with Stacey Couch, this Sunday, Dec. 4, for its regular service.

Archetypes are cosmic designs that describe human nature, the universal templates from which we are made. Hundreds of archetypes

exist, such as angel, child, mother, saboteur, victim and healer.

We are always reading other peoples’ archetypes unconsciously and instantaneously to form opinions about them. This is how we stereotype and fall into prejudice. In an attempt to be more accepting, we suppress criticism only to have it erupt unexpectedly. Or, we run ourselves ragged trying to undo the automatic judgments that run through our minds.

By learning to consciously use archetypal language, we break free from intolerance and find a swift path to kindness. Knowing archetypes helps us understand our fellow humans more fully and come into a balanced relationship. If you are feeling the intense rift in our country right now and want to help, you can practice with archetypal language to be a force for peace.

Couch is a spiritual director who specializes in archetypal consulting and shamanic healing.

This presentation reflects the Unitarian Universalist principles of “Justice, equity and compassion in human relations” and “Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.”

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is a caring, inclusive fellowship dedicated to spiritual growth, justice and serving the needs of our larger community. As a welcoming congregation, we invite everyone to share in our faith community. We cherish diversity and foster a safe environment for all.

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

# Our Lady of Guadalupe fiesta set for Dec. 18 in Arboles

By **Agnes Sanchez**  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe is Dec. 12, but will be celebrated by the St. Peter-St. Rosa Catholic Church, located at 18851 Colo. 151 in Arboles, at its monthly service on Dec. 18 with a Mass celebrated at 12:15 p.m. and a fiesta dinner, raffle, silent auction and activities afterward.

Please join us to celebrate this annual event. Raffle tickets may be purchased from a member of

the Carmelitas for \$1 each or six for \$5. If you would like to buy tickets, please call 883-3330. Funds raised from the raffle and dinner will be used to help pay the church’s insurance premiums.

The St. Peter-St. Rosa Church was built in 1978, merging the Rosa, N.M., and Arboles, Colo., churches when the two original churches were torn down to make room for Navajo Lake Reservoir. The church serves families in the Arboles, Allison and Tiffany area.

# Christmas parties for kids announced

By **Frank Porter**  
Special to The PREVIEW

Christmas is for kids and kids love parties. We have scheduled several Christmas parties again this year.

The party theme for this year is a Backwards Birthday Bash. It includes some great games, songs and a presentation of the Christmas story. There will also be snacks and gifts to take home. The parties are free and are ideal for children ages 5-12.

The parties we have scheduled are:

- Dec. 9, 9 to 11:30 a.m., Pagosa Valor Academy.
- Dec. 9, 1:25 to 3:25 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School.

- Dec. 10, 2 to 3:30 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center.
- Dec. 11, 1 to 2:30 p.m., Amazing Grace Church in Aspen Springs.
- Dec. 12, 4 to 5:30 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse.

Choose the party that works best for your children. Encourage them to bring their friends.

These parties are sponsored by Child Evangelism Fellowship of Colorado, a Bible-centered ministry. All teachers are trained and screened to ensure your child’s safety. Parents are welcome to attend.

For more information, call or email Frank or Connie Porter, (303) 901-5290 or (970) 507-7096 or email at ceflittlekids@gmail.com.

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# Holiday books, made-to-give gifts and DIY Christmas ornaments

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

As you enjoy holiday festivities, we have suggestions for books that might make good reading for you, gifts for your family and friends, and inspiration for your holiday cooking.

Anthony Bourdain, chef and world traveler for the CNN series “Parts Unknown,” has written a new cookbook, his first in more than 10 years, with his personal favorite recipes for family and friends. “Christmas Caramel Murder” by Joanne Fluke is a Hannah Swenson mystery with recipes. “Twelve Days of Christmas” by Debbie Macomber is a holiday romance. “Christmas Bells” by Jennifer Chiaverini chronicles the events of 1863, when Henry Wadsworth Longfellow’s family faced tragedy. “The Christmas Angel Project” by Melody Carlson is an inspirational story about a book club dealing with the death of a beloved member.

Two fun Christmas events: This Saturday, Dec. 3, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., adults are invited to the first of three consecutive Saturday made-to-give sessions where you will create handmade gifts for someone special in your life. First is greeting cards, then stenciled gifts (pillows and tote bags) and finally winter blooming bulbs in mason jars. No registration is required.

As well, kids in the fifth through 12th grades should save the date of next Thursday, Dec. 8, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for a DIY holiday ornaments session where you will make a variety of festive decorations out of old books, beads and paper.

## Pagosa postcards

We have some postcards with lovely Pagosa scene photos of downtown, the Springs area and the Pagosa skyrocket flower by Hannah R. Kuhn that would make good stocking stuffers at Christmas. We’re selling them in packages of 10 for \$1 until supplies run out.

## Activities calendars

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

## Medicaid and avalanche safety today

Kevin O’Connor from San Juan Basin Health and Renee Burch from Archuleta County Human Services discuss Medicaid options and changes to Connect for Health

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today, Thursday, Dec. 1, and next Thursday, Dec. 8, from 1 to 1:45 p.m.

Then, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. this evening, Thursday, Dec. 1, the Colorado Avalanche Information Center shows you how to avoid avalanche danger.

## Teen advisory board

Today, Thursday, Dec. 1, the teen advisory board meets from 4 to 5 p.m. Bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs. Share an idea to pick out a free book. For the time being, the board will meet once a month, on the first Thursday of the month. Teens are always welcome to stop by and share their ideas informally with Claire Spence, teen services librarian.

## Fan Fiction Club for teens tomorrow

Back by popular demand, the Fan Fiction Club for seventh-through 12th-graders will meet every month. This month it’s tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 2, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

You can bring things you’re working on, reading or just thinking about. This is an opportunity to share with friends who also love fan fiction and to practice your writing skills.

## All-ages gaming tomorrow

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

## 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.

## Teen gaming

Teen gaming happens Tuesdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for teen gaming fans in the 7th 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 a.m., join Michael for 30 minutes of stories, songs and fingerplays with open play afterwards. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills in everyday family life.

## Large print

“Chaos” by Patricia Cornwall is a Kay Scarpetta mystery. “The German Girl” by Armando Lucas Correa is a mystery about a Jewish girl in World War II. “Friday on My Mind” by Nicci French is a Frieda Klein mystery.

## CDs

“The Award” by Danielle Steel features a young woman Resistance fighter in World War II. “Canada” by Mike Myers is a comic look at what makes Canada different. “Escape Clause” by John Sandford is a Virgil Flowers mystery. “The Whistler” by John Grisham is a legal thriller. “Sex, Lies and Serious Money” by Stuart Woods is a Stone Barrington mystery. “Preacher’s Bloodbath” by William W. and J.A. Johnstone is a First Mountain Man western. “Night School” by Lee Child is a Jack Reacher mystery. “The Wrong Side of Goodbye” by Michael Connolly is a Harry Boasch mystery.

## Mysteries and thrillers

“Escape Clause” by John Sandford is a Virgil Flowers mystery. “Eileen” by Ottessa Moshfegh features a young woman working in a boys’ prison outside Boston. “Turbo Twenty-Three” by Janet Evanovich is a Stephanie Plum mystery. “No Man’s Land” by David Baldacci is a John Puller thriller.

## Other novels

“Valiant Gentleman” by Sabina Murray reimagines the lives of an Irish patriot, English sculptor and Argentinian-American heiress. “Maud’s Line” by Margaret Verble features an 18-year-old Cherokee woman in Eastern Oklahoma. “Winter in America” by August Sommers is a collection of short stories about the African-American experience from slavery to today. “The Rise of Caesar” and “Free Town” by the same author are books two and three in the trilogy about a former slave.

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# Learning to care for yourself when caring for another

By John Lough  
Special to The PREVIEW

Taking care of a loved one is not an uncommon occurrence these days. Lifestyle changes and medical advances have more people living longer, but sometimes without the ability to safely handle the challenges of daily living themselves.

It isn't simply an aging population that is expanding the need for caregivers. Many families have members who may have mental or physical impairments, or serious, debilitating health issues.

And while there are a growing number of facilities and organizations that can provide care, they are often out of the financial reach of many families or go against a family's wishes to personally provide the needed care for a loved one.

The result is that many people find themselves in the role of family caregiver, a role that can often be close to a 24-hour, seven-day-a-

week job. Unfortunately, many of those providing family care often fail to realize or choose to ignore the toll that such an obligation, along with other family or work requirements, can have on them.

While there are no easy solutions to such situations, there are things that can be done to help family caregivers take better care of themselves.

In many cities, it is possible to find businesses, organizations or individuals who can provide what is called "respite" care. This is when someone comes in for a few hours, maybe once or several times a week, in order to give the primary caregiver a much-needed break. Such services, however, can be hard to find in many places, especially smaller towns and rural areas, and may be prohibitively expensive if they are available.

The alternative is for the individual providing the care to learn

to care better for himself or herself, to essentially work out a "personal respite" program.

This can take a variety of forms, from just scheduling a short break to have a cup of tea or read a book, to turning to friends and other family members for their assistance in providing the help that will give the caretaker a few hours of personal time.

While family caregivers tend to be concerned, giving people, it's vital for them to monitor their own mental and physical well-being, too. Failing to recognize when the stress of helping is having a negative impact on their patience or ability to think clearly or respond appropriately can lead to serious and unexpected issues.

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"They always say time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself." — Andy Warhol (1928-1987), American pop artist.

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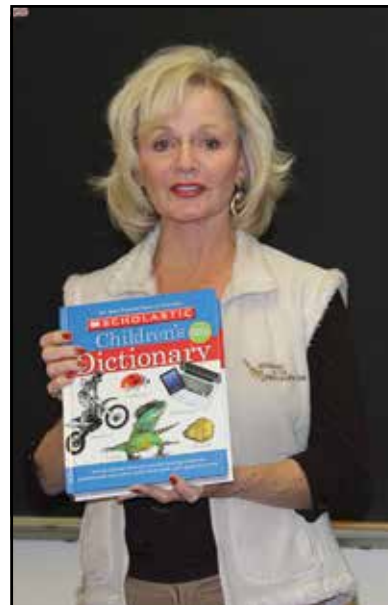
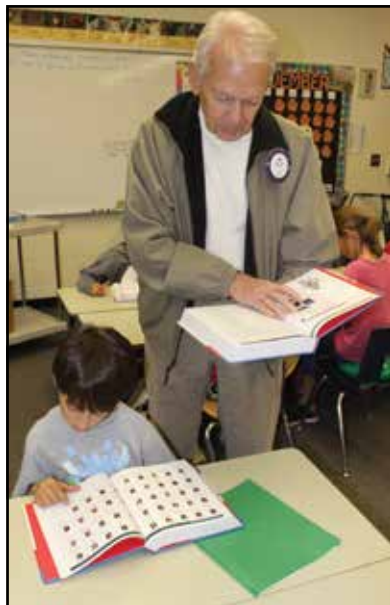
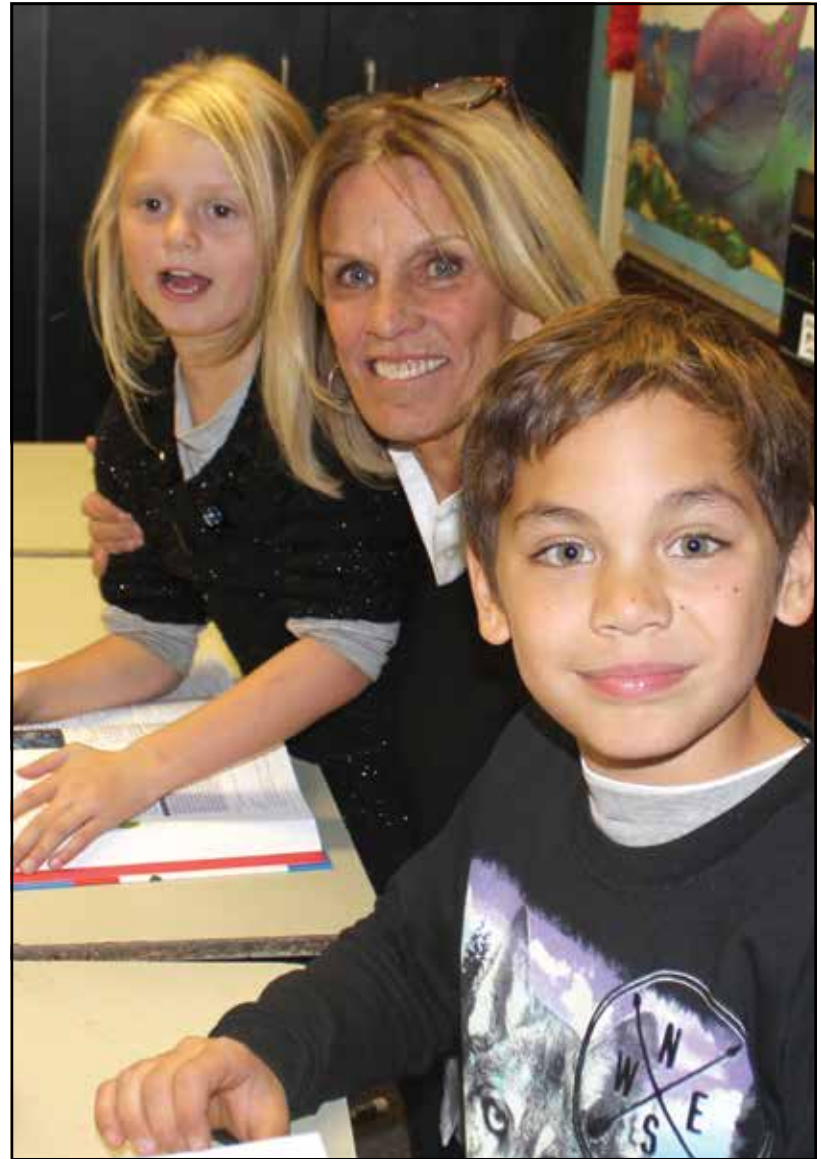
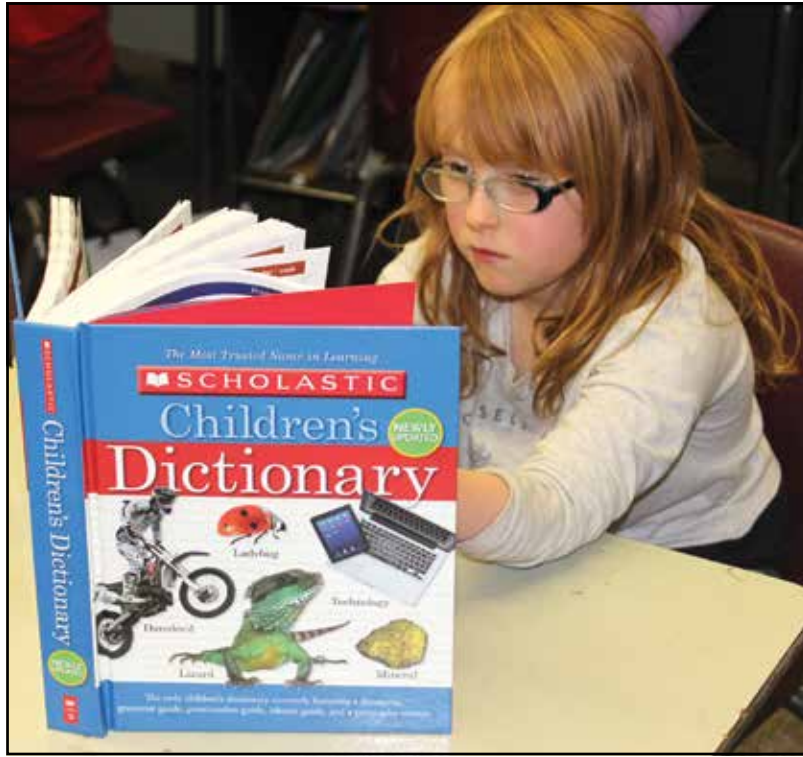
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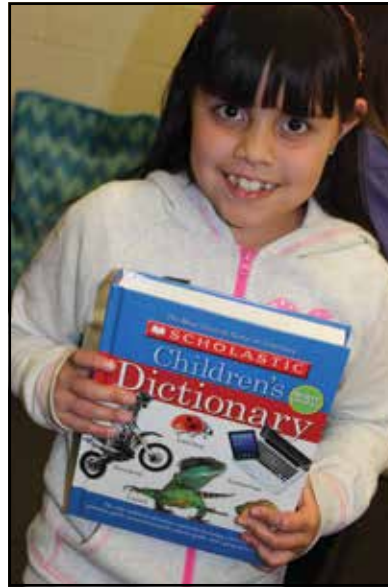
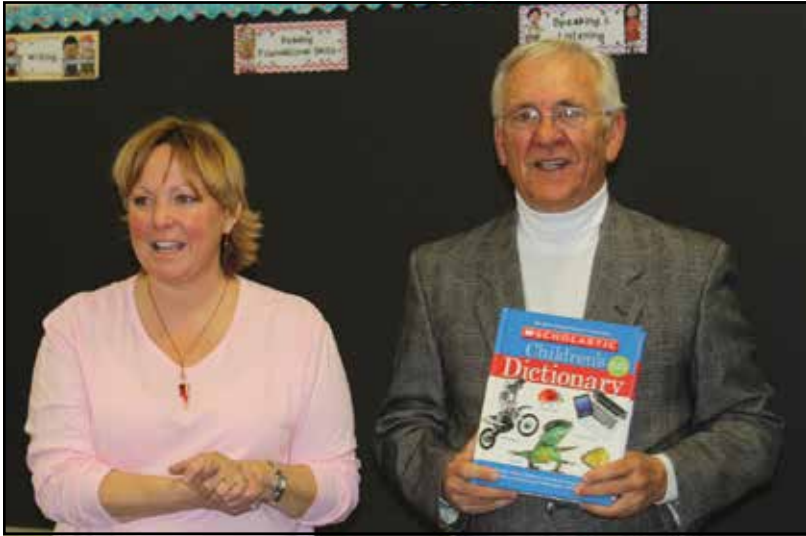
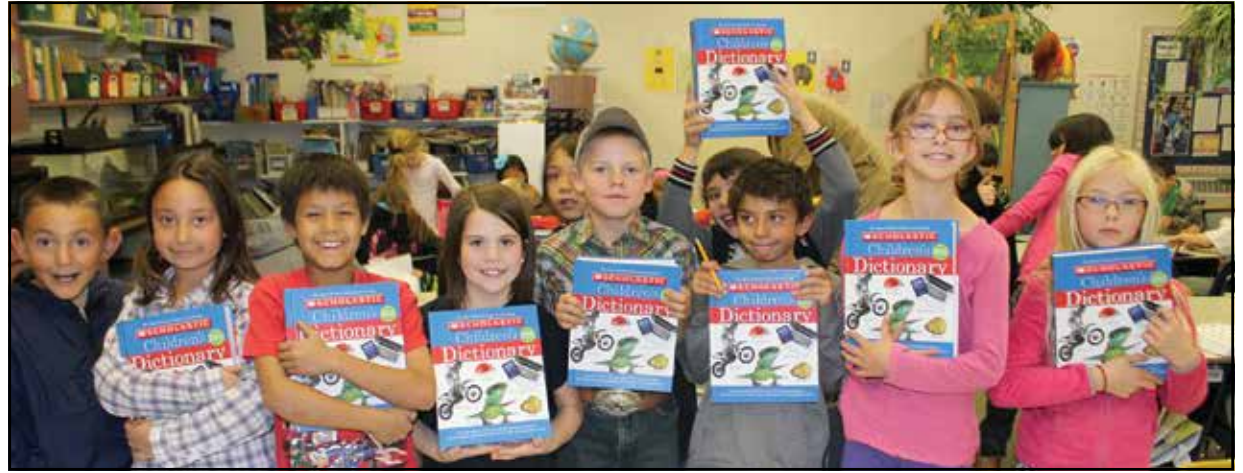
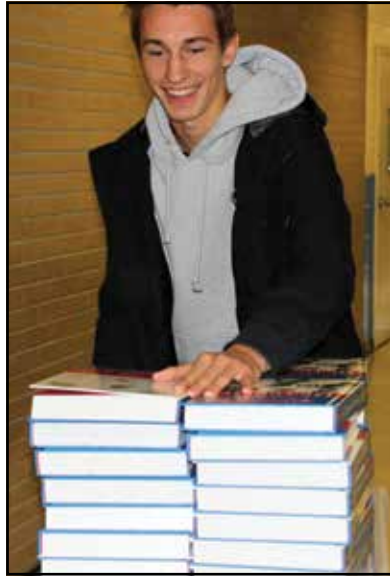
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The fire station and bell tower were a 1903 addition to the north end of the Pagosa Springs Town Hall. The hall was located on the river side of Pagosa Street where it unites with San Juan Street.

## Grappling with modernization

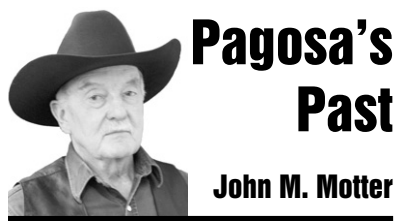
Pagosa Springs grappled with modernization in 1901 by installing utilities such as a telephone system and a town water distribution system.

On Nov. 9, 1901, a telephone ordinance was passed allowing F.H. Patton to install telephones on city streets. David F. Fitton was granted exclusive rights for 20 years to construct, operate and maintain a telephone system.

As late as March of 1902, town folks were still getting their drinking water from the river. Those folks who didn't want the bother of dipping their own bucket into the river hired the work done. A man with a water barrel pulled by horse or oxen filled the barrel from the river and then delivered to the homes of folks willing to pay for it.

The town board warned citizens to "get their water above the mouth of Slaughterhouse Gulch." In those days, Slaughter House Gulch was the ravine north of town entered from 1st Street.

In April of 1902, the town granted Dr. Parrish "perpetual water rights" and paid him \$300 for a reservoir site. An ordinance was passed in May authorizing issuance of coupon bonds financing a water works. At that time, Dr. Parrish lived where the San Juan Motel now is. And since a reservoir did not yet exist, there was no Reservoir Hill in Pagosa Springs. I've seen the hill referred to as Robidoux Hill, pos-



**Pagosa's Past**  
John M. Motter

sibly the well-known fur trapper who worked the San Juan River as early as the 1820s. In June a franchise was granted to Gilbert Wilkes & Co. to furnish electrical power and operate a pumping plant. Furnishing the citizens of Pagosa Springs with water and electricity would be a combined effort. The new water plant was built on the east end of San Juan Street. The reservoir was located directly above the plant on "Reservoir Hill."

An electrical plant was installed to provide power to pump the water from a well dug on the south bank of the river to the reservoir at the top of the hill. From the reservoir, water was distributed throughout town. Construction of distribution lines required several years. A brick building costing \$2,000 was authorized to house the pump and electric works. This water and electrical system served the town until the flood of 1911 washed away the building.

Following the flood a new system was built with the water plant

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## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 Flower cluster
- 7 Cold weather coating
- 12 Time to retire?
- 14 Like some budgets
- 16 Covered balcony
- 17 Military duty?
- 18 Chilled
- 19 Sudden increase
- 21 Court ploy
- 22 A deadly sin
- 23 Wrinkled snack
- 24 Small change
- 25 Driving need
- 26 Static \_\_\_\_
- 27 Middle school insult
- 28 Swiss capital
- 29 Fender, for one
- 30 Honest one
- 33 Hair piece
- 34 Iced tea garnish
- 35 Place for a donut
- 36 Lid or lip application
- 37 Cookware item
- 40 Music genre
- 41 Weather forecast
- 42 Diminish
- 43 Caribou kin
- 44 Springboard performer
- 45 Grub
- 46 Served with a scoop
- 48 Part of a monogram
- 50 Explosive measure
- 51 Citrus drink
- 52 Ask for more Time?
- 53 Baggage handler

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- 3 Red shade
- 4 Put into effect
- 5 Coal source
- 6 Cut short
- 7 Cereal morsel
- 8 Type of learning
- 9 Galley item
- 10 Wedge alternative
- 11 Wood-joining tool
- 13 Stovetop burner
- 14 Flashy jewelry, slangily
- 15 One in the hole
- 20 Gag ender
- 23 Tartan cloth
- 24 \_\_\_\_ terrier
- 26 Kind of call
- 27 Public outcry
- 28 Open
- 29 Tasting like wild meat
- 30 Baby carriage
- 31 Cargo conveyance
- 32 Ivy feature

- 23 Fishing spot
- 33 Hair piece
- 36 Pep up
- 37 Rodeo ring?
- 38 Intrude upon
- 39 Casino worker
- 41 Typographical no-no
- 42 Oasis offering
- 44 Lavish affection (on)
- 45 VIP's transport
- 47 2004 movie "\_\_\_\_ on Fire"
- 49 Tuck's partner

### Answer to Last Week's Crossword:

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## Thursday, Dec. 1

**11th Annual Parade of Stores.** With over 35 retail stores and restaurants participating in the program, shoppers have a wide range of shopping options. Participating stores will be displaying the Parade of Stores participant Christmas tree.

**Dancin' and Movin' with Debbie.** 9:30-10:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. What are you waiting for? Come have fun and get moving with us. For information, call Debbie Copple at 398-0606.

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

**Festival of Trees.** Noon-7 p.m., Community Center. Come down and enjoy listening to Christmas music as you wander through many unique Christmas trees. Hot chocolate, coffee and cookies will be offered. You will be able to vote for your favorite tree for \$1. Call 264-4152 for more information.

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

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

**Connect for Health/Medicaid Presentation.** 1-1:45 p.m., Sisson Library. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

## Past

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Now outfitted with electricity, the town installed street lamps in

mation.

**Teen Advisory Board.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For youth in the 7th-12th grades. Bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

**Know Before You Go Avalanche Safety.** 5:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us for this all-ages avalanche awareness program. Presented by the Colorado Avalanche Information Center. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Main Street Bethlehem.** 6-7:30 p.m., Centerpoint Church. Come and stroll through the town of Bethlehem, a living museum, for 30 minutes and hear the Christmas story. Call 731-2205 for more information.

**San Juan Outdoor Club.** 7 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Monthly meeting. Program speaker is Becky Herman from the Weminuche Audubon Society on bird counts and local birding. Light refreshments will be available starting at 6:30 p.m. Guests welcome. Go to [www.sanjuanoutdoorclub.org](http://www.sanjuanoutdoorclub.org) for more information.

## Friday, Dec. 2

**11th Annual Parade of Stores.** Participating stores will be displaying the Parade of Stores participant Christmas tree.

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

**11th Annual World Craft Fair.** 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Restoration Fellowship. A world of difference with exquisite home decor, personal

accessories and gifts hand-crafted from around the world.

**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.

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

**Gaming.** 2-3:15 p.m., Sisson Library. All ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Wii and X-box 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 want a book to go beyond the last page? Join us to make up and share new stories about some of your favorite characters. For teens in the 7th-12th grades. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Festival of Trees.** 5:30-7 p.m., Community Center. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased in advance only. Table

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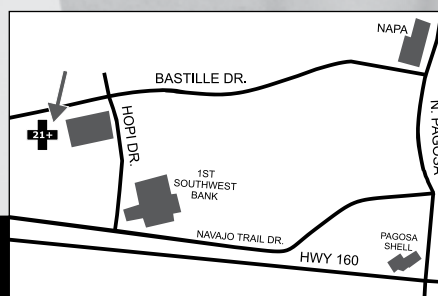
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reservations are also available. Come out for a night of live and silent tree auctions, live music, cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. Call 264-4152 for more information.

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**Pagosa Springs Community Choir Christmas Concert.** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. A talented group of 60 singers, varying in ages from teenagers to seniors. This year's theme is "We Need a Little Christmas."

**Saturday, Dec. 3**

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**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.

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**Sunday, Dec. 4**

**11th Annual Parade of Stores.** Participating stores will be displaying the Parade of Stores participant Christmas tree.

**11th Annual World Craft Fair.** Noon-4 p.m., Restoration Fellowship. A world of difference with exquisite home decor, personal accessories and gifts handcrafted from around the world.

**St. Patrick's Christmas Tea.** 2-4 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. The Episcopal Church women have hosted this beautiful tea for many years. The church will be transformed into an elegant tea room. Tickets are \$10 each.

**Pagosa Springs Community Choir**

**Christmas Concert.** 4 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. A talented group of 60 singers, varying in ages from teenagers to seniors. This year's theme is "We Need a Little Christmas."

**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.

**High Country Squares.** 6:30-8:30 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Mainstream and Plus square dancing with Jim Park calling. Contact person: Steve, 731-0044.

**Monday, Dec. 5**

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

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

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

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

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

**Tuesday, Dec. 6**

**Dancin' and Movin' with Debbie.**

9:30-10:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. What are you waiting for? Come have fun and get moving with us. For information, call Debbie Copple at 398-0606.

**Veterans for Veterans.** 10 a.m., Dorothy's Restaurant.

**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.

**Women Helping in Pagosa Springs (WHIPS).** 11:30 a.m., Borde Rio Restaurant. Holiday luncheon for \$12. Call 946-1895 for your lunch reservation by Monday, Dec. 5, so we can count you in to join us. Everyone is welcome.

**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.

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

**Teen Gaming.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. X-box, Wii, board games and snacks. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

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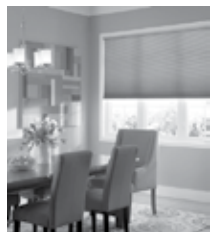
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**Business Bites: A Health Care Options Forum.** 4:30-6 p.m., Community Center. This very important forum will discuss some of the health care options available to the business community and individuals in 2017. The forum will consist of three health care panelists.

**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.

**Pagosa Springs Girls Choir Presents 'Sing with the Angels.'** 7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. In the annual holiday concert, the choir will provide the Pagosa community with a beautiful holiday program for this Christmas season.

## Wednesday, Dec. 7

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

**Free Screenings.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Senior Center. San Juan Basin Health Department screenings on total cholesterol, triglycerides, blood pressure checks, referrals and translations for Spanish speakers.

**Library Storytime.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join Early Literacy Librarian Michael for great stories, fun songs and plenty of reasons to get up and move. Storytime is a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

**Pi Beta Phi.** 11:30 a.m., home of Carole Howard. Special guests will be Thingamajig Theatre

Company stars Jamie Finkenthal and James Scott. Dress in holiday attire. Bring a potluck dish, anonymous angel gift and 10 canned or packaged goods plus hotel-size toiletries for the local food banks. RSVP to tailwinds1@aol.com.

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

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

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

**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.

**Winter Birds 101.** 6-8 p.m., Community Center west conference room. Audubon Rockies' Keith Bruno will host a bird identification class. For more information, go to [www.weminucheaudubon.org](http://www.weminucheaudubon.org) or call Dotie George at 731-5759.

## Thursday, Dec. 8

**Dancin' and Movin' with Debbie.** 9:30-10:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. What are you waiting for? Come have fun and get moving with us. For information, call Debbie Copple at 398-0606.

**Mountain View Homemakers Christmas Holiday Gathering.** 11 a.m., Extension building. The Pagosa Springs High School choir will sing Christmas carols. Special luncheon, optional gift exchange. All area women are invited. Call Tozi at 731-3360 for more information.

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

0775.

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

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

**Connect for Health/Medicaid Presentation.** 1-1:45 p.m., Sisson Library. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

**DIY Holiday Ornaments.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us to make a variety of festive decorations out of old books and beads and paper. For youth in the 5th-12th grades. Call 264-2209 for more information.

## Friday, Dec. 9

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

**Christmas Parties for Kids: Backwards Birthday Bash.** 9-11:30

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a.m., Pagosa Valor Academy. These parties are sponsored by Child Evangelism Fellowship of Colorado. Parents are welcomed to attend. For more information call Frank and Connie Porter, (303) 901-5290 or 507-7096, or email ceflittlekids@gmail.com.

**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.

**Christmas Parties for Kids: Backwards Birthday Bash.** 1:25-3:25 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. These parties are sponsored by Child Evangelism Fellowship of Colorado. Parents are welcomed to attend. For more information call Frank and Connie Porter, (303) 901-5290 or 507-7096, or email ceflittlekids@gmail.com.

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

**Saturday, Dec. 10**

**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, 1044 Park Ave. We will be celebrating with Christmas show and tell, games, food and friendly faces.

**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.

**Christmas Parties for Kids: Backwards Birthday Bash.** 2-3:30 p.m., Community Center. These parties are sponsored by Child Evangelism Fellowship of Colorado. Parents are welcomed to attend. For more information call Frank and Connie Porter, (303) 901-5290 or 507-7096, or email ceflittlekids@gmail.com.

**Made to Give Stenciled Gifts.** 3-4:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Create beautiful handmade stenciled gifts for someone special in your life. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Benefit Dinner.** 5-8 p.m., Dorothy's Restaurant. A benefit chili dinner will be held for Marty Martinez. A benefit drawing for a leather handbag will be ongoing until Dec. 23, when a winner will be announced. \$20 tickets can be purchased at Just for Kids.

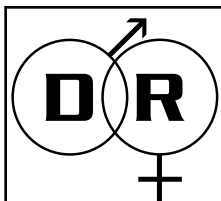
**Contra Dance.** 6:30 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. This is to benefit the Archuleta County Victim Assistance Program, which lost its offices in the Adobe fire. Donations will be accepted at the door. These fun and easily accessible dances for all ages will include American folk dances in circles, squares and line formations. For more information, call Juanalee Park at 731-7547.

**Sunday, Dec. 11**

**Christmas Parties for Kids: Backwards Birthday Bash.** 1-2:30 p.m., Amazing Grace Church, Aspen Springs. These parties are sponsored by Child Evangelism Fellowship of Colorado. Parents are welcomed to attend. For more information call Frank and Connie Porter, (303) 901-5290 or 507-7096, or email ceflittlekids@gmail.com.

**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.

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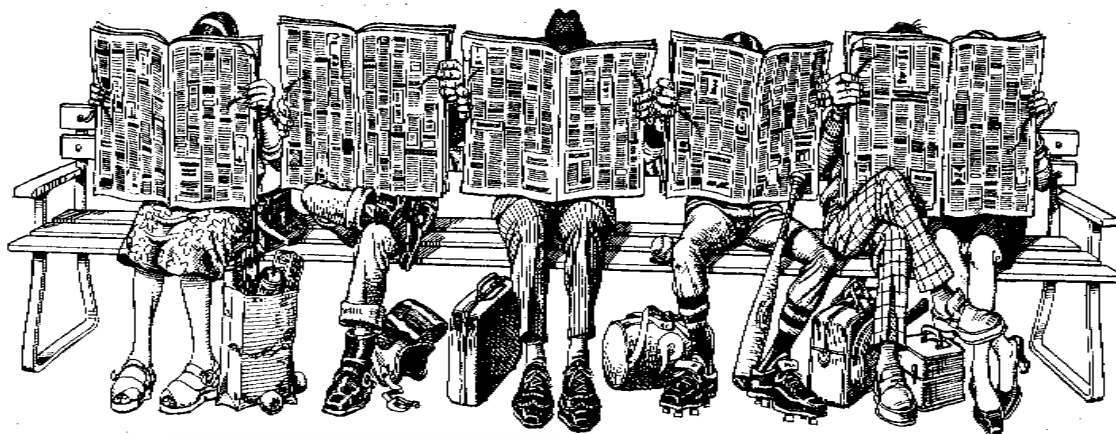
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**A Celtic Christmas.** 7 p.m., Restoration Fellowship Church, 264 Village Drive. Come and enjoy an evening of Christmas music with a Celtic flavor. The Patrick Crossing Band will be performing a selection of traditional Celtic music. Admission is by donation only.

## Monday, Dec. 12

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

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

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**Earth Community.** 2 and 6 p.m. We will be discussing the fall 2015 issue of YES Magazine.

**Christmas Parties for Kids: Backwards Birthday Bash.** 4-5:30 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse. These parties are sponsored by Child Evangelism Fellowship of Colorado. Parents are welcomed to attend. For more information call Frank and Connie Porter, (303) 901-5290 or 507-7096, or email ceflittlekids@gmail.com.

**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, Dec. 13

**Dancin' and Movin' with Debbie.** 9:30-10:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. What are you waiting for? Come have fun and get moving with us. For information, call Debbie Copple at 398-0606.

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

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

**Archuleta County Republican Women.** Noon, Boss Hogg's Restaurant. We will be hosting Christine Soria and Matt Dodson. Everyone is invited to attend. Lunch will be offered for \$12. Email acrwpagosa@gmail.com for more information.

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

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

**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.

## Wednesday, Dec. 14

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

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

**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.

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

**Winter Birds 101.** 6-8 p.m., Community Center west conference room. Audubon Rockies' Keith Bruno will host a bird identification class. For more information, go to www.weminuheadubon.org or call Dotie George at 731-5759.

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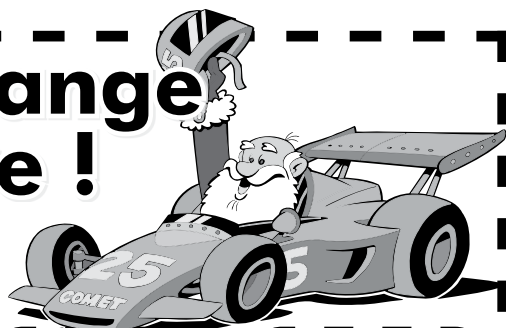
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**Overeaters Anonymous.** 11 a.m., Centerpoint Church library. Open to everyone. For more information, call Leslie at 799-0775.

**Friday, Dec. 16**

**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.

**Saturday, Dec. 17**

**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.

**Christmas Bird Count Wrap -Up Party.** 4-7 p.m., Extension building. Participants are invited to attend the wrap-up party and chili dinner. For more information, go to [www.weminu-cheaudubon.org](http://www.weminu-cheaudubon.org) or call Dottie George at 731-5759.

**Sunday, Dec. 18**

**Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe.** 12:15 p.m., St. Peter-St. Rosa Catholic Church, 18851 Colo. 151, Arboles. Celebration with Mass and a fiesta dinner, raffle, silent auction and activities. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and can be purchased from a member of the Carmelitas or by calling 883-3330.

**The Heralds of Christmas Concert.** 3 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. This concert is presented by

members of the Pagosa Springs Community Band. This year's concert will once again feature the Pagosa Brass Quartet.

**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.

**High Country Squares.** 6:30-8:30 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Mainstream and Plus square dancing with Jim Park calling. Contact person: Steve, 731-0044.

**Monday, Dec. 19**

**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.

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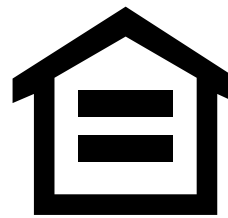
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# The hike: Feeling my age

By **Daris Howard**  
Special to The PREVIEW

I finished a goal that I wrote about in one of my stories 10 years ago. The goal was that I would take each of my 10 children on the hike to Table Mountain, which is just below the Tetons.

I thought about the first time I took some of them up there, and I was already feeling past my prime then. But this time was even worse. And when I walked into church recently, someone asked me why I was limping. When I explained it was from blisters and told him why, he looked at me and said, "Hike that at your age! You're crazy!"

Maybe it was crazy. The hike is a grueling 14-mile round-trip, climbing thousands of feet, some of it across granite and slippery shale rock. But the summit has a beautiful view. And I usually only have to make the hike once with each child, then they usually decide they will never do it again.

My youngest daughter turned 13 recently, so I decided she was strong enough to make the climb. I had also never taken her sister, who is only two years older, so the three of us decided to make a day of it on the Saturday before Labor Day. I checked all of my equipment the night before and found that my water purification pump had quit working since I last used it. That left no option but to carry extra water.

We got up at five o'clock and drove to the trailhead, arriving just before seven. We stretched, used

the restroom and headed on our way. The first part of the climb was quite strenuous with switchbacks out of the parking lot up into the canyon. This soon turned into an easier upward trail. But that just lulled a person into a false security, because once a person reached the point where they felt too close to the summit to turn back, the trail turned steeply upward.

The sun wasn't yet showing above the mountain rim when we reached our first mile point, and no one had passed us, so I felt we were doing really well. But as time went on, people did start to pass us. First just a few, then whole families. The extra water in my pack felt like it weighed a ton, and my muscles were shouting "Stupid!" at me with every step I took.

When we reached the point where the trail turned into steep switchbacks up the top of the canyon rim, I told my daughters it was time to cache more than half of the water and only carry what we would need to get us back to that point. My daughters readily agreed. We put the full water bottles into some brush and continued our climb. The higher we climbed, the more one daughter struggled with the lack of oxygen. We started setting a goal of a hundred steps, then rest. A hundred steps, then rest. That later turned to 75, then 50, as the trail turned ever steeper.

More and more people passed us, but when a man who looked to be about 80 walked by, I began to question if I was delusional, especially since he was smiling. I have

to admit that I was probably still the second oldest person on the mountain that day, but I doubted I would be making that hike 25 years from now. And I definitely would not be smiling if I did.

We made it to the top, had lunch, took pictures, and then turned to go back down. As I stood and my muscles screamed, I looked down and knew there was no other option. I warned my daughters that the hike down seemed to go forever, and indeed, I kept hearing, "Aren't we almost there yet?" more than I can count. But eventually we made it.

For a reward, we stopped at a little drug store for ice cream. As we sat and ate, I said, "Well, my job is done. Now it will be up to you to take your children up there."

My older daughter, wincing from the blisters on her feet, groaned. "When I get married, I think I will move to a flat prairie and tell my children that mountains only exist in story books."

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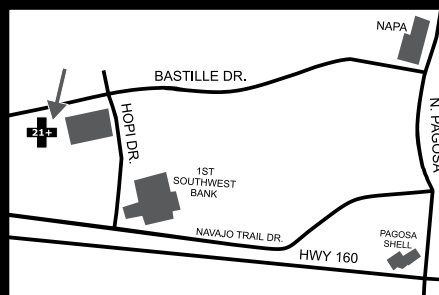


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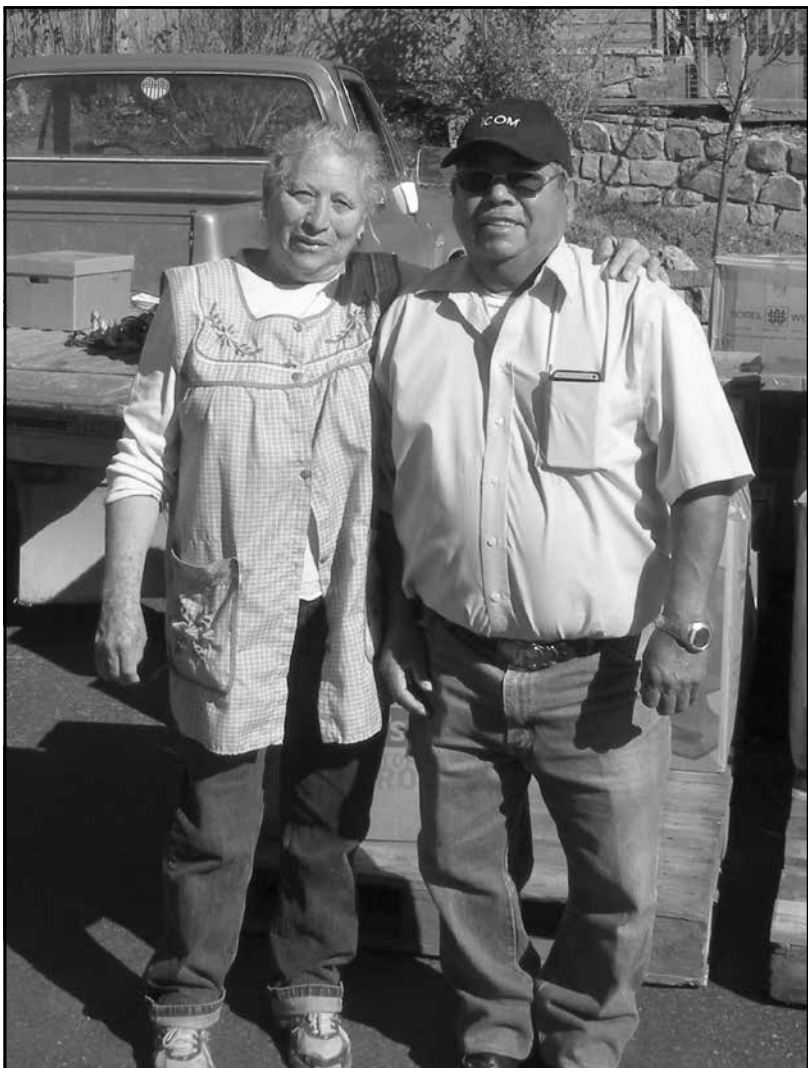
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# Senior Center initiates new health and wellness services

By Cheryl Wilkinson  
PREVIEW Columnist

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

The program includes 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 is accepted at this time. Participants are encouraged to bring a list of their current medications.

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

## Computer center

The Pagosa Senior Center is now providing computer access to seniors who are members of the Discount Club. Computers stations are available by the hour. If no one has signed up for the next hour, seniors may continue to use the computer for an additional hour(s). Computer and Internet access is available during business hours when staff is in attendance and classes are not in session.

## Medical alert system

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

## Marty Martinez benefit dinner set for Dec. 10

By Maria Gallegos  
Special to The PREVIEW

A benefit chili dinner will be held for Marty Martinez on Dec. 10 at Dorothy's Restaurant from 5 to 8 p.m.

A benefit drawing for a leather handbag will be ongoing until Dec. 23, when a winner will be announced. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at Just for Kids.

## Senior News

### Medicare Mondays

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

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

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

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

### Memberships

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

### Menu

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

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

those under 60.

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

Thursday, Dec. 1 — Fish tacos, black beans, Mexicali corn, salad bar and dessert.

Friday, Dec. 2 — Beef Salisbury, potatoes, broccoli and salad bar.

Monday, Dec. 5 — Grilled chicken, sautéed spinach with mushrooms, roasted tomato, salad bar and peach cobbler.

Tuesday, Dec. 6 — Beef meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, steamed broccoli, roll and salad bar.

Wednesday, Dec. 7 — Shrimp and grits, baked sweet potato, squash with red peppers, salad bar and dessert.

Thursday, Dec. 8 — Pork green enchilada, beans, corn and salad bar.

Reservations and cancellations

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

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