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## Charter school application approved with conditions

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE) gave the Pagosa Charter School Initiative's (PCSI) application for the Pagosa Peak Open School the green light during a special meeting Monday afternoon — a decision that was met with audience applause.

"Your charter school has been approved with conditions," ASD board president Greg Schick announced following the unanimous vote, which took place in a crowded conference room at the ASD administrative offices.

Those conditions concern the school's first-year budget and finance, educational program and standards, governance and employees.

Now, ASD and the PCSI board will have 90 days from Nov. 14 "to negotiate and finalize a charter school contract that is consistent with the charter school application and the conditions outlined in the resolution. If the charter school and District need more time, they can agree to extend the 90-day deadline," according to an email from ASD Superintendent Linda Reed.

In the same email, Reed explained, "The charter school contract will largely be based on the application and conditions. However, there are items that are open to negotiation. Given that the charter school contract is subject to negotiation by the parties, the specific terms being negotiated are not being discussed outside of negotiations."

The specific process for negotiating has not yet been determined, Reed noted, since the district has not been through the charter school application and contract process before.

She noted, "... but we understand a common place for the parties to start is the form charter school contract put out by the Colorado Department of Education. The District plans to work through the form charter school contract with the Pagosa Charter School Initiative."

■ See Charter A8

## Wolf Creek Ski Area opening for Thanksgiving weekend

Special to The SUN

Wolf Creek Ski Area will be open Thursday, Nov. 24, for Thanksgiving weekend with the beginner lift, Nova, operating from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Ski School will be available for both adults and children, including the Wolf Pup Program.

Currently, the ski area is making snow at night in the beginner area. WolfCreekSki.com will be updated with more information as it becomes available.

Wolf Creek received 8 inches of fresh snow the first weekend of November and future storms are in the forecast for the upcoming week.

## Honoring our Veterans



SUN photos/Randi Pierce

Top: Pagosa Springs Middle School eighth-graders pose with Benny Lohman at the eighth grade's Veterans Day Breakfast. Lohman is a local veteran of the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service, part of the Navy, in World War II. Lohman's late husband was also a WWII veteran. Bottom: Veterans and members of American Legion Post 108 remove cover during the post's Veterans Day ceremony on Nov. 11.



## Justice Center

### BoCC to use eminent domain to bypass deed restriction

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) voted to use eminent domain to bypass the deed restriction for the proposed justice center on the county's Hot Springs Boulevard parcel.

The decision came at the end of the BoCC's Nov. 15 meeting, when the BoCC held an executive session to discuss the matter with County Attorney Todd Starr.

Previously, the BoCC voted to build the county's proposed new justice center on the parcel, located on the west side of Hot Springs Boulevard, across the street from the Pagosa Springs Town Hall and the Ross Aragon Community Center.

■ See Restriction A8

### County awarded \$200,000 from Underfunded Courthouse Facility Commission

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

Archuleta County has been awarded \$200,000 via a grant to use in the process of building the county's new justice center.

The grant was awarded by the Underfunded Courthouse Facility Commission (UCFC) on Nov. 9, after the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) applied for the grant in late September.

In a previous BoCC meeting, Archuleta County Administrator Bentley Henderson explained that he had recently given a presentation to the UCFC.

The grant requested \$300,000 from the UCFC, with a \$100,000 match from the county.

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# Opinion

## EDITORIAL

### A gift for us all

It's that time of year when our minds turn to holiday shopping and when community newspapers remind shoppers just why they should shop locally.

We encourage you to shop here at home in Archuleta County. The reasons for doing so make good sense.

Spending locally instead of shopping out of town or online ensures that your sales taxes are reinvested in this community. Those sales taxes help fund projects in our community and essential services including law enforcement, parks and recreation, and more.

Investing in our local businesses also creates growth in the community through additional employment opportunities.

Spending money locally strengthens our local economy.

Statistics indicate that for every \$100 you spend at a local business, \$68 returns to the community through taxes, payroll and other expenditures. That investment has a big impact.

If you spend \$100 out of town, we get nothing. Your money will boost another town's economy. Your sales tax dollars will support another city and county and maybe even another state.

Businesses help shape a community's identity. Pagosa Springs wouldn't be in existence if it weren't for local businesses. Entrepreneurs set up shop here over a hundred years ago and have served this community ever since.

Embrace what makes Pagosa Country unique. Saying you found a unique gift locally has a special ring to it. You are sharing the quaintness and charm of Pagosa Country with signature gifts. Buying local keeps our community unique.

Pagosa's unique, local businesses give character to this place we call home. Those same businesses bring in valued tourist dollars.

Customer service of the kind you thought had disappeared can still be found in the smallest of local businesses — local businesses that are the lifeblood of this community.

Locally owned big-box or mom-and-pop businesses pay taxes — and those taxes support our schools and maintain area roads.

You might consider thinking about what three locally owned businesses or companies would you miss if they closed.

Remember, local businesses are owned, managed or run by our friends and next-door neighbors. You know them. They go to church here, coach youth sports teams, eat in local restaurants and live just down the street from you. You may see them at the beauty shop, the coffee shop, at local events or out shopping at and supporting other local businesses. When you buy in local stores, you're supporting your neighbors.

When you buy from local businesses, you're also supporting local nonprofits. Studies show that small business owners give an average of 250 percent more dollars in donations to local nonprofits than do large businesses.

Local business operators are an integral part of any community and deserve local support, particularly at this time of year.

We acknowledge that not everything you want or need can be purchased locally, but we do encourage you to give local businesses that first shot at filling your holiday shopping list by shopping Pagosa first — before you look elsewhere.

Thriving local businesses are part of a vibrant, growing community, making it an attractive place to live, work and raise a family.

Buying locally is a gift for us all.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

## WHADDYA THINK?

Are you ready for snow?



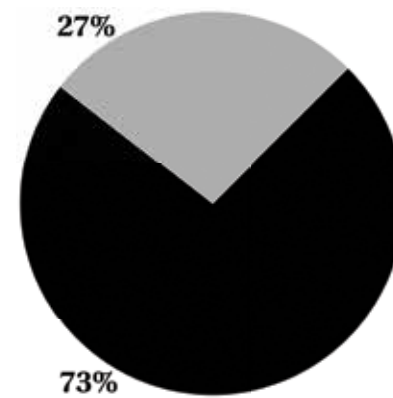
**Ali Whitman**  
"Yes. We just moved here two years ago from Southern California, so snow is still fun."



**Emily Daniel**  
"Yes. 'Tis the season."



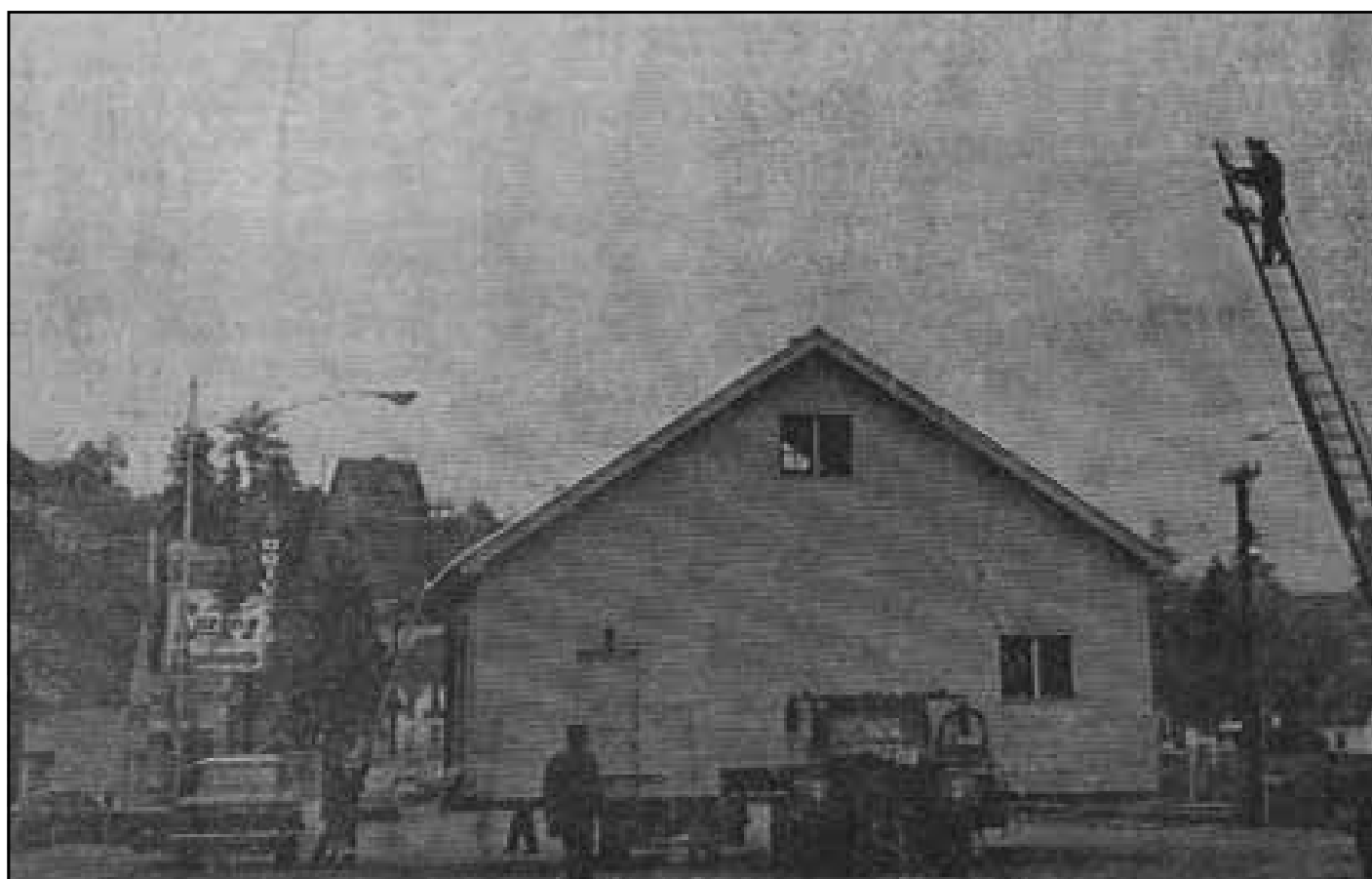
**Michelle Clark**  
"Our community is ready for snow; we need it. I can take it or leave it, as long as the mud stays away."



**Poll results (146 Votes)**  
Yes — 73 percent  
No — 27 percent

This week online: Where do you plan to do most of your holiday shopping?  
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## LOOKING BACK



From the Dec. 14, 1967, Pagosa Springs SUN.

**MOVING DAY** — Tuesday was moving day for a large building. The structure had been the Forest Service garage, workshop, and warehouse for many years. A new structure was recently completed. The Town of Pagosa Springs and the Pagosa Springs Sanitation District purchased the old building and it is being moved to property owned by the Sanitation District just south of town. The building progressed down the Main street with little difficulty.

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of November 12, 1926 **Judge Wiley and his company** that have been working at Summitville have been shipping small lots of ore pretty steady for the past month. Next summer they expect to put a much larger force of men to work at that camp. The ore has been running around \$4,000.00 a sack. — Del Norte Prospector.

**The Campfire girls of Pagosa Springs** organized last Saturday with Mrs. Louis Montroy as guardian. The party, consisting of the guardian and fourteen girls, hiked to Catchpole Mistake, ate a picnic dinner, elected officers and returned home.

**Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Daggett Jr.**, formerly residents of Pagosa, entertained a number of friends at their ranch home south of Chama on Sunday evening.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of November 21, 1941 **The local Welfare office** mailed out old age pension checks Wednesday of this week to 175 old age pensioners in Archuleta county, totalling \$5,931.16. The deduction this month was \$5.00, leaving \$40 to be paid. Mrs. Reynolds mailed the checks a few days early so the pensioners might enjoy their turkey on Thanksgiving.

**Christmas is just around the corner** — only 27 more shopping days. The Jackisch Drug store is already showing a preview of Christmas merchandise. Hersch's store is taking on its holiday dress now. Goodman's will begin yuletide decorations this weekend and Geo. Alley, who expects to be open for business in his new location on Pagosa street the first of next week, will open with a beautiful display of Christmas merchandise for young and old, alike.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of November 17, 1966 **The impact of the Blanco Tunnel** on the economy of the community, and upon community activities, has been most noticeable for some time now. Just starting to be noticeable is the impact of the drilling of the Oso Tunnel and the drilling work now in progress on this end of the Azotea Tunnel. Both of the last two are on the Navajo, a short distance above Chromo. A large number of local residents are employed on both of these, as is the case with the Blanco Tunnel. The number of men employed on the Azotea will reach 125 soon and it will also be run on a three shift per day basis. The monthly payroll of this tunnel will reach \$100,000.00 per month at that time. In addition to local men employed on the two tunnels there are a large number of employees that have moved here.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of November 21, 1991 **Town administrator Patrick Sherman** and Parks and Recreation director Joe Lister Jr. made a presentation before a "Colorado Initiatives" panel at Montrose last Friday in an attempt to procure grant money for the on-going Reservoir Hill development project. "We tried to center on the concept of tying the Reservoir Hill trails into the Riverwalk," said Sherman, "and putting the trailhead at the Visitors Center. We can provide a fine park experience for local residents and we can provide a percentage of the 40,000 people who stop at the Visitors Center each year with a nature experience within 300 yards of where they park. They will spend time with us and help the economy." The Colorado Initiatives decision will be made in December.

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# Letters

## Not in Kansas

Dear Editor:  
We're not in Kansas anymore ... oops, we just reentered.  
So what's it like in Kansas, well I recall the John Birch Society had editorial/veto rights over all media including the local bookstore (porno excluded). The Koch Bro.'s industries ruled pretty much ... most stuff. Aircraft industries, they largely bailed; slightly kidding but there may be a church for every 10.2 people. Trickle-down theory and tax breaks for the 1 percent'ers has nearly bankrupted the state with education suffering the most. But the people are happy and contented. Yup, Kansas are a contented lot.  
Not so nationally for "joe-six-pak," Anger, demonizing, frustration, racial pressure, a sense of being forgotten and a whole bunch of

lazy Democrats produced a Trump presidency. But let's get back to the future and then Kansas, well here's what I think we can expect from Trump America: we just voted to give up our super power status (now we're just deal makers and consumers); China gets Asia, period; but, but we saved Russia from its third-rate rogue status and made the EU their Christmas gift (scratch NATO); Syria, well Assad gets to stay (no war crime trial for him); Earth, sorry it's truly a goner (Mars here we come) and free trade (remember that old conservative crutch) it's also in the round file.

So who and what did Trump's election help? "Obama Care" forget it as Trump can't organize a repeal without a revised replacement; Supreme Court nominee, yup did that; women's rights are totally canned; more tax breaks for the 1 percent'ers, you betcha', to invest in the market not factories; more corporate give aways without any cash or factories coming home and free speech, absolutely, where else can you trash everything, all our morals/cultural traditions, religious shibboleths, Constitution/Bill of Rights and get cheers, laughs and votes?

Welcome to Kansas, it's hot, windy, flat and full of robot-like contented cows.

Dave Blake

with are subverted, demeaned and contradicted. Such indoctrination centers abhor religion, capitalism/free enterprise and believe that this nation's role in the world is that of oppressor.

Where does this come from? On Jan. 4, 1884, the British Fabian Society was formed to, "... to advance the principles of democratic socialism via gradualist and reformist effort in democracies, rather than by revolutionary overthrow." This group of influential men also founded the Labour Party in the U.K. If the term "Democratic Socialism" rings a bell with you, you might recall this is precisely what presidential candidate Bernie Sanders said he was.

From these beginnings in England, Fabianism has spread to many countries and seeks especially to infiltrate and become the dominant influence in faculties of colleges and universities. One of their symbols is the tortoise for slow, gradual change. Another symbol employed by the Fabians is a wolf in sheep's clothing, denoting deception. That has characterized their mode of operation in gaining influence throughout our American higher education venues. It should be obvious by now, that they have been very successful. As a result, it is quite difficult for conservative people to gain positions in most institutions of higher learning. One must toe the mark of Democratic Socialism in most of our universities or find one's self on the outside looking in.

What's more Fabianism is being funded by you, the American taxpayer. You fund them with the tuition you pay for your son's and daughter's college education and since most of these institutions are state funded, you fund them with your taxes as well.

What can be done? Simply put, you can do your homework before you send your children off to college. Become aware of a few exceptions to the Fabian "sea" of higher education. Places like Hillsdale College, Patrick Henry College, and a few religious colleges serve as "islands" in the sea of socialist higher education.

If you want to ensure that your children grow up with the values and ideals that you cherish, then do

not subject them to the socialist indoctrination "camps" of American higher education. Better to have a carpenter for a son or daughter than a socialist educated professional.

Richard A. Bolland

## Your future

Dear Editor:  
Although I lost my bid for the Colorado House, there were many blessings that came out of the Nov. 8 election. I am happy for Colorado.

1. Amendment 69, ColoradoCare, was soundly defeated. ColoradoCare would have bankrupted Colorado with businesses leaving the state and folks without health care and illegal aliens coming to Colorado for free health care.

2. Amendment 71 passed which will make it more difficult to amend the Colorado Constitution. This will help to keep amendments like ColoradoCare from ever getting on the ballot in the first place.

3. The Colorado Senate continues to have a Republican majority. It is a good thing that there is a Senate backstop that will kill sometimes silly, sometimes stupid, and many times costly bills that the Democrat-controlled House of Representatives pass more times than not. I'm sure that Gov. Hickenlooper is also grateful for a Republican Senate so he does not have to veto those Democrat bills.

4. Donald Trump was elected president of the United States. Colorado is in trouble financially. We have lost thousands of high-paying clean coal, oil and gas, and other industry jobs because of the Obama mandates and regulations. President Trump will allow for the renewal of these industries which will mean more tax revenue to pay for K-12 education and other important programs. Also, Medicaid expansion, as required by Obamacare, is taking money from K-12 education. President Trump will help to repeal Obamacare, which will also free up needed money.

The economic report for Colorado came out in September and it was not good. The Legislature must

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# Letters

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cut \$30 million from the 2016/2017 General Fund budget. Is it because we are overspending the budget? No. It is because tax revenues are down. How could that be? I thought Colorado has a booming economy and the business climate is robust. That is what Gov. Hickenlooper reported in a recent letter that he sent. But, based on the latest economic report things aren't that great.

Part of the reason for Colorado's shrinking revenue stream is the reported loss 1,200 clean coal jobs in Central Western and Northwest Colorado as a result of the increased regulatory costs initiated by the Obama and Hickenlooper administrations. These are high paying jobs to folks that spend their money to keep restaurants, grocery stores and all other community businesses in business which in turn hire more people and they all send taxes to the state to pay for services like schools and infrastructure like highways. The economy in Craig, Paonia, Hotchkiss, Nucla, Naturita and other cities is in the toilet. Also, thousands of oil and gas jobs have been lost. The loss of these hurts our overall economy.

Our country and state did not become great economically and environmentally because of a

bloated government, but because of the freedom given to folks like you and me to make a living and thrive. I am optimistic about the future. After all, the future is yours and my kids' and grandchildren's. God bless America.

Sincerely,  
J. Paul Brown

## Reflections

Dear Editor:

This past election was to say the least very interesting especially for the presidential race.

It was also interesting at the local level especially for me as a candidate for county commissioner. I would like to congratulate Ronnie Maez and Steve Wadley for their significant wins. I would also like to thank and acknowledge the great voter turnout of over 7,000 voters participating in the election. That is about 85 percent of the eligible voters in Archuleta County and is far above the national average. So, I thank those who voted for me and all the voters who turned out to make this a record Archuleta County election.

A few weeks ago in a letter to the editor, there was an inference that the Democrats were taking the Republican signs. In reality, the Democrats and probably the independents were losing signs as well. I feel that as a community we need

to respect all of the political signs and let the votes fall where they may. Over the course of the election, I put back some of my signs that were pulled out and dropped (thanks, whomever, for not taking them). I also put back up some of the other candidates signs that I found lying on the ground. Steve Wadley, you were one or two for sure.

To make a long story short, we need to respect all of the candidates, their signs and their efforts to be elected. We live in a great country and a great county; let's support those elected and help them lead our country forward.

Ray Finney

## On change

Dear Editor:

Thanksgiving Day, hmmm. What is it all about? Family "down time" to enjoy parades, traditional foods that bring about memories of childhood, memories of parents and grandparents, then a good nap before football, which has become quite a part of our Thanksgiving Day celebrations.

But much more than that, we are celebrating "thanks," thanks for our country's freedom to worship, thanks for love of family, thanks for the goodness of others, and thanks to God for being in our lives to guide us to do good. Hopefully, celebration of this day will cause all to cleanse our minds of the hateful political rhetoric we have suffered through and focus on goodness for all, the "Pagosa Way."

This president-elect campaigned for "change," just as the current president did. His campaign for change also applies to himself, he must bury his despicable rhetoric and divisive ideas. Of course, "change" requires a cooperative Congress. We'll see.

So let's all ask for God's guidance for our leaders, give them a

chance to govern with goodness and cleanse our own souls through prayer and forgiveness. That is the road to travel, we must do this together, this is the time. Can we do it? We must. Blessings to all.

Patty Tillerson

## Support Scouting

Dear Editor:

The annual drive for Friends of Scouting is kicking off again and we as citizens have an opportunity to help our community by supporting the Boy Scouts of America. As you know, the Scouting program builds character and our youth today face many challenges.

The "Scout Law" reads, "A Scout is: Trustworthy; Loyal; Helpful; Friendly; Courteous; Kind; Obedient; Cheerful; Thrifty; Brave; Clean; and Reverent." As future leaders, parents and citizens in our society, having these attributes will serve our community well.

"The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law."

Many of us have experienced the joy of scouting and understand its opportunities to learn life long skills while serving others. Now we have the opportunity to give back and keep this program going for the youth of today and tomorrow.

Please make your tax deductible contribution this year. Simply make your checks payable to the Great Southwest Council, BSA and send them to 5841 Office Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109.

Should you need additional information, please contact Frank Zellner, 264-2872.

Thank you for your consideration.

Frank Zellner

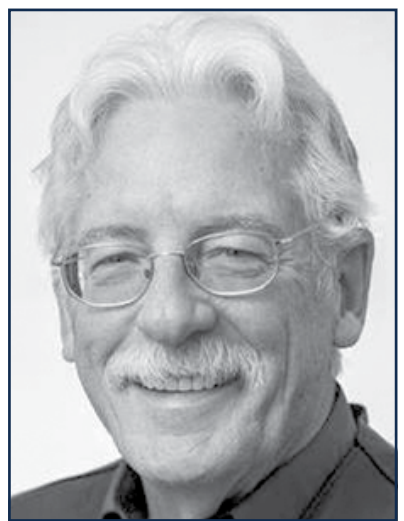
# Memorials

## Fred Harman

Fred Harman's funeral will be held on Nov. 26 at 3 p.m. at Trinity Anglican church in Pagosa Springs.

Fr. John Longcamp, from St. Dunstan's church in Dillon, Colo., will officiate and will also celebrate Holy Communion at Trinity the next day, Sunday, at 10 a.m.

Fred's will states his wish to have a service at Trinity, and the fourth Sunday of every month is when we are privileged to have Fr. Longcamp with us.



## Ed Morlan

Ed Morlan died a peaceful death Tuesday, Nov. 15. He was simply the best at everything he did and he

will be missed by many. This was all very unexpected and he was far too young. He had just recently retired and was ready for the next chapter.

We will be celebrating his remarkable life at 10 a.m. this Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Bayfield Performing Arts Center at 800 County Road 501. Family, friends and fans are invited. The memorial will be followed by a community potluck at the Pine River Senior Center at 111 W. South St. in Bayfield around noon. Folks can drop food off at the Senior Center before the memorial starts at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the "Ed Morlan SCAPE Entrepreneurs Fund." Donations can be made at any First Southwest Bank branch or mailed to SCAPE at 1211 Main Avenue #1, Durango, CO 81301.

# BLM to offer 17 parcels in oil and gas lease sale

Special to The SUN

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will offer 17 parcels totaling 17,632 acres in the Tres Rios Field Office at its Feb. 9, 2017, quarterly oil and gas lease sale.

The BLM will hold the lease sale online via [www.energynet.com](http://www.energynet.com). Bidding will begin at 9 a.m. Mountain Standard Time. The BLM will offer one parcel in Archuleta County, five parcels in Dolores County, one in Montezuma County and 10 in San Miguel County.

Each lease, if issued, will contain stipulations and best management practices designed to address air quality and water resources while ensuring safe and environmentally responsible development. As part of leasing reform, the BLM may modify lease stipulations to accommodate site-specific resources.

The public may protest any of the parcels being offered in the sale until Dec. 12. Protests must be submitted to the BLM Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield St., Lakewood, CO 80215. The environmental assessments, lists and maps of the parcels, and the attached stipulations are online at <http://on.doi.gov/2fAHITp>.

The state of Colorado receives 49 percent of the proceeds of each lease sale. In fiscal year 2015, Colorado received approximately \$247 million from royalties, rentals and bonus bid payments for all federal minerals, including oil and gas. Statewide, more than 22,900 jobs are tied to mineral and energy development on public lands.

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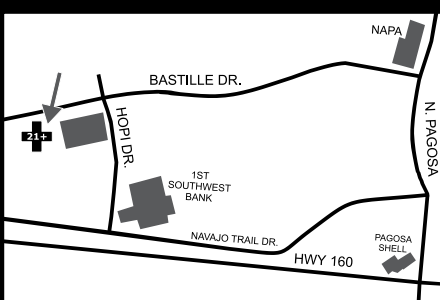
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# Business

## CHAMBER NEWS

### Economic Survey begins this week

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
SUN Columnist

Starting Nov. 15, the Chamber of Commerce and the Community Development Corporation (CDC) made available online the 2017 Economic Outlook Survey that we are asking the business community to participate in. The survey will take about five minutes to complete and includes questions on doing business in Pagosa Springs, running a business in southwest Colorado and in the state of Colorado.

The survey will give our community leaders a clear picture of where you think your business is heading in 2017 including hiring, expansion or downsizing, and what you feel are your top challenges within your business and doing business in Pagosa Springs.

Questions in the survey include "What must happen to make Pagosa Springs a great place to start or grow a business?" and "What would you say is the No. 1 business challenge your organization faces in 2017?" You do not have to be a Chamber member to participate in the survey. The link to the survey will be hosted on the websites of both the Chamber, [www.pagosa-chamber.com](http://www.pagosa-chamber.com), and CDC, [www.pagosaspringscdc.org](http://www.pagosaspringscdc.org). You can be the owner of a bricks and mortar business, a home-based business or someone renting office space. We would appreciate your input.

There are groups working on several key issues such as early childhood care and education and housing; however, we need to hear from the business community where the major emphasis needs to be placed. What can we do to assist the business community and what public/private partnerships need to be formed?

We know that surveys are time consuming and people wonder if anything will happen with the results. We intend to take the information and report out to the various focus groups as well as the town, county and Region 9, and use this information to help the groups focus or reaffirm where their efforts are going. Businesses will have the opportunity to complete the survey until Dec. 9.

If you fill out the survey, you will also have the option to receive a free pre-release of the survey results. This survey also gives the Chamber and the CDC ideas of where to focus their energies and what resources we need to work on. The survey is being managed through the Baker Strategy Group. Please contact the Chamber if you have any questions.

#### Parade of Stores

Start your shopping engines — the Parade of Stores Local Shopping Extravaganza is only two weeks away.

The 2016 Parade of Stores will be held over four days this year, Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 1-4. We are encouraging our community to rediscover shopping local.

This popular annual shopping event has some changes and additions to the program this year. Instead of focusing on the No Tax Shopping Weekend, there will be Dynamic Discounts instead. This allows the shopper to experience even more savings all throughout the community. There will be open houses, great discounts and super savings all weekend, during certain hours or on certain days. It will be important for the community to see who is doing what throughout that weekend to maximize your savings. The program still has the frequent shopper brochure so

that when shoppers get a certain amount of store stamps (no purchase necessary), they are entered into the drawing with prizes from every participating store.

Getting your pamphlet stamped this year will also be a little different. There will be a cute tie-dyed Pagosa bear with the stamp placed somewhere in each store — not hard to find. When you find the bear, stamp your flyer and head to the next location.

Participating establishments will be designated by a holiday Christmas tree cutout displayed at their entrances, as well as displaying the Parade of Stores poster.

In addition, for every \$10 that you spend, you will also be entered into the Super Prize package drawing. To make it easier on the shoppers, if you spend \$100 or more, you do not have to fill out a ticket for every \$10, but the stores will record your ticket numbers and turn them into the Chamber for the drawing. We are trying to save time and frustration for the shopper and the stores. As usual, there will be some great prizes such as a trip, spa day and more.

This year, we are also adding the restaurants onto the Parade

of Stores. Designated restaurants will be offering discounts if you display a validated frequent shopping pamphlet — you cannot show a blank one. It must have stamps on the card — not all the required stamps, but stamps to show that you have been shopping in Pagosa. This weekend should be fun for individuals, girlfriends, families, visitors or couples. Just get out and shop and make an event of it.

You will be able to pick up your frequent shopping flyers at the Chamber or participating stores on Dec. 1. While all stores may not be open on Dec. 4, those shoppers who are out and about can still get their frequent shopper page stamped on that day at stores that are open or participating restaurants.

We thank all of our participating businesses and encourage our community to keep your dollars local and your gift giving unique by giving gifts from Pagosa Springs.

#### Membership news

The Chamber will host a Maximizing Your Membership class on Nov. 28, but will not have one in December. Therefore, with this being the last class of 2016, sign up and

find out how you can make your Chamber benefits work harder for you in 2017.

The December Business After Hours is also earlier than normal due to the holidays. The Business After Hours will be held on Dec. 14 from 5 to 7 p.m. Watch for your invitation via email and a printed version.

We have a number of new businesses and renewals to celebrate this week. Starting off with our new businesses, we welcome JEM Jewelers, River Point Coffee House and Pagosa Hardwood Floors.

We welcome back the following renewing businesses: Liberty Theatre, Higher Grounds Coffee, Raymond Rent-a-Nerd, Summit Ski and Sports, And Justice for All and Foxfire Farms.

Nonprofit agencies renewing are the Humane Society Thrift Store, Chimney Rock Interpretive Association and the League of Women Voters.

Don't forget to make out your shopping list with Pagosa Perks certificates included. They can be purchased in various denominations at the Chamber. They make great thank you, employee and stocking-stuffer gifts.

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# Biz Beat



Mary Ann Valdez is the owner of La Segunda, a secondhand store, located at 4760 W. U.S. 160 in the West End Plaza. La Segunda carries furniture, clothing, jewelry, household items, jewelry, toys, books, bathing suits, small appliances and more. The inventory is always changing. La Segunda is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. For further information, Valdez can be reached at 946-8598.

# Volunteers to collect food/cash donations for community food banks

By Indiana Reed  
Special to The SUN

Responding to community needs in advance of the holidays, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (Local IBEW 111 26A), of La Plata Electric Association (LPEA), will host the ninth annual "Fill the Bucket" food drive Nov. 19 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

LPEA personnel and the "bucket trucks" will be at both City Market and Hometown Food Market in Pagosa Springs to collect nonperishable food items (canned goods or boxed/bagged dry goods). Donated food will be distributed to community food banks in Archuleta County. "We really love doing this every year, helping support our community," said Pagosa Fleet Mechanic Jeremy Gurule, who is assisting in coordinating the event. "Everything is expensive these days, and the need continues to grow, so we want to help people stock their pantries for this coming winter."

Cash donations for the food banks are also welcomed and donors can make arrangements to give directly by calling Gurule at (970) 317-0496, or bring a donation by the LPEA office in Pagosa Springs (603 S. 8th St.). Checks can be made payable to the IBEW Local 111 Brotherhood Fund. All donated funds will be distributed to the food banks.

"We're very proud that LPEA's IBEW members are once again volunteering their time for this important effort," said Mike Dreysspring, LPEA CEO. "We hope many folks will bring their food or cash donations to help support their neighbors and those less fortunate in our area."

For further information regarding the "Fill the Bucket" food drive, contact Gurule.

The IBEW represents approximately 750,000 members who work in a wide variety of fields, including utilities, construction, telecommunications, broadcasting, manufacturing, railroads and government.

# Toys for Tots drop-off locations announced

By Nancy Williams  
Special to The SUN

The Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots has partnered with Justice Ministries of Pagosa Inc. and Vets For Vets for this year's campaign.

You may donate any new toys at these participating businesses through Dec. 11: Walmart, Goodman's, Rainbow Gifts, The Springs

Resort, Wyndham Visitor Center and Community United Methodist Church.

Thank you for making this holiday season a little brighter for those less fortunate.

Contact Nancy Williams, coordinator for Pagosa's Toys for Tots and director for Justice Ministries of Pagosa Inc., P.O. Box 5262, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, 264-4483 (GIVE).

# LPEA members to receive \$3.85 million in capital credits refunds

By Indiana Reed  
Special to The SUN

Archuleta and La Plata County businesses and residents who have paid their electric bills to La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) since at least 2015 will receive capital credits refunds totaling \$3.85 million during the November billing cycle.

The LPEA Board of Directors, at the regular monthly board meeting on Oct. 19, approved the refund, with the majority of the capital credits (also known as patronage capital) to be credited to electricity bills, though any refund amounts larger than \$100

will be mailed as checks. Members will receive their refunds during the billing period Nov. 8 through Dec. 6.

"Capital credits represent our member's investment in La Plata Electric Association," said Mike Dreysspring, LPEA CEO, noting that LPEA is a not-for-profit corporation with a 501(c)(12) tax designation. "As part of that tax designation, which establishes us as a cooperative, we are required to allocate margins in the form of capital credits to our members as annually determined by our board of directors. Refunding capital credits to our members is one of the many things that make electric cooperatives unique."

This year, LPEA has the additional benefit of passing on retired capital credits from Tri-State Generation and Transmission, as Tri-State is a cooperative, with LPEA one of its 43 members.

"We have received \$1 million from

Tri-State that we are directly passing on to our members," said Dennis Svanes, LPEA CFO. "The distribution will be a FIFO (first-in, first-out), so those who have been members since 1994 will get the extra distribution."

Capital credits are essentially the margins or revenues remaining after all expenses have been paid, according to Svanes. Annually, the electricity payments made by members in excess of the cost to provide their electric service is placed into a patronage capital account in each member's name. This capital, along with borrowed funds, is used to finance needed improvements to LPEA's system infrastructure.

"In other words," said Svanes, "LPEA invests the margins earned by each owner back into our system. It helps build members' equity and reduces the amount of money LPEA has to borrow — so it reduces interest charges we'd have to otherwise pay.

The margins allow LPEA to maintain system reliability at its highest level and help keep rates lower."

Annually, should the patronage capital account reach a level in excess of the amount LPEA needs to maintain the system, the LPEA Board of Directors "retires," or gives back, a percentage of the funds. For 2016, LPEA is retiring \$1.425 million in capital credits (on a first-in, first-out FIFO basis) earned in 1994 and 1995, as well as \$1.425 million on a percentage basis (approximately 2.32 percent) from years 1995 through 2015. Thus, anyone with an established LPEA account in 2015 or prior will receive funds in proportion to that member's contribution to LPEA's margins.

Annually, LPEA endeavors to find those members who have moved out of the service territory, as they are still eligible to receive retired capital credits from previous years.

# Thanks

## Adobe fire

I would like to thank all of the organizations, businesses and individuals who have helped all of the businesses that were displaced by the Adobe building fire. Thank you to the Chamber of Commerce for all of its support. Thank you to the Catholic Church and the Methodist Church for giving our HOA locations for emergency meetings. Thank you to Jann C. Pitcher Real Estate for being a drop-off location for donated items. Thank you to all the people that came forward with offers of office space and office furniture. Thank you to all the people who have expressed concern and condolences. I apologize if I have left anyone out. It has been very comforting to see how our community rallied together in a crisis, and it reaffirms what a blessing it is to live in Pagosa Springs.

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# USCIS revises Form I-9, used for all new hires in U.S.

By Debbie Cannon  
Special to The SUN

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) this week published a revised version of Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification.

By Jan. 22, 2017, employers must use only the new version, dated 11/14/2016 N. Until then, they can continue to use the version dated 03/08/2013 N or the new version.

Among the changes in the new version, Section 1 asks for "other last names used" rather than "other names used," and streamlines certification for certain foreign nationals.

Other changes include:

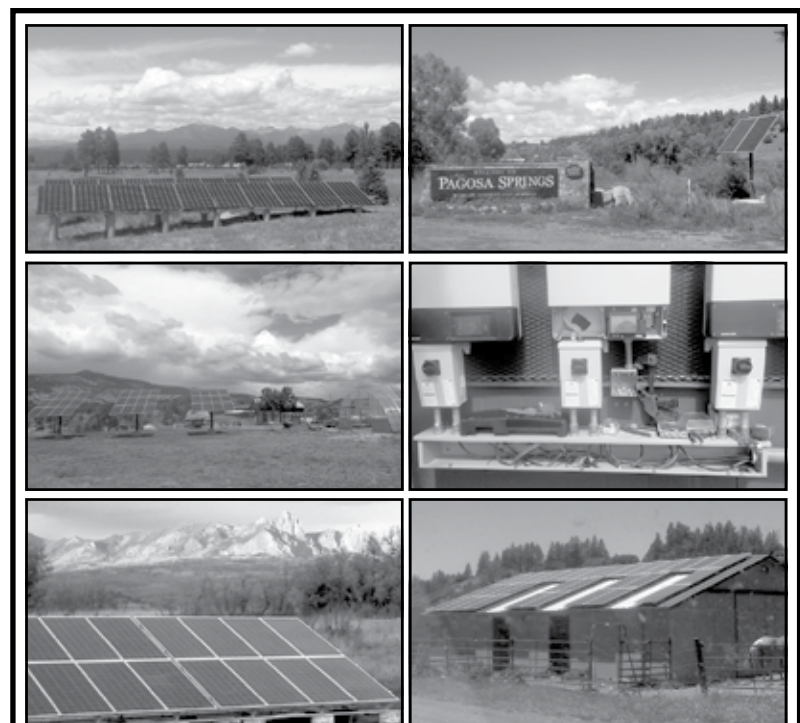
- The addition of prompts to ensure information is entered correctly.
- The ability to enter multiple preparers and translators.
- A dedicated area for including additional information rather than having to add it in the margins.
- A supplemental page for the preparer/translator.

The instructions have been separated from the form, in line with other USCIS forms, and include specific instructions for completing each field.

The revised Form I-9 is also easier to complete on a computer. Enhancements include drop-down

lists and calendars for filling in dates, on-screen instructions for each field, easy access to the full instructions and an option to clear the form and start over. When the employer prints the completed form, a quick response (QR) code is automatically generated, which can be read by most QR readers.

Form I-9 requirements were established in November 1986 when Congress passed the Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA). IRCA prohibits employers from hiring people, including U.S. citizens, for employment in the United States without verifying their identity and employment authorization on Form I-9.



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# Road and Bridge crews repair eroding bridge

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

Archuleta County Road and Bridge crews recently repaired a bridge that had sustained large amounts of erosion to its bottom part.

"A minor bridge on CR-700 (Cat Creek Road) was inspected earlier this year and it was discovered that the south abutment wall had been undermined," reads a press release written by Archuleta County Engineer Bob Perry. "Large volume and high velocity water runoff during one or two major storm events in the upstream drainage area caused over three feet of scour erosion."

The press release goes on to explain that the scouring of abutments is the leading cause of

bridge failures within the nation, so the bridge needed to be addressed before more storms could threaten the structure.

"County crews tackled the problem by placing 'desk sized' boulders in the waterway under the bridge, then 'chair sized' rock in between the boulders and then bowling ball sized rock to fill in the gaps between the larger rock," explains the press release.

The document goes on to state that the rocks had to be placed individually in a low overhead area with a "track hoe operated by Arthur Villareal, one of the county's talented track hoe operators, with capable assistance from Brad Denison giving guidance from the ground."

After the rock was placed out, thinned concrete was used to fill the spaces between the rocks and under the abutment.

"Then an additional three truck loads of concrete were placed in the voids between the rock across the entire waterway," explains the press release. "This approach is intended to prevent the large rock from being washed out during future large storms events and protect this bridge for years to come."

The document explains that the concrete crew included Matt Archuleta, Harvey McFartridge, David Gallegos and Joseph Carnite.

Said Perry, "For Archuleta County Road and Bridge Crews, saving a bridge is all in a day's work."

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# Town Council to consider service organization funding requests tonight

By Jim Garrett  
Staff Writer

At its regular meeting beginning at 5 p.m. this evening, the Pagosa Springs Town Council will consider local "service organizations" requests for funding for 2017.

According to a report to council by Town Manager Greg Schlute summarizing the requests that was posted on the town's website in advance of the meeting, a total of 14 organizations have asked the town in writing for financial support in

an aggregate amount of \$140,600.

Schulte's report adds that the town's past policy has been to allocate 3 percent of regular, ongoing revenues, primarily taxes, for support of service organizations.

Based on projected revenues anticipated by the town's preliminary 2017 budget, Schulte notes that policy would allow total support of \$77,138 for service organizations next year.

The town's final budget for 2017 is expected to be adopted next month.

Schulte advised The SUN on Nov. 15 that representatives of the organizations seeking support will have the opportunity during council's meeting tonight to answer council's questions regarding the funding requests.

Organizations that have submitted written requests include four grouped by Schulte's report under the heading of "County Services." These and the amounts requested include Nutrition/Seniors, \$12,500; Transportation/Seniors, \$4,500; New Programs/Seniors, \$3,000; and Mountain Express (the county-operated bus line), \$35,000.

Under the heading "Education," Seeds of Learning has requested \$10,000 and the Archuleta County Crossing Guard program, \$2,000.

Under the heading "Health/Safety," Axis/Pagosa Counseling Center has requested \$2,000, Southwest Safehouse/Volunteers of America has requested \$600, the Archuleta County Victim Assistance Program has requested \$7,000, the Axis Acute Treatment Unit has requested \$15,000, and the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging has requested \$4,000.

Under the heading "Community Assistance," Thingamajig Theatre Company has requested \$10,000, the San Juan Historical Museum (also known as the Pagosa Springs History Museum) has requested \$30,000, and Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library has requested \$5,000.

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# Timely tips for sending holiday mail to diplomatic citizens and deployed members of the military

By David Rupert  
Special to The SUN

Ensuring those serving in the nation's armed forces and diplomatic service receive their holiday mail in time is a priority for the U.S. Postal Service. Here are a few tips to keep in mind:

- Deadlines for Christmas delivery to U.S. military and APO/FPO depend on the destination. For most destinations, the following cutoff dates apply:

- Priority packages and first-class cards and letters: Dec. 9.
- Priority express mail: Dec. 16.

- The Postal Service offers a \$2 discount on its largest flat rate priority box when sent to an APO/FPO/DPO address.

- USPS offers a free Military Kit consisting of: two Priority Mail APO/FPO/DPO flat rate boxes; two Priority Mail medium flat rate boxes; Priority Mail tape; and Priority Mail address labels.

To order the kit, call (800) 610-8734.

Always check with www.usps.com, which will provide packaging tips, prohibited items and other custom's requirements.

# Community pet food drive gets underway

By Nancy Haines  
Special to The SUN

It's that time of year again, when money gets tight in our community for some families.

Pagosa Feed is holding its third annual pet food drive. In years past, the food has been available during Thanksgiving week. This year, with the help of four church pantries, food will be made available through all the holidays to the end of the year.

Last year, we were able to help

many families with a record high donation collection of over 400 pounds of food. Let's work together to help those pets in need. Both wet and dry foods are needed and the churches would prefer small bags for the ease of distributing. Pets in our community play such an important role for our wonderful outdoor lifestyle as well as having a best friend to curl up by your feet. They thank you for your generous support.

Food will be made available starting Thanksgiving week at the food pantries of the following churches: St. Paul's Episcopal, John Paul II Catholic, Community United Methodist and Restoration Fellowship. For more information, please call 731-4126.

Food drop off locations are: Pagosa Feed, 166 Bastille Drive and Waggin Tails, 97 Hopi Drive.

# Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

**Thursday, Nov. 17**

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

**Tuesday, Nov. 22**

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

**Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) work session.** 11 a.m., First

Southwest Bank conference room, 249 Navajo Trail Drive.

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

**Wednesday, Nov. 23**

**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@pagosasun.com with "Public Meeting" in the subject line. The deadline is noon Monday each week prior to publication for that week's issue.*

# Births

The following are September births with parents from Pagosa Springs, as reported by Mercy Regional Medical Center:

Violet Marie, Meredith Bell and Jimmy Cardenas, 6 pounds, 8 ounces, 9:06 a.m., Sept. 4.

Hurshel Scott, Ashley and Daniel Goodwin, 6 pounds, 3 ounces, 2:54 p.m., Sept. 8.

Emma Grace, Deborah and Timothy Hainer, 6 pounds, 14 ounces, 12:45 p.m., Sept. 10.

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# Restriction

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When the county purchased the property from the Fairway Land Trust in 1999, a deed restriction was placed on the parcel that prohibits "any justice system purposes such as jails, law enforcement, or Sheriff's Department."

The restrictive covenant does not prohibit the use of "office space by a district attorney or personnel providing victim assistance."

Recently, a trustee of the Fairway Land Trust wrote to County Administrator Bentley Henderson expressing disapproval of the fact that the county was considering building a jail on the property.

# Charter

## Continued from front

The conditions included in the resolution approving the charter school were discussed as a work session and regular meeting on Nov. 8.

However, the resolution including those conditions had to be drafted before a vote could take place, causing the BOE to schedule Monday's special meeting.

Schick also explained Monday that there were two ways ASD and the PCSI could go about the application and conditions for approval — approving the resolution and negotiating, or having the PCSI board submit a new application.

He and other board members noted their preference to work through the resolution, negotiation and addenda to the current application.

"I don't think you guys want to do another application, and we don't want to read another application," Schick said with a laugh, noting that it would be simpler, easier, more straightforward and faster.

"Thank you for your careful consideration in this resolution," PCSI board president Ursula Hudson said, adding that the PCSI looks forward to entering negotiations after reviewing the conditions as a board.

More on each of the conditions, as included in the resolution, follows.

According to the resolution, "failure to satisfy any of the ... conditions, which are material to the approval of the charter, constitutes grounds for revocation of the conditional approval because the conditions are necessary for the Charter School to be in the best interest of pupils, the District, and the community ..."

## Budget and finance

According to the resolution, the PCSI "will increase its estimated total revenue the first year in its six-year budget by \$175,000 through inclusion of additional grants and/or contributions."

The resolution then states the district's reasoning behind the condition, stating, "The reason for this condition is to ensure that there is a complete, realistic, and viable start-up and five-year budget that aligns with the educational and organizational needs of the Charter School. The District, as the authorizing District, has an interest in ensuring that the Charter School will be able to sufficiently meet the educational needs of students that will attend the Charter School. The District also has an interest in ensuring the financial viability of the Charter School to protect the pupil's, District's and community's

During the Nov. 15 meeting, Commissioner Steve Wadley made the motion to enter into executive session, with Commissioner Clifford Lucero seconding the motion.

Starr clarified that the BoCC would be discussing the use of eminent domain on the restrictive covenant for the Hot Springs Boulevard parcel.

Upon exiting the executive session, BoCC Chairman Michael Whiting reconvened the regular meeting and stated that no decisions were made during the executive session.

Lucero then stated, "Mr. Chair, I move to find that it is necessary ...

to use our eminent domain power to remove our deed restriction on our Hot Springs property and to direct staff and legal counsel to proceed with an eminent domain action."

Wadley seconded the motion and the floor was then opened up for public comment.

"I've been involved in some litigation recently ... and I was very surprised it took two years to come to a solution for a very simple thing like an illegal executive session," said Bill Hudson. "I'm fascinated that we want to get into litigation over this. That is going to delay the project for years and is going to

create enemies and division in the community."

Audience member Natalie Carpenter also commented.

"I completely understand the use of eminent domain in a situation where the government finds there's no other resort to use that to encroach on someone's personal property rights," Carpenter said. "The fact that this decision that you're about to make is being done because of a desire of a location as opposed to a last resort need for the location, I think, is a disservice to the community ... and I'm very disappointed you're choosing to use eminent domain for such a project that I don't think is necessary."

After public comment was closed, the commissioners were each given a chance to speak.

"We've come to a point where we have a parcel that we do own that has a deed restriction, but we do own the piece of property, and we've done an exhaustive search, we've spent 18 months looking at locations, and we're down to this," said Wadley.

"When we first started talking about the restriction, Fairway Trust, one of their representatives gave us their word that it was not an issue at all to lift the restriction. He said that actually twice, to us," said Lucero. "He gave us his word that it would be taken care of and then they went back on what they said. It's unfortunate that they did that. It was my understanding that it was a done deal and that's why I kind of backed off ... This is a place that the county owns, and I feel like the county is being held hostage by

not allowing us to build the facility that we need down there. If they owned the property, I would not go after the property."

Whiting then made it clear that he disagreed with the other two commissioners.

"Eminent domain in this particular case, it's unethical, it's premature and it's unnecessary. We shouldn't be threatening eminent domain or even considering it at this point," said Whiting. "Eminent domain is probably the most serious thing a government can do. You're removing the rights of an individual or individuals. You're stripping them of their rights."

"When the Levine family agreed to sell this land to the county it was under very, very specific circumstances because they own the surrounding property nearby. We agreed to those decisions when we bought the property. Now, we're going back on our word," continued Whiting. "Our word was, 'Yes, we'll buy the property at a substantial discount with one condition: that we not build a jail.' Then, years later, we decide, 'Well, you know what, we changed our mind, and we're going to use our power of eminent domain, which doesn't exist for anybody but us. We're going to go back on our word and strip these people of their private property rights.'"

Continued Whiting, "I wonder how I would feel, or how any of us would feel, if this were our property. Eminent domain is an act of aggression. It's the forcible taking of private property rights, something that we hold incredibly dear."

Whiting went on to state that by using eminent domain, the BoCC was trampling on Stanley Levine's grave and proving to everyone the county isn't good on its word.

"Well, they weren't good with their word," said Lucero.

"I'm not done," said Whiting.

"OK, that's fine," said Lucero. "Besides the specifics, this sends the exact opposite message, the message we've been working to overcome for a really long time, and that message is, 'Don't trust us. Don't invest here, because we're not good on our word and we don't actually believe what we say. And I tell you what, if you get in our way, we'll just take it,'" said Whiting, later adding, "This is the most irresponsible thing the BoCC has ever done, if this is what we're going to do."

Lucero and Wadley then voted in favor of the motion with Whiting voting against, causing the motion to pass 2-1.

Lucero then requested to make another motion.

"I move to direct staff to move forward with plans of a jail to be built on the Hot Springs property, and phasing in the rest of the justice center, because the need for our sheriff right now is humongous," said Lucero.

Starr then stated that, for legal reasons, he'd feel more comfortable with Lucero making that motion at a time when the discussion could be more properly noticed to the public.

Lucero then withdrew his motion.

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interests."

The increase in revenue was determined, the resolution explains, based on the total revenue of a "similarly situated" charter school in Salida — a comparison that was presented by the PCSI — as well as a comparison of the total per-pupil revenue for "similarly situated school districts" with 60-90 students.

"The comparisons provide substantial and compelling evidence of the actual total revenue needed for the Charter School to deliver the education program and ancillary services described in the Application," the resolution states. "The increase of \$175,000 is a modest increase that will still place the Charter School with total revenues near, but below, the total revenues for the comparison school/districts."

## Educational program and standards

The resolution calls for the PCSI to clarify its educational model.

BOE member Brooks Lindner explained in discussion that the purpose of the condition is to provide clarification for the BOE and provide reassurance that the educational model will meet the needs of students.

The condition notes that the educational model is "actually a combination of three different learning models," including project-based learning (PBL), place-based learning and experiential learning.

"While each of these models has a basis in research," the resolution states, "no research has been presented to justify the use of all three models together in a single educational program."

The condition directs the PCSI board to clarify how the models will be "interwoven" and implemented to "cover all the curricular elements," which include English language arts, writing literacy, handwriting, mathematics, science and social studies.

The condition further directs that the clarification will describe how each educational model will be implemented with each curricular element, and lists several things for the PCSI to provide.

Too, the resolution states, "The Applicant will provide more clear evidence and examples of PBL in the classroom to include example teacher/advisor presentations and videos of PBL in action."

The condition also states that the professional development plan for PPOS will include a requirement that all advisors and the school director take training from the Buck

Institute for Education (BIE) PBL training before the start of the first year of operation, and take follow-up training before the start of the second year, and "develop a plan to sustain support visits from BIE for subsequent years of operation."

Finally, the condition requires that the PCSI modify the required minimum qualifications of staff "to include the requirement that the school director have at least two (2) years of experience either as a PBL teacher or administrator, or that at least fifty (50) percent of advisors have at least one year of experience as a PBL teacher or administrator."

"The reason for this condition is that the Board finds that the Application does not sufficiently describe an organized and cohesive educational program/curricular design demonstrating that it will meet the needs of the students and that is aligned across grade levels," the resolution states.

## Governance

The resolution states that PCSI will require the board of directors for the charter school to have at least five members, with "at least one member with a background and expertise in education and at least one member with a background and expertise in finance."

The resolution states, "The reason for imposing this condition is to ensure that the Charter School has a Board of Directors that is sufficient in number and expertise to provide sound and effective leadership."

## Employees

According to the resolution, ASD will require that the PPOS director's qualifications include a "minimum of 5 years of experience as a classroom/school administrator with understanding of education theories, principles and techniques."

Currently, the PCSI application states, "Minimum of 5 years experience as a classroom/school administrator or management of a complex organization combined with understanding of educational theories, principles and techniques."

Too, the resolution states that the PPOS will require that at least one advisor be a Colorado-licensed teacher.

"The reason for imposing those conditions is to increase the potential for high quality leadership and instruction at the Charter School while also maintaining flexibility regarding the qualifications for other administrators and advisors," the resolution states.

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# Grant

## Continued from front

Henderson's presentation explained that \$400,000 is the expected sum needed to complete detailed schematic design of the proposed county justice center.

The detailed schematic design will allow for more specific cost estimates to be created for construction of the justice center.

In September, the BoCC voted to have the justice center built on the county's Hot Springs Boulevard property, located on the east side of the road, across the street from Pagosa Springs Town Hall and the Ross Aragon Community Center.

State Court Administrator Gerald A. Marroney sent a document to Henderson to inform him of the grant award.

"On behalf of the Underfunded Courthouse Facility Commission, it is my pleasure to inform you that I have approved your application for funding from the Fiscal Year 2017 Underfunded Courthouse Facility Fund in the amount of \$200,000," reads the document, later adding, "The award is not final until the Grant Award is signed by an authorized representative of the Board of County Commissioners and the State Court Administrator."

The letter goes on to list several stipulations that come with the

grant reward.

"In accord with the Terms and Conditions, grant funds will be provided on a reimbursement basis and will only be provided to pay for costs specifically described in your grant application," reads the letter, later adding, "Grant funds shall not be used to reimburse expenses incurred by the County prior to execution of the Statement of Grant Award."

The letter also states that if the BoCC chooses to amend the application due to changes in project details, it must submit an amended application to the UCFC.

Additionally, the letter states that, "Grant funds shall not be used to reimburse expenses for work contemplated by an amended application until such amendment is approved in writing by the State Court Administrator."

In a previous BoCC meeting, Henderson had stated that the UCFC's grant had \$6 million in requests with only \$2 million to award for the entire state.

At the BoCC's meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 15, Henderson explained that the extra \$200,000 that the BoCC would need to afford the schematic design would be taken from the county's general fund for the 2017 budget.

Henderson stated that he was unsure when the schematic design process would begin, but that it would be done by Reilly Johnson Architecture.

"They're still preparing a scope of work for us to review and to be presented to these gentlemen for an analysis to determine if the scope of work that they're looking at providing us fits within the desires of the board," said Henderson. "I thought I'd get this information prior to today, but I didn't, so I'm going to have to get back with them to find out where we're at."

Said Commissioner Clifford Lucero on being awarded the grant funding, "I did a lot of lobbying for it, so I'm glad we got it."

BoCC Chairman Michael Whiting said, "I want to thank Judge Lyman for his participation ... and commend our county administrator for a job well done. I talked to Judge Lyman this morning and he said that he expected far less, so I attribute a lot of that to Bentley's presence."

Commissioner Steve Wadley said, "When you ask for a grant, you have great expectations, and in the back of your mind you might be disappointed a bit. But, given all that, I think we're very happy with what we got."

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## USDA seeks applications for renewable energy and energy efficiency loans and grants

By Amy Mund  
Special to The SUN

USDA Rural Business-Cooperative Service Administrator Sam Rikers encourages rural small businesses and agricultural producers to apply for loans and grants to support renewable energy and energy efficiency projects.

"These projects create long-term, economic benefits for businesses and rural communities," Rikers said. "USDA's funding helps promote U.S. energy independence and supports the production of home-grown energy sources. I encourage all eligible applicants to take advantage of this opportunity. These investments can help a small business cut costs, expand operations, hire more workers and provide a better service to the communities in which they operate."

The USDA is accepting Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) applications for: 1) energy audit and renewable energy development assistance grants, and 2) renewable energy system and energy efficiency guaranteed loans and grants.

The application deadline for energy audit and renewable energy development assistance grants is Jan. 31, 2017. Applications for renewable energy system and energy efficiency grants of \$20,000 or less are due by Oct. 31 for the first funding cycle and March 31, 2017, for the second funding cycle. Applications for renewable energy system and energy efficiency grants of greater than \$20,000 and all combination grants and guaranteed loans are due by March 31, 2017. The USDA will set aside 20 percent of the funds for grants of \$20,000 or less.

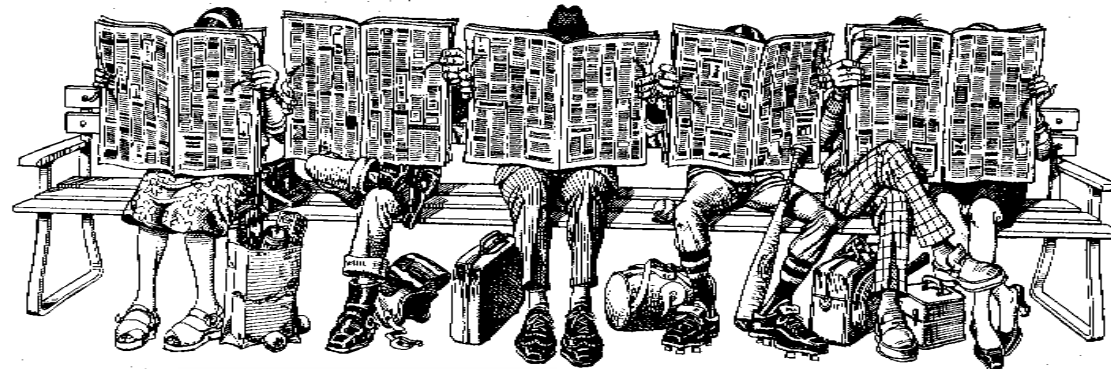
Applications for renewable energy system and energy efficiency grants or for loan/grant combinations that are received after March 31, 2017, will be considered in Fiscal Year 2018, which starts Oct. 1, 2017. Guaranteed loan applications will be reviewed and processed when received, with periodic competitions. In Colorado, interested applicants should contact Don Nunn, donald.nunn@co.usda.gov, (720) 544-2907.

Eligible applicants for renewable energy system and energy efficiency loans and grants include

agricultural producers and rural small businesses, which may include tribal business entities, rural electric cooperatives and public power entities. Renewable energy sources include wind, solar, renewable biomass (including anaerobic digesters), small hydroelectric, ocean, geothermal or hydrogen derived from these renewable resources. Eligible applicants for energy audit and renewable energy development assistance grants include state, tribal or local governments; institutions of higher education; and rural electric cooperatives and public power entities.

Congress created the REAP program in the 2002 Farm Bill and reauthorized it in the 2014 Farm Bill with guaranteed funding of no less than \$50 million annually for the duration of the five-year bill. Nationwide, the USDA has helped finance more than 12,000 REAP projects since 2009. When fully operational, these projects will generate or save enough energy to power more than 750,000 homes annually, and replace more than 36 million barrels of oil annually.

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# Local retail sales data shows strengths and weaknesses

By Jim Garrett  
Staff Writer

Local gas stations, general merchandisers, food and beverage retailers, and hotels are collectively thriving, with sales in excess of statistical expectations.

But contrarily, little market share is enjoyed by local stores selling furniture, electronics and appliances, sporting goods, clothing, or motor vehicles and parts; statistical analysis suggests that shoppers leave the community to find retailers handling these lines of consumer goods.

These are among the findings of an analysis of 2015 retail sales data issued last month by Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado.

The report, prepared by a Region 9 consultant, Information Services Inc. (ISI), is entitled "Retail Data for Decision Makers — Archuleta County, Colorado," and is based on sales activity reported by retailers to the Colorado Department of Revenue in connection with sales tax collections.

The report may be found under the heading "regional data" at [www.scan.org](http://www.scan.org), a website maintained by Region 9. The website offers a broad array of reports published by Region 9 on a variety of topics in addition to retail sales.

Overall, retail sales in Archuleta County in all industries totaled nearly \$305 million in 2015. According to the report, that represents a

growth of 23 percent since 2000, in dollars adjusted for inflation.

To assess the data making up the total retail activity, the report depends heavily on analysis of retail sales data on a per capita basis, spread across both local and state populations.

Although the report provides separate analyses for the county and the Town of Pagosa Springs, it notes that 78 percent of all retail activity within the county occurs in the incorporated area of the town.

ISI's Donna Graves told The SUN on Nov. 14 that the substantial concentration of local retail activity inside the incorporated limits of Pagosa Springs is attributable to the town's "flagpole annexation" in the 1990s of the commercial strip west of downtown along U.S. 160.

The annexation did not include the surrounding residential area, she said, which supplies a substantial part of the patronage base for the adjacent commercial activity.

The report observes that the town itself had a much higher rate of retail sales activity in 2015 than other Colorado towns of similar size.

It explains that Pagosa Springs' actual retail sales of \$238.8 million (including lodging and dining) were 542 percent of "expected sales."

Expected sales as used in the report is a statistical projection of likely sales based on the per capita sales rate throughout the state, town population, the income level of town residents relative to state residents, and a "pull factor," i.e., a ratio expressing the median value among similar towns comparing internal to external sales activity within town populations.

The ratio is a function of local per capita sales divided by state per capita sales; if it is less than one, the pull factor is deemed to show that sales in the particular location considered are slower than sales across the state, suggesting buyers are "pulled away." If higher than one, the ratio suggests buyers are pulled in.

Pagosa Springs' high actual sales in 2015 in comparison to expected sales are substantially related to a high pull factor of 3.95, nearly five times the median factor of 0.82 for all similar towns. But, the report notes, this is "because the town serves a much larger population in the unincorporated areas as well as seasonal visitors and 2nd homeowners, who are not included in the [town's] population figures."

In contrast to the pull factor for the town alone, when a local pull factor is instead computed for Archuleta County, the report states that the computation comes out at 0.73. This is due to the greater population of the county at over 12,000, more than 600 percent greater than the town's, in comparison to total retail sales of \$305 million, a sum only 28 percent greater than the total sales for the town.

In light of the division by annexation between commerce in the Town of Pagosa Springs and the nearby county population outside the town, Graves acknowledged in her discussion with The SUN the importance to

an accurate perception of local retail activity, of the analyses provided in the report on a county-wide basis.

Pagosa Springs Town Manager Greg Schulte told The SUN on Nov. 16 that he concurred with the view that the county data contained in the Region 9 report is a better indicator of local economic health than the town data.

Major conclusions in the report relating to Archuleta County retail sales are driven by comparisons between so-called "potential" sales and reported sales within retail trade sectors. Sectors covered by the data include sellers of goods like furniture, food and beverage, and clothing, but do not include retail services.

Potential sales is an estimate of buying capacity within a limited unit of population, determined by the unit's income level relative to that of a broader unit of population, and the assumption that purchases within the limited unit would occur at the same rate as within the broader unit if incomes were even.

Thus, for Archuleta County (a limited unit within the broader unit of the state of Colorado), potential sales are determined by the county's population, multiplied by the per capita rate of sales among the full state population, adjusted by the ratio of county per capita income to state per capita income (0.75).

As a hypothetical illustration using round numbers, for a population of 1,000, having \$30,000 per capita income compared to state per capita income of \$40,000, if state per capita sales were \$28,000, potential sales within the unit would be \$21 million.

Sectors evaluated in the Region 9 report are based on categories established by the Department of Revenue for sales tax collections. The sectors reflect the general nature of retailers' business activity, and do not record sales of specific products. Thus, as confirmed by Graves, sales at Walmart are included in the "general merchandise" sector, regardless of whether consisting of purchases of furniture, food, clothing, electronics or cosmetics.

However, the categorization of retail activity into sectors based on the general nature of the business, not specific products sold, applies statewide. Therefore, computation of potential sales in general merchandise and other, specific retail trade sectors, locally and elsewhere, reflects the distribution of retail activity among each sector actually experienced statewide.

According to the report, total sales in all retail trade sectors in the county in 2015 were \$160.2 million, compared to potential sales computed at \$139.3 million, yielding a "surplus" of nearly \$21 million (15 percent).

Among retail stores, best sector performers by percent were gas stations (\$17.5 million actual compared to \$7.8 million potential, a 124 percent surplus), food and beverage stores (\$58.1 million compared to \$28.3 million, a 106 percent surplus), and general merchandise (\$30.1 million compared to \$20.9 million, a 44 percent surplus).

Also performing well were non-

store outlets, including catalog sales (\$7.9 million compared to \$2.8 million, a 188 percent surplus), and lodging (\$20.2 million compared to \$6.9 million, a 193 percent surplus). Lodging is considered a retail service, not a retail trade. Another retail service, dining, also did well with sales of \$23.1 million compared to \$19.8 million, a surplus of 17 percent.

Underperforming sectors identified in the report included motor vehicles and parts (\$6.7 million actual sales compared to \$32.3 million potential sales, a 79 percent shortfall or "leakage"), electronics and appliances (\$652,000 compared to \$4.0 million, 84 percent leakage), furniture (\$1.5 million compared to \$4.9 million, 69 percent leakage), sport and hobby shops (\$2.5 million compared to \$5.1 million, 52 percent leakage), and clothing (\$4.2 million compared to \$6.5 million, 35 percent leakage).

The report offers the comment that retail sectors which are not meeting their sales potential, "could provide opportunities for new businesses, or expansion of existing businesses."

A component of local retail sales in Archuleta County noted in the Region 9 report, but not separately quantified, is that originating from "the larger region, including portions of the San Luis Valley, northwestern New Mexico and the nearby Jicarilla Apache Reservation."

The SUN asked Graves whether or not any conclusions about potential growth of that portion of local retail activity are supported in the data.

In response, Graves cited no specific data, but suggested that retail growth may be influenced by "community amenities" such as dining, entertainment and recreational opportunities.

Consumers needing to make a long drive for shopping, she said, may be attracted to a community offering the opportunity to enjoy a pleasant lunch or a movie, for example, as well as having retailers to satisfy the primary objective of shopping.

The SUN also discussed the Region 9 report and its potential significance with Schulte.

He concurred that people throughout the region are drawn into the community by attractions such as restaurants and entertainment opportunities in combination with shopping.

Schulte noted also that Pagosa Springs Medical Center attracts patients from the Jicarilla Reservation, especially, and those visitors may often also do shopping while they are here.

Schulte commented that the sales data summarized in the report emphasizes the importance of second home owners and tourists to the local economy.

We "live larger" in this community than we otherwise might, he said, noting factors like the array of restaurants and shopping opportunities that exist in the community.

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Everyone pitched in with the decorating the day before and getting all the potluck dishes in place while under the supervision of Carol Budde, president.

Great job by everyone. Fun was had by all. Again, we thank all the veterans.

Diana Millan, district auxiliary president

## Marine Corps

The Marine Corps birthday committee thanks the staff at Ramon's Mexican Restaurant for their outstanding service and fine food presented at the Nov. 10 celebration of the Marine Corps' 241st birthday. Special thanks from all attendees for the generosity extended by Rick Taylor, and thank you to Terry Smith for his continued audio-visual technical support.

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## County commission receives recommendations, amends pay scale

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

On the afternoon of Tuesday, Nov. 15, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved amending its pay scale in response to a wage study completed for the county.

"As part of the 2016 budget, the Board of County Commissioners authorized the expenditure necessary to conduct a comprehensive salary study. Staff initiated the process to procure the services of a consulting firm to conduct that study," reads agenda documentation used at the meeting. "In late June the Austin Peters Group was selected and began the process of collecting the data necessary to evaluate our wage ranges and individual positions against the greater market."

Earlier that morning during the BoCC's work session, Elizabeth Tatarko of Austin Peters Group outlined the results of the wage study.

Tatarko's presentation made three recommendations to the BoCC.

"Maintain a competitive pay structure that moves all employees to the minimum of the new proposed range based on the 50th percentile of the market," reads the first recommendation. "The financial impact of moving employees to the new range minimum is \$316,218.18."

The second recommendation states, "Maintain a competitive pay structure that moves people

through the range to address compression of pay. This is based on years of service in a position. The financial impact of addressing compression is \$100,678.46."

The presentation's third recommendation suggest making no changes to the employer contribution to retirement, as Archuleta County is slightly ahead of other entities in retirement contribution.

The third recommendation also suggests making no changes to the health benefits package offered to employees.

"Consider a review of annual leave and holiday leave compared to peer respondents," reads the third recommendation. "Archuleta County is less generous in annual leave compared to peers, but more generous in holiday leave."

The agenda documentation sums up the results of the wage study as well.

"Over time, the County has not been able, by no real fault of their own, to keep up with the market as it relates to market equity in our pay structure," reads the documentation. "Generally speaking, our over-all pay and grade structure has averaged from 10% to 15% below market with a number of those grades in excess of 25% low."

The documentation goes on to explain that, in order to follow the recommendations stated in the Austin Peters Group presentation, the county would need to spend upwards of \$400,000.

"In an effort to minimize the

budget impact, staff has recommended a three phase implementation approach," reads the documentation. "Phases I and II have been calculated, and upon adoption of the revised Classification Pay Scale, staff move forward with implementation."

The pay scale itself groups different jobs into "grades" and then assigns those grades a minimum and maximum salary and hourly wage.

For example, the positions for human resources administrator and the county planning manager are in "Grade 112."

That particular grade has a minimum salary of \$62,691 and a maximum salary of \$87,776.

Hourly, the minimum wage for Grade 112 is \$30.14, with the maximum wage being \$42.20.

"Item C on your agenda is adoption of the 2016 amended classification pay scale," explained County Administrator Bentley Henderson during the meeting. "This is a document that amends the Archuleta County position classification pay scale, effective today, and is amending the scale you adopted earlier this year to reflect the results of the wage study that has been completed and put into place the process necessary for adjusting employee salaries."

Commissioner Steve Wadley moved to approve the amended pay scale, with Commissioner Clifford Lucero seconding the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

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## BLM, Southern Ute Indian Tribe sign settlement of fracking rule litigation

By Sacha Smith  
Special to The SUN

The Department of Justice, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe recently finalized an agreement on the regulation of hydraulic fracturing on Southern Ute land in southwestern Colorado.

Under the terms of the settlement agreement, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe will serve as the primary regulatory authority for hydraulic fracturing on Southern Ute lands, working cooperatively with the BLM in administering the oil and gas resources on that land.

The BLM published its final hydraulic fracturing rule on March 26, 2015. The rule updates the BLM's pre-existing oil and gas regulations, including those related to hydraulic fracturing, to address advances in innovation and technology associated with modern-day hydraulic fracturing operations. The rule aims to ensure wellbore integrity, water quality protection and public disclosure of chemicals used in the hydraulic fracturing process.

The rule also contains a provision that allows laws of Indian tribes and states to apply instead of the BLM's rule if the tribal or state provision meets or exceeds the objectives of the relevant provision of the BLM's rule.

Implementation of the BLM's final hydraulic fracturing rule is on hold pending the outcome of other litigation currently in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit in Denver. That litigation does not involve the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, but does include the Ute Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation in Utah.

In 2015, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe adopted its own rules governing hydraulic fracturing and filed a separate lawsuit challenging the BLM's hydraulic fracturing rule. The tribe has since adopted additional provisions further strengthening the protection of Southern Ute lands during hydraulic fracturing operations.

The tribe's position has been that its rules supersede the BLM's rule and apply without the BLM's approval. Without resolving that issue, the settlement agreement recognizes that the Southern Ute's revised regulations meet or exceed the objectives of the BLM's rule and govern hydraulic fracturing operations on Southern Ute lands. As part of the settlement, the BLM

and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe developed a memorandum of agreement that will govern their cooperation in the administration of oil and gas resources in one of the most active regions of tribal oil and gas development in the United States.

"We recognize the expertise of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in cooperatively developing and regulating oil and gas development on their lands," said Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management Janice Schneider. "This expertise is reflected in the rules the tribe has put in place. Today's agreement paves the way for a new level of collaboration between the BLM and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in administering the tribe's oil and gas resources."

"This agreement is a positive step forward in the cooperative management of oil and gas resources on tribal lands, one which recognizes the Southern Ute Tribe's capacity to regulate hydraulic fracturing as an exercise of sovereignty," said Assistant Attorney General John C. Cruden for the Justice Department's Environment and Natural Resources Division.

Southern Ute Tribal Chairman Clement Frost stated, "We filed a lawsuit against the Department of the Interior challenging the BLM rule because we felt that tribal input had been ignored. Once we had the chance to sit across the table from each other in meaningful discussion, we recognized that we shared many of the same goals, including the exercise of sovereignty by the tribe over Southern Ute lands. We are glad that we have resolved this dispute in a government-to-government manner."

The parties will now submit the signed settlement documents to the U.S. District Court in Colorado and jointly seek dismissal of the pending legal action, which has been inactive during the parties' negotiations.

## PFPD responds to gas leak, semitruck accident

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) had a busy Thursday last week, responding to both a gas leak in town and a semitruck accident on Wolf Creek Pass.

According to PFPD's Karn Macht, a call came in at 12:15 a.m. on Thursday morning describing a gas leak at the Giant gas station.

The PFPD's first unit arrived at 12:28 a.m., Macht explained, adding that, upon arriving, there appeared to be roughly 10 gallons of gasoline on the ground.

Macht said that the pump had already been shut off when he arrived and that himself and one other volunteer used absorbent to

contain the leak.

Macht and the volunteer were the only two to respond to the leak, with Macht driving a command vehicle and the volunteer driving a fire engine.

Additionally, Macht stated that he suspected the leak occurred due to inattentiveness.

### Semitruck accident

Later that day, the PFPD responded to reports of a semitruck that had hit the guardrail while descending Wolf Creek Pass.

Macht explained that the accident was reported to have occurred around 4:13 p.m. near mile marker 160 on U.S. 160, between the scenic overlook and Treasure Falls.

Macht explained that the driver

reported he was descending the pass when he felt the brakes begin to overheat.

The driver then eased his tires into the concrete barrier as he descended, which created enough drag for him to slow down and eventually come to a complete stop.

Macht added that the driver's brakes didn't fail, but had just overheated.

Macht also said the truck appeared to have sustained no damage, with only a few rub marks being visible on the truck's wheels.

Once members of the PFPD realized there was no threat such as fuel leaks, the members of the PFPD cleared the scene.

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## New ideas suggested for use of DOLA funding

By Jim Garrett  
Staff Writer

During its regular meeting on Monday, Nov. 14, the board of the Pagosa Area Geothermal Water and Power Authority (PAGWAPA) approved a letter addressed to Ken Charles of the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) suggesting repurposing of a grant approved by the agency in 2014.

PAGWAPA was created by the Town of Pagosa Springs and

Archuleta County in 2014 to oversee a local geothermal exploration project. The project hoped to determine whether there was accessible geothermal energy under the earth locally, adequate to power electric generation or other new economic activity in the area.

However, as reported by The SUN in its Oct. 13 edition, the project could not be completed, but was shut down following the loss of its primary funding from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

The project was expected to be funded by commitments of the town and county, each in the amount of \$260,000, and grants of up to \$4 million from the DOE and \$2 million from DOLA. When the project was shut down, approximately \$1.3 million remained in the DOLA grant. The grant requires matching funds, which PAGWAPA expected to be provided by DOE.

The letter to DOLA approved this week states: "The PAGWAPA Board seeks to re-task the funding

for geothermal purposes, and has explored several ideas."

It concludes by asking Charles for "assistance in helping to assess the viability of the options."

The options enumerated in the letter, include:

- An assessment of the town's existing geothermal utility system.
- Upgrades to the geothermal heating system for the county courthouse.
- Placement of an additional dome at the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) site.
- Assistance in placement of a point of sale for fresh produce grown in the GGP domes.
- A shade structure for the new amphitheater at the GGP site.

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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. 7 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.

Nov. 7 — Warrant arrest, Pagosa Street.

Nov. 8 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, resisting arrest, violation of restraining order, San Juan Street.

Nov. 8 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, domestic violence, criminal mischief, South Pagosa Boulevard.

Nov. 9 — Found property, Park Avenue.

Nov. 9 — Violation of restraining order, violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, South Pagosa Boulevard.

Nov. 10 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.

Nov. 10 — Two counts of unlawful distribution/manufacturing/dispensing/sale/possession-marijuana sell, unlawful carrying a concealed weapon, complicity, San Juan Street.

Nov. 10 — Warrant arrest, Gila

Drive.

Nov. 10 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.

Nov. 10 — Operated a vehicle with defective head lamps, driving under restraint alcohol/drug-related offense, improper registration, owner operated or permitted operation of vehicle without liability insurance, Navajo Trail Drive.

Nov. 10 — Found property, David Drive.

Nov. 11 — Warrant arrest, Eagle Drive.

Nov. 11 — Information only, Cloud Cap Avenue.

Nov. 11 — Warrant arrest, Swiss Village Drive.

Nov. 11 — Domestic violence, third-degree assault-simple assault, Swiss Village Drive.

Nov. 12 — Domestic violence, third-degree assault-simple assault, Wandering Hills.

Nov. 12 — Second-degree criminal trespass, Hatcher Circle.

Nov. 13 — Information only, Shenandoah Drive.

Nov. 13 — Animals running at large, Scenic Avenue.

Nov. 14 — Second-degree burglary, first-degree criminal trespass other intent, Lyn Avenue.

### Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

Nov. 9 — Underage possession,

Hot Springs Boulevard.

Nov. 9 — Traffic/insurance/registration, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Nov. 10 — Dog/running at large, Bienvenido Circle.

Nov. 11 — Mental health hold, South Pagosa Boulevard.

Nov. 11 — Third-degree assault, South 6th Street.

Nov. 12 — Information only, North 14th Street.

Nov. 14 — Agency assist, Lyn Avenue.

**Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge William Anderson**  
No report.

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

Nov. 3 — Elizabeth D. Mitchell, seat belt not used, fines and costs — \$98.50.

Nov. 4 — Steven W. Gant, signaling violation, fines and costs — \$103.50.

Nov. 4 — Nives M. Pescatore, fail to yield right of way/stop sign, fines and costs — \$172.50.

Nov. 4 — Bradley N. Clarke, seat belt not used, fines and costs — \$48.50.

Nov. 7 — Jamie A. McDonald, license plated expired, fines and costs — \$120.50.

**6th Judicial District Court: Judge Greg Lyman**  
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# Education

## Schools, child care: How do we measure up?

By Jim Garrett  
Staff Writer

"A high quality and effective education system plays a fundamental role in societal and community health. An educated population leads to innovation, higher levels of productivity, and increased economic growth," reads the Education and Early Childhood Care Index, published in October by the Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado and other entities.

Region 9 includes Archuleta County, plus Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan counties.

The index includes a variety of data regarding regional school districts based on data compiled by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE).

### Quality learning environment

"Colorado's public schools receive funding from a variety of sources," the index states.

Revenues received by Colorado school districts are determined by the state, based on a formula mandated by state law and are related to student enrollment.

However, local communities can supplement school district operational funding authorized under the state formula with voter approval of increased real estate taxes via a mill levy override.

Schools in La Plata County school districts benefit from mill levy overrides, whereas voters in the Archuleta School District (ASD) have not been asked to approve a mill levy override.

According to data supplied by the CDE, 118 districts in the state levied a mill override in 2015-16, at an average rate of 7.82 mills (equivalent to .00782 percent of a property's assessed valuation, or \$7.82 per \$1,000).

Schools also receive money through local, state and/or federal grants for special programs.

The "Quality Learning Environment" portion of the index includes information on operational expenditures, pupil-to-teacher ratios and expulsion rates, among other things.

### Operational expenditures

The index reports that, for 2015, ASD had the lowest rate of operational expenditures per student in the region at \$9,394.

Operational expenditures include expenses for instruction and support, administration, building maintenance, transportation, food services, community services and adult education programs.

For comparison, expenditures per pupil in Bayfield School District were \$11,512, over \$2,000 higher than ASD, and in Durango School District, \$12,153, nearly \$2,800 higher per student.

The highest operational expenditure per student in the region comes within Silverton's school district at \$24,328.

### Pupil-to-teacher ratios

The index also reports that the pupil-to-teacher ratio for all regional school districts in 2015, the last year reported, was better (lower) than the state average of 17.5. In ASD, the ratio of pupils to teachers was 16.3. However, in Durango the ratio was 12.9, in Bayfield it was 14.5, Ignacio was at 16.1 and Cortez was at 13.6.

### Expulsion rates

Expulsion rates are generally decreasing throughout the region, with Archuleta County having zero expulsions for 2015 compared to one in Bayfield, six in Durango, two for Ignacio and five in Cortez.

### Effective learning environment

The "Effective Learning Environment" portion of the index includes information on graduation rates, dropout rates, ACT average scores, state assessment averages and school rating systems.

### Graduation rates

According to the index, "The graduation rates reflected in the report are the percentage of students who received a high school diploma versus those who were enrolled and could have graduated during a four-year period. Enrollment for the graduation rate is calculated by the number of eighth-graders in the district four years earlier and adjusted for transfers in and out of the district during the high school years."

In 2014, all districts, with the exception of Dolores (54.9 percent), met or exceeded the state average. Archuleta County was at 86.3 percent, with Bayfield at 90.2 percent, Durango at 82.1 percent, Ignacio at 81.8 percent and Cortez at 85.2 percent.

### Dropout rates

Archuleta County's dropout rate for 2015 was .1 percent, down from 2 percent the prior year.

The report reflects that dropout rates are decreasing across the region with the exception of Dolores RE-4A with 8.4 percent and Durango at 2.5 percent. Bayfield's dropout rate for 2015 was 2 percent and Ignacio and Cortez both had 1.4 percent.

Colorado's dropout rate in 2015 was 2.5 percent, up from 2.4 percent the previous year.

Dropout rates were calculated for students in seventh through 12th grade. All students reported as attending a school in a district (including online schools) were included in the dropout rate. A dropout is a student who leaves school for any reason, except death, expulsion or transfer, prior to completing

a high school diploma.

The report states, "If a student leaves a school district without a request to forward educational records, the student is considered a drop-out, although he or she may have enrolled in another school without the district's knowledge. School districts that have charter schools, after-school tutoring programs, links to Adult Education Programs, 'second chance' educational offerings and the like increase their chances of helping all students stay in school."

### ACT average scores

In 2016, the Archuleta, Bayfield and Durango school districts met or exceeded the state ACT score average.

The ACT test is a standardized test, commonly used to measure skills in English, math, reading and science for college admissions.

Eleventh-graders at Pagosa Springs High School were reported to have scored at an average level of 20.4 on the ACT test.

The index reports that the state average ACT score this year was also 20.4. Students at Durango and Bayfield High Schools scored better than their peers, with average scores of 21.2 and 20.7, respectively, in 2016. Students at other high schools in the region were reported to have scored below state average.

### Reading scores

Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) English/Language Arts scores for fourth- and seventh-graders exceeded the state average in Bayfield and Durango in 2015 and for Durango seventh graders in 2016.

For 2016, Durango scored 47.3 percent for seventh-graders meeting or exceeding expectations for English/Language Arts. ASD's score was 19.3 percent, with Bayfield scoring 32.7 percent and Ignacio scoring 20.3 percent.

The 2016 score for fourth-graders for ASD was 22 percent, with Bayfield at 37.1 percent, Durango at 32.7 percent and Ignacio coming in at 17.2 percent.

### Writing scores

Writing scores for fourth-graders in Durango, and seventh-graders in Bayfield, Durango and ASD exceeded the state average in 2014.

Summary scores for grades three through 10 for ASD show that 44.8 percent met or exceeded state average. Bayfield scored 55 percent, Durango was 59.5 percent and Ignacio scored 28.7 percent.

Writing assessment is included in the CMAS English/Language Arts for 2015 and 2016.

### Math scores

None of the schools in the region met or exceeded the state average for the CMAS math tests in 2015 or 2016.

In 2016, 15.8 percent of ASD

seventh-graders met or exceeded expectations. Bayfield came in at 14.3 percent, Durango was 22.8 percent and Ignacio was 9.5.

Only 5.5 percent of fourth-graders for that year within ASD met or exceeded expectations. Bayfield was at 33 percent, Durango at 32.5 percent and Ignacio at 6.3 percent.

### Rating system

The Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) is graded C- for overall performance by ColoradoSchoolGrades.com, a website operated by a coalition of 18 nonprofit organizations and foundations operating in Colorado, which grades all schools in the state.

According to an explanation on the website, grades are based on standardized test scores, analyzed to measure academic achievement, academic growth, academic growth gaps and (for high schools) college and career readiness. The website indicates that a C- grade falls in the lowest 25th percentile for the state.

The index reports that among all high schools in the region, the highest overall performance grades are for Bayfield High School and Animas Charter School, both with grades of B-. Dolores and Mancos high schools in Montezuma County both have grades of C-. Durango and Dove Creek (Dolores County) high schools are both graded C.

Graded lower than PSHS were Cortez High School, with a grade of D+, and Ignacio High School, graded D.

Pagosa Springs Middle School was rated a B- and Pagosa Springs Elementary School received a C-rating.

The SUN contacted ASD with a request for comment on the information reported in the index, but no comment was received from the district by press time.

### Early childhood care

In addition to regional school districts, the index also discusses early childhood care, a subject currently being addressed in Archuleta County by a work group sponsored by Archuleta County and the Town of Pagosa Springs. The work group provided an interim report of its findings to the county board of commissioners and the town council at their joint work session on Oct. 25. The report was summarized in The SUN's Oct. 27 edition.

Information provided on early childhood care in the recent index was similar in many respects to that reported by the local work group. Additional points included the information that insufficiency of child care is a statewide problem, not limited to Archuleta County.

The index states, "In Colorado, there are only enough licensed child care spots for about 45 percent of kids under age 6 with working parents."

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### Book Fair

The pirate-themed Book Fair at Pagosa Springs Elementary School was the highest-grossing book fair in history. Gross sales were \$11,280.50. Thank you to all of the students, teachers, parents, relatives and friends who shopped at the Book Fair and for all the excitement about the "Bookaneer Book Fair — Where books are the treasure!"

The sales will translate into \$5,276 of scholastic dollar credit with Scholastic Books and will be used to add a SMART board, carpets and books to several class-

rooms. Additionally, the school library received \$645 worth of new books.

It would be impossible to put on this two-week event without all of our extraordinary volunteers. Huge gratitude goes to 35 parent and adult volunteers who decorated, unpacked and packed boxes, sorted books, staffed the cash register and worked with the PIE (Partners in Education) Committee to organize family night: Cody Anderson, Dori Blauert, Megan Castaneda, Connie Cox, Jennifer Cropp, Mandi Davis, Laura Dimond, Cindi Galabota, Suzy Halterman, Laura Jenkins, Janet Kubelka, Kelly Laner, Aubrie Lime-

brook, Nicole Looper, Debbie Mackey, Laura Martinez, Mary Moore, Carole Nasralla, Brittany Newsome, Natalie Ortega, Sanya Peterson, Nicole Pfeiffer, Greg Pilgrim, Amber Reiss-Holt, Lisa Scott, Kristi Smith, Renea Smith, Sara Tyler, Tonita Vigil, Ericka Vincent and Becky Ziminsky. Additionally, several students came to school on their day off to help pack books into boxes: Karina Brown, Kaila Limebrook, Kasen Limebrook and Tyler Dimond.

The Pirate Family Night was a huge success with over 340 students and families attending the festivities, which included a homemade pirate stew dinner; Mr.

Michael from the Sisson Library hosting a story time with instruments, movement and puppets; "pirate you shall be" dance party; and pirate photo booth and crafts.

We'd also like to thank the office secretaries Jacki Hart-Trujillo and Sanya Peterson for their assistance outside of their regular duties, Brandi Tusa and the custodial staff for moving book fair boxes and tables and to the teachers and staff who participated in the Family Night evening.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Scott, parent chairman  
Aubrie Limebrook, PIE chairman  
Debbie Mackey, school media specialist

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# Colorado legislators visit local schools, engage students and staff

By Andrew Guinn  
Special to The SUN

Two Colorado state legislators have visited Pagosa Springs Elementary School and Pagosa Springs Middle School in the past few weeks.

On Oct. 20, Rep. J Paul Brown observed classrooms, answered student questions and met with staff.

Colorado Sen. Ellen Roberts came to the middle school on Nov. 1 and also got to see several classrooms in action and met with students and staff.

The visits were organized by first-grade teacher Caitlin Snarr, fifth-grade teacher Janae Ash and eighth-grade teacher Andy Guinn as part of the Colorado Bring Your Legislator to School Day program.

"It was a great experience to get to meet with a Colorado lawmaker and show them what we're doing in our classrooms," said Guinn of the experience. "I appreciate Representative Brown taking the time out of his busy schedule to see firsthand the challenges we face and the success we're creating in our schools."

Brown started his visit in several fourth-grade classrooms at the elementary school, where he read Scholastic Reader with students in Lori Lucero's class and heard students' creative writing

about the Middle Ages in Becky Johnson's class. Next, Brown observed a PE class taught by Lindsey Kurt-Mason and toured the lunchroom, both of which contributed to the Elementary School's Healthy School's Champion award.

Brown's final classroom visit at the elementary school was to third-grade teacher Mat Wolford's class, where he fielded questions from students. Students didn't hold anything back, grilling the representative on topics ranging from what he did as a state representative to his favorite breed of dog to how he got involved in politics.

Before leaving for the middle school, Brown met with Principal Justin Cowan and Snarr to discuss educational challenges in southwest Colorado along with other education policy and funding issues.

"I very much appreciated hearing Representative Brown's perspective on education-related issues," Snarr commented. "I was reminded that we not only need to keep this conversation alive between us and the legislators, but with our local entities as well."

At the middle school, Brown first met with students who again got to ask him questions. Brown was asked about his views on the presidential election, immigration policy and what he was like as a teenager.

Eighth-grader Maya Nasralla

also shared her digital student resume, which all students are creating at the middle school. She noted how the resume portrayed her skills in areas such as professionalism, civic engagement and personal growth in addition to academic goals and projects.

He then went to observe Ash's fifth-grade math classroom, where students were learning about area and perimeter in a complex and real-world problem of refinishing a house. Brown even got the chance to dig into the material and help coach some students through their work.

Brown finished his visit to the middle school with a discussion with Guinn, Principal Chris Hinger, board member Brooks Lindner, and district financial officer Michael Hodgson. Again, education policy and financial issues were discussed, particularly in regards to southwest Colorado and the needs of our rural district.

On his way out, when Brown was asked what he thought of the Pagosa schools, he said, "I really like your schools. I am very impressed with the things you are doing here for your students."

A week and a half later, Roberts also visited the middle school. She began her visit with Guinn's eighth-grade math classroom, where students were preparing polling surveys for the "Math Teacher President" mock election being held



Photo courtesy Archuleta School District

Colorado Sen. Ellen Roberts (back row right) poses with Janae Ash (back row center), Chantelle Jordan (back row left) and Jordan's class during her visit to Pagosa Springs Middle School on Nov. 1. Roberts visited the school as part of the Colorado Bring Your Legislator to School Day program.

in the eighth grade. Students were applying their recently acquired knowledge of averages, trends and standard deviation to predict the results of the election.

Roberts then viewed a presentation by Hinger detailing the school's Whole Child Education philosophy along with the growth of adventure-based learning programs.

She then dropped into Chantelle Jordan's fifth-grade social studies class to get a firsthand look at how the school is embedding technology to empower students' learning and 21st century skills. Students were independently researching different Native American tribes and taking notes using their Chromebooks. Roberts commented on how engaged students were on the task at hand.

A group of students then met with Roberts with the chance to ask her questions. She shared about her path to the state Senate and important issues to her in the Legislature.

She also shared information about the Colorado Youth Advisory Council (COYAC), which gives young people a voice in the policy making process and provides an opportunity for students to make recommendations to the Colorado Legislature. The council is made up of 40 students from across the state who have an interest in learning more about public policy, state government and are passionate about making a difference in their community and their state. This has been a major initiative of Roberts during her time in the Legislature and some of the work she is most proud of.

Roberts concluded her visit by meeting with district and school staff members to discuss educational policy and issues facing Colorado schools. She shared that education continues to be an area where politicians have trouble working across the aisle, and that educators need to continue to be a strong voice with their local legislators and share with them what matters most for students.

When asked of her experience, Ash commented, "I was impressed with Senator Robert's openness, knowledge and advice she shared with us in order to help rural schools at a state level. I am encouraged that building relationships with legislators will continue to help us do what is best for students in Archuleta County."

Ash, Guinn and Snarr are part of the America Achieves' Colorado Educator Voice Fellowship (educatorvoicefellowship.org) as fellows for the 2016-17 school year.



Photo courtesy Archuleta School District

Colorado Rep. J. Paul Brown answers student questions in Mat Wolford's third-grade class on Oct. 20. Brown visited Pagosa Springs Elementary School and Pagosa Springs Middle School as part of the Colorado Bring Your Legislator to School Day program.

## Middle school releases first-quarter honor roll

By Rebecca Aucoin  
Special to The SUN

The following fifth-grade students made the first-quarter Pagosa Springs Middle School (PSMS) Honor Roll with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average: Evan Cusick, Jack Hittle, Bradley Lamoreaux, Blake Laner, Colton Lewis, Annabelle Parker and Lucy Taylor.

The following fifth-grade students made Honor Roll with a grade-point average of at least 3.285: Seth Aucoin, Mikaela Bandy, Grace Betts, Karis Blackman, Jeremiah Bradley, Collin Bridges, Ava Brown, Jeimie Castaneda, Kadence Chavez, Ethan Chavez-Skok, John

Cloward, Chloe Crabtree, Eliseo De La Mora, Donovan Galabota, Trey Garcia, Elvis Grigsby, Tucker Haines, Reece Hammer, Chase Harper, Levi Hinger, Brooke Huddleston, Melissa Jasso-Armendariz, Dennis Kholostov, Kynslie Limebrook, Natalie Mashue, Patrick Matney, Ruth Ann Morehouse, Jeidy Moreno Echavarría, Shahnaz Namin, Annie O'Donnell, Elijah Pacheco, Hadley Phillips, Miguel Rodriguez, Baile Shallenberger, Marie Smith, Noah Stene, Luke Tressler, Jaden Tuggle-Reed, Nora Vincent, Chase Ward and Monique Young-Martinez.

The following sixth-grade students made PSMS's Honor Roll with

a perfect 4.0 grade-point average: Aaron Aucoin, Lynelle Bartz, Ethan Bergdolt, Andrew Bowles, Braylon Cotts, Karissa Foster, Kailea Kellum, Jonathan Nasralla, Reece Peterson, Jordan Pham, Hannah Rockensock, Skylar Sherman, Noah Slingerland, Beatrice Yenezá and Carson Young-Martinez.

The following sixth-grade students made Honor Roll with a grade-point average of at least 3.285: Jacob Bolger, Daniel Bradley, Annie Burk, Chantelle Caldwell, Beatrice Carpenter, Chelsea Casaceli, Jasmine Castaneda, Kaylor Christians, Gabriella Coba, Brodie Connors, Sierra Downing, Heath ■ See Honor A13

## School

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Similarly, the local work group reported finding that approximately 269 additional child care slots, above the total of 212 currently available, are needed in Archuleta County.

The index also reports that child care in the southwest Colorado region is costly, with average charges per day ranging from \$31.62 to \$38.69. The cost runs higher for children of lower age.

This contrasts with typical working wages for "the most common

Colorado occupation ... retail."

According to the index, "in 2014, [at] ... median hourly earnings of 10.96 ... (median annual earnings of \$22,803), retail jobs provided Colorado workers with earnings that were only about 40 percent of the necessary income to support one adult and a preschooler."

The index further reports that a major reason there are insufficient child care slots regionally and throughout the state, is "Programs can only increase the number of children [attending] if they have

enough qualified staff to keep the licensing ratio. Even if they do receive the funds and resources to expand slots, they cannot find staff to keep those slots open."

The index concludes, "Without strong federal and state support for quality early experiences, many working families struggle to afford the high cost of child care. This can put our most vulnerable children further at risk, and creates significant barriers for low-income parents staying at work."

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The following seventh-grade students made PSMS's Honor Roll with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average: Wilhelm Aucoin, Kelsey

Britton, Olivia Craig, Davis Parker, Lauren Peart, Michelle Saucedo, Anneka Slead, Nell Taylor and Ebanie Wilkins.

The following seventh-grade students made Honor Roll with a grade-point average of at least 3.285: Summett Abrell, Tommy Barker, Arden Blakemore, Sawyer Blakemore, Taylor Capistrant, Vinicio Carranza, Ashlie Elliott, Jace Feirn, Trevan Fletcher, Molly Graham, Griffin Grose, Timmy Hittle, Rhead Kay, Jaden Keating, Dimitriy Kholostov, Rylie Knapp, Talon Knapp, Jack Lane, Kori Lucero, Audrey Martin, Stormie Mitchell, Joel Munoz, Steven Neuman, Ameya Novak, Autumn Ortega, Samantha Owen, Madison Pacheco, Kevin Rodriguez-Montano, Isabella Thorridge, Caroline Smith, Keira Shortrez, Lexie Valdez and Breck Wilson.

The following eighth-grade students made PSMS's Honor Roll with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average: Grant Aucoin, Nicole Bartz, Brae Bergdolt, Ella Blechman, Ivory Carpenter, Zoie Condrey, Taylor Cotts, Kendall Cusick, Davian Cutler, Samaya Dunn de Pulido, Jacqueline Echavarría Robles, Cooper Evans, Megan Greenly, Gabriel Heraty, Cam Hinger, Jillian Jolley, Kylie Keuning, Maya Nasralla, River Pitcher, Elan Ramirez, Sophia Raymond, Kiera Su and Wyatt Zeigler.

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Cowan, Domingo DeJesus, Richard Fiedler, Charlotte Foster, Rheanna Gallegos, Juanita Gallegos-McFaridge, Sasha Hampton, Cole Harris, Ella Hemenger, Lorah Jacobson, Nolan Kay, Cerenity Keating, Peyton Khung, Tara Knox, Amelia Laverty, Cameron Lewis, Mitchell Lewis, Brianne Linzalone, Cameron Lucero, Dylan Manzanares, Alyssa Martinez, Shade Matteson, Gisel Moncada, Yasmin Moncada, Flor Montes, Trevor Moore, Elijah Olivares, Ember Ortega, Brighid Parken, MaKayla Perea, Britain Peterson, Lizbeth Quezada, Cole Reis, Kelsi Rollins, Nicholas Roth, Wyatt Schuchart, Kevin Segura, Nina Smith, Sierra Smith, Isaac Stewart-Munoz, Christain Swindell, Grace Thomas, Trevor Torrez, Dylan Tressler, Neo Velarde, Burke Walter, Mackenzie Wedemeyer and Noah Weiszbrod.



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## How to help your teen eat more fruits and vegetables

By Ami Neiberger-Miller  
Special to The SUN

Although childhood obesity rates have leveled off, obesity rates for teens have doubled in recent years. Today, one in every five teens ages 12 to 19 is obese.

Obesity in the early stages of life is more likely to follow into adulthood. But it also has an immediate impact. Obese teens may miss out on fun activities, face more health issues, suffer from a lack of confidence and self-esteem and may even miss out on opportunities to get a job.

What's a parent to do? Helping your teen eat more fruits and vegetables on a regular basis can improve health and build healthy habits for life. "Fruits and Veggies — More Matters" month in September — or anytime of year — is a great time to show your teen how to eat healthy.

"Many teens don't realize that their eating habits are affecting the way they look and feel today," said Elaine Auld, CEO of the Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE). "Point out the effects of the food selections they control and the benefits of healthy eating — better skin and hair, more energy, improved sleep and weight management."

Auld offered a few more tips:

- Talk with your teen. Discuss how food selections affect how they look and feel today. Find out the barriers to eating a more healthy diet with fruits and vegetables. What fruits and vegetables are your teens' favorites? Could you help

them try some new ones?

- Get a baseline. Have your teens keep track of what they have eaten for several days using the notepad on their phones. Then, review the list and have your teens identify one or two small steps for improvement.

- Share online tools. Your teens can use free online tools that show the nutritional value of foods before they order when eating out. Talk with your teens about their daily schedules and meal plans. Discuss how your teen could eat a healthier diet with more fruits and vegetables. At each meal, about half of your plate should be fruits and vegetables.

- Make it easy. Check how many fruits and vegetables you have readily on hand and if you need to change your shopping habits. Find a farmers market nearby. Keep fresh fruit out in a bowl on your table. Cut up vegetables and keep them in your fridge in ready-to-eat portions.

- Mix it in. Add fresh, frozen or canned vegetables to salads, side dishes, pasta sauces, omelets, pizzas or other dishes. If using canned vegetables, select those labeled "reduced sodium," "low sodium" or "no salt added."

- Involve your teen in meal planning and grocery shopping. Research healthy recipes online together. Ask your teen to help you plan family meals for a week. Bring your teen with you to the grocery store. Ask your teen to select fruit and produce and be open to new and different choices.

- Invite your teen to help you in the kitchen. Include your teens in meal preparations. Ask them to cut vegetables or fruits for a meal or for quick "grab and go" packets for the entire family. Try to take a favorite family recipe and make it healthier together. Teens love to experiment.

- Point out healthier options when eating out. Talk about the healthier options on restaurant menus and choose one for yourself.

- Set a good example. Be a role model in what you choose to eat. Try to frame your family culture around healthy eating. Offer fruit and vegetable options with every meal.

### What communities are doing to promote healthy eating for teens

Just as people plan healthy nutrition into their routines, so do communities. SOPHE is part of a national program to prevent chronic diseases like diabetes and heart disease, funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. SOPHE is working alongside four organizations with a network in 100 communities across 37 states. The other partners include the American Heart Association (AHA), the American Planning Association (APA), the Directors of Health Promotion and Education (DHPE) and the National WIC Association (NWICA).

Middle schoolers involved with Oregon Kids Move with Heart are doing brain boosts in health classes, thanks to a toolkit provided

by the AHA. At Douglas MacArthur High School in San Antonio, Texas, students have started a new garden and are composting fruit and vegetable trimmings from the cafeteria. Their efforts are aided by a new toolkit on creating sustainable school gardens.

In Columbus, Ind., community organizers with the APA are working to make streets safer for pedestrians and bicyclists. In Indianapolis, community leaders are trying to make the community more walkable for everyone by instituting a comprehensive plan.

Many teens and their families do not have access to healthy food. In rural Galax, Va, the H.A.N.D.S. Healthy Corner Store initiative with NWICA has increased availability of fresh produce and healthy snack options in rural convenience stores, worked with farmers market managers to increase public awareness of fresh, locally grown produce, and done cooking demonstrations.

Communities can take more steps to show healthy eating for teens and their families.

"Talking with your teen about eating fruits and vegetables is important," said Auld. "We want to make healthy living easier. Helping teens establish good habits now sets them on a path toward success and health later in life."

Learn more about the national project to prevent chronic disease at [www.partnering4health.org](http://www.partnering4health.org) and get more information for your teen at [www.choosemyplate.gov/teens](http://www.choosemyplate.gov/teens).

## Colorado State Forest Service now accepting seedling tree orders

By Ryan Lockwood  
Special to The SUN

The Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) is now accepting orders on a first-come, first-served basis for low-cost seedling trees, shrubs and perennials grown at its Fort Collins nursery. More than 100 species/size options are available, with seedlings ordered now to be distributed statewide next spring.

Coloradans interested in conservation goals such as creating natural windbreaks, improving wildlife habitat or reforesting properties impacted by wildfire or floods are eligible to purchase the

seedlings.

CSFS Nursery Manager Josh Stolz said Colorado-grown species are adaptable and ideal for a variety of conservation uses, and that the nursery's selection has increased over the past few years.

The CSFS seedling tree program is designed to encourage Colorado landowners to plant seedling trees and shrubs for conservation purposes. Through a cooperative effort with Colorado State University Extension offices and county conservation districts throughout the state, approximately 5,000 Coloradans obtain CSFS seedling trees each year.

Conservation seedlings have

many uses and benefits, including:

- Wind/snow control to protect roadways and livestock.
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- Reforestation and reclamation.
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- Carbon sequestration.
- Reduced soil erosion.
- Creating habitat for honeybees and other pollinators.

There is no minimum acreage requirement for landowners to purchase CSFS seedling trees for conservation, reclamation and reforestation goals.

For more information about the

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# Sports

## VOLLEYBALL

### Lady Pirates finish season at state tournament

By Jim Garrett  
Staff Writer

The No. 9 Pagosa Springs High School girls' volleyball team played tough, but couldn't best University High School in the opening match of its state tournament pool in Denver last Friday.

The Lady Pirates won the first and third sets, but the University Bulldogs prevailed in a match that went the distance, 24-26, 25-12, 22-25, 25-12 and 15-6. University continued to the semifinals, but lost to eventual champion Eaton High School, the top seed.

The second day of the tournament, Saturday, the Lady Pirates lost also to the Bayfield High School Wolverines, by close scores of 25-23, 25-20 and 25-18.

Coach Connie O'Donnell told The SUN, "Even though we didn't win our matches, we still competed hard and I think that is all that I can ask."

She continued, "There was a lot of wishing we could go back and play the University match again, because we were so close to winning. Winning on Friday would have set a different mood for us on Saturday."

Of the Lady Pirates' play at the tournament, O'Donnell noted that the team's "serving and defense really stepped up."

Overall, she concluded, "I can't be anything but proud of these girls and proud to be their coach."

University justified its No. 4 seeding in the tournament with strong play across the board against the Lady Pirates. The Bulldogs had a statistical edge in kills, aces, digs and assists. But the statistics also showed the Pagosa side competed hard. The Lady Pirates owned the edge for the match in blocks and serves received.

The Lady Pirates' leaders for the match included Faith Ahlhardt in kills with 17, while Morgan Lewis added 11. In aces, Megan Farrah led with four, and Hayley Mitchell contributed two. Taylor Jones had five blocks, and both Ahlhardt and Lewis added four.

Farrah had 19 digs, and Ahlhardt had 15. Both Isabelle Pajak and Addie Thompson contributed 12. Teagan Stretton had 13 assists and Lewis eight. Farrah received 37 serves, Thompson 24 and Pajak 19.

Against Bayfield, seeded fifth, Jones led the Lady Pirates in kills with seven, Farrah added six and Ahlhardt five. Jones and Lewis each had an ace. Mitchell led with four blocks and Lewis contributed three.

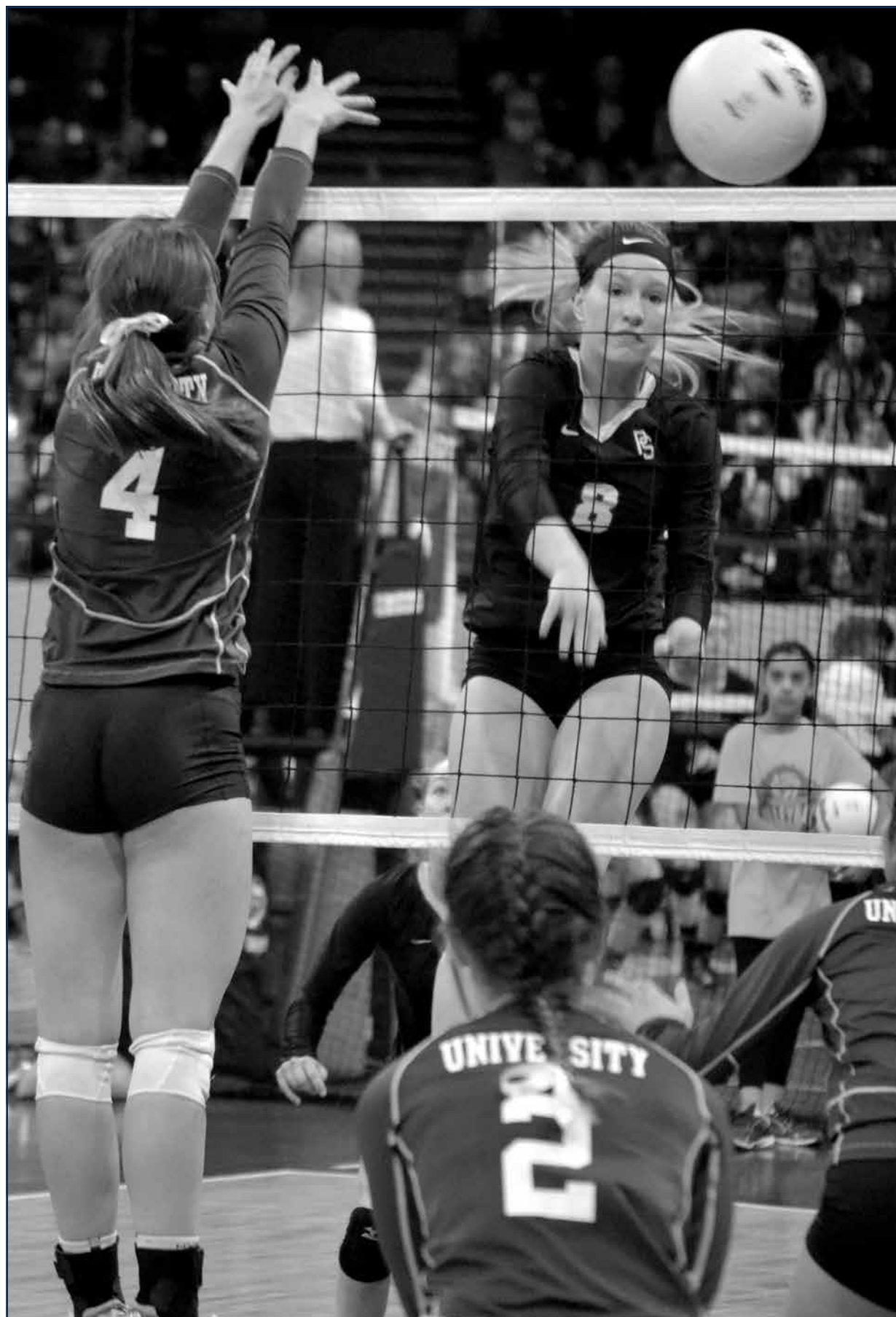


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Pirate senior Megan Farrah watches as her kill shot zips away from University High School's Madelyn Malm during the first day of the CHSAA Class 3A State Volleyball Championships on Friday, Nov. 11, at the Denver Coliseum. The Pirates lost in five to the Lady Bulldogs.

In digs, Ahlhardt was the leader with 18, while Farrah and Lewis each added nine. Lewis led in

assists with 12, and Stretton had eight. Farrah led the way with 21 serves received, and Thompson and Pajak each had 12.

After the season concluded, the Lady Pirates' Farrah and Lewis were honored with all-conference

first team selections. Ahlhardt and Jones were picked as members of the second team.

Farrah was also named to the all-state team selected by Colorado Coaches of Girls Sports.

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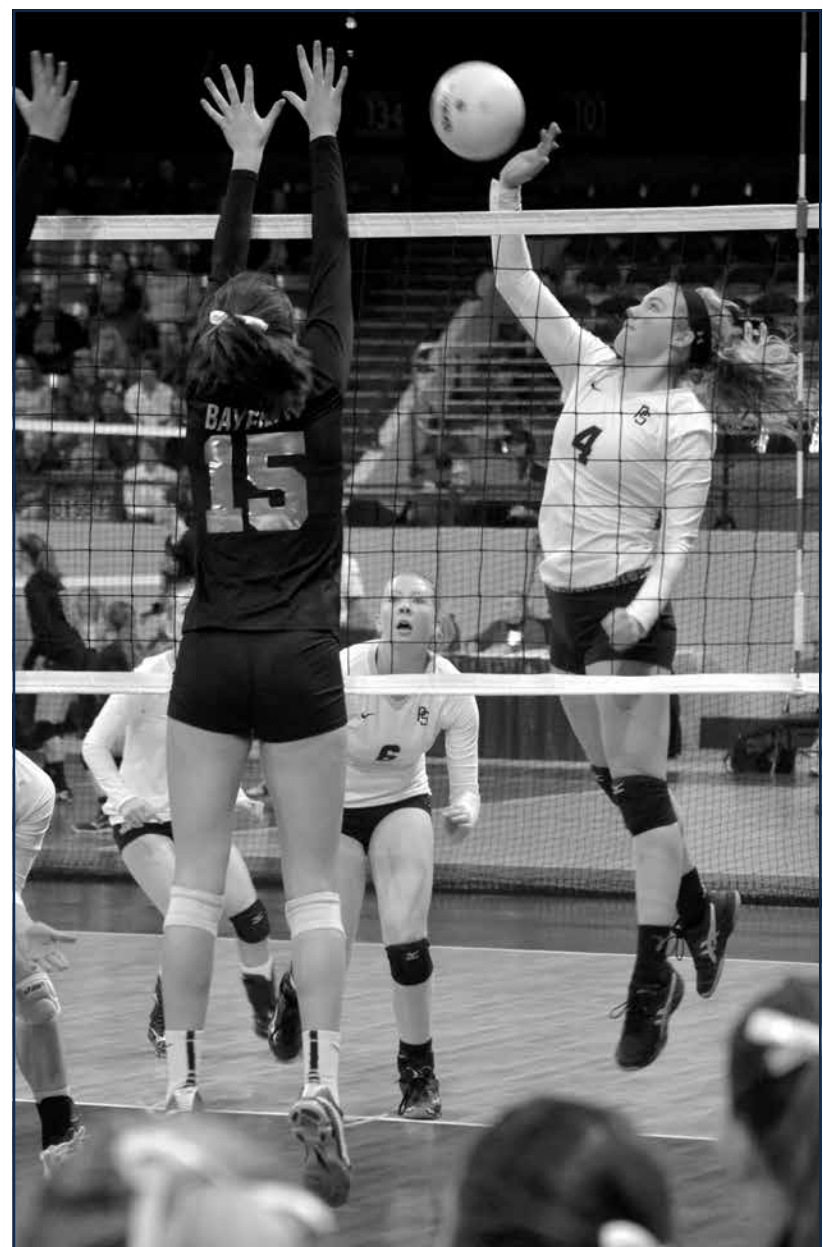


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Bayfield's reserves get a clear look at Pirate senior Hayley Mitchell smacking a shot away from Bayfield's Courtney Bayles. The Pirates again fell to the Wolverines in the matchup, the final of the season for both teams. The affair took place Saturday, Nov. 12, at the state tournament.

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Case Number: 2016CV30067  
**Plaintiffs:**  
MARY STRADFORD  
v.  
**Defendants:**  
ALBERT P. THOMAS, III, and All Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Matter Of This Action.  
**SUMMONS (BY PUBLICATION) PLAINTIFF MARY STRADFORD TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint to Quiet Title Pursuant to Rule 105 filed with the Archuleta County District 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 service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the last day of 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 entered 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 Plaintiff in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows:  
ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 13 Lot: 8 AS 4 Sec: 11 Twn: 34 Rng: 3W  
Respectfully submitted this 10th day of November, 2016.  
/s/ Daniel L. Fiedler  
Daniel L. Fiedler  
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**DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO**  
Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
Phone Number: (970) 264-8160  
**Plaintiff:**  
SHAREE GRAZDA  
v.  
**Defendants:**  
NATIONAL RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, LLC; and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION.  
Submitting Attorney:  
Paul Kosnik, #38663  
Eggleston Kosnik LLC  
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Durango, CO 81301  
Phone Number: (970) 403-1580  
E-mail: [pkosnik@e-klaw.com](mailto:pkosnik@e-klaw.com)  
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This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows:  
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/s/ Paul Kosnik  
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TO EVERY PERSON IN ACTUAL POSSESSION OR OCCUPANCY OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED LAND, LOT, OR PREMISES, AND TO THE PERSON IN WHOSE NAME THE SAME WAS TAXED OR SPECIALLY ASSESSED, AND TO ALL PERSONS HAVING INTEREST OF TITLE OF RECORD IN OR TO THE SAID PREMISES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, AND MORE ESPECIALLY TO:  
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PHYLLIS A WILSON  
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NEWHALL, CA 91321  
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You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 7th day of November 2013, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to:  
Destinee L. Weiding  
the following described real estate situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**Subdivision: LOT 6 AND 7 IN HUDSON BLANCO RIVER SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof filed for record June 12, 1962 as reception No 62385**  
Account Number: R0114247  
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property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said real estate for the year 2012  
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of ELIZABETH A SEIDER and JAMES H WILSON and PHYLLIS A WILSON for said year 2012.  
That said Destinee L. Weiding on the 10th day of October 2016, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said real estate:  
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said real estate to Destinee L. Weiding  
On the 22nd day of March 2017, unless the same has been redeemed.  
Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.  
Witness my hand this 18th day of October 2016  
Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado  
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**DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 7, COLORADO WATER RESUME**

**TO: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN WATER APPLICATIONS IN SAID WATER DIVISION NO. 7**  
Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-292-302, you are notified that the following is the resume of all water right applications filed in the Office of the Water Clerk during the month of October, 2016, for Archuleta County.  
**16CW24** Kruger Farms, LLC, PO Box 26266, Albuquerque, NM 87125; **Kruger Reservoir;** Navajo River; Archuleta County; Date of original decree, 12/9/68; Case no. D-308; Subsequent decrees and dates, W-186, 4/10/75, W-186-77, 12/6/77, 81CW72, 11/18/81, 03CW4, 3/31/04, 10CW28, 9/16/10, in the N1/2 of Section 33, T33N, R2E, NMPM, Original point of survey - East end of existing dam is at a point whence the W1/4 corner of said Section 33, T33N, R2E, NMPM bears 61° 04'W, 3,027.8 ft; Oil Well Creek, tributary to Navajo River, tributary to San Juan River; Appropriation date, 6/23/67; 87.3 acre fee (since reduced to 20 acre fee); Irrigation and livestock watering; Kruger Farms LLC has diligently pursued a new, suitable location for the Kruger Reservoir and needs additional time to see the new location and structure to fruition; Work towards completion of project outlined in application. (12 pages)  
**THE WATER RIGHTS CLAIMED BY THE FOREGOING APPLICATION(S) MAY AFFECT IN PRIORITY ANY WATER RIGHTS CLAIMED OR HERETOFORE ADJUDICATED WITHIN THIS DIVISION AND OWNERS OF AFFECTED RIGHTS MUST APPEAR TO OBJECT AND PROTEST WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY STATUTE, OR BE FOREVER BARRED. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT YOU HAVE** until the last day of December, 2016, to file with the Water Clerk, a verified Statement of Opposition, setting forth facts as to why a certain application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions. A copy of such Statement of Opposition must also be served upon the applicant or the applicant's attorney and an affidavit or certificate of such service shall be filed with the Water Clerk, as prescribed by Rule 5, C.R.C.P. (Filing fee: \$158.00; Forms are available through the Office of the Water Clerk or on the Judicial site at [www.courts.state.co.us](http://www.courts.state.co.us); Danene M. Etz, Water Court Specialist, 1060 E. 2nd Ave., Room 106, Durango, CO 81301-5157; 970-247-2304, Ext. 6181)  
Published: before November 30, 2016 Original Signature on file  
Danene M. Etz, Water Court Specialist  
Published November 17, 2016 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**NOTICE OF CONTRACTOR'S SETTLEMENT**  
County of Archuleta  
State of Colorado  
Notice is hereby given that on or after the 17th day of December, 2016, final settlement will be made by Archuleta County, for and on account of the contract of said:

Reams Construction Company  
for the furnishing and installation of Improvements to the Archuleta County Airport - Stevens Field, Schedule(S), II, III, and IV, AIP Project No. 3-08-0066-022 and any person, co-partnership, association or corporation who has an unpaid lien against said Reams Construction Company for or on account of the furnishing of labor, materials, team hire, sustenance, provision, provender or other supplies used or consumed by such Contractor or any of the subcontractors in or about the performance of said work, may at any time up to and including said time of final settlement on said 17th day of December, 2016, file a verified statement in the amount due and unpaid on account of such claim with Archuleta County. Failure on the part of the claimant to file such final statement will relieve said Owner from all and any liability for such claim.  
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**Town of Pagosa Springs Archuleta County Colorado Hot Springs Pedestrian Bridge Replacement Project**  
The Town of Pagosa Springs is in the process of finalizing the above listed project constructed by Jim Contracting Inc., 1129 Narrow Gauge Lane, Durango, Colorado 81301. Any claims against this project by suppliers, subcontractors, or others should be delivered to the project engineering firm of Davis Engineering Service, Inc. at 188 South 8th Street, P.O. Box 1208, Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147. All claims shall be delivered prior to December 5, 2016. Any claims received on or after December 5, 2016 shall not be considered. Claim forms can be obtained from Davis Engineering Service, Inc. (Phone 970-264-5055).  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF LIEN SALE PURSUANT TO STORAGE LIEN**  
Notice is given that, pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes Sections 36-21.5-101, et seq. (2014), a public sale will be held on November 28, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at 357 Park Ave, Pagosa Springs, Colorado. A list of the unit where property is stored, address of storage, name of occupant, last known address and a brief description of the contents follows. If no market value or if no bids are received the goods will be otherwise disposed of.  
#33 - 357 Park Ave, Pagosa Springs, Colorado - John Rivera, PO Box 3965, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 - Camping equipment, electronics, various boxes and totes, furniture and car doors.  
#21 - 357 Park Ave, Pagosa Springs, Colorado - Michelle Smith, PO Box 2673, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 - Various tools, totes, boxes and furniture.  
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**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT HEARING ON December 6th**  
Pagosa Area Water & Sanitation District, represented by Justin Ramsey, District Engineer, has applied for the PAWSD Water Fill Station Variances from Paving and Setbacks, on property owned by Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County, Lot 1M, Fairgrounds Minor Impact Subdivision, at 344A US Hwy 84, Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN16-090). The request is for Variance from Section 5.4.5.4 of the Archuleta County Land Use Regulations and Sections 27.1.7.3 and 27.1.7.4 of the Archuleta County Road and Bridge Design Standards requiring paving of access and parking, and Section 3.1.2 building setback in the Agricultural/Ranching (AR) zone. PAWSD is planning to install a new 10'x16' public water fill station along County Road 302 (Mill Creek Road).  
A public hearing will be held by the Archuleta County Board of Adjustment, on Tuesday December 6, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Administration Building Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs. Public comment will be taken at the meeting, or may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390, [Planning@archuletacounty.org](mailto:Planning@archuletacounty.org).  
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**PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Town of Pagosa Springs Town Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday December 6, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers to approve the 2017 proposed budget and capital program for the Town of Pagosa Springs and the Sanitation General Improvement District. Copies of the proposed budget and the proposed capital projects programs are available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk in the Town Hall.  
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**NOTICE** is hereby given that a supplemental budget has been submitted to the Board of Directors of the Los Pinos Fire Protection District for

# Rodeo champions announced

By Lisa Scott  
Special to The SUN

Summer night rodeo contestants competed in six rodeos that started June 23 and ended July 28. There were over 100 entries for each rodeo.

Event champions from Pagosa Springs for 2016 are: Trista Tully, steer riding; Diana Scott, junior barrel racing; McKenna Deyapp, breakaway roping; Katelyn McRee, open barrel racing; and Piper Harvey, mutton busting.

Other event champions are: Kayden McClayland, bronc riding; Grant Koenig, team roping; Jerek Duda, calf riding; Dustin Sanchez, novice bull riding; Eddie Maestes, junior bull riding; and Mac Mon-dragon, open bull riding.

Rodeo grounds owner and board of directors of the Western Heritage Event Center provided regular assistance. San Juan Back Country Horsemen greeted rodeo fans and took care of admission.

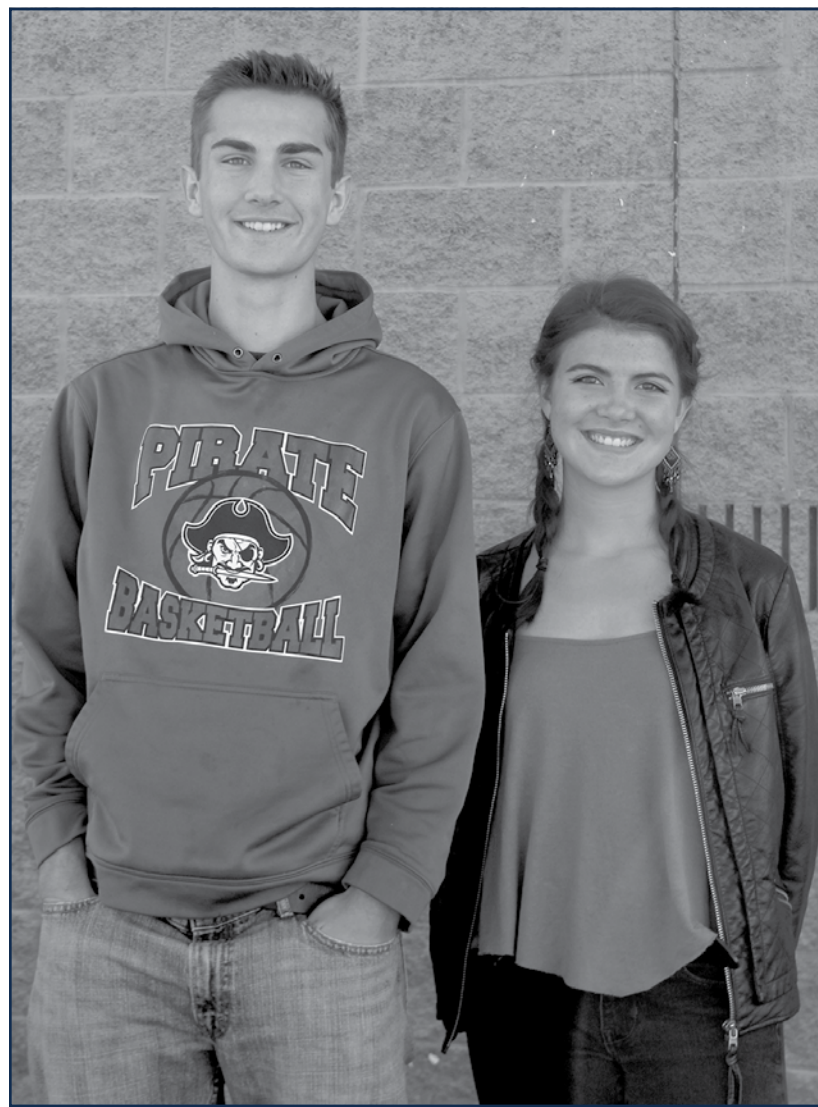
# VOLLEYBALL



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Fresh off their appearance at the state tournament, four Lady Pirate volleyball players were awarded all-conference honors. From left, Megan Farrah and Morgan Lewis were named to the first team, while Faith Ahlhardt and Taylor Jones were named to the second team.

# CROSS-COUNTRY



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

A pair of Pagosa Springs High School cross-country runners were awarded all-conference honors for their work at the recent state tournament. Both Ethan Brown and Delaney Khung garnered first team honors.

# RECREATION NEWS

## Winter arts and crafts class offered

By Darren Lewis  
SUN Columnist

The Pagosa Springs Recreation Department is currently accepting registrations through Nov. 18 for an arts and crafts class to be held at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

The class is for ages 9-13 and will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. This class is a three-week session beginning Nov. 29 and running through Dec. 15. Cost of the class is \$25 for the three-week session.

Registration can be completed at the Community Center. Please call

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

## Youth basketball ages 9-12

The Pagosa Springs Recreation Department is currently accepting registrations through Dec. 30 for youth basketball for ages 9-12. Cost is \$35 and registration may be completed online or at the Community Center.

Practice will start mid-January, with games beginning in February. Please call the recreation department with any questions at 264-4151, ext. 232.

# SOCCER



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Postseason honors were recently announced for the Intermountain League, with a pair of Pagosa Springs High School soccer players garnering honors. Pitcher Lindner, left, earned an honorable mention, while Maverick Miller was named to the all-conference first team.

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# Veterans Day

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Local veterans were honored in a variety of ways in Pagosa Springs on Friday Nov. 11, among them being American Legion Post 108's annual ceremony and the 16th annual Veterans Day Breakfast hosted by Pagosa Springs Middle School eighth-graders. Veterans were served a full breakfast while students listened to their service stories, and the veterans were entertained by the middle school's band and Pagosa Springs Girls' Choir.





# preview

## ARTS & LIFE

# Russ Hill Wreath Bazaar

Community United Methodist Church • Nov. 16 though Dec. 4



# Russ Hill Wreath Bazaar open for 53rd year

By Barb Draper  
Special to The PREVIEW

The ever-popular Russ Hill Wreath Bazaar at Community United Methodist Church opened for business Nov. 16 and will continue through Dec. 4. Now in its 53rd year, this ever-growing event is one of the oldest and most worthwhile traditions in Pagosa Springs.

Fresh, local greenery has been harvested the last two weekends and the scents of our forests will greet you when you walk in to place your order. If you have not purchased a wreath or a table arrangement for yourself, a friend or a relative previously, you have missed a real treat.

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Former residents often phone or mail in their order requests as well, as they still love to send or receive a meaningful reminder of their time spent in Pagosa Springs.

The order desks will be staffed from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday between now and Dec. 4, with the exception of Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24 and 25. The church will be closed these two days for Thanksgiving. You may order in person at 434 Lewis St. or phone in your order to the designated bazaar phone line, 264-2538. Please do not call the church office number. You may pay by cash, check, Visa or MasterCard. A word of caution — you may not want to wait until the last minute to place your order, because a maximum of 500 wreaths will be made. You will not want to miss out.

There are two wreath sizes this year. A standard wreath has an outside diameter of about 25 inches. This wreath is \$35 and if you wish to have it shipped

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**Hayley Mitchell (Lucy) gives Jeremy Medina (Charlie Brown) a piece of advice in "A Charlie Brown Christmas," opening tonight at 7 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.**

## 'A Charlie Brown Christmas' opening tonight

By Sally Neel  
 Special to The PREVIEW

Tonight at 7 p.m., Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP) will kick off the holiday season with "A Charlie Brown Christmas," starring the beloved Charles Schultz Peanuts cast of characters.

Tickets may be purchased at the door and are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and free for children

under 5 years of age.

The Thursday, Friday, and Saturday shows begin at 7 p.m., with a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. All performances are in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. As an added bonus, kids age 10 and under who wear their favorite Peanuts character costume to the Sunday matinee will be admitted free.

"Our cast is just wonderful," said

Production Director Dale Johnson. "They embody the sense of fun and childlike angst that comes with growing up in an adult world. I think everyone, young and old, will enjoy this treasured Peanuts gang brought to the stage."

Jeremy Medina, who plays the starring role of Charlie Brown, is no stranger to the stage. His portrayals of Shrek in "Shrek the Musical," and Motel the Tailor in "Fiddler on the Roof" are among his more recent roles, garnering great kudos from

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## Bazaar

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(by UPS in a specifically designed box), the shipping charge is \$18. UPS pickups are made daily, so the wreaths are very fresh when they arrive at their destinations. You may discuss approximate shipping dates when you place your order. An extra-large wreath measures about 40 inches in diameter and the cost is \$50. Regrettably, shipping is not available for an extra-large wreath.

The wreaths are adorned with several beautiful pine cones and your choice of bow in a variety of colors. If you would like a themed wreath, additional adornments or special personal touches, a wreath can be custom made for you. There is a large stock of specialty items to choose from in the workroom. The final cost of a custom wreath will depend on your choices of additions. When you come in to place your order, you are welcome to visit the workroom to see how the wreaths and arrangements are created.

Beautiful, one-of-a-kind fresh arrangements are also being offered. There will be both Thanksgiving and a wide variety of Christ-

mas arrangements made up that you may purchase on the spot when you come in. Custom arrangement orders are also welcome. Due to the timing, however, custom Thanksgiving orders will be limited, so you will need to call or come in very quickly for these. Advent candles will also be available, but must be ordered in advance as well. Arrangements prices will vary from \$15 to \$40. Arrangements can also be shipped. This charge is \$17.

There are so many good reasons to purchase these wreaths. Perhaps foremost is the fact that all profits from the sales are distributed within the community to deserving nonprofit organizations through mini-grant applications. On a personal level, you can simplify your Christmas giving, avoid standing in long lines at the post office and send gifts that will be truly appreciated. There is no need to fret about sizes, styles, likes, dislikes or duplicates. As for your own wreath, you will not find one that is made from fresher materials or longer lasting. You will see many of these wreaths hanging well into February with normal winter conditions.

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**Jeremy Medina (Charlie Brown) and Kaya Knox (Snoopy) prepare for opening night of “A Charlie Brown Christmas” tonight at 7 p.m. at Pagosa Springs High School. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and free for children age 5 and under. Performances conclude on Sunday at 2 p.m., so make plans to start your holiday season with an extra dose of joy.**

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# Charlie

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locals and visitors alike.

Of course, Charlie Brown takes himself very seriously, arousing seemingly constant criticism from his friends. A constant theme for cartoonist Charles Schultz is that children can be cruel, but also understanding, forgiving and kind. Ultimately, Charlie Brown the blockhead becomes Charlie Brown the hero.

Charlie Brown's friend/nemesis, Lucy, is played by the ever-delightful Hayley Mitchell. Mitchell, now a high school senior, has been on the CUP stage since she was a child. Her acting skills certainly show her training and theatrical confidence. She is hilarious as the ever-self-absorbed Lucy.

Kaya Knox brings the adorable Snoopy to life, beautifully exhibiting Snoopy's joy and mischievously silly antics. As Charlie Brown's dog, Snoopy plays the happy counterpart to Charlie Brown's overly analytical personality.

Keanan Anderson, who plays the part of Linus, Lucy's little brother, brings Linus' sweetness

and resilience to the character. Linus' trademark blanket is his constant companion and a source of great irritation to his older sister. In spite of her threats to do bodily harm to him if he doesn't get rid of it, he counters her with wonderful comedic comebacks. In his childlike wisdom, he is able to help Charlie Brown find the true meaning of Christmas.

Charlie Brown's younger sister, Sally, played by Zoe Geraghty, is caught up in the wonders of Santa Claus, though she is willing to forgo a long list of gifts in exchange for cold, hard cash. She is thrilled to play the innkeeper's wife in the Christmas play, since her "husband" will be played by Linus, the love of her young life.

Averie Lynch plays the role of Frieda, who is quite proud of her naturally curly hair. Her vanity is subdued by her somewhat unwashed counterpart, Pig Pen, played by Cameron DeMarco.

Others who bring this wonderful cast to life are Taylor Jones (Violet), Sydney Mitchell (Peppermint

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# Area churches to present Dallas Holm in concert Sunday

By Jason Rose  
Special to The PREVIEW

At 6 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 20, area churches will welcome Grammy-nominated and Dove award-winning musical legend Dallas Holm in concert at Centerpoint Church in Pagosa Springs.

Special guest Michelle Whalen, who has released a new Christmas album entitled "Christmastide," will start the evening. Local artists Jason and Denise will make a special cameo appearance.

Doors will open an hour before the concert begins. Admission is free. A love offering will be received during the concert with 100 percent of the proceeds going to the artists. Both Holm and Whalen will be weaving Christmas songs into their musical sets.

Pioneer, forerunner, legend: Holm is an icon of Christian music. Though he never feels comfortable with such descriptions, Holm agreed, "Through God's grace, I've been part of the Christian music ministry for a long time."

Holm has earned his influence in today's Christian music throughout more than 30 years of writing, singing and ministry in some 3,000 concerts in every state in the USA, as well as many countries abroad. His 37 recordings have

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Photo courtesy Jason Rose

A Grammy nominee and Dove award winner, Dallas Holm will be in concert on Sunday evening at Centerpoint Church, with free admission. The concert is being presented by area churches.

## Charlie

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Patty), Tim McAlister (Schroeder), Kaeden Thomas (Shermy), Marissa Medina (Marcy), Kayla Nasralla (Sandy), Anika Thomas (The Little Redhaired Girl), Antonia Bussoli (Eudora) and Diana Kelly (Peggy Jean).

Between the scenes will be featured soloists Connor and Avonlea Thomas, Doug Roberts, Brandye Kiker, Crissy Ferguson, Nika Hinger and Robert Neel singing some of your favorite holiday songs.

CUP productions would not be complete without live musicians accompanying each performance. In the orchestra pit will be a small jazz ensemble composed of Sally Neel (music director) at the piano, Kathy Wadenpfohl on flute, James Kiker on standup bass and Joan Knab on drums. They will be playing the original music composed for the television production by Vince Guaraldi.

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Michelle Whalen, with a freshly released Christmas album, will be the special guest at Nov. 20's Dallas Holm concert at Centerpoint Church.

## Concert

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 garnered gold records, multiple Dove awards, Grammy nominations, No. 1 songs, and countless accolades. During his travels, Holm also speaks and teaches what God has taught him in his journey.

Holm's creativity and diversity offer everything from inspirational to blues, from country to reggae. Whatever the style, it all points to Christ and the cross. Songs like "Rise Again," "I Saw the Lord," "Here We Are" and "Before Your Throne" remind us that it's all about Jesus. Holm's songs focus on His life, His death and resurrection, and His desire for intimate relationship with us.

God has used Holm to shape the landscape of today's Christian music. Greg Long of Avalon said, "I rededicated my life to the Lord at a Dallas Holm concert."

Holm has touched the lives of such influential stars as Steven Curtis Chapman, who said, "He's still a hero to me."

Twila Paris, who opened for Dallas Holm and Praise when she was a fledging artist, remembers his album, "For Teens Only" (1971),

as the first contemporary Christian recording she heard.

Holm said, "When people come up to me after a concert and tell me they've given their life to the Lord during the concert, I'm humbled and amazed."

Letters pour in from around the world telling of marriages saved and lives changed. Comments that keep Holm focused, fresh and committed to his calling are those that express how God used him to save their kids or, as kids often write, to save their parents.

His family, his role as husband, father and grandfather, take precedence for Holm.

"If I reached the whole world but lost my own family, I'd consider myself a failure. Early on, I set a priority system that put God first, family second and ministry third. If I'm not the husband and father I need to be in my own home, I have no right to proclaim truths of the Kingdom to others."

This arrangement has worked well for Holm and wife Linda since their marriage in 1969. They now have two grown children, Jeffrey

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The Pagosa Springs Community Choir is in final rehearsals for its Christmas concerts, to be held Dec. 2 and 3 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 4 at 4 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

## Community Choir preparing for Christmas concerts

By **Betty Schwicker**  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs Community Choir is in final rehearsals for its annual Christmas concerts, to be presented Dec. 2, 3 and 4 in the high school auditorium. The Dec. 2 and 3 concerts are at 7 p.m., and the Dec. 4 concert is a matinee at 4 p.m.

A talented group of over 60 singers, the choir members vary in age from teenagers to seniors

and every age between. This year's theme is "We Need a Little Christmas," and the choir is directed by Dan Burch and accompanied by Venita Burch. Several of the selections include solos and duets that will warm your hearts.

As in previous years, the concerts will be a blend of music styles, all celebrating the Christmas season. The religious numbers include the inspirational selections "Carol of the Kings" and "Gloria in Excelsis Deo." Secular

selections like "Kay Thompson's Jingle Bells" and "North Pole Rock and Roll" will also be part of the program.

As in years past, the choir will join the audience to sing several a cappella numbers "in the round." Also, the jazz ensemble will perform two fun numbers that will have you smiling and moving to the beat.

All concerts are free and open to the public. However, the choir is always grateful for donations to help support our vocal scholarship program for students and the music programs in our public schools.

## Concert

■ continued from previous page (his fishing buddy) and Jennifer. Jennifer and her husband, Jason, have two children, Jacob and Sophia.

Holm said, "I was my son's age when I started in full-time ministry. Now I have grandchildren!"

He and Linda travel to concerts across the country.

Holm is quick to point out, "It's been a remarkable journey, yet it hasn't all been easy. When people hear my music or see me on TV or in concert, they don't realize those are just moments in a life. I've had struggles, heartaches and disappointments just like everyone else. Linda has fought an on-going 20-plus-year battle surviving cancer. But Christ remains preeminent in all things. No matter what has happened, what I'm going through now or what I may endure tomorrow, nothing can separate me from the love of Christ."

Holm grew up in Minnesota. In 1965, at the age of 16, he was pursuing a music career in local rock bands.

Holm remembered, "One night, the pastor of our church sat down and talked with me about my life,

my goals and Jesus. On Oct. 17, 1965, I committed my life and my music to the Lord. I've never looked back."

After Bible college and a short stint as youth pastor, Holm joined David Wilkerson in his youth crusades in 1970. He traveled and ministered with Wilkerson for 10 years.

During that time, he formed Dallas Holm and Praise in 1976. Holm said, "It amazes me that even with such turnover in the Christian music industry and such diversity within the church, God keeps this ministry effective year after year. I love what I do now more than ever and consider it a privilege to be a co-laborer with Christ."

Holm reminds us, "in the movie 'Chariots of Fire,' Eric Liddell said, 'When I run, I feel God's pleasure.' I say, When I write, sing and play these songs, I feel His pleasure."

Mark your calendars for 6 p.m. on Nov. 20 at Centerpoint Church, where area churches will come together to welcome Holm to Pagosa. Special guest Whalen will open the evening. Invite your friends and neighbors for this free concert and what will be an entertaining and inspirational evening.

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Tables will be decorated in Christmas finery at this year's St. Patrick's Christmas Tea on Dec. 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. Tickets will be sold in the church office, located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd., from 9 a.m. to noon beginning Nov. 28 through Dec. 1. Tickets are only \$10 and will sell out fast.

## St. Patrick's Christmas Tea a holiday tradition

By Sally Neel  
Special to The PREVIEW

Ladies, it's time to set aside your hats and favorite Christmas outfits and make plans to attend the St. Patrick's Episcopal Church annual Christmas Tea, hosted by the women of the church.

Delectable delights of every sort will be brought to your beautifully

decorated table, along with delicious, freshly brewed hot tea.

The Christmas Tea will be held in the church from 2 to 4 p.m. on Dec. 4. Tickets are only \$10 and will go on sale in the church office from 9 a.m. to noon Nov. 28-Dec. 1. Due to the popularity of this event, these tickets have traditionally sold out in about two days, so don't wait.

You can call the office, 731-5801,

during these hours and reserve your tickets as long as they are paid for by Dec. 1. Any unpaid tickets remaining after that point will go back on sale.

Tables will be decorated in Christmas finery with china and silverware provided by the women of the church from their personal collections. The goodies will be

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Pagosa Springs Girls Choir will present its holiday concert, “Sing with the Angels,” on Dec. 6. Admission to the concert is free, with donations accepted.

## Pagosa Springs Girls’ Choir announces Dec. 6 concert

By Linda Parker  
Special to The PREVIEW

Christmas angels are perhaps the most popular form of angels that are used in celebrations, symbolizing innocence, purity, peace and love. Some believe angels to be messengers. Others believe them

to provide protection, look after us and comfort us in times of distress.

In the annual holiday concert by the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir (PSGC), our Christmas angels are the 14 young ladies who make up the PSGC and who will provide the Pagosa community with a beautiful holiday program for this glorious

Christmas season.

The PSGC will be in concert presenting “Sing with the Angels” at 7 p.m. on Dec. 6. The concert will be held at Community United Methodist Church.

Along with the PSGC, the concert will feature Darcy DeGuise and

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## ‘A Tapestry of Sound’ children’s and family concert at the library Nov. 23

By Paul Roberts  
Special to The PREVIEW

Jessica Peterson and Paul Roberts will present “A Tapestry of Sound,” a special children’s and family concert performed on a colorful array of instruments from around the world, at the Ruby Sison Library on Wednesday, Nov. 23, at 10 a.m. Join the fun with sing-alongs, body percussion, dancing and drumming. The program is suitable for all ages.

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festivities with a feast of musical delicacies at “A Tapestry of Sound.” For further information, call the library at 264-2209.

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abundant and delicious, all made from scratch from favorite Christmas recipes. In addition, your ticket will assure you the opportunity to win a beautiful handmade door prize.

Much work goes into this wonderful afternoon of Christmas joy and hospitality. The women of

St. Patrick’s have been providing the Christmas Tea for many years, so experience helps things run smoothly and efficiently. Certainly, the guests will feel as though they have been given an elegant treat and the perfect opportunity to enjoy a lovely afternoon with friends.

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Cub Scout Pack 807 was honored to host a “thank you” dinner for the veterans of Archuleta County on Veterans Day at the Methodist Church. The scouts were thrilled to learn from the veterans and hear about their service.

## Concert

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Jeanette Hill, vocal coaches for the choir. Both women are professional musicians who provide voice lessons during the choir’s rehearsal time to each of the girls. Members of the Quodlibet Handbell Choir, of Community United Methodist Church, directed by Berkey Branch, and violinist Heidi Tanner will also participate in the program.

of girls from grades 5-8. While most of the girls attend public school, some of the singers are home-schooled.

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

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

Listeners are in for a treat when they hear these talented young ladies perform. Please make plans now to attend the “Sing with the Angels” concert on Dec. 6. Admission to the concert is free, but donations will be gratefully accepted.



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# No plucking blackberries here

Lines from a poem by Elizabeth Barrett Browning came from the pulpit on Sunday morning.

“Earth’s crammed with heaven,  
“And every common bush afire with God,

“But only he who sees takes off his shoes;

“The rest sit round and pluck blackberries.”

Everyone asked, “How was your granddaughter’s wedding?”

To add Barrett Browning’s words to my own, in a nature center one morning in October, earth was crammed with heaven. Every common bush was afire, the ground was sacred and I felt I needed to take off my shoes.

No one sat around and plucked blackberries on that day. We witnessed a bride, beautiful inside and out, an exquisite artistry. She walked through wooden barn doors that seemed to float in their own space, bordered only by autumn trees with leaves ablaze. Nature was the backdrop for a simple, yet rugged stage adorned with candle lanterns. Baby’s breath and purple wildflowers accessorized the center aisle, where a white runner lay for the bride and her train.

She carried a bouquet of white roses and took our breath away in a cream-colored vintage lace, slender-fitted dress. A veil borrowed, and toenails painted blue. At the altar waited a sweet young man, ready to receive his beloved bride from her father.

Marriage is a mystery of heaven crammed into earth. We knew God passed between this young couple who made a commitment

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Betty Slade



to keep themselves pure for each other until their wedding day. It was a depiction on earth, a picture of Christ who waits to receive his beautiful bride.

Friends asked me to describe the wedding. I can only say there was nothing plastic or pretentious about this day. The pastor didn’t have a canned wedding speech. His words were anointed and came from a full heart of love for the couple. He shared marital instructions from the Holy Bible and gave guidance based on his own marriage experience of 40 years.

This Hallmark “wedding of the century” didn’t have traces of tiring traditions or have-to-dos because “that’s the way it’s done.” There was no singing Elvis or pink flamingos. Nor was there a pointed shotgun or split families of Hatfields on one side and McCoys on the other. There were no flashing or bright lights, or over-the-top Hollywood feel. This was an intimate, natural beautiful rustic southern California canyon wedding.

The reception banquet room took us back in time to when whimsy, innocence and the discovery of new adventure were the catalysts that brought people together. Picture frames from yesterday hung on the wall above luggage with brass hardware and a box filled with leather-bound books. There were paper mâché boxes, a pillbox hat and long white dinner gloves. There were old tin movie reels and cans, Rolleiflex twin lens cameras, a manual typewriter and even a wooden mantle clock.

From the wedding party table to the guest tables, which extended to each corner of the room, vignettes took us back to 1940 and captivated us. After the bride and groom danced to the theme song from “A Walk to Remember,” they started

their future by driving off in a mint Mustang from the ’60s.

A photo booth with funny hats, wigs, big lips and mustaches was set up for guests to add humor to this already emotionally charged day.

For the happy couple, the rub will come as they face their commitment to each other as man and wife. The two shall live as one, which takes confidence in one’s self, faith in each other and hope, which keeps eyes looking forward. And a lot of love to maneuver around pitfalls and power over the steepest hill.

There will be many seasons as these two walk together. Marriage parallels the changing seasons in nature. There will be newness in the spring, fun in summer, change in fall and harsh winds in winter.

Each season will come, then be pushed away by the next in line, all of it necessary to bring harvest. This will be the true proof of eternal love and a willingness to surrender to each other.

Weddings are beautiful and declare the beginning of an exciting mystery inspired by heaven. The true witness is in the marriage, a road traveled years later where two people still walk together holding hands. Where the beauty of a wrinkled face is appreciated for trials survived and worries overcome. And living beyond heartache that can’t extinguish the first love spark in ones eyes. Weathered bodies will stand shorter than they once did and move with obvious limps and pain. But love can continue through sickness and health, good times and bad times.

Final brushstroke: I look over at my Sweet Al who rocks in a squeaking chair with his dog lying next to him. It takes a loving God, passing between a couple, to know I myself am witnessing “earth crammed with heaven.” How exciting it is to see the beginning of a journey for our granddaughter and her new husband. We watch with eager anticipation to see if they will take off their shoes, or sit around and pluck blackberries.

## Earth Community Pagosa resumes meetings

By Joan Mieritz  
Special to The PREVIEW

Earth Community activities have been on hold so members could spend their time this fall working on our election process, and now it is time to get back to regular community activities.

This is part of our mission statement: Earth Community Pagosa is a dedicated and empowered group of volunteers working to “make the world a better place” by starting with local people and resources. We firmly believe that individuals can make a difference. We believe that by helping individuals, families and the community become better informed, more self-reliant and less dependent on corporate and government infrastructure, we can develop a more vibrant, robust, cooperative and self-sustaining local culture and economy.

We will have planning sessions

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# Festival of Trees tickets on sale now

By Traci Bishop  
PREVIEW Columnist

Mark your calendars for this year's Festival of Trees event on 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 Ross Aragon 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.

Don't miss out on this year's Festival of Trees free public viewing on Dec. 1 from noon to 7 p.m. Come on down and enjoy listening to Christmas music as you wander through

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many unique Christmas trees.

Hot chocolate, coffee and cookies will also 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.

For more information, please contact the Community Center 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.

### Coed volleyball

Come down Wednesdays from 1 to 3:30 p.m. for adult coed volleyball. This is a friendly, noncompetitive game open to all skill levels. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please contact the Community Center at 264-4152.

### More information

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

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

# Time food for easy entertaining

Special to The PREVIEW

Hosts typically offer food when inviting guests into their homes. One thing to consider when selecting foods to serve is recipes that can be timed well and are most suitable for entertaining.

Interacting with guests and meeting their needs can be challenging enough without having to make frequent trips to the kitchen to check on meals. Simple meals can reduce the likelihood that hosts will spend all of their time in the kitchen.

Timing can be everything with regard to cooking, and with the following tips, hosts can offer foods that are cooked and served with ease.

- Go with what you know. Save experimentation for another time. When entertaining, stick to tried-and-true recipes you have made many times before and can prepare from memory. Sticking with recipes

you know removes potential sources of stress and frustration from hosting.

Working with recipes you know also means you understand just how long it takes for foods to cook. This enables you to time courses properly so they come out of the oven hot and can be served at the right temperature.

- Cook ahead when possible. It is easier to serve foods promptly when dishes are already prepared. When foods are prepared in advance, serving can be as simple as reheating in the oven or placing uncooked foods in the oven. Keep in mind that food will heat up more quickly in serving dishes that are shallow. If time is of the essence, prepare foods in pans or other vessels that are not too deep.

Certain meals are good choices for advance preparation. These include casseroles, stews and baked

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# Community

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on Monday, Nov. 21, in the Pagosa Springs Visitor Center conference room (on Hot Springs Boulevard). There will be two meeting times, one at 1:30 p.m. and another at 6:30 p.m., so that more members can attend.

We will be looking at our mission statement and at community needs to decide on priorities. If you have ideas and are not a member, you are welcome to come. Membership happens by simply giving us your email address so you can be notified of activities. We do have some unfinished business and would welcome some people with computer expertise to help us complete our website.

In August, we had a fantastic lecture at the library given by Fran Korten, publisher of YES Magazine.

There are times scheduled in November and December for discussions of recent issues. Copies are available at the library.

On Nov. 30, at the Visitor Center, at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m., there will be discussions of the winter 2016 issue on "How to Create a Culture of Good Health — Mind+Body+Community." This issue is especially valuable for more health-conscious people and anyone with health issues who is looking for alternative solutions.

There will also be healthy snacks to enjoy.

On Monday, Dec. 12, at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m., there will be discussions of the fall 2015 issue of YES Magazine, which is titled "The Debt Issue." We will discuss everything from our national debt, to student loans, to good and bad debt.

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- 10:30 AM • Light the Big Green Egg! Bring the temperature up to 350°F.
- 11 AM • Open the dome and add the pecan smoking chips to coals. Add the convEGGtor to the EGG (legs up), then add the cooking grid.
- Spread rub generously over the outside of the turkey. Load the turkey onto a Vertical Turkey Roaster or into a V-Rack, then place into a drip pan.
- Add the onion and celery to the drip pan. Fill the pan with chicken broth, wine or water.
- 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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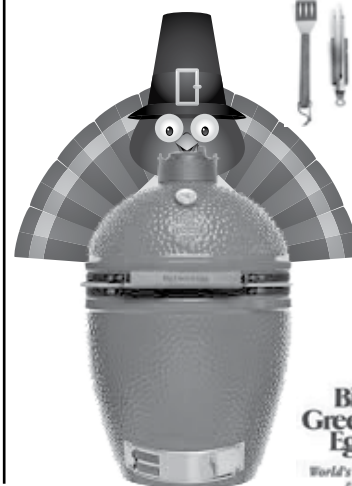
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# A Christmas delivery with a lot of pressure

By Daris Howard  
Special to The PREVIEW

My son, Scott, and his wife, Janalyn, lived with us for a while this summer after graduation.

His job didn't start until September, and it gave us a chance to get to know Janalyn.

Our life was quite a bit different from how she grew up. She had never canned food before, and she soon learned the joy of home canned fruits, vegetables, jams and jellies. We told her whatever she picked from our big garden she could can, and we would even provide the bottles. While Scott worked at a job to make some money for their move, Janalyn worked hard canning dozens of jars of jam and fruit. By the time they packed the truck to move to their new life in New York City, they had a lot of wonderful homegrown food to take with them.

Recently, when we asked them what they wanted for Christmas, it was no surprise that Janalyn said she wanted a pressure canner of her own. We knew we couldn't afford a new one of the quality we wanted for her, so we started looking for a nice used one. But she found one before we did. It was almost new and was about half

price. The problem was, they had no car, and it was a couple of hours away by light rail and train.

Scott, wanting to buy the canner for a Christmas present for his wife, got off work a little early Friday evening and boarded the light rail. After a couple of transfers, he reached the train station and rode the train to the desired destination. True to his word, the man selling the canner was waiting. Scott bought the canner and then looked at the train schedule and found out he had an hour and a half before the return train would arrive. The station was closed, so he set the canner on the ground, leaned against it, and started reading a book. It wasn't too long before he heard a strong, commanding voice. He looked up and saw two police officers standing at opposite sides of him, each about 50 feet away.

The officer spoke again. "Step away from the canner."

Suddenly, Scott thought about the Boston Marathon bombing and realized what this Christmas gift looked like. He stood and did as he was told. After checking his identification, one of the officers, who knew a little bit about canning, asked Scott some questions. Finally, satisfied that Scott was buying the canner for the purpose

he claimed, he was allowed to go back to his canner, open it, and turn it so the officers could see it was empty.

By this time a third officer had shown up, and not long after that the police commander arrived. This was more excitement than their little town had had in a while. Once everyone was satisfied that Scott was harmless, one of the officers informed him they also had the K-9 unit and the bomb squad ready and waiting not far away. The first officer apologized to Scott and said that their town had lost 14 people in the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center.

"Everyone is really vigilant now," the officer said.

Scott said he didn't mind. In fact, he was happy that they were so careful.

The first two officers stayed with him until the train came. They even

informed the conductor that Scott was OK and that his canner was OK, too. But Scott found that as he traveled, even though he left the lid off so everyone could see the canner was empty, no one trusted him. He sat at the back of the train and the light rail, and as people would come back and see the canner, they immediately went back to the front. Soon, no matter what he was riding, he had the whole back end to himself while the front was packed tight. He felt bad, and he understood how they felt, but he still had to get the canner home.

Eventually, he arrived at their little apartment, and Janalyn was there to greet him with a hug. He told her the story.

As he finished, he said, "I'm glad you like to can. But if we ever need a new pressure canner, maybe next time we'll just order it on Amazon and have it delivered."

## Food

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pasta dishes. Fish and roasts are best served the day of cooking.

• Learn guests' tendencies. It's helpful to know guests' personalities and their propensity to arrive on time before assigning foods to bring. For

example, the early bird of your group can be trusted to bring appetizers or mixers for early cocktails. Someone who usually arrives fashionably late should be tasked with bringing dessert or something else to be enjoyed after the meal.

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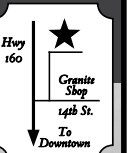
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## Keeping alcohol under control during the holidays

By John Lough  
Special to The PREVIEW

The holiday season brings increased amounts of stress and pressure. It also brings many opportunities to escape that stress. From office parties to family gatherings, the holidays offer lots of chances to be with people we like and enjoy a drink or two — or, too often, more.

Holiday drinking can be a very real problem for many reasons. One is that there are more occasions to consume alcohol and often in situations that encourage excessive consumption.

In addition, holiday parties may push people to drink who seldom do so at other times. Such people may have lower alcohol tolerance, meaning just a drink or two can leave them quite intoxicated. One drink can be too much if you get in trouble because of it.

## The history of table settings and dining etiquette

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Dining etiquette stretches back centuries. To many people, formal table settings are an art form, and table manners are not to be taken lightly.

The earliest Western dining traditions were documented by the Ancient Greeks. Table-setting scenes are found in the Old Testament and in the writings of Homer. European table manners and other examples of chivalry date back as far as the 11th century.

Today, many of the behaviors that take place at the dinner table are deeply rooted in history. Here's a look at some of the traditions and their origins.

- Standing to greet a guest: Men once stood to show respect when a woman, elderly person or dignitary entered the room or approached the dining table. This was a gesture of humility. Standing shows a person is attentive and caring. It's also long been customary to remain standing until a guest has taken a seat. An excerpt from 1860's "The Gentleman's Book of Etiquette, and Manual of Politeness" indicates, "... and at the table wait until she is seated, indeed wait until every lady is seated, before taking your own place."

- Fine china: Fine china and dinnerware are two different types of accouterments individuals can use when setting a table. China is typically used for special occasions. That's because fine china is rare and the cost to replace items if they are broken is considerable. Fine china is made of porcelain and is named for the country where it originated. Through the years, Europeans followed suit and created their own derivatives of Chinese

The holiday season also produces high numbers of alcohol-related traffic accidents and deaths. And even a driving drunk citation will carry serious implications.

But excessive holiday drinking can also produce other stress-inducing problems. Just one unthinking comment or improper action at an office holiday party has sabotaged more than one promising career. And who hasn't experienced a horrific family gathering when Uncle Fred starts drinking and sharing his feelings about family members?

The key is to keep holiday alcohol consumption under control. Here are some tips on how to make that easier:

- Remember that you have choices. A holiday party is an opportunity to socialize and have fun, not just drink. You get to choose whether to drink or not, and when to stop drinking.

- Feel self-confident enough to say no. Just because alcohol is available, or a host is pushing drinks, doesn't mean you have to indulge. There's nothing embarrassing about asking for a non-alcoholic drink. If someone tries to shame you into drinking, realize the problem is his, not yours.

- Use a designated driver. Even small amounts of alcohol can impair driving ability. Why take chances? No designated driver? Then call a cab.

- If you're going to drink alcohol, decide ahead of time how many drinks are right for you. Choose a number that keeps you in control and then stick to it.

Don't add to holiday stress and pressure with alcohol-related problems. You have the ability to make choices to drink wisely. And if alcohol is a problem you can't control, seek help. Your physician, local hospital or a professional counselor can help you attack the problem.

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## Strategies to repay student loans as quickly as possible

Special to The PREVIEW

Millions of people fund their college educations with student loans. Such loans can make it possible for students to attend the very best universities in the world, but they also can be burdensome when students graduate and face the unenviable task of repayment.

Student loan debt figures are staggering. According to Debt.org, student loan debt in the United States is roughly \$1.2 trillion. The college resource website Cappex.com estimates that the average student debt for members of the class of 2016 is \$37,173, a jaw-dropping 6 percent increase from the average debt held by members of the class of 2015 upon graduation.

Paying down that debt can seem like a daunting task, but recent grads need not fret that they will still be paying off student loans when their own children are ready to enroll in college or university. The following are a few strategies college grads may want to consider as they look for ways to pay off their student loans as quickly as possible.

- Create a monthly budget before the repayment period begins. Monthly budgets are an essential element of sound financial planning, but grads should not wait until their repayment period begins to develop their budgets. Even if the repayment grace period has just begun, grads should build at least the minimum required payment into their monthly budgets. Simply put the money into a savings account until the repayment period begins. Adjusting to repaying loans as early as possible can soften the blow once the repayment period actually begins.

- Pay more than the minimum. Grads will have a relatively brief grace period to start repaying their loans after graduating. For those who are not going on to graduate or professional school, that grace period may be six months. As the due date for that first payment draws

near, grads will receive a letter from their lenders indicating their overall debt and their minimum monthly payment. Paying more than that minimum monthly payment can help borrowers pay off their student loans far faster than simply paying the minimum each month. Many homeowners employ this strategy with their mortgages, and grads can do the same when repaying their student loans.

- Establish short-term financial goals. Short-term financial goals can motivate borrowers to maintain their financial discipline, especially in those initial years after college when many new graduates struggle with money management. Be specific about goals, making sure to pick a target date to repay student loans in full. Grads who want to become homeowners can work to achieve that goal before age 30. Once that goal has been set, grads can research average home costs in their desired areas. Such information can motivate grads to pay off their student loans as quickly as possible so they can be on track to achieve their larger goal of buying a home in accordance to their preestablished goal.

- Live with a roommate or roommates. Recent graduates who landed their first professional job may feel living alone is the ultimate illustration of their financial independence. But living with a roommate or roommates can free up more money for borrowers to put toward repaying their student loans. Roommates share utility and cable/Internet bills, and room shares are often much less expensive than studio or one-bedroom apartments. Many young professionals, especially those moving to a new city for their first job, find living with roommates after college is also a great way to develop or expand a social network.

Repaying student loans takes discipline, but that discipline is rewarded when loans are repaid long before reaching their maturity date.

## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 Field yield
- 5 Mouth, slangily
- 9 Dart about
- 13 Aesop racer
- 14 Cobbler fruit
- 15 Foreign currency
- 16 Locket shape
- 17 Ready for a refill
- 18 At the peak
- 19 Like some secrets
- 21 Tranquil
- 23 Grain grinder
- 24 Darkroom chemical
- 25 Shakespearean title character
- 28 Explain fully
- 32 Pupil protector
- 34 Issue
- 35 Scot's cap
- 36 Farmer's place, in song
- 37 Roof edge
- 39 Whimper
- 40 Bearded beast
- 41 Carplike fish
- 42 Haunted house offering
- 44 What some are made for
- 47 "Teeny" follower
- 48 Church donation
- 49 Time to beware
- 51 Celestial body
- 53 Threshold
- 57 Criminal group
- 58 GPS calculation
- 60 Clay-rich soil
- 61 Grimm beginning
- 62 Calculator, at times
- 63 Seaweed, for one
- 64 Farm fodder
- 65 Social equal
- 66 Advertising sign

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- 4 All mixed up
- 5 Philadelphia university
- 6 Awestruck
- 7 Play the part
- 8 Newton, e.g.
- 9 Like some slacks
- 10 English major's concern
- 11 It may be pumped
- 12 Runner's goal
- 14 Leave in a hurry, with "out"
- 20 Flightless bird
- 22 Departure
- 24 Get really upset
- 25 Grass plant
- 26 Serengeti scavenger
- 27 Disinclination
- 29 River blocker

### 30 Claw

- 31 Manicurist's tool
- 33 Perilous place
- 38 Workout woe
- 39 Newspaper employee
- 41 Spoil, with "on"
- 43 Porcelain piece
- 45 Like doors or gates
- 46 Mob-scene participant

### 50 Person of action

- 51 Educator, briefly
- 52 Down the \_\_\_\_\_
- 53 Weekend rancher
- 54 Narrative
- 55 It follows that
- 56 Arrange
- 59 Laudatory lines

### Answer to Last Week's Crossword:

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# SNAP: Report highlights research on effectiveness of adequate food assistance

Special to The PREVIEW

A report released from the White House Council of Economic Advisers (CEA) finds that the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as Food Stamps, is highly effective at reducing food insecurity — the government's measure for whether households lack the resources for consistent and dependable access to food.

The report highlights a growing body of research that finds that children who receive food assistance see improvements in health and academic performance and that these benefits are mirrored by long-run improvements in health, educational attainment and economic self-sufficiency.

The report also features new research that shows benefit levels are often inadequate to sustain families through the end of the month — resulting in high-cost consequences, such as a 27 percent increase in the rate of hospital admissions due to low blood sugar for low-income adults between the first and last week of the month, as well as diminished performance on standardized tests among school age children.

Each month, SNAP helps about 46 million low-income Americans put food on the table. In Colorado alone, SNAP helps 227,000 households maintain an adequate and nutritious diet. The large majority of households receiving SNAP include children, senior citizens, individuals with disabilities and working adults. Two-thirds of SNAP benefits go to households with children.

Today's CEA report draws on a growing body of high-quality research about food insecurity and SNAP, finding that:

SNAP benefits are concentrated among the neediest families and effectively decrease their poverty.

- In Colorado in 2013, the income of the average SNAP households placed these families at only 57 percent of the poverty line, much lower than the level necessary to support a family and provide adequate nutrition.

- In fact, 41 percent of Colorado SNAP recipients were in deep poverty, or had income below half of the poverty line.

- SNAP has proven highly effective in raising families out of poverty, and in 2013, SNAP raised 25,000 Colorado families above the poverty line. SNAP also raised 37,000 out of deep poverty, cutting the rate of deep poverty by 16 percent.

SNAP plays an important role in reducing both poverty and food insecurity in the United States — especially among children.

- SNAP benefits lifted at least 4.7 million people out of poverty in 2014 — including 2.1 million children.

SNAP also lifted more than 1.3 million children out of deep poverty, or above half of the poverty line (for example, \$11,925 for a family of four).

- The temporary expansion of SNAP benefits under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) lifted roughly 530,000 households out of food insecurity.

SNAP benefits support vulnerable populations including children, individuals with disabilities and the elderly, as well as an increasing number of working families.

- In Colorado, children account for 50 percent of SNAP participants, while elderly adults account for 10 percent, and 7 percent of non-elderly adults have a disability.

- In total, SNAP serves 250,000 Colorado children, 51,000 elderly adults, and 35,000 non-elderly adults with a disability.

- Nationally, nearly one in two households receiving SNAP benefits have children, and three-quarters of recipient households have a child, an elderly member, or a member with a disability. Fully 67 percent of the total value of SNAP benefits go to households with children as these households on average get larger benefits than households without children.

- Over the past 20 years, the overall share of SNAP recipient households with earned income rose by 50 percent and income earned through work represented the largest source of income for SNAP families in Colorado. Among recipient households with children, the share with a working adult has doubled since 1990.

SNAP's impact on children lasts well beyond their childhood years, providing long-term benefits for health, education and economic self-sufficiency.

- Among adults who grew up in disadvantaged households when the Food Stamp Program was first being introduced, access to Food Stamps before birth and in early childhood led to significant reductions in the likelihood of obesity and significant increases in the likelihood of completing high school.

- Early exposure to food stamps also led to reductions in metabolic syndrome (a cluster of conditions associated with heart disease and diabetes) and increased economic self-sufficiency among disadvantaged women.

- These long-run impacts are especially important for the 83,000 pre-school aged children in Colorado who rely on SNAP to help provide the nutrition they need.

SNAP has particularly large benefits for women and their families.

- Maternal receipt of Food Stamps during pregnancy reduces the incidence of low birth-weight by between 5 and 23 percent.

- Exposure to food assistance in utero and through early childhood

has large overall health and economic self-sufficiency impacts for disadvantaged women.

The majority of working-age SNAP recipients already participate in the labor market, and the program includes important supports to help more recipients successfully find and keep work.

- Fifty-seven percent of working-age adults receiving SNAP are either working or looking for work, while 22 percent do not work due to a disability. Many recipients are also the primary caregivers of young children or family members with disabilities.

- SNAP also supports work through the Employment and Training program, which directly helps SNAP beneficiaries gain the skills they need to succeed in the labor market in order to find and retain work. During fiscal year 2014, this program served about 600,000 SNAP recipients.

Even with SNAP's positive impact, nearly one in seven American households experienced food insecurity in 2014.

- These households — which in-

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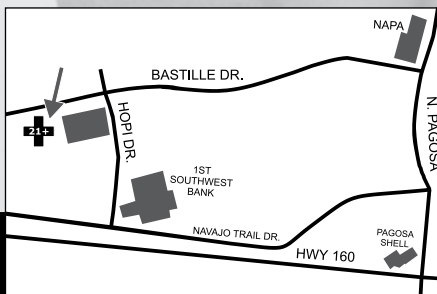
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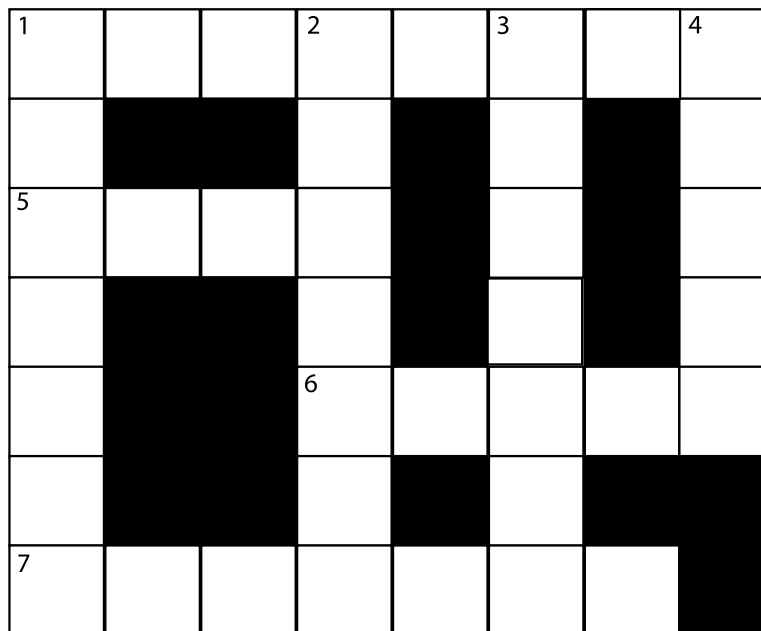
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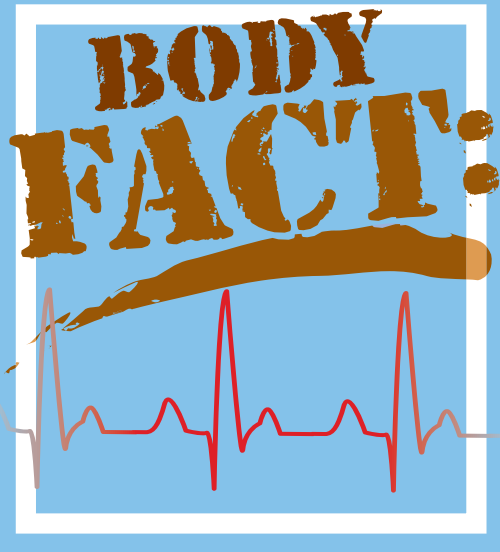


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- **1806:** EXPLORER ZEBULON PIKE SPOTS THE MOUNTAINTOP THAT IS NOW CALLED PIKES PEAK.
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THE HORMONE INSULIN HELPS MAINTAIN STEADY SUGAR LEVELS IN THE BLOOD. INSULIN IS PRODUCED IN WHICH PART OF THE BODY?

ANSWER: PANCREAS

### ACROSS

- Metabolism disorder
- Burn crisply
- Opposite of "outer"
- Type of sugar

### DOWN

- Healthcare providers
- Prevents movement
- Occupants
- Sweet substance

Down  
1. Doctors 2. Barrier 3. Tenants 4. Sugar

Across  
1. Diabetes 5. Char 6. Inner 7. Sucrose



## MONITOR

device used to check something

## How they SAY that in...

**ENGLISH:** Blood

**SPANISH:** Sangre

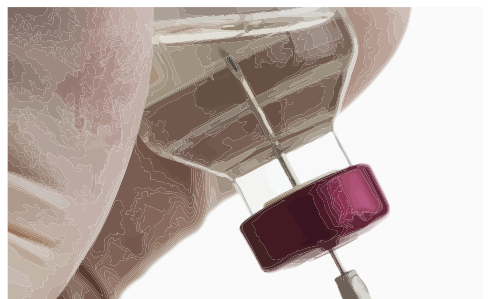
**ITALIAN:** Sangue

**FRENCH:** Sang

**GERMAN:** Blut



A NORMAL BLOOD SUGAR LEVEL AFTER FASTING IS BETWEEN 70 AND 99 MG/DL. TWO HOURS AFTER EATING IT SHOULD BE LESS THAN 140 MG/DL.



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: INSULIN VIAL

# SNAP

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cluded 15 million children — lacked the resources necessary for consistent and dependable access to food.

• In 2014, 40 percent of all food-insecure households — and nearly 6 percent of U.S. households overall — were considered to have very low food security. This means that, in nearly seven million households, at least one person in the household missed meals and experienced disruptions in food intake due to insufficient resources for food.

• In Colorado, 287,000 families were food insecure — with 14 percent of households food insecure and 5 percent experiencing very low food security.

While SNAP benefits allow families to put more food on the table, current benefit levels are often insufficient to sustain them through the end of the month, with substantial consequences.

• More than half of SNAP households currently report experiencing food insecurity, and the fraction reporting very low food security has risen since the end of the temporary benefits expansion under ARRA.

• New research has linked diminished food budgets at the end of each

month to high-cost consequences, including:

• A drop-off in caloric intake, with estimates of this decline ranging from 10 to 25 percent over the course of the month;

• A 27 percent increase in the rate of hospital admissions due to low blood sugar for low-income adults between the first and last week of the month;

• An 11 percent increase in the rate of disciplinary actions among school children in SNAP households between the first and last week of the month;

• Diminished student performance on standardized tests, with performance improving only gradually again after the next month's benefits are received.

Through the Recovery Act, SNAP benefits were temporarily increased by 14 percent during the Great Recession to help families put food on the table. Reports indicate that food security among low-income households improved from 2008 to 2009 amidst a severe recession and increased unemployment; a significant part of that improvement is likely attributable to SNAP.

Several initiatives have been developed to improve food secu-

rity and nutrition for vulnerable children. Through the Community Eligibility Provision, schools in high-poverty areas are now able to offer free breakfast and lunch to all students with significantly less administrative burden. Recent revisions to the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) added a cash benefit

to allow participants to purchase fruits and vegetables, a change that substantially increased the value of the package. The Administration also has expanded access for low-income children to nutritious food during the summer months when school meals are unavailable and the risk of food insecurity is heightened. The results of these efforts have been

promising. In 2014, the U.S. Department of Agriculture delivered 23 million more summer meals than in 2009.

Finally, select states have been provided waivers to test ways of reducing the administrative burdens of SNAP for elderly households, a population that continues to be underserved.

## ANNOUNCING Colorado eWIC

Colorado WIC recently switched from using paper WIC checks to a convenient eWIC debit card.

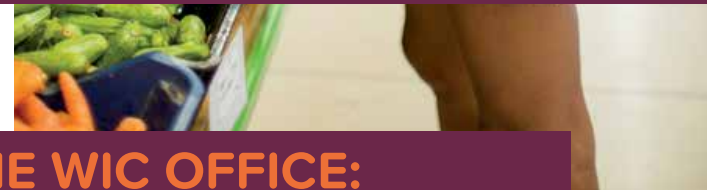
**“eWIC MAKES IT EASIER FOR MY FAMILY TO BE ON WIC.”**

- Gina, Ignacio WIC Client



### BETTER SHOPPING EXPERIENCE:

- Swipe card instead of using paper checks
- No need to separate WIC items at check out
- No need to buy all WIC items at once
- Check your eWIC balance by logging in online or see remaining balance on receipt



### FEWER TRIPS TO THE WIC OFFICE:

- We can load and adjust monthly benefits remotely instead of printing checks at our office.
- Replace some in-person appointments with an online nutrition education lesson. Complete a lesson on WICHealth.org and we'll load your benefits remotely.

WIC provides money for families to buy healthy food, nutrition education, and breastfeeding support for women who are pregnant, breastfeeding and/or up to 6 months postpartum, infants, and children up to 5 years of age.

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**How are you?**

## Wildlife Whiz badge promotes knowledge, protection of wildlife

By Jessica Frazier

Special to The PREVIEW

Snap a photo of wildlife, go on a critter scavenger hunt or take a selfie in a state park and post it to social media with the hashtag #coloradooutdoors. These are just a few of the simple and fun wildlife-related stewardship tasks that anyone can complete to help them earn their Wildlife Whiz digital badge.

The Wildlife Whiz badge was developed in partnership between the statewide nonprofit Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC) and Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), and funded in part by the Lauren Townsend Memorial Fund. It is intended to spread Lauren Townsend's love of wildlife and inspire thousands of children and adults to take direct action to improve wildlife habitat across the state.

“The Wildlife Whiz badge is designed to encourage and reward people for stepping into nature more often and learning about Colorado's wildlife and their habitats — all on their own time,” said Anna Zawisza, VOC's director of community relations and strategic partnerships. “While the badge was created to appeal primarily to children, that does not mean adults can't join along and have fun.”

To get started, users simply

download VOC's YourCO mobile app from the App Store or Google Play. Once logged in, people find the Wildlife Whiz badge under the “badges” tab and start completing tasks — each worth a certain amount of points — associated with the badge. Once the badge is earned, it can be easily shared on social media as a way to inspire others with a little friendly competition. As an added incentive, various raffle prizes — such as free passes to Colorado State Parks — will be awarded periodically to lucky badge earners.

### About Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado

VOC is a statewide nonprofit volunteer organization dedicated to motivating and enabling people to be active stewards of Colorado's natural resources. Since 1984, VOC's award-winning volunteer, youth, and leadership training programs have engaged more than 105,000 people of all ages in caring for Colorado's outdoors — a total donated labor value of \$21 million. Such volunteer efforts have made a lasting impact on Colorado through hands-on work in wildfire and flood restoration, trail building and maintenance, tree planting and re-forestation, and much more.

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## Thursday, Nov. 17

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**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.

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

**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.

**Lifelong Learning Lecture.** 5:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. "Lifeways and Traditions of the Upper Rio Grande Region" with Herman Martinez, Ph.D. and Patricia Martinez, M.A. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Curtains Up Pagosa Presents 'A Charlie Brown Christmas.'** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. Tickets at the door \$15 adults, \$10 students, under 5 free.

## Friday, Nov. 18

**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.

**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.

**Curtains Up Pagosa Presents 'A Charlie Brown Christmas.'** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. Tickets at the door \$15 adults, \$10 students, under 5 free.

## Saturday, Nov. 19

LPEA 'Fill the Bucket' Food Drive.

8 a.m.-1 p.m., City Market and Hometown Food Market. LPEA personnel and the bucket trucks will be hosting the ninth annual food drive. Food items (canned goods or boxed/bagged goods) will be collected to be distributed to community food banks in Archuleta County. Contact Jeremy Gurule at (970) 317-0496 for more information.

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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, Nov. 20

**Lutheran School Fundraiser.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m., City Market. We will be selling Sees candy and tickets for a cash prize raffle. Contact Pennie DeClark with any questions at 903-3242.

**Curtains Up Pagosa Presents 'A Charlie Brown Christmas.'** 2 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. Tickets at the door \$15 adults, \$10 students, under 5 free.

**Dallas Holm in Concert.** 6 p.m., Centerpoint Church. Doors open at 5 p.m. Area churches welcome Grammy-nominated and Dove award-winning musician Dallas Holm. Special guest Michelle Whalen will start the evening. Admission is free; a love offering will be received, with all proceeds going to the artists.

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

## Monday, Nov. 21

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

**Wolf Creek Christian Writers Net-**

**work.** 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.

**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.

**Flu Shot and Pneumonia Shot Clinic.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Senior Center.

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**Legal Advertising, Articles & Letters**  
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**Southwest Organization for Sustainability (SOS).** 3:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce conference room. Everyone welcome.

**Otaku Club.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Watch some anime with your friends and talk about your favorite manga. For youth in the 5th-12th grades. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Grief Support Group.** 5 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. All meetings are open to the public. Purpose of the sessions is to help people who have experienced the loss of a loved one. For more information, call 264-5508.

**High Country Squares.** 6:30-8:30 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. First and third Mondays include Plus Fun workshop. Second and fourth Mondays regular club dances. Mainstream and Plus square dancing with Jim Park calling. Contact person: Steve, 731-0044.

## Tuesday, Nov. 22

**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.

**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.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. X-box, Wii, board games and snacks. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

**Writing Hands Organization of Pagosa Springs (WHOOPS).** 5:30-7 p.m., Ruby Sisson Library. New writers' group open to all genres and skill levels. For more information, call Carla Ryan at (303) 358-0069 or email carlamryan@gmail.com.

**Night Yoga: YoGain.** 6:30-7:30 p.m., Community Center. YoGain is a fast-paced blend of yoga asana and body weight exercises designed to raise your heart rate and increase strength and flexibility. Open to all levels and abilities. Call 264-4152 for more information.

**Terrific Tuesdays.** 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Learn to dance. Let's Dance

Club. We will be learning to dance East Coast swing. Call Wayne at 264-4792 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa> for more information.

## Wednesday, Nov. 23

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

**Tapestry of Sound.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. All ages. Jessica Peterson and Paul Roberts will perform a special concert for children and families on their array of instruments from around the world. Join the fun with sing-alongs, body percussion, dancing and drumming. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

**Lutheran School Fundraiser.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m., City Market. We will be selling Sees candy and tickets for a cash prize raffle. Contact Pennie DeClark with any questions at 903-3242.

**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.

**Learn to Square Dance.** 7-8 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Carla Roberts will teach simple calls that are quick to learn in a fun, easygoing class open to families, couples and singles. For more information and to enroll, call Carla at 903-6478.

## Friday, Nov. 25

**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, Nov. 26

**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 into everyday fam-

ily 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 into 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.

**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.

## Sunday, Nov. 27

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

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**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.

**Caregiver Support Group.** 10:30 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. The meeting is led by Elaine Stumpo, regional director of the Alzheimer's Association. For more information, call 259-0122.

**Grief Support Group.** 5 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. All meetings are open to the public. Purpose of the sessions is to help people who have experienced the loss of a loved one. For more information, call 264-5508.

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## Tuesday, Nov. 29

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## Wednesday, Nov. 30

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

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

**Wellness and Outreach Clinic.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Senior Center. The program will include wellness, blood pressure monitoring or allow individual area seniors to discuss two subjects of their choice.

**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 No. 9. For information, call 903-8104.

## Thursday, Dec. 1

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**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.

**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.

## Friday, Dec. 2

**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.

**Festival of Trees.** 5:30-7 p.m., Community Center. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased in advance only. Table reservations are also available. Come out for a night of live and silent tree auction, live music, cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. Call 264-4152 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.

**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

**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.

**Main Street Bethlehem.** 6-7:30

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Volunteers from St. Patrick's Episcopal Church have prepared a wonderful traditional Thanksgiving meal, served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today free of charge. The meal includes turkey, dressing, vegetable, mashed potatoes and homemade pie. Loaves and Fishes provides a weekly hot lunch to the community free of charge every Thursday at the Parish Hall on Lewis Street, offering a nutritious meal to those who might otherwise go hungry.

## UU topic: 'Grace and Gratitude'

By **Munro Sickafoose**  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship invites you to attend a program titled "Grace and Gratitude," with New Mexico visitor the Rev. Munro Sickafoose, this Sunday, Nov. 20, for its regular service.

As we approach Thanksgiving, what does it mean to give thanks? How does our understanding of grace and gratitude differ from that of our religious forebears? How can they support and guide us as we go through life?

Sickafoose is a community minister affiliated with the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Santa Fe, N.M., where he focuses on healing the human relationship with the Earth and preparing our communities for the many chal-

lenges we face in the decades ahead.

This presentation reflects the Unitarian Universalist principles of "A free and responsible search for truth and meaning" and "Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations."

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship welcomes people of all spiritual belief systems, ethnicities, gender identities and sexual orientations and invites you to enjoy refreshments and conversation after services, which are held Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in Unit



The Rev. **Munro Sickafoose**

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](http://pagosauu.org) or call 731-7900.

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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.

**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."

### Sunday, Dec. 4

**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.

Submit your calendar items to [editor@pagosasun.com](mailto:editor@pagosasun.com); mail them to The Pagosa Springs SUN, P.O. Box 9, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or deliver them to The SUN office by noon Monday.



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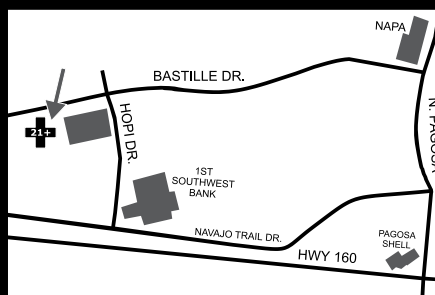


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# Remember yesterday: A call to writers

By Betty Slade  
Special to The PREVIEW

We live in “a thoughtless age” where WikiLeaks is our truth compass. It navigates and exposes the intent of the heart. It’s the voice of today. We are mesmerized by its claims and wonder about what it will find tomorrow.

Have we forgotten our God in heaven and His claims? His word is a sword which cuts between the soul and spirit and reveals the intent of the heart? He only is our compass of truth, He has secured our future with His blood and knows what tomorrow will bring.

Winston Churchill once stated, “It’s not so much those who forget the past are condemned to relive it, but the loss of the past which means the most thoughtless of ages. Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it.”

What does God say? In Isaiah 3, he names eight woes, which caused Jerusalem to fall: (1) Sin on their faces. (2) Sin as Sodom. (3) Consequences, they ate the fruit of their doings. (4) Children are their oppressors. No respect for the elderly. (5) Women rule over men. (6) Leaders cause them to err and destroy the way of their paths. (7) Because Judges failed, the Lord stands to judge the people. (8) Rulers oppress with taxes.

Mr. Churchill wrote, “When the situation was manageable, it was neglected, and now that it’s thoroughly out of hand we apply too late the remedies which then might have effected a cure. There is nothing new in the story ... Lack of clear thinking, confusion of counsel — these are the features which constitute the endless repetition of history.”

## PCNT focuses on gratitude, receives more good

By Carla Ryan  
Special to The PREVIEW

As Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT) continues to focus on the November theme of a “Consciousness of Gratitude,” more good things continue to unfold for this growing church. Such is the law of cause and effect in action, one of the divine principles taught in the New Thought philosophy. What you focus on grows.

On Nov. 20 (third Sunday), the study group will reconvene at 10:30 a.m. for the second half of Lesson 6, led by experienced teacher and minister Mike Ryan. Workbooks are available for guests to join the discussion. While prayer is always part of the conversation, this lesson’s focus will be on the finer details of the consciousness required in



The United States has a new president. How quickly we forget that the past can repeat itself, and that the sins defined in the Bible are no different from those that exist today.

As writers of truth, how do we fit into this age of thoughtlessness? How will our words influence others, and remind them of yesteryear and warn generations about tomorrow?

If we write with passion and truth, our words will live and last. God’s words promise, “The truthful lip shall be established forever,” Proverbs 12:19.

Our words will be a source of record of the past and will endure the test of time. Only if we learn from yesterday, pray for clarity and seek God’s voice for tomorrow.

Heavenly Father, We need a clear mind focused on your righteous words. We believe in your son who died for us who will navigate our future. Your words will last forever. You said, “I love you, and you wrote it in red.”

The English words “the pen is mightier than the sword” were first written by novelist and playwright Edward Bulwer-Lytton in 1839. As Christian writers, we need to remember that the pen is not “mightier than the sword,” but that the pen is our sword.

### 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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8	7	3	2	1	6	5	9	4
1	5	6	9	4	7	3	8	2
7	1	5	6	2	3	8	4	9
3	4	2	8	5	9	1	7	6
9	6	1	8	7	4	2	3	5

ANSWER:

■ See Gratitude on next page





Photo courtesy Alexis Spencer

Members of the Rocky Mountain Riders 4-H Club recently received a donation — the proceeds from a horsemanship clinic put on in June by Ernie Amos and hosted by the 4DS Ranch (Don and Debbie Stinnett).

## Writing group's schedule to change

By **Carla Ryan**  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Writing Hands Organization of Pagosa Springs (WHOOPS) has been meeting at the Ruby M. Sisson Library for the past several months on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings. Based on recent feedback from core members of the group, that schedule is about to change.

WHOOPS 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 so members can learn about writing as a full-time career.

The group's next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 22, (before Thanksgiving) at the Ruby M. Sisson Library from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the large meeting room.

The only agenda item will be to determine a new meeting time or schedule to better accommodate the group's regular attendees. No writing assignment or exercise is due for this meeting, but if members have written something they would like to have critiqued, they are encouraged to bring it for sharing. Members are encouraged to attend this meeting as it may be the final gathering for the year, with the new schedule to pick up in 2017. Details will be emailed to WHOOPS members as well.

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

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a fun presentation as the meanings behind this acronym are revealed.

Other special announcements are coming, too, including the date for PCNT's upcoming student graduation ceremony in December and details about the Seasonal Celebration on Dec. 23. Stay tuned.

PCNT honors all lifestyles, belief systems, religious paths and people for who they are, children of the Divine. New Thought is a trans-denominational 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 10:30 a.m. in the north room of the PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave., just west of Vista Boulevard.

For information about this group 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.

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# It's turkey time: cooking tips for a safe holiday

By Roberta Tolan  
PREVIEW Columnist

The CSU Extension office will be closed Nov. 24 and 25 for Thanksgiving.

I wrote the following article last year, but a reminder is always important when it comes to food safety and the holidays. Keep your guests healthy and free from food-borne illness by practicing the following recommendations provided by the USDA, Colorado State University and other organizations.

Turkey is often the main dish at holiday meals, yet if it is not prepared correctly and safely, it can cause foodborne illness.

## Turkeys: fresh or frozen

Allow 1 pound of turkey per person.

For fresh turkeys, buy your turkey only one to two days before you plan to cook it. Frozen turkeys should be kept frozen until thawed and immediately cooked.

Keep fresh turkeys stored in the refrigerator until you are ready to cook. Place them on a tray or in a pan to catch any juices that may leak.

Do not buy fresh pre-stuffed turkeys unless they display the USDA or state mark of inspection on the packaging. These turkeys are safe because they have been processed under controlled conditions. If not handled properly, any harmful bacteria that may be in the stuffing can multiply very quickly. Do not thaw before cooking. Cook from the frozen state and follow package directions for proper handling and cooking.

Always wash your hands, knife, cutting board, counter and sink with soap and warm water after handling raw turkey and to not rinse the turkey before cooking.

## Thawing your turkey

There are three ways to thaw your turkey safely: in the refrigerator, in cold water or in the microwave oven. Remove the giblets from the turkey cavities after thawing and cook separately.

In the refrigerator (40 degrees or below), allow approximately 24 hours for every 4 to 5 pounds of turkey. Keep the turkey in its original wrapper and place it on a

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tray or in a pan to catch any juices that may leak. A thawed turkey can remain in the refrigerator for one to two days. If necessary, a turkey that has been properly thawed in the refrigerator may be refrozen.

In cold water, allow approximately 30 minutes per pound of turkey. Wrap your turkey securely, making sure the water is not able to leak through the wrapping. Submerge your wrapped turkey in cold tap water, changing the water every 30 minutes. Cook the turkey immediately after it is thawed and do not refreeze.

As microwaves vary in their size and power, you will need to check your owner's manual for the size of turkey that will fit in your microwave, for the minutes per pound of turkey and the power level to use for thawing. Remove all outside wrapping and place on a microwave-safe dish to catch any juices that may leak. Cook your turkey immediately and do not refreeze or refrigerate your turkey after thawing and before cooking.

Always wash your hands, knife, cutting board, counter and sink with soap and warm water after handling raw turkey and to not rinse the turkey before cooking.

## Roasting your turkey

• Set your oven temperature to no lower than 325 degrees. Place your turkey or turkey breast on a rack in a shallow roasting pan. For optimum safety and for more even cooking, cook your stuffing outside the bird in a casserole rather than inside the turkey cavity. Use a food thermometer to check the internal temperature of the stuffing, which must reach a safe minimum internal temperature of 165 degrees. If you choose to stuff your turkey, the ingredients can be prepared ahead of time; however, keep wet and dry

ingredients separately. Chill all of the wet ingredients (butter/margarine, cooked celery and onions, broth etc.) Mix wet and dry ingredients just before filling the turkey cavities and fill the cavities loosely. Cook the turkey immediately and use a food thermometer to make sure the center of the stuffing reaches a safe minimum internal temperature of 165 degrees.

• A whole turkey is safe when cooked to a minimum internal temperature of 165 degrees. Check the temperature in the innermost part of the thigh and wing and the thickest part of the breast.

• For quality, let the turkey stand for 20 minutes before carving to allow juices to set and to carve the turkey more easily. Remove all stuffing from the turkey cavities as soon as it is fully cooked.

• Use the timetables below to determine how long to cook your turkey. These times are approximate, so always use a food thermometer to check the internal temperature of your turkey and stuffing. It is safe to cook a turkey from the frozen state, but the cooking time will take at least 50 percent longer than the recommendations for a fully thawed turkey. Remember to remove the giblet packages during the cooking time, removing them carefully with tongs or a fork.

### Unstuffed:

4-8 lbs. — 1.5 to 3.25 hours  
8-12 lbs. — 2.75 to 3 hours  
12-14 lbs. — 3 to 3.75 hours  
14-18 lbs. — 3.75 to 4.25 hours  
18-20 lbs. — 4.25 to 4.5 hours  
20-24 lbs. — 4.5 to 5 hours

### Stuffed:

6-8 lbs. — 2.5 to 3.5 hours  
8-12 lbs. — 3 to 3.5 hours  
12-14 lbs. — 3.5 to 4 hours  
14-18 lbs. — 4 to 4.5 hours  
18-20 lbs. — 4.25 to 4.75 hours  
20-24 lbs. — 4.75 to 5.25 hours

## Storing your leftovers

• Discard any turkey, stuffing and gravy left out at room temperature longer than two hours; one hour in temperatures above 90 degrees.

• Divide leftovers into smaller

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# Free family concert features myriad instruments, sing-alongs and dancing

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Join us next Wednesday, Nov. 23, from 10 to 11 a.m. for a free, all-ages "Tapestry of Sound" concert at your library.

Jessica Peterson and Paul Roberts will perform a special concert for children and families on their array of instruments from around the world. Join the fun with sing-alongs, body percussion, dancing and drumming.

## Thanksgiving closing

Your library will be closed Nov. 24 and 25 so our staff can celebrate Thanksgiving with their families and friends.

## High school equivalency (GED) changes

Please note that the days and times for Mark Wardell's classes at your library for the high school equivalency (formerly known as GED) classes have changed. Effective immediately, they are Mondays from 10 a.m.

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portions and refrigerate or freeze them in covered, shallow containers for quicker cooling.

• Use refrigerated turkey, stuffing and gravy within three to four days and if freezing leftovers, use them within two to six months for best quality.

## Reheating your turkey

Cooked turkey may be eaten cold or reheated. In the oven, set the temperature no lower than 325 degrees and reheat the turkey to an internal temperature of 165 degrees using a food thermometer. To keep the turkey moist, add a little broth or water and cover.

In the microwave oven, cover your food and rotate it for even heating, cooking until the internal temperature reaches 165 degrees. Consult your microwave oven owner's manual for recommended

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to 3 p.m., Tuesdays from 4:30 to 7 p.m. and Thursdays from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

In addition to helping people study to take the high school equivalency tests, he also can help adults with other educational needs, including college applications, college placement tests, trade/vocational school entry, student aid (loans and scholarships), and more.

## Activities calendars

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

times and power levels.

For more information about food safety in English and in Spanish, call the USDA Meat and Poultry hotline at (888) MPHOTline or (888) 674-6854.

## CPR and first aid classes

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

We will also attempt to schedule classes on additional dates with five or more registrations. Cost for the classes is \$80 for combined CPR/first aid and \$55 for CPR, first aid or recertification. The type of first aid information provided will vary by the needs of the audience.

## Lifelong Learning lecture today

The sixth and last lecture in the fall series of the Lifelong Learning Lectures takes place at 5:30 p.m. today, Thursday, Nov. 17, when Herman Martinez and Patricia Martinez will explore the traditions and life ways of the Indo-Hispano communities of northern New Mexico and southern Colorado.

## Teen advisory board

Today, Thursday, Nov. 17, 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.

## All-ages gaming tomorrow

Join us for an all-ages board games session tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 18, from 2 to 3:15 p.m. We have Scrabble, cards, Monopoly, Chutes and Ladders plus Cat in the Hat.

## Otaku Club

Monday, Nov. 21, from 4 to 5 p.m. kids in the fifth through 12th grades are invited to enjoy Otaku. Watch some anime with your friends and talk about your favorite manga.

## Tech sessions

Rachael is available for Tech Tuesday sessions 10 a.m. to noon. Drop in with your technology questions, but note there will be no Tech Time on Tuesday, Nov. 22.

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Also, Thursday Tech Times have resumed on Thursdays, but note the new time of 2 to 4 p.m.

## Teen gaming

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

## Kids storytime

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

## Baby storytime

Every Saturday from 9:05 to 9:25 a.m., join Michael for a short session of stories, songs and fingerplays for you and your little ones. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills into 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 into everyday family life.

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“Hag-Seed” is Margaret Atwood’s new take on “The Tempest.” “The Trespasser” by Tana French is a mystery.

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the women involved. “Outlander” is season two. “We Shall Remain” looks at Native American leaders from the PBS American Experience series. “The Good Wife” is the final season. “The Choice” is based on the Nicholas Sparks book.

## Mysteries and thrillers

“Precious and Grace” by Alexander McCall Smith is the latest in the No. 1 Ladies’ Detective series. “Betrayals” by Kelley Armstrong is book four in the Cainsville mystery series.

## Other novels

“Maestro: Homecoming” by R.A. Salvatore is book two in the fantasy series. “Hot Milk” by Deborah Levy tells of a daughter trying to solve the mystery of her mother’s unexplainable illness. “Faithful” by Alice Hoffman is about a young girl facing guilt after she survives an accident. “The Award” by Danielle Steel follows the life of a woman in the French Resistance. “This Was a Man” by Jeffrey Archer is the final volume of the Clifton Chronicles. “The Wall of Storms” by Ken Liu is book two in the Dandelion Dynasty fantasy series. “Summerlong” by Peter S. Beagle is a fantasy set in Puget Sound. “Manana Means Heaven” by Tim Z. Hernandez is a love story about the woman behind Jack Kerouac’s “The Mexican Girl.” “A Man Called Ove” by Fredrik Backman focuses on an angry man next door.

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The first bank in Pagosa Springs, called The First Bank of Pagosa Springs, was launched in February of 1901 in this building. The building was located on the south side of San Juan Street, where the county courthouse is today. Some years later, after this bank shut down, Citizens Bank started in the same building.

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Collins set up his banking business in the building formerly occupied by the Leavenworth Drug Company on ground where the county clerk's office is today in the county courthouse. Collin's bank was called, appropriately enough, The First Bank of Pagosa Springs. It was a branch of the Colorado State Bank of Durango. E.A. Collins was cashier and manager. B.N. Freeman was president.

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community, or borrow locally from private lenders. John E. Colton and E.M. Taylor were among the most prominent of the private lenders.

Colton worked from his home in a small log cabin on the north side of Pagosa Street between 2nd and 3rd streets. That cabin remained in place until a few years ago when it was moved to the Fred Harman Art Museum, where it remains.

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**SOCCER COACH:** Archuleta School District is accepting applications for a Middle School Assistant Soccer Coach. Job descriptions and salary information and applications may be viewed/ completed online through www.mypagosaschools.com.

**THE TILE & CARPET STORE** seeks applicants for a multi-functional, full-time warehouse/ sales position. Candidates must be friendly, with good customer service, multi-tasking and organizational skills. Must have basic computer knowledge and the ability to lift 50+ lbs. Email resumes to thetilestorepagosa@hotmail.com.

**PONDEROSA LUMBER COMPANY** is hiring a seasonal CDL Driver. It is possible this position will develop into a full-time position. Salary based on experience. Duties include deliveries, loading/ unloading trucks, helping customers and providing inventory support. Lumber yard experience a plus. Please apply in person at 2435 Eagle Dr. or call Jim at 731-4111.

**PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER** is looking for **Nutritional Service Workers** to prepare and cook food for hospital patients, staff and visitors. Must have a flexible schedule and willing to work nights and weekends. Applications may be picked up at the hospital front registration desk, the human resources office or downloaded at www.pagosasprings-medicalcenter.org. Please email applications and resumes to mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or fax to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

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**PONDEROSA LUMBER COMPANY** is hiring a seasonal Yard Associate. It is possible this position will develop into a full-time position. Salary based on experience. Duties may include deliveries, loading/ unloading trucks, helping customers and providing inventory support. Lumber yard experience a plus. Please apply in person at 2435 Eagle Dr. or call Jim at 731-4111.

**CITIZENS BANK** is now accepting applications for a Full-Time Teller position. Some experience preferred. Applications and resumes may be dropped off at 27 Talisman Drive. Equal opportunity employer.

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**PATROL DEPUTY.** Archuleta County Sheriff's office is currently accepting applications for the position of Patrol Deputy. Applicants must be Colorado POST certified. Visit www.archuletacounty.org for wage and position description or submit a Sheriff's office application and resume to fgoheen@archuletacounty.org, by fax (970)264-8306. Archuleta County is an equal opportunity employer.

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**COME JOIN THE TEAM** at Old Town Market and Deli. Now hiring a full-time prep cook. Looking for someone with basic knife skills, someone who has or is willing to get their ServSafe Certification, who is enthusiastic, eager to learn, works well independently and on a team. Nonsmoking environment. Apply at Old Town Market and Deli, 920 San Juan St. (970)264-5200. oldtownmarketanddeli@yahoo.com.

**FRONT DESK POSITION:** We are looking for someone who would like to work 14-20 hours/ week, and is willing to work nights and weekends. A friendly, outgoing attitude is super important and comfort with computers is a huge plus! Interested? Stop by the Healing Waters Resort & Spa office at 317 Hot Springs Blvd. or for a downloadable application, go online to www.pshotsprings.com, click "employment opportunities" under the "contact us" tab. We are looking to fill the position quickly, so get your application in now!

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**PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER** is looking for a **Manager of Patient Financial Services.** The manager is responsible for planning, developing and leading the administrative and clinical support functions that contribute to the capture, management and collection of patient services revenues from all payers for all hospital, clinic, ambulance and professional services. The manager, PFS has responsibility for revenue cycle including patient access, pre-service, compliance with third party contract terms, denials management, health system billing and collections (including hospital, clinic, ambulance and professional), patient financial assistance, health information management as it relates to billing and coding and regulatory compliance in conjunction with the appropriate compliance professionals. Bachelor's degree in business, health care management, finance or a related field is required. Master's in related field preferred or equivalent experience. Minimum of 5 years of proven, progressive experience in health care revenue cycle management. Applications may be picked up at hospital registration and the human resources office or downloaded from www.pagosasprings-medicalcenter.org. Applications and resumes must be submitted to mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or faxed to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

**PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER** has an opening for a **Quality Manager and Patient Safety Officer.** Consistent with organizational goals, regulatory requirements and the job description, this position is responsible for developing and managing the Patient Safety and Performance Improvement Program. RN preferred. Applications may be picked up at hospital registration or downloaded from www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org. Applications and resumes must be submitted to mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or faxed to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

**LOOKING FOR CABINET SHOP** foreman. Must have CNC router experience. Must be familiar with 32 mm dowel construction. Email your experience and salary history to tim@tbcllc.net.

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**REAL ESTATE CAREER.** Hiring great or new talent to join growing successful team! Hourly and commission agent positions. Email resume: pagosaconnection@gmail.com. Keller Williams Realty SW Associates.

**LIFECARE- PART-TIME AND FULL-TIME** positions available for Personal Care Providers/ Homemakers. Working phone and reliable transportation required. Training provided to those seeking a rewarding position with our agency. Application/ information (970)516-1234, ext. 1. <http://www.lifecare-inc.com>.

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**CAREGIVERS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY.** No experience necessary. Must be caring and compassionate. Visit us at www.peoplecarehs.com. Contact nickh@peoplecarehs.com or (719)778-1956 if interested.

**PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER** is looking for a part-time **Housekeeper.** Must be willing to work nights and weekends. Applications may be picked up at the human resources office or downloaded at www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org. Please email applications and resumes to mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or fax to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

**ROOFERS AND LABORERS NEEDED** with experience. (970)749-0830.

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**OFFICE HELP WANTED FROM** January-April helping in busy accounting office during tax season. Professional appearance and office skills important. Call 264-5330.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEW OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS** meeting Thursdays, 11a.m., at Centerpoint Church, 270 Cornerstone Dr. Leslie, (970)799-0775.

**AL-ANON** meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. Saturday, 10:30a.m., 234 N. 2nd Street (CR200/ Snowball Road). [www.al-anon-co.org](http://www.al-anon-co.org).

**A.A. PRINCIPLES BEFORE PERSONALITIES GROUP** meets at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Tuesday 7p.m. Big Book Study (closed); Thursday 7p.m. Discussion (open); Questions (970)245-9649, [www.aa-westerncolorado.org](http://www.aa-westerncolorado.org) or [www.aadistrict18.org](http://www.aadistrict18.org); Ken or Charlotte (970)903-9690.

**SMOKING BEAR'S FAMOUS BBQ** at Turkey Springs Trading Post. Wednesday- Sunday, noon till six. Hunter friendly.

**NEW ALANON GROUP:** Traditional AlAnon Group meets Fridays, 6-7p.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Dr. (325)669-9715.

**A.A. PAGOSA SPRINGS GROUP.** 234 N. 2nd St./ CR 200- Snowball Rd. Sunday 10a.m. (AM); 5:30p.m. open discussion; Monday 12p.m. (D), 5:30p.m. (BB); Tuesday 12p.m. (D), 5:30p.m. (M); Wednesday 12p.m. (D), 5:30p.m. (W); Thursday 12p.m. (D), 5:30p.m. (BG); Friday 12p.m. (D), 7p.m. (D); Saturday 7:30a.m. (AM), 5:30p.m. (D). (Last Friday of the month, 6p.m. potluck, 7p.m. birthday speaker meeting.) Questions, contact (970)245-9649, [www.aa-westerncolorado.org](http://www.aa-westerncolorado.org) or [www.aadistrict18.org](http://www.aadistrict18.org), or call: Ed K. 946-2606; Val V. 264-2685; Ben B. 264-0217.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** meets Saturdays at 9a.m. at 234 N. 2nd St., aka CR 200 or Snowball Road. Open meeting, various structure. Call Lyn, 903-0655, or Carl, 903-2346, to confirm we are meeting or for information.

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**KUBOTA TRACTOR BX25** with backhoe, tiller, mower, front snowblower, etc. 7 years old, 380 hours. Jim Smith 264-3208.

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**STUDDER SNOW TIRES, 215/70R16.** Used one season, \$150. (970)946-8648.

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# Pagosa Senior Center to offer wellness and outreach clinic Nov. 30

By Cheryl Wilkinson  
PREVIEW Columnist

The Pagosa Senior Center has initiated a new pilot program expanding health and wellness services to Archuleta County seniors. The program will include wellness, blood pressure monitoring or allow individual area seniors to discuss two subjects of their choice.

There is no charge for Medicare enrollees. Participant IDs will include Medicare card, photo ID and, if necessary, any supplemental insurances. No Medicaid is accepted at this time. Participants are encouraged to bring a list of their current medications.

Interested parties should schedule a time by contacting the Senior Center at 264-2167.

Clinical assessment will be provided by Tabitha Zappone, FNP-C. Zappone has been a nurse practitioner for six years and a longtime 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.

## Flu shot clinic

Presented by Walmart Pharmacy, a flu shot clinic will be held Monday, Nov. 21, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs Senior Center, 451 Hot Springs Boulevard. For more information, call 264-2167.

Please bring your Medicare card or insurance card.

## 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

## Senior News

information or to sign up.

### Medicare Mondays

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

Here are some quick tips: If you are collecting Social Security, you will be automatically enrolled in Medicare parts A and B. We can 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, Nov. 17 — Barbecued pork ribs, baked beans, corn and salad bar.

Friday, Nov. 18 — Chicken piccata, roasted cauliflower, sautéed spinach with mushrooms and

salad bar.

Monday, Nov. 21 — Beef pot roast with potatoes, carrots and onions, snap peas and salad bar.

Tuesday Nov. 22 — Hot chicken salad, broccoli, corn and salad bar.

Wednesday, Nov. 23 — Zuppa toscana soup with potatoes and kale, sautéed asparagus and salad bar.

Thursday, Nov. 24 — Closed for Thanksgiving.

Reservations and cancellations

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

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

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