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## Merry Christmas, one and all!



Four-year-olds from the Ladybug classroom at Seeds of Learning visit the Silver Foxes Den at the Ross Aragon Community Center to sing Christmas songs, share gifts and eat lunch with the seniors. Prior to their visit, the children made Christmas ornaments for the senior citizens. Teachers at Seeds planned the events to help the children understand the importance of giving and remembering others during the holidays.

Photo courtesy Seeds of Learning

## 5th Street bridge: Council to consider acting on vested rights agreement

By Jim Garrett  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council may decide at its first regular meeting of 2017 whether or not to implement its right to build a bridge over the San Juan River at 5th Street under the terms of the 2012 vested rights agreement with Springs Partners LLC.

Town Manager Greg Schulte told The SUN on Tuesday, Dec. 20, that the decision is a tentative agenda item for the meeting, scheduled for Jan. 3, 2017.

The 2012 agreement provides the Springs Partners the vested right for 10 years to develop its 27-acre tract, located south of the river and west of Hot Springs Boulevard, under two alternative "sketch plans."

Sketch Plan A includes a new bridge at 5th Street. The bridge would enhance access to the development site, and would also provide an alternative connection for north/south traffic between Hot Springs

■ See Bridge A8

## School board looks at future funding options

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education has an eye to the future, discussing a potential future mill levy override (MLO) attempt (or other form of funding increase) at its Dec. 13 meeting.

The discussion largely centered on school funding attempts throughout the state that were successful in the November election, and how the local school district can start gearing up for a possible local attempt in the future.

According to the meeting's agenda, the Dec. 13 discussion was a continuation of discussion that took place at the board's spring retreat.

To begin the Dec. 13 discussion, ASD Super-

intendent Linda Reed provided the board with a document showing school districts that had attempted to gain voter approval for additional funding, either through an MLO or bond, and the outcome of each election.

Board member Bruce Dryburgh pointed out that of all of the successful bond measures, the majority had a BEST grant as matching funds.

The BEST Grant Program was founded in 2008 and is administered through the Colorado Department of Education (CDE). BEST funds can be used for the construction of new schools as well as general construction and renovation of existing school facility systems and structures.

After continued discussion, Dryburgh further noted that people are "pretty surprised" with how many attempts were successful given the

current political field, with Reed responding that people are "keeping it local."

Board member Brooks Lindner then pointed out a few things from a session he attended at the recent Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) conference.

First, he noted that Eagle County had passed both an MLO and a bond, with that effort "three years in the making with a very strategic and explicit plan."

Second, he noted that a higher voter turnout is better.

Third, he pointed out that "trust of the institution really matters."

He also discussed the use of polling and "test-

■ See School A8



Photo courtesy Sam Cassidy

A bald eagle enjoys the view from its perch high up on a limb along the Riverwalk last Friday.



Photo courtesy Pam Eaton-Scott

Santa reads a letter from one of his favorite good girls, Chloe Crabb. The Jolly Old Elf is assisted by two jollier young elves, Waylon and Wyatt Eaton.

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# Opinion

## EDITORIAL

### Christmas wishes from our community leaders

There is perhaps no time of year when more people are more aligned in heart, mind and spirit than at Christmas.

No matter what your religious beliefs are, this is a time for family and friends, giving, fellowship and kindness toward your fellow man.

With the spirit of Christmas in the air, we invited local leaders to share their Christmas wishes for the community.

Mark Floyd, board president for the Upper San Juan Health Service District, the body that oversees and stewards Pagosa Springs Medical Center, shared his wish, "This holiday season I would like to wish good health to the community. A healthy community will allow us to continue to flourish and strengthen the bonds that will continue to support us into the future."

"I wish that everyone's dreams come true," is Pagosa Fire Protection District Board President John Thompson's short and simple Christmas wish for our community.

As president of the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors, Mike Church shared, "Pagosa Springs is a wonderful place to live and it is during this time of year that I reflect on the blessings God has given us all to be able to live in such a beautiful town. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and thank those who have allowed me to serve the community on the PAWSD board. Best wishes and Holiday cheer to all."

Archuleta School District Board of Education President Greg Schick shared, "My wish for Christmas is that the schools, community, businesses and parents all work together to provide the best education we can to prepare our students for a fast-changing 21st Century so they may be successful going forward. And of course, I wish for peace throughout the world."

Pagosa Springs Mayor Don Volger shared his Christmas wish, "This Christmas I wish for an extra measure of hope, joy and peace to be poured out on each person in this wonderful community. In reality, these blessings can be elusive for many, but just maybe, with a little faith, this year will be different."

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners Chair Michael Whiting wrote, "I don't have any specific personal wishes. I feel incredibly fortunate to live here and have the life, family, and friends I have. I wish for others, and seek in my own actions, greater clarity, tranquility, and courage. Mahatma Gandhi said, 'Every moment of your life is infinitely creative and the universe is endlessly bountiful. Just put forth a clear enough request, and everything your heart desires must come to you.' Happy Holidays."

The message of Christmas is one of joy, hope and peace on Earth. There is no denying the spirit of love and hope that spreads throughout the community at this time of year.

We mean it, as everyone does, when we wish you warmly a merry Christmas.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

## WHADDYA THINK?

Do you believe in Santa Claus?



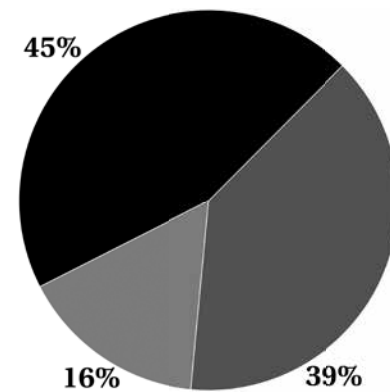
Mia Hernandez  
"Yes."



Nadia Tolan  
"Yes."



Riley Hernandez  
"Yes."



Poll results (82 Votes)

Yes — 39 percent  
No — 16 percent  
Once upon a time — 45 percent

This week online: How long will you keep your resolution in the new year?  
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## LOOKING BACK



From the Dec. 14, 1967, Pagosa Springs SUN. POM POM GIRLS — The Pagosa Springs High School Pom-Pom girls add color to the cheering section. They also perform at half time during home games. They are shown above in one of the formations that are part of the routine. Girls participating are: Judy Wood, Jo Anna Wood, Pam Sweitzer, Julie Thomas, Beverly Breedlove, Kathy Ramey, Peggy Lister, Sally Trujillo, Mable Martinez, and Karen Hartong. Miss Peggy Wilcox is the faculty advisor and sponsor of the group.

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of December 17, 1926  
**Willard E. Lukens federal prohibition agent** stationed at Durango at present, was an arrival in Pagosa Springs Wednesday evening, and, accompanied by Sheriff Geo. A. Dutton and Town Marshal C.P. McKinley, made two arrests of violators of our prohibition laws. The place of Chas. Schaad on west San Juan street was first visited and Mr. Schaad was placed under arrest for the unlawful possession of about four and one-half gallons of illicit liquor.

The second visit was made in the park on Hermosa street, to the shoe shop-residence of Chas. Pearson, where a still was found in operation, together with fifty gallons of mash and about one gallon of distilled liquor.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of December 26, 1941  
**City Clerk Richard Caldon**, through request of the office of production management, is asking business houses and private citizens not to burn a single bit of waste paper. Please save every bit, as it is needed in the interest of national defense. All waste paper will be collected by the Boy Scouts. The town will order a baler for the boys' use. Paper thus gathered will be shipped to Denver where it will be used in the munitions plant.

The 13th civil service district called today for skilled workmen in Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and New Mexico to volunteer for jobs repairing damage from Japanese planes at the Pearl Harbor navy yard, Honolulu, in the surprise attack Dec. 7. Full information may be secured at any first or second class postoffice.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of December 22, 1966  
**A portable classroom** was obtained on a lease-purchase plan by the School Board at its regular meeting Tuesday night of this week. The building is to be used as a library and will be placed on the school grounds between the boiler house and the high school gymnasium. The building is 40x48 in size and is of the type often called "pre-Fab." It is the third portable building purchased by the district. The other two — each is two trailers attached together — are being used now as classrooms for the first grade and are just east of the grade school building.

December 30 will be the last day of work for the Forest Service by Tony Large, who started his career with the department in 1936. During his 30 year career he has always been headquartered at Pagosa Springs.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of December 26, 1991  
**School superintendent Terry Alley** went to the Dec. 7 convention of the Colorado Association of School Boards at Colorado Springs expecting to attend sessions and to work. Alley's expectations were exceeded when he was honored as one of Colorado's educational "Unsung Heroes" for his leadership and innovative programming in School District 50 Joint. A statement read at the presentation cited Alley's creativity in the face of obstacles. "Despite diminishing state funding and other financial setbacks, he (Alley) has implemented innovated programs such as the four-period day. His staff says he can be counted on to press ahead in light of diversity and he can always take a bad situation and turn it around to an advantage."

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# Letters

## PISA results

Dear Editor:  
Like some folks, I'm beginning to accept that Trump will be president for the next four years.

Since mankind makes few rational decisions, there's no way for me to define this presidential outcome as anything but his voters were basically waiving their collective middle finger because they hadn't a clue what came next for all of us.

Well, I've said that the two most important issues for the U.S. are climate change and renewable energy. But I'm probably wrong, it maybe (sic) education.

The global PISA (educational) report just came out and we stunk. This test globally ranks the educational achievement of ninth graders. Singapore placed No. 1 in all categories of the series of tests. The distinguishing factors for their achievement was twofold: consistency in government strategy/involvement and their teachers are highly prized/paid and are considered important members of their government. Worse for us, a 10 percent sample of Vietnam's most disadvantaged, repeat, disadvantaged kids, showed that they outperformed the average American student ... hmmm, so much for "alt-right."

Education has historically been one of our national bedrock of strengths. Education drives innovation. Education opens doors and gets jobs. So tell me, with the baby boomers aging out of the workplace combined with the 20-year educational cycle to move a newer, better-educated generation into the workplace ... just how is Trump going to make America great again ... more "bounded rationality," I guess ... or ... is it time we turned to artificial intelligence to regain

the competitive edge?

The one consistent major theme driving populism around the world is immigration not jobs or the economy. And here's the disconnect ... immigrants (unlike baby boomers) know that to get a job in their new country requires their re-education and training. Baby boomers as a generation have a lackluster "placeholder" history. Yes, there are significant exceptions; but very few of the few were exceptional in contributions to our nation or science; whereas most baby boomer exceptionalism was directed into personal wealth building. Remember that idiotic saying ... he who dies with the most toys wins.

So let's ask these very few exceptional wealthy baby boomers ... how are you individually or as a group going to make America great again ... no ... no, donations to the RNC do not count.

Dave Blake

## Don't throw out

Dear Editor:

Any time the popular vote and the electoral vote disagree there is the cry to get rid of the electoral system. One man, one vote. It sounds great, but with a large, diverse electorate it simply is not practical.

Keep in mind, that if the presidency were determined by direct popular vote, Hillary would not have won on Nov. 8. She did not receive a majority of the vote, but only a plurality, i.e. less than half. Any modern country that utilizes popular vote requires a runoff vote in such cases, between the top two candidates or selection by an elected group similar to our system.

During the last century about

one half of the elections were won by a candidate that did not have a majority vote, including Bill Clinton twice and the Gore plurality of 2000.

So half of the elections would have required a runoff, or selection by a committee. The latter is what we have, and the former is fraught with all kinds of problems. The major problem involves the dealing for power between the losers and the two winners, which greatly subverts the will of the people. Many historians believe that the runoff election of 1932 in Germany led to Hitler's rise to power, and in fact, Germany has not used direct popular vote since then.

Our forefathers were a very wise group. They came up with the electoral system in the original Constitution, revised it with the 12th Amendment, after experiencing the problems of the first elections. I think if we take our two centuries of elections, analyze a pro forma situation with direct vote, we will find that our system is still the best.

Defending the electoral system, Alexander Hamilton said, "It is not perfect, just excellent." So don't throw away any bath water without a thorough screening.

Dick Riethmiller

## Legacy: Aleppo

Dear Editor:

Obama said it again the other day, right after the Chinese stole one of our maritime drones in the South China Sea: "There's going to be consequences."

Presumably (and hopefully), this will be the last time he utters this "threat" to one of our growing number of adversaries around the world. The reason I say this

is because he left for vacation in Hawaii the day after threatening the Chinese and by the time he returns, the only thing he will be concerned about is his burnishing his "legacy" before his term as president expires.

If memory serves, Obama threatened the Benghazi attackers with consequences and the next day he flew off to Las Vegas for a fundraiser.

And as I wrote in a letter to the editor published in The SUN on March 27, 2014, Obama has habitually used this same threat against the Russians, the Iranians, the Syrians, the North Koreans and anyone else who does or says things that displease him.

But by now, everyone just ignores him because they all know it's meaningless. Like Daniel Henninger of the Wall Street Journal wrote not long ago: "The reality of modern Democrat foreign policy is to speak softly and claim to carry a big stick, which you have no intention of using."

What has emerged after eight years of Obama's "do nothing" foreign policy and "leading from behind" is a rather shocking and totally "unintended" consequence — the loss of the White House to Donald Trump, the continued Republican majority in both houses of Congress, the large majority of state governorships held by Republicans, and the crushing defeat of Hillary Clinton and the Democrat Party as a whole from the recent election.

Obama will of course attempt to spin all of this in his remaining days as president and he will do what he can about that which is most important to him, his legacy. But regardless of what he says, his legacy will always be best described with one word: Aleppo.


Gary Stansbury

## Spread love

Dear Editor:

Keep love alive, not just today, but throughout all of our tomorrows. Spread it around and have a very merry Christmas.

Patty Tillerson



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## AARP Foundation TaxAide will again provide free tax assistance and preparation

By **Angela Cortez**  
Special to The SUN

Again this year, AARP Foundation is providing free tax assistance and preparation for taxpayers with low-to-moderate income through the AARP Foundation TaxAide program.

AARP Foundation TaxAide, in its 49th year, is the nation's largest free tax assistance and preparation service, giving special attention to the older population. You do not need to be a member of AARP or a retiree to use this service.

In 2015, AARP Foundation TaxAide had 35,000 volunteers at more than 5,000 sites across the U.S. It provides 2.6 million people with free tax help. Taxpayers who used AARP Foundation TaxAide received \$1.3 billion in income tax refunds and more than \$228 million in Earned Income Tax Credits (EITCs).

Last year, Colorado AARP TaxAide volunteers helped more than 33,000 people file their federal, state and local tax returns. The program is offered at approximately 59 sites in Colorado, including senior

centers, libraries and other convenient locations.

For more information, call (888) AARP NOW [(888) 227-7669] or, to locate an AARP Foundation TaxAide site near you, go to: [http://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp\\_taxaide/](http://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/).

AARP Foundation TaxAide is a program of AARP Foundation, offered in cooperation with the IRS.

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AARP Foundation is working to win back opportunity for struggling Americans 50-plus by being a force for change on the most serious issues they face today: housing, hunger, income and isolation.

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# Obituaries



## David William Brinton

David William Brinton, born Nov. 7, 1954, died on Dec. 15 at his home in Pagosa Springs. He was 62. The six-month diagnosis of renal cell carcinoma quickly led the hospice nurse to be cared for by his family in his home with the help of Hospice.

David was born in Libby, Mont., to Gerald and Lois Brinton. The family moved to Pagosa Springs Jan. 1, 1970, and managed Hidden Valley Ranch. David graduated from Pagosa Springs High School in 1973. He worked as an offshore welder in the North Sea and the Gulf of Mexico, and then went to trade school in Boulder, Colo., and found a lifelong trade in auto body work. In 1993, he went back to school, finding his true calling as a registered nurse and traveling Hospice provider in Oregon, California and Colorado, all the while calling Pagosa Springs home.

On Oct. 25, 1980, he married the love of his life, Dorothy (Forrest) Brinton. The two raised four amazing children in the last 36 years: Grace (Jesse) Schmidt, Luke (Katrina) Brinton, Paul (Brisa) Brinton and Mary (Nathan) Rambo.

He treasured his time as Papa to Preston, Amelia, Eva, Shayla, Chael, Haven, Henry and Olivia.

Other than working as a hospice nurse, David enjoyed rough-housing with his grandkids, taking rides in the mountains, spending time at home with his family, working on his cars and rooting for the Denver Broncos.

David is survived by his wife of 36 years, Dorothy; his four children and their spouses; and eight grandchildren; his mom, Lois Brinton; his siblings, Scott (Marjorie) Brinton, Elizabeth (Freddie) Martinez, Kathryn (Mark) Young, and Sara Wilton Brinton. He was preceded in death by his father, Gerald Brinton, his infant twin sister, Sarah Jane, and nephew Christopher Young.

David lived and died in peace, based on his relationship with Jesus Christ, knowing we will join him someday in heaven. Thank you, David, for your love — as a great son, brother, husband, father, papa and friend, we will keep your memory alive in every season until we meet again.

There will be a memorial service for David on Dec. 23 at 2 p.m. at the CrossRoad Church on Park Avenue, next to the rec center. After the service, coffee and cookies will be served at the Brinton home on South 7th Street.

In lieu of flowers, David asked that you contribute to a charity or do something kind for somebody in need. Two of David's favorite charities are: (1) Among The Least, Mark and Lisa Hauger, P.O. Box 3543, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 (or can be sent to Restoration Fellowship Kenya, 264 Village Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147) and (2) Wycliffe Bible Translators, John and Suzanne Hatton, <https://www.wycliffe.org/partner/4179FE>. (or sent to Wycliffe Bible Translators, P.O. Box 62820, Orlando, FL 32862-8200, with a note saying to be used for the work of John and Suzanne Hatton, Acct. No. 357596.)

The family wishes to express our thankfulness and gratitude at the support of the community at this time of loss.



## Rev. William C. (Bill) Heine

The Rev. William C. (Bill) Heine, former pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church and School, passed away after an extended battle with cancer on Sunday, Dec. 18, at his home in Houston, Texas.

Heine served as pastor of the congregation and school from 1989 until 1995. Under his leadership and with his wife Melinda's help, the congregation established a classical Christian and Lutheran school during his tenure that has become a well-known institution within the Pagosa Springs community.

Pastor Heine served congregations in Pagosa Springs; Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; Sheridan, Wyo.; as instructor of religion at St. Paul Lutheran High School, Concordia, Mo.; and was serving as headmaster of Memorial Lutheran Church and School, Houston, Texas, prior to his death.

He is survived by his wife, Melinda, and four children (all of whom have or are serving in the U.S. armed forces). While his loss is mourned by all who knew him, there is joy in knowing that he has been received by his heavenly Father into heaven's perfection.



## Esther M. Matuz

Esther M. Matuz passed away Thursday, Dec. 15, at home, surrounded in love with her family. She was 88 years old.

Esther was born Jan. 15, 1928, to Serafin Gallegos and Eloisa (Martinez) Gallegos in Trujillo, Colo. She grew up in Trujillo and Pagosa Springs. Esther was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

She adored her family and enjoyed smoking, playing cards and drinking Pepsi.

She is survived by her daughters: Virginia Griego and Mary Jane Chavez; siblings: Viola Rosalez, Ramona Montano, Rachel Griego and Clorinda Trujillo; grandchildren: Carol Griego, Anthony Chavez, Rosemary (Scott) White and Matthew Chavez; great-grandchildren: Misty (Javier) Carrasco, Kelsey Hall, Nicole Gulick, Brandon Gulick, Eric Chavez, Marrison Chavez, Leann Chavez and Anissa Chavez; great-great-grandchildren: Darnion Barela, Issaac Barela, Anarica Sauzameda and Brooklyn Egleston; and numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents; sisters Julia Romero and Mary Montoya; and sons Butch Chavez and Julian "Tulan" Chavez.

The rosary was recited on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at Immaculate Heart Church. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, Dec. 21, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Pagosa Springs.

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## Town seeks planning commission members

By Rachel Novack  
Special to The SUN

The Town of Pagosa Springs Planning Commission is seeking interested individuals that meet any of the following three criteria to fill commission vacancies: 1) are a town resident or 2) an owner of a business located within the town which business or owner also owns real property within the town and which owner is a resident of Archuleta County 3) or the chair or co-chair of the Archuleta County Planning Commission.

An owner of a business includes a sole proprietor and the majority owner of a business entity such as a corporation, a limited liability company or a partnership.

Non-town residents shall be limited to two members at any one time. Currently, there is one regular member seat available and one alternative seat available.

The planning commission consists of five regular members and two

alternate members, each serving a four-year volunteer term.

Regular meetings are twice a month, on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall council chambers.

The planning commission has the decision-making authorities listed in the Land Use Development Code, Table 2.2-1, including the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Develop and recommend to the town council new policies, ordinances, administrative procedures and other means that allow expansion to be accomplished in a coordinated and efficient manner.
2. Conduct studies and recommend to the town council any other new plans, goals and objectives relating to growth, development and redevelopment of the town.
3. Act in the capacity of the design review board, unless the board has been otherwise appointed.
4. Act in the capacity of the board of adjustment, unless the board has been otherwise appointed.
5. Adopt rules and regulations governing the procedures and operations of the planning commission.
6. Perform any other duties assigned by the town council.

In general, the planning commission is responsible for reviewing development plans to ensure compliance with the town's Land Use and Development Code, make decisions regarding development applications, and to provide recommendations to town council.

The planning director works with the planning commission and provides the necessary background information and documentation so that the best possible, educated decisions and recommendations can be made.

Please contact James Dickhoff, town planning director, at 264-4151, ext. 225 or [jdickhoff@pagosasprings.co.gov](mailto:jdickhoff@pagosasprings.co.gov) if you have any questions regarding interest in the planning commission vacancies.

Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest to the Town of Pagosa Springs Planning Department no later than the new extended deadline of Feb. 3, 2017, to the Town of Pagosa Springs Planning Department, P.O. Box 1859, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, delivered in person to Town Hall, located at 551 Hot Springs Blvd., or by email to [jdickhoff@pagosasprings.co.gov](mailto:jdickhoff@pagosasprings.co.gov). Vetted letters of interest will be forwarded to the town council, which will appoint new planning commissioners.

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## In Memoriam

### Echavarria

Feliz Navidad. Para: mi hija: Kris, Tina Martinez y: mi esposo: Mariano Echavarria, con todo cariño.  
Violet Echavarria

## Thanks

### Housing Authority

The board of directors of the Archuleta County Housing Authority wants to give a big thank you to the Candelaria family at Cole's Meat Processing plant for donating the processing of an elk that was donated to the seniors at Casa de los Arcos by the Colorado Division of Wildlife. Every resident was able to benefit from the generosity of such a community driven business.

Again, a big thank you for thinking of the senior citizens in Archuleta County.

Board of directors, Archuleta County Housing Authority

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## LEGISLATURE

### Parting thoughts: Apprenticeship programs give youth hope

Debbie and I want to thank all of you who supported us and voted for us in the election.

As I have attended the Joint Budget Committee hearings, I have come to understand even more the issues that face Colorado.

Prisons and youth detention homes are very expensive to manage and maintain. I had the opportunity during the summer to interview some of the inmates of some of our youth detention facilities. One 21-year-old young man comes to mind. He was covered with tattoos, but was very respectful and intelligent and was very open in talking to us. His mother was in jail and he had no idea who his father was. He had been in gangs and had never had a job. The reasons for him being in the detention center were pretty serious, but

he was about to be released for good behavior.

He had learned some skills while detained. He had no home to go to upon release and he had no job lined up even though the Department of Human Services was attempting to find him a job. This young man could be very productive in society, but because of his circumstances, the odds are very high that he will re-offend, end up in prison, and continue to be a burden to Colorado taxpayers. There are thousands of young people just



Rep. Brown's Report

like this young man in Colorado.

"How can we keep young people out of trouble in the first place?" My first thought is that the family unit must be strengthened, but that does not always happen. That is why I am very supportive of the high school "apprentice program" that has been initiated and supported by businesses in Colorado. I have been told that it is being tested in Denver this year.

These businesses are concerned about having an educated and trained workforce for the future. The apprentice program will allow young people to get a job while in school. They will learn a trade, learn to work, learn to earn money by having a job, learn to save money and learn many other of life's lessons for success. Students will be ready for the workforce and

in many cases will already have a job when they graduate. This program will help all students across Colorado, but it may be especially helpful for young people, like the one I described above, to have a chance in life.

The program will be funded by businesses and within the K-12 budget. There may be a need to modify state high school requirements to allow for such a program. If we can indeed give these young people hope, keep them out of trouble, and ultimately keep them out of prison, the result will be a huge tax savings for the taxpayers of Colorado today and in the future as these young people become better parents.

Debbie and I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

### Let's cut regulations in the 115th Congress

I recently launched a project to cut unnecessary, overly burdensome rules from the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and I need your help.

The current CFR is over 75,000 pages long and full of regulations that are ridiculous, as well as regulations that are unnecessary and continue to stunt economic growth across our nation.

For example, did you know that it is a federal crime to leave the U.S. with more than \$25 worth of nickels in your pocket? Or that it's illegal to sell mixed nuts if the nuts pictured on the label aren't in decreasing size order?

These are examples of some

of the absurd regulations you'll find in the CFR, but there are also federal rules that continue to kill jobs and hurt families, like the employer health insurance mandate, red tape that prevents veterans from getting medical care, and extreme energy efficiency standards that make refrigerators and hot water unaffordable.

I started the Cut The Code Proj-



Rep. Tipton's Report

ect so we can take a hard look at the CFR and cut the regulations that are overly burdensome or just downright ridiculous. I firmly believe that some federal regulations are necessary for keeping our communities safe, but our regulatory environment has grown out of control.

The CFR is made up of the rules and regulations that the executive branch develops to enforce the laws in the U.S. Code. We've repeatedly seen the Obama administration overstep its authority and issue regulations that go well beyond the scope of the U.S. Code. Now, we have an opportunity to rollback the current regulatory regime that is holding

our country back.

I want to hear from constituents who may have experienced the negative effects of ridiculous or overly burdensome regulations. My team and I will take a look at the appropriate statutes and history of the regulation, and we'll determine if we can introduce legislation to cut it.

There is a form on my website, [www.tipton.house.gov](http://www.tipton.house.gov), where you can submit your ideas. And you can also share your ideas with my Washington, D.C., office by calling (202) 225-4761. If you'd like to view the CFR, you can access it online at [www.ecfr.gov](http://www.ecfr.gov).

I look forward to reading your ideas.

### Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

#### Tuesday, Dec. 27

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

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

Springs Blvd.

#### Wednesday, Dec. 28

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

#### Thursday, Dec. 29

**Pagosa Springs Town Council special meeting.** 7:30.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

#### Thursday, Jan. 5

**Town of Pagosa Springs commu-**

**nity meeting.** 5:30 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, Hot Springs Boulevard. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the possibility of extending the Riverwalk along Hermosa Street to the 1st Street bridge. This would close the gap in the sidewalk network off of U.S. 160 between 1st Street bridge and Town Park. The potential addition of this segment would allow residents and visitors to go from the River Center all the way to Town Hall

without being on the highway for a prolonged period of time.

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

### CSFS offering seedling trees for conservation

By Ryan Cox  
Special to The SUN

The Colorado State Forest Service and the La Plata Conservation District are now accepting applications on a first-come, first-served basis for more than 40 varieties of low-cost seedling trees and shrubs.

Seedlings ordered now will be distributed statewide in the spring.

This year, Archuleta County landowners who have been served by the San Juan Conservation District in the past will need to place their orders through the La Plata Conservation District. There is a downloadable order form on its website, [www.laplatacd.org](http://www.laplatacd.org), or call (970) 426-9096. There will still be a delivery/pickup day at the Natural Resources Conservation Service

office at 505A County Road 600 in Pagosa Springs in the spring.

The only requirement for purchasing trees through the seedling program is that the seedlings be used for conservation purposes only. Those interested in purchasing seedlings are encouraged to check the continually updated seedling inventory at <http://csfs.colostate.edu/seedling-tree-nursery/seedling-nursery-inventory>.

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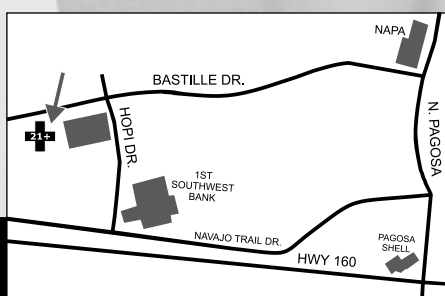
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# Business

## October sales tax 8.3 percent ahead of last year

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

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

The total sales tax collection in October for Archuleta County was \$698,520.85, according to a report issued on Dec. 14 by Archuleta County Finance Director Larry Walton.

The town and county each received \$349,260.43.

"The year to date (January through October) 2016 sales tax is \$589,102 (8.3%) ahead of the same period in 2015," reads Walton's report. "This is higher than the rate of growth anticipated by the County budget for this period of time."

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

Revenue generated by retail trade went up 12.4 percent, or \$438,621.

Accommodations and food service increased 4.7 percent, up \$61,195.

Wholesale trade increased 11.7 percent, up \$35,536.

Manufacturing increased 10 percent, up \$33,384.

The "other services" category went up 11.2 percent, or \$13,053.

Utilities increased 3.7 percent, or \$20,302.

Real estate/rental increased 5.4 percent, up \$10,615.

Arts and entertainment increased 9.3 percent, or \$6,135.

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

Miscellaneous decreased 7.3 percent, by \$5,887.

Administrative and support was down 43.3 percent, or \$7,460.

Information decreased 2 percent, or \$5,376.

Mining was down 11.3 percent, or \$11,544.

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

In a month-to-month comparison, breaking the sales tax report down by sector, revenue generated by retail trade went from \$352,157 in October of 2015 to \$375,477 in October of 2016, for an increase of \$23,320.

Revenue generated by accommodations and food service went from \$110,708 in October of 2015 to \$108,589 in October this year, for a decrease of \$2,119.

Arts, entertainment and recreation, a sector of the local economy that is greatly influenced by tourism, went from \$4,141 in October of last year to \$4,113 in October 2016, for a decrease of \$28.

The real estate industry garnered \$13,076, increasing \$1,653, while the construction industry contributed \$13,971, an increase of \$1,796 compared to October 2015.

Wholesale trade brought in \$36,101, an increase of \$2,478; manufacturing brought in \$33,711, an increase of \$2,636; and mining brought in \$7,225, a decrease of \$8,414 compared to October of last year.

The information industry garnered \$26,990, an increase of \$1,011 from October of 2015.

Professional, scientific and technical services contributed \$1,415, a decrease of \$486.

Administrative, support, waste management and remediation services generated \$766, a decrease of \$377 compared to last year.

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## Reflecting on accomplishments for the year

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
SUN Columnist

As we come to a close in 2016, we reflect on projects we have accomplished, those projects left undone and celebrate our successes. The Chamber is no exception and here are a few of the highlights of our year.

We produced multiple very successful events this year. Our most successful events continue to be the Park to Park Arts and Crafts Fair and ColorFest.

We continue to host the fair in Town Park and Mary Fisher Park. With parking on San Juan Street and the pedestrian bridge, we feel that this new park arrangement gives our vendors more exposure and keeps the shoppers in the downtown district. Combined with all the other downtown activities, this event continues to draw thousands of people to our community over the Fourth of July weekend.

ColorFest in 2016 was the most successful to date. We increased the size of the tent again for the Passport to Pagosa and Music and Microbrews so that attendees could sit and move around easily. We added more tickets to sell for this event and will hopefully do so again next year.

We attracted more balloon pilots this year, with 28 hot air balloons brightening our skies in the mornings. Thanks to the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP), a new event was added to the weekend roster with Breakfast with Balloons at the new GGP site in Centennial Park. The Chamber started out 14 years ago trying to improve on a popular local event and wanting to create a destination event. It is now hard to find a room that third weekend in September even if we do compete with other popular regional events.

With the assistance of a new date and good weather, the Car Show brought over 160 cars to Lewis Street and Town Park in June.

This number of attendees was one of the highest in the eight-year history. We expect this event to continue to grow and will add features to the Car Show in 2017.

The Chamber also produced WinterFest and the Parade of Stores, encouraging winter fun and activities and promoting our fantastic shopping opportunities. The Chamber couldn't produce these events without the help of our business community. We produce these festivals for the betterment of our business community and to attract people to our town.

Producing these events is often an unrecognized Chamber membership benefit. A large portion of our businesses reap the rewards that these events generate. We will continue to produce and grow these events and we hope that our businesses recognize the importance these events mean to our community. Supporting the Chamber is supporting these events and in turn supporting the business community. We anticipate some additional events in 2017 that the Chamber will take the lead on and we know that these efforts will reward the community.

As you ponder, "What does the Chamber do for me?" and "How can I get more out of my benefits?", don't forget to consider the business that the Chamber brings into our community. Also, don't be shy about speaking to us at the Chamber about how we can help you maximize your Chamber benefits.

### Membership Gala

On Saturday, Jan. 21, 2017, the Chamber will host our annual Chamber Membership Gala at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse.

This year's event theme is "Prosperity Through Change," which we heartily embrace and will emphasize in 2017. We hope our businesses will embrace change as well.

Included in this event is the community award presentations.

It will be an evening of fun, music, dancing, delicious food and time to honor deserving people. Tickets will go on sale Jan. 3, 2017, for \$30 per person. You may purchase them online or at the Chamber.

At this time, don't forget to nominate a person, a couple, a business or an organization for Citizen, Volunteer, Non-Profit and Small Business of the Year. Just to be nominated is an honor because someone took the time to say "thank you" for all you have done for this community.

Nomination forms are available at the Chamber or you can get them online from our website, www.pagosachamber.com, located on the home page under 2016 Community Award Nominations. The nomination forms are due by the close of business Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017. Please take some time to thank someone who has given so much to our community.

### Membership news

We will start up our Business Bites classes and Maximizing Your Membership classes in February.

In analyzing some of our records, it is disappointing to see how many of our businesses are not using many of their membership benefits. This includes free services that are included in the basic membership price such as keywords, correct contact information — websites, emails, or phone numbers.

How much money are you leaving on the table because you haven't checked your listing on the Chamber website for a long time or ever? How do you expect people to find you? In 2017, we will be focusing on benefits and making them work for you.

This week, we welcome back Sherwin Williams and Wells Fargo Bank.

We are really excited about focusing more on benefits in 2017 and how we can make our benefits work better for your business.

## The period between Thanksgiving and New Year's can make or break a small retailer

By Betsy Markey  
Special to The SUN

All Americans strive for a secure and stable livelihood that they can depend upon to take care of themselves and their families. Solving national issues may be beyond our individual control, but each of us can effect positive change in our local communities by supporting locally owned small businesses.

It is a fact that 97 percent of all Colorado businesses are considered small. Colorado's 560,000 small firms employ nearly 1 million people and account for almost all new jobs created statewide. By backing our locally owned small businesses, you support the thousands of jobs they create and the families they sustain. Small, locally owned businesses are the bridge to a more sustainable economy. They are the backbone of our democracy, and the future solution to our most pressing economic problems.

Small firms make an enormous and positive contribution to the quality of life in our cities and towns. Locally owned businesses create good jobs and boost the local

tax base, which in turn improves our schools, our parks and our quality of life. Most importantly, local businesses are invested in their neighborhoods. Behind any civic activity that contributes to the common well-being of your community, you will likely find a local entrepreneur giving their time and money in support of that cause. The assistance provided by volunteers who care about their community could not be replaced by any amount of government assistance or tax money. Local business owners are the unsung heroes of society. They are the leaders, the ambitious, hardworking people who have ideas and act upon them. They are true American heroes.

Where else are you going to find the in-depth product knowledge and one-on-one customer service that small retailers provide?

If you spend your money at a locally owned business, then that money is more likely to be spent again and again in the local economy, generating many dollars' worth of employment. That's how "localism" can change the way our entire economy works. Every time you buy local and buy small

business, you are saving a job and helping to support your neighbors, friends and families.

Support your local small business is not just a catchy phrase, but is a way we can all continue to bolster our local economies. We need to choose a future that will enrich and sustain future generations. Local businesses that employ and empower ordinary people are the cornerstone of a future economy that can sustain us. Local business people are local leaders; they are people with initiative and ambition, and they invest their resources in local organizations. We all need to celebrate the great diversity that our small businesses provide this holiday season. Small business is the shining light that continues to brighten our road to economic prosperity. Try it today; go visit a local small business owner and thank them for being such a critical part of your community.

Betsy Markey serves as the Small Business Association's regional administrator for Region VIII, overseeing all agency programs and services in Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota and Utah.

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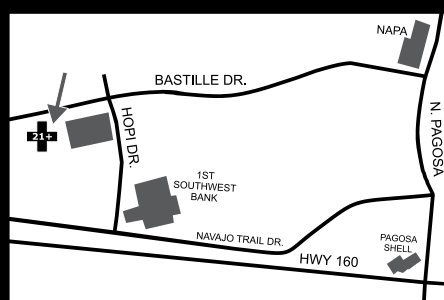
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# Water Conservancy District ends year with progress

By **Randi Pierce**  
Staff Writer

After approving the 2017 budget for the district, the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) Board of Directors made several decisions during its final regular meeting of 2016 on Dec. 19, including decisions relating to land acquisition for the proposed Dry Gulch reservoir, cloud seeding and document retention.

Two board members, Susan Nosaman and Ray Finney, participated via phone, while board member Doug Secrist was absent.

The budget approved by the board was similar to the draft budget released in November at the district's public hearing, with a few exceptions.

Those exceptions were explained by Denise Rue-Pastin, who provides the board's administrative support.

"The numbers, in essence, are nearly identical" to the numbers given to the board in October and November, she said, adding that the final assessed value had been received from the Archuleta County assessor, with that number a bit higher than the district had estimated.

The final figure for property tax revenue is \$67,578.

The administrative services line item also increased, she noted, with board chair Rod Proffitt explaining that line item was increased at his request in order to allow Rue-Pastin to work on projects with the district,

such as helping with the district's education outreach regarding Dry Gulch, a part of the district's communications plan with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS).

That communications plan is a portion of the SJWCD's land exchange proposal to obtain approximately 400 acres from the U.S. Forest Service for the proposed Dry Gulch Water Storage Facility.

Proffitt also suggested Rue-Pastin could serve as a liaison with other community entities for work on watershed planning.

During budget discussion, Proffitt spoke to the board of the process the district has undertaken regarding Dry Gulch, noting that the district is at the point of spending "real money" on the project now.

"It just reminded me of how far we've come on this deal," he said.

The budget was approved by a 5-0 vote, and the board certified the mill levy with another unanimous vote.

The board also approved spending \$2,500 to obtain appraisals relating to the Dry Gulch project.

Those appraisals would be of the Laverty property the district is seeking to purchase for the reservoir, for an access easement through Laverty property to the reservoir site, and for the land involved in the USFS land exchange.

Proffitt anticipated it would cost \$1,000 for the appraisals relating to the Laverty property, and \$1,500 for the USFS property appraisal.

He noted the appraisals should

be complete by the end of the year.

By a 3-1 vote (Finney only participated in the first portion of the meeting), the board also decided to continue contributing \$1,500 for regional cloud seeding efforts.

"I don't like cloud seeding," board member Al Pfister said in opening discussion on the matter.

Pfister said that, while he knows the district's contribution helps the cloud seeding effort, he wasn't sure if it was the best expenditure of funds.

Proffitt informed the board that a similar discussion had taken place three years ago, and it was determined that the funding was similar to a house of cards, with each entity's funding necessary.

Proffitt also cited a 10-year study completed in Wyoming that he said "demonstrated benefit" and couldn't prove that cloud seeding lessened moisture elsewhere.

Following that study, Proffitt said he became neutral on the topic and OK with the district's contribution.

Pfister noted he was also familiar with the study, but was "not sold" that it was much of a "value added" and that there were still too many questions to say cloud seeding didn't affect moisture elsewhere.

The board also adopted a preliminary document retention policy based on the Southwestern Water Conservancy District's policy in order to begin sorting through files kept at the district's office.

In other business at the meeting, the board:

- Heard a report from Austin Rueschhoff of Holsinger Law on the statuses of a number of water rights cases the district has entered in order to ensure Dry Gulch is not affected.

- Briefly discussed how the district would pay the future debt service on Dry Gulch, with the board members discussing the need for a strong public outreach and the need to create a plan.

- Approved an audit agreement with Clark, White & Associates in Durango to perform the district's 2016 audit.

- Proffitt anticipated work would begin in January.

- Approved an agreement to continue funding for a stream gauge located east of Pagosa Springs.

- Voted to recommend Proffitt for reappointment to the board.

Pfister noted that the vote was not explicitly on the meeting's agenda, but that the agenda included an item for "Any Other Business Brought Before the Board Will Be Duly Considered."

- Approved the 2017 meeting schedule, with the board meeting on the second Monday of each even-numbered month at 7 p.m. at the district's office, 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 5.

One exception will be October, when the meeting will be held on Oct. 16, 2017, instead of on Columbus Day.

The district's next meeting will be in February 2017.

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## EXTENSION VIEWPOINTS

# Winter's here and the days are getting longer

By **Roberta Tolan**  
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The Extension office will close at noon on Dec. 23 for the Christmas holiday, and will also be closed Dec. 26.

As of yesterday, Dec. 21, at 3:44 a.m. Mountain Time, winter officially arrived. For us in the northern hemisphere, the winter solstice also marks the shortest day and the longest night of the year. It's a seasonal shift that everyone notices.

The solstice is an astronomical event caused by Earth's tilt on its axis and its motion in orbit around the sun. Because the earth doesn't orbit upright, but is instead tilted on its axis by 23.5 degrees, Earth's northern and southern hemispheres trade places in receiving the sun's light and warmth most directly. The tilt of the Earth, not our distance from the sun, is what causes winter and summer. At the December solstice, the northern hemisphere is leaning most away from the sun.

Also on this date, Earth is positioned in its orbit so that the sun stays below the North Pole horizon. As seen from 23.5 degrees south of the equator, at the imaginary line encircling the globe known as the Tropic of Capricorn, the sun shines directly overhead at noon. This is as far south as the sun ever gets. All

locations south of the equator have day lengths greater than 12 hours. Meanwhile, all locations north of the equator have day lengths less than 12 hours.

To early cultures, the winter solstice was a day of both apprehension and celebration of the cold, dark winter and the promise of longer, warmer days to come. They built monuments such as Stonehenge in England, or Machu Picchu in Peru to follow the sun's yearly progress.

The holly tree symbolized the waning sun commencing with the summer solstice and the oak tree symbolized the waxing sun commencing with the winter solstice. The Druids believed holly's evergreen nature made it sacred and that it remained green throughout winter to keep the earth beautiful at a time when deciduous trees shed their leaves.

The yule log is also used in solstice celebrations. Historically, the yule log tradition may have included an entire tree or the largest log available to be burned in the fire hearth. Historians believe the tradition was derived from pagan worship rites, representations of health and fertility, rituals asking for blessings and protection, festivals celebrating the winter solstice or was simply for decoration and practical use.

Some traditions included starting

the yule log fire with the remnant of the previous year's log to bring prosperity and protection from evil. After the celebration, pieces of the yule log would be saved to start the fire of next winter's solstice yule log. In some European tradition, oak was the preferred species for the yule log, as it represented the waxing sun, and symbolized endurance, strength, protection and good luck to people in the coming year.

The collection, preparation and use of fly agaric mushrooms (amanita muscaria) were central to many northern European and Asian peoples' winter solstice celebrations and ceremonies. In the days leading up to the winter solstice, the fly agaric mushroom often appears under trees, mostly firs and spruces. Fly agaric is poisonous and has hallucinogenic properties.

Common winter rituals also included the drying and stringing of fly agaric mushrooms near the hearth. Many people all over the world still decorate the family hearth and Christmas tree with strings of popcorn, cranberries and mushroom ornaments. It is a reminder that many winter solstice traditions have surprisingly long-forgotten histories brought forward into modern festivities.

The staff at the Colorado State University Extension office wish-

es you and your family a very merry Christmas and safe travels throughout the holiday season.

### CPR and first aid classes

CPR and first aid certification classes are now being offered monthly by the CSU Extension office on the second Monday and Wednesday of each month from 6 to 10 p.m. Anyone needing to receive or renew certification can register by calling the Extension office at 264-5931.

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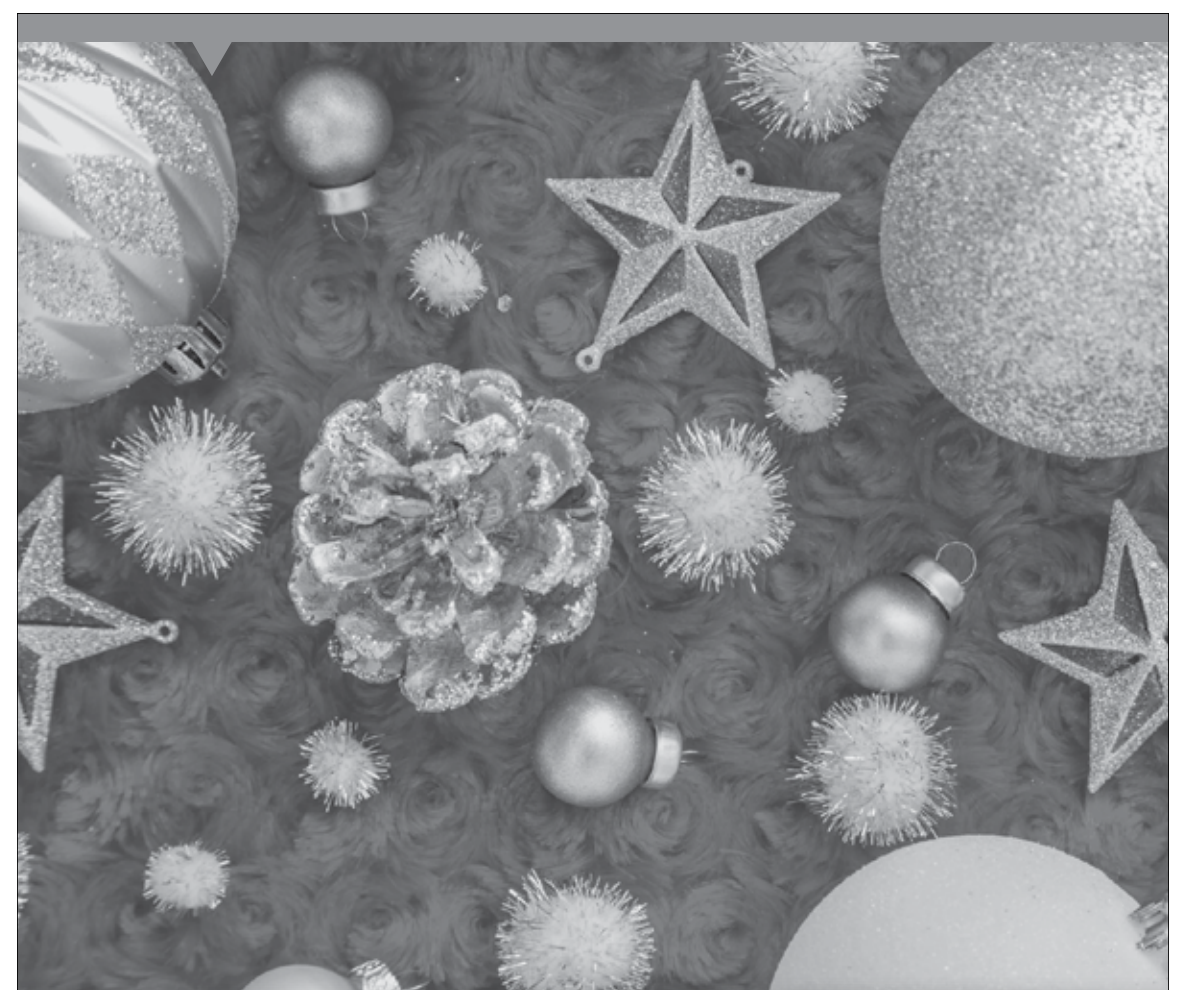
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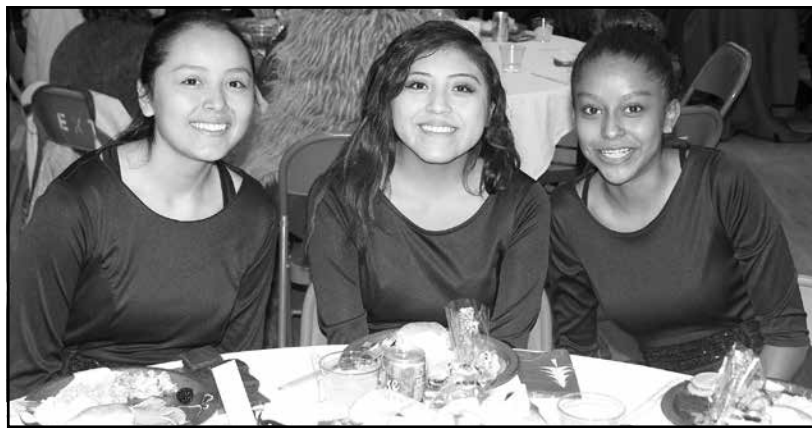
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# Christmas with the Homemakers

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The Pagosa Springs High School choir entertains with Christmas music during the meeting of the Mountain View Homemakers on Dec. 8. The carolers also enjoyed lunch and visited with the homemakers during the special Christmas luncheon. Following lunch, a gift exchange was held. The Homemakers club is a monthly gathering of women who are interested in making their lives, the lives of their families and the community more enjoyable. The meetings include lunch and a speaker or activity. There are no dues or membership requirements and sewing/quilting/baking skills are not needed. The group meets the second Thursday of every month. Call Tozi at 731-3360 with questions.



## School

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ing" language with stakeholders to cut out unnecessary language.

He continued that three superintendents who spoke at the CASB session "talked a lot about listening to the community" and a multiyear effort of listening to and gauging the community.

Board president Greg Schick then asked what the process would be and if the board should go to a firm.

Dryburgh responded that "absolutely" the board should go to a firm.

Lindner echoed that sentiment, noting that he wouldn't want to try it alone and firms have a process that they guide you through.

Dryburgh then noted that ASD is in an "interesting position."

He said the district wouldn't want to go for funding unless there would be a large voter turnout, such as a presidential election, which could in turn "correspond well" with the district's existing bond going away.

He then noted that, in terms of an MLO, the board would need to discuss it further and narrow down what the MLO would be for.

Reed then reminded the board that the topic had been discussed last spring.

Lindner, after reminding the board that "we as a board are not going to decide" what funding to

go for, but instead the community would have to provide input, read the list from last spring's discussion:

- Teacher salary, and attract and retain staff.
- Class size.
- Technology.
- Full-day kindergarten.
- Maintain facilities.

As the discussion continued, Dryburgh indicated a lot of factual work needed to be done prior to holding community meetings.

He also suggested having a representative of George K. Baum & Company, a Denver firm with a lot of experience in school funding elections, come to the board's January retreat.

The board consensus at the meeting was that it was time to "get the ball rolling."

Lindner also noted that the board needed to discuss an MLO versus a bond measure, and asked if Baum could help with that decision.

The answer was yes, and Dryburgh further suggested the board could go for an MLO first and a bond later.

The topic is slated to be discussed further at the board's retreat scheduled for Jan. 24.

### Per-pupil funding, teacher salaries

Later in the meeting, during

her superintendent's report, Reed shared information from the Colorado School Finance Project with the board, including the following information.

For the 2014-15 school year, ASD's funded pupil count was 1,378.

Per-student spending within ASD in 2014-15 was \$8,415, compared to the Colorado average of \$9,847.

Per-student state and local revenue for ASD during the same school year was \$8,662, compared to the Colorado average of \$10,622.

According to the document, for the 2014-15 school year, the state's share of funding was 33 percent, the local share was 57.8 percent, and the federal share was 9.2 percent.

The information provided by Reed also included information on average teacher salaries.

In 2014-15, the average teacher salary for ASD was \$43,048, compared to a Colorado average of \$48,277.

That same year, ASD had 85 teachers.

In 1992-93, the district had 66 teachers who made an average salary of \$28,803, versus the Colorado average of \$33,578.

When adjusted for inflation, the information indicated that the 1992-93 salaries equates to ASD teachers making an average salary

of \$52,133, versus a \$60,776 average for Colorado.

### Facilities study

On Nov. 8, the board heard an update from Stuart Coppedge from RTA Architects in Colorado Springs regarding the district's ongoing master planning.

The report included figures for the capacity of each of the district's existing buildings, based on a formula that takes into account the different uses for areas of each building.

The report provided multiple figures for each school's gross building capacity, including at 75 and 85 percent utilizations for both the CDE's guidelines and another space guideline (CSD, as the report calls it).

The CDE guideline is based on a required number of square feet per student, while the CSD figure uses a standard of 25 students per teaching station.

Following are the gross building utilizations for each school using the 85 percent utilization.

Additional figures can be found on ASD's website by following the school board link, then to the BoardDocs link. The report is part of the Nov. 8 agenda.

Elementary school:

- CDE: 714.
  - CSD: 646.
- Middle school, fifth- and sixth-grade building:
- CDE: 245.
  - CSD: 255.

Middle school, seventh- and

eighth-grade building:

- CDE: 428.
  - CSD: 500.
- High school:
- CDE: 587.
  - CSD: 547.

Another portion of the report showing an enrollment forecast for ASD from Coppedge was not accurate given ASD's higher-than-expected enrollment figures this year.

According to the enrollment figures provided at the same Nov. 8 meeting, there were 583 students enrolled in kindergarten through fourth grade, 247 in the fifth and sixth grades, 270 in the seventh and eighth grades, and 421 in the high school.

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## Bridge

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Boulevard and U.S. 160.

But the agreement provides that any such bridge and connecting roads would be constructed at the cost of the town, while the Springs Partners would contribute only an easement to the land needed within the planned development. And no commitment by the Springs Partners of actual development within the 27 acres is provided in the agreement.

Town Mayor Don Volger described those terms in a meeting on Nov. 8 as "unfair" to the town and its taxpayers.

Volger acknowledged also that the town lacked "foresight" in entering into the agreement in 2012, admitting "that's on me."

He added that the town wanted to renegotiate the agreement's terms dealing with a potential bridge.

The projected impacts of building a bridge on traffic flow downtown

and future public revenue were the subject of a recent public meeting held on Dec. 14. Consultants who had been retained jointly by the town and the Springs Partners discussed both impacts for a large audience of community residents.

The 2012 vested rights agreement between the town and the developer specifies additionally that if a bridge is to be built by the town, it should be included in its 2017 capital budget.

The tentative Jan. 3 agenda item would call for council to make the decision whether the town will exercise its right to proceed in 2017 with construction of the bridge at 5th Street in accordance with the agreement. However, a vote to proceed would require adjustment of the recently approved 2017 budget for the town. The budget was approved by council on Dec. 4 without any funds for such construction.

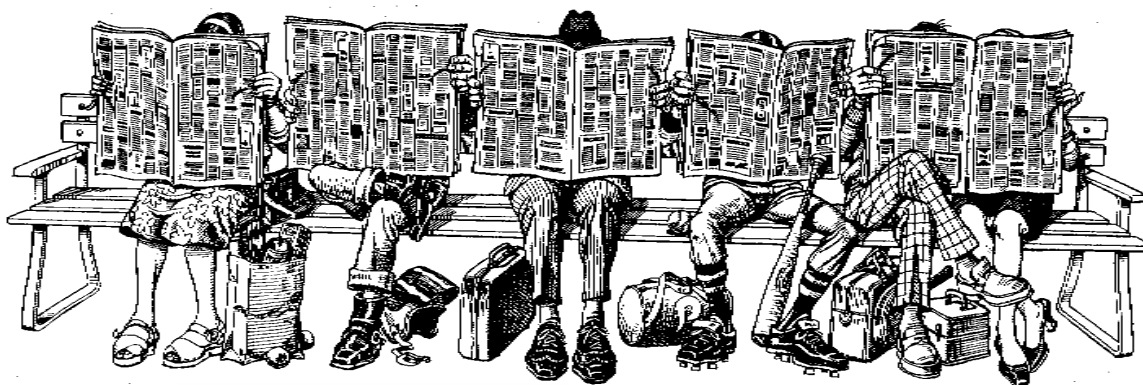
Schulte told The SUN that a formal decision by the town to reject its right to build a bridge under Sketch Plan A of the 2012 agreement as written would give Springs Partners the opportunity to develop the 27 acres under Sketch Plan B, the other alternative it includes.

That alternative would allow the Partners to proceed with the development of the 27 acres south of the river without any bridge. Schulte has previously said in that event, development build-out would likely prevent any future attempt to construct a bridge at 5th Street, regardless of the level of future demand for another north/south connection to U.S. 160.

Schulte declined to discuss with The SUN the likelihood the terms of the 2012 agreement relating to a bridge might be renegotiated by the town and Springs Partners.

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# Planning commission recommends cell tower approval

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Planning Commission will recommend approval of a conditional use permit (CUP) to allow a cell tower off of County Road 600 (Piedra Road) to the county's board of county commissioners (BoCC).

The decision came unanimously during the planning commission's regular meeting on Dec. 14.

"Black & Veatch, representing Verizon Wireless, has applied for the Verizon Escobar Telecommunication Facility Conditional Use Permit (CUP), on property owned by Sydonia Poenish ... at 3700 County Road 600," reads agenda documentation used at the meeting. "The proposal will permit a new Commercial Mobile Radio Systems (CMRS) wireless communication facility with a 65' monopole cell tower and antennas, approximately 1,000 feet west of the road."

The documentation goes on to state that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulates the environmental effects of radio frequency transmissions, and that no public comments would be accepted on this topic.

"Verizon Wireless is proposing to construct and operate a 60' three-sector monopole (approximately 65' with lighting rod and antennas) and equipment platform in an 18' x 41' lease area, to be located on a residential tract on County Road 600 (Piedra Rd) between Dutton Creek and Hatcher Lake," reads the agenda documentation. "A gravel utility drive will provide access from the county road, separate from the driveway to the existing single family home on the property."

The documentation goes on to state that the tower would assist in offloading 4G LTE services for digital voice and data from existing facilities.

"The proposed antennas will not provide service to older 1X, 3G or 4G devices without Advanced Calling features," reads the docu-

mentation. "Initially, this project was proposed on a parcel owned by the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA), but was relocated after opposition from nearby property owners."

Archuleta County Planning Manager John Shepard explained to the planning commission that the tower wouldn't be a stealth tower designed to look like a tree, but would be painted green to help better conceal the tower.

Shepard explained that, due to the height of the tower and the number of trees surrounding the proposed site, the tower would, essentially, only peek out amongst the top of the trees from a few different angles.

The agenda documentation goes on to explain that, in an effort to lessen the number of towers in the area, the Archuleta County Land Use Regulations encourage collocation, meaning multiple providers would share the same tower.

Shepard explained that 65 feet is on the smaller size for towers, and by making the tower 75 feet, at least one other provider would be able to collocate onto the tower.

Shepard stated that, if the planning commission voted in favor of recommending the CUP to the BoCC, he suggested the commission hold the applicant to a couple of conditions.

Shepard recommended the tower be built at 75 feet to allow for collocation, and that the plan for the tower be revised to show space for collocating equipment.

After Shepard completed his staff report, the planning commission heard a presentation from Jeff Sherer, who was there to represent Black & Veatch.

Sherer's presentation outlined other locations that were considered, and featured a graph that illustrated that Verizon Wireless is having problems providing services to all of its customers at peak service times due to the lack of towers in the area.

Planning commission chairman Michael

Frederick opened the issue for public comment when Sherer concluded his presentation.

One audience member began to make a public comment, but when it became clear that she was commenting on the environmental and health affects of cell technology, Frederick cut her off and explained that type of comment wouldn't be accepted.

"There is a specific federal law which prohibits us from getting into that issue," said Frederick. Poenish also made a comment to the planning commission.

"I'm the homeowner of the land proposed," said Poenish, adding that she wasn't able to call 911 from her residence due to a lack of service.

"All of my neighbors, I've spoken with them, and they seem pretty excited about it," said Poenish. "I think that's the reason they're not here. We would like to be able to have service in the area. I think everybody is pretty comfortable with it, and I haven't heard anything different on that aspect."

Frederick closed public comment and then opened up a discussion amongst the planning commissioners.

Planning commissioner Betty Shahan made a comment that she agreed with Shepard in that the tower should be extended to allow for collocation.

After the planning commissioners conversed amongst themselves, Frederick stated that he would entertain a motion on the matter.

Planning commissioner David Parker moved to approve recommending approval of the application to the BoCC contingent upon Shepard's conditions mentioned earlier.

Planning commissioner Peter Adams seconded the motion, with Frederick, Shahan, Adams and Parker voting in favor of the motion, causing it to pass unanimously.

Planning Commissioner Anita Hooton was absent from the meeting.

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# Housing report: strong consumer demand, continued shortage of inventory

By Martin Schechter  
Special to The SUN

While temperatures across Colorado remained more summer-like than fall throughout November, traditional seasonal real estate market slowdowns were met head-on by strong consumer demand and a continued shortage of inventory, according to the latest statewide housing report from the Colorado Association of Realtors (CAR).

The combination of factors helped to keep the median sales price for single-family homes flat at \$335,000 and drove Colorado townhouse/condominium median sales prices to \$255,000, a new high that is up \$30,000 from where the median price was in January 2016.

Colorado's growing population combined with the overall shrinking number of available properties continue to shape the state's housing markets. November also saw mortgage interest rates begin to creep higher, and waiting time for property

appraisals also served as contributing factors to the statewide market.

With just 5,576 single-family home listings added in November, there were only 15,645 active listings in the state, a 37-percent decline from the category's July peak.

For townhouse/condos, there were 1,720 new units listed in November, bringing the statewide total to 3,639, down 35 percent from its July peak.

Overall, there were less than 20,000 homes on the market in November across the state, the lowest total in more than a year, providing just over a two-month supply of single-family homes and, for the first time since CAR has commissioned the monthly reports, a less than two-month supply of townhouse/condominiums.

## Inventory of active statewide listings

With less inventory comes fewer sales, a category that also declined from October to November, down

6.7 percent to 6,636 single-family homes and down 11.6 percent to 2,093 condominiums/townhouses. However, compared to November 2015, single-family sales were up 24 percent while condominiums/townhouse sales were up more than 13 percent.

## Sold listings statewide

The median sales price for both single-family homes and townhouse/condominiums remained relatively flat in the metro Denver market and experienced a mixed bag of results across the remaining five regions of the state.

The November median sales price of \$347,000 in the metro Denver area was flat with October pricing, as was the southeast region of the state.

Other Colorado markets experienced mixed results from October to November, with homes in the mountain region of the state increasing 2.1 percent from a median sales price of \$455,000 in October to \$465,000 in October. The state's northeast region experienced a nearly 8-percent increase from \$302,000 to \$328,000 while the northwest region had a 2-percent increase in its median sales pricing going from \$205,000 to \$209,000. The southeast region, the state's second most affordable, stayed flat at \$230,000 while the southwest region showed the only decrease for the month, dipping down 4.5 percent from \$277,000 to \$265,000

for November.

Inventory is a major factor in the Denver metro market as the supply of single-family homes sits at 1.5 months of inventory, while condo/townhouse inventory has dipped below a one-month supply.

## Statewide months supply of inventory, affordability

The continued short supply of homes plays a role in the average number of days that homes stay on the market (DOM) before selling. The DOM for Colorado single-family homes in October was 55, its highest average since April 2016. For condominiums/townhouses, it was an average of 50 days on the market before sale, up two days from the October report and reaching an average not seen since early in 2016.

Affordability, a measurement based on the relationship between housing prices and local income levels, also took a hit in the month of November for both single family (down 8.5 percent) and townhouse/condominiums (down 10.8 percent).

The CAR Monthly Market Statistical Reports are based upon data provided by Multiple Listing Services (MLS) in Colorado. The November 2016 reports represent all MLS-listed residential real estate transactions in the state. The metrics do not include "For Sale by Owner" transactions or all new construction.

# Births

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

Amanda Lei, Teresa Burk and Patrick George, 5 pounds, 5 ounces, 4:17 p.m., Nov. 1.

Josephine Taylor, Jennifer and Samuel Cropp, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, 8:50 a.m., Nov. 23.

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A Pagosa Springs Police officer stands with his back to a damaged vehicle after an accident on Sunday, Dec. 18. The accident involved three different vehicles, with a passenger of one of the vehicles requiring extrication and two people being transported to Pagosa Springs Medical Center.

## Three-car accident sends two to hospital

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

A car accident involving three vehicles occurred in the afternoon of Sunday, Dec. 18, at the intersection of U.S. 160 and Aspen Village Drive.

According to the Pagosa Fire Protection District's (PFPD) Colton Calavan, the accident occurred when a Honda CR-V turned left onto U.S. 160 from Aspen Village Drive.

A Toyota RAV4 that was traveling westbound on U.S. 160 hit the CR-V on the passenger side, causing the CR-V to spin back into Aspen Village Drive and hit another Honda vehicle that was stopped, waiting at the light.

Calavan explained that the passenger of the CR-V was trapped in the vehicle, and that he had to use hydraulic rescue tools to pop open the passenger door.

At first, responders thought that a person was also trapped in the RAV4, but Calavan explained that

a door on the RAV4 just had to be forced open by hand.

Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) EMS transported the passenger of the CR-V and the driver of the RAV4 to PSMC.

Calavan explained that he was in the battalion vehicle when he responded to the accident.

However, after getting an initial size up of the incident from PSMC EMS, Calavan stopped by PFPD's Station 1, which was on the way, and switched over to a rescue vehicle.

On top of that, a fire engine was dispatched to the scene as well, with five personnel responding, three of whom were volunteers.

Calavan explained that, after performing extrication, and because there were no liquids leaking from the vehicle, PFPD personnel assisted the Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD) in performing traffic control until the scene was cleared.

Calls to the PSPD for further information were not returned by press time Wednesday.

## North Pagosa Bridge closed for repairs

Special to The SUN

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office Director of Emergency Operations Mike Le Roux announced Monday that Archuleta County Public Works will be performing emergency repairs on the North Pagosa Bridge commencing yesterday, Wednesday, Dec. 21, and

lasting approximately 10 days.

While full repair work on the bridge is scheduled for summer 2017, concerns regarding the bridge's approaches required immediate attention. During construction, the North Pagosa Bridge will be closed and traffic will be rerouted onto Lake Forest Circle.

## Holiday Parties DUI enforcement arrests 552 impaired drivers

By Colorado Department of Transportation  
Special to The SUN

In an effort keep Colorado roads safe during early holiday celebrations, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and statewide law enforcement agencies recently concluded the Holiday Parties DUI enforcement as part of The Heat Is On campaign.

From Dec. 2 to Dec. 12, officers arrested 552 impaired drivers — a slight decrease from the 596 arrests during the same enforcement period last year.

"Many people will make the responsible decision to get a lift from a sober friend or take a taxi, ... after drinking alcohol at holiday parties. If you see a friend or family member trying to get behind the wheel while impaired, speak up," said Darrell Link, director of the Office of Transportation Safety at CDOT. "Deterring coworkers, friends and family from impaired driving can potentially save their life and the lives of others on the road this holiday season."

The enforcement included 97 statewide agencies. The Denver Police Department (70 arrests), Aurora Police Department (60 arrests) and Colorado Springs Police Department (36 arrests) reported the highest arrest totals. In addition, the CSP reported 92 arrests.

According to preliminary data, 181 people have died in impaired-related crashes in Colorado this year. In 2015, between Thanksgiving

and New Year's, 34 people were killed in traffic crashes — eight were alcohol-related.

"Winter driving can be dangerous in itself — adding alcohol to the equation significantly increases the chances of being involved in a crash," said Col. Scott Hernandez, chief of the CSP. "Impaired driving is never a good idea, especially with snow and ice on the roadways."

Along with the serious risks impaired drivers present to themselves and other motorists, a DUI arrest can include harsh legal and financial consequences. First-time DUI offenders can be punished with up to one year in jail, license suspension and thousands of dollars in fines. On average, a DUI can cost more than \$13,500 after considering fines, legal fees and increased insurance costs. Penalties increase for repeat offenders.

The Heat Is On resumes Dec. 30 to Jan. 3 with a New Year's Eve DUI enforcement, the final enforcement period this year.

The CDOT Highway Safety Office provides funding to Colorado law enforcement for impaired driving enforcement, education and awareness campaigns. The Heat Is On campaign runs throughout the year with 12 specific high-visibility impaired driving enforcement periods centered on national holidays and large public events.

Enforcement periods can include sobriety checkpoints, saturation patrols and additional law enforcement on duty dedicated to impaired driving enforcement. More details about the campaign, including impaired driving enforcement plans, arrest totals and safety tips can be found at HeatIsOnColorado.com.

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**Archuleta County Sheriff's Office**

Dec. 12 — Information only, Woodland Drive.

Dec. 12 — Information only, Buttercup Drive.

Dec. 13 — Abandoned vehicle on public or private property without consent, East Stollsteimer Road.

Dec. 13 — Information only, Antelope Avenue.

Dec. 14 — Domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Ute Drive.

Dec. 14 — Information only, South Pagosa Boulevard.

Dec. 14 — Animals/nuisance, Bauer Place.

Dec. 15 — Information only, Cabrippo Place.

Dec. 15 — Animals running at large, Cloud Cap Avenue.

Dec. 15 — Fraudulent acts, Morning Rain Court.

Dec. 19 — Third-degree criminal trespass, Cactus Drive.

Dec. 19 — Information only, Ray Court.

**Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department**

Dec. 6 — Abandoned vehicle, South 9th Street.

Dec. 7 — Noise violation, South 6th Street.

Dec. 7 — Truancy, South 8th Street.

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Dec. 7 — Harassment, South 6th Street.

Dec. 9 — Animal/wildlife injured, U.S. 160.

Dec. 11 — Shoplifting, Aspen Village Drive.

Dec. 11 — Harassment, South 8th Street.

Dec. 11 — Warrant arrest, East Pagosa Street.

Dec. 13 — Fraud, Harman Park Drive.

**Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge William Anderson**

Dec. 8 — Jeremy Hill, animal running at large, six months unsupervised probation, fines and fees — \$170

(\$135 suspended).

Dec. 8 — Daniel Jones, contempt/failure to appear, fines and fees — \$135 (suspended).

Dec. 8 — Daniel Jones, criminal mischief, six months probation, fines and fees — \$220 (\$185 suspended).

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

Dec. 15 — Erik M. Naranen, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$258.50.

Dec. 15 — Joshua P. Lebow, two counts of seat belt not used, fines and costs — \$235.50.

Dec. 15 — Sarah Barbara, dog at large (first offense no injury), fines and costs — \$76.

Dec. 15 — William M. Linhart, driving too slowly, tires-unsafe, registration-not in vehicle, fines and costs — \$142.50.

Dec. 15 — Ryan M. Whitlow, two counts of seat belt not used, fines and costs — \$170.50.

Dec. 15 — Amanda C. Garner, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$258.50.

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

No report.

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# Sports

## BASKETBALL



Photo courtesy Amy Wilson

The Lady Pirates pose after winning the Lutheran Tournament last weekend in Parker. With a pair of wins in the tournament, Pagosa is now 4-1 on the season.

### Lady Pirates win Lutheran Tourney, tonight's games canceled

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

With a pair of wins, the No. 4-ranked Pagosa Springs High School won the Lutheran Tournament over the weekend in Parker, sending them into the holiday hiatus on a good note.

The Lady Pirates now own a 4-1 record close the books on 2016, with this evening's games originally scheduled against Sangre de Cristo canceled.

"Well, we're back to winning," coach Wes Lewis said. "I thought we made some progress in some areas we needed to show progression in."

#### Manitou Springs

The first game of the Lutheran Tournament was against the Manitou Springs Mustangs Friday evening, with the Pirates walking away with a 47-42 victory.

Lewis said the Mustangs have a "really dynamic guard" in senior Shelby Megyeri, who scored 26 points in the game, but that Pirate senior Megan Farrah "did a really outstanding job in guarding her."

The Lady Pirates saw their biggest lead of the game in the first quarter, finishing up by 10, but lost that lead in the second quarter, trailing by

three at halftime.

"It was a ball game," Lewis said. "It was a seesaw match the whole game."

The Lady Pirates were able to tie the game by the end of the third quarter, and increased that lead to 47-42 by the game's final buzzer.

"That's a good basketball team and they'll win a lot of games this season," Lewis said.

Manitou now holds a 2-3 record on the season.

Stats for the game were not available by press time Wednesday.

#### Olathe

The following day, Pagosa faced off against the Olathe Pirates in the tournament championship, defeating Olathe 48-33.

Olathe had previously defeated tournament host Lutheran 59-38 to advance to the tournament's championship round.

"Olathe's a good basketball team," Lewis said, noting that the team may win the Western Slope 3A League this season. "We're pleased with the win."

Olathe is now 3-4 on the season.

Lewis noted that, among other attributes, Olathe has strong man-to-man defense and is well coached.

"We were just a little bit better than they were," he added.

The coach said more Lady Pirates played in Saturday's game than did on Friday, allowing the starters to rest more and other players to gain some minutes on the court.

"I didn't think I did a good job ... of giving them much rest Friday night," Lewis said.

Lewis also noted that it was a good team effort for the Pirates.

"It was an overall team win," he said, adding, "Everybody contributed in certain ways. We just had a lot of contributions from different areas."

Stats for the game were not available by press time.

#### Upcoming action

This evening's games against Sangre de Cristo, including junior varsity and varsity, were canceled Monday evening.

That leaves the Pirates with only practices to close out the year.

The next official action for the Lady Pirates will be at 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 3, 2017, at home against the 4A Durango Demons.

For more on that matchup, see next Thursday's issue of The SUN.

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### Pirates win one, drop two in Palisade

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirates now own a 3-3 record after going 1-2 at the Palisade Tournament last weekend.

The tournament brought a close to the 2016 portion of the team's 2016-2017 schedule.

"All three games in the Palisade tournament were very competitive

games," coach Randy Sorenson wrote in an email to The SUN.

#### Coal Ridge

The Pirates faced off against Coal Ridge first at the tournament, on Thursday, but fell to the Titans 51-40.

Coal Ridge is now 5-2 on the season.

The Pirates fell behind early in the game, being outscored 16-5 in

the first quarter.

"Against Coal Ridge we were not prepared to play again and came out flat," Sorenson wrote.

The Pirates' deficit increased during the second quarter, with the Titans scoring 13 and limiting the Pirates to nine, making for a 29-14 score at halftime.

"Our defense was not very good again and we turned the ball over ten times in the first half," the

coach explained, noting that the Pirates improved in the second half. "The kids responded in the second half and especially in the

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## WRESTLING

# Pirates place 20th out of 41 in Warrior Classic

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Pirates wrestled hard during the Grand Junction Warrior Classic, placing 20th out of 41 teams.

In first place was the Grand Junction Tigers, scoring 242.52 points, and in second place was the Pueblo East Eagles with 202.53 points.

The Pirates earned 77.021 points.

"We had three placers, and it's been a while since we had that many placers," said coach Dan Janowsky.

Sophomore James Thomas wrestled at 120 pounds, went 2-2 and scored 10 points for the team.

At 126 pounds, senior Owen Severs had a win-loss record of 3-7. Junior Tate Hinger wrestled at 138 pounds, went 7-4 and scored the team eight points.

"Hinger went 2-2, but had some really nice wins," said Janowsky. "He was two matches from placing."

In the 145-pound division, junior Trevor Bryant went 10-4, placing sixth and garnering 17 points.

At 152 pounds, junior Dalton Lucero wrestled 7-3, placing sixth and scoring 13 points.

Said Janowsky of Lucero and Bryant, "If you can place at the Warrior, you're definitely a candidate to place at state."

In the 160-pound division, sophomore Caleb Janowsky wrestled 9-3 and scored three points.

At 170 pounds, junior Colton Castro went 10-3, scoring nine



Photo courtesy Lori Lucero

**Coaches and wrestlers pose for a photo after the Grand Junction Warrior Classic last weekend. From left to right are coach Dan Janowsky, junior Nolan Stretton, junior Trevor Bryant, junior Dalton Lucero, and coach Keith Candelaria. Stretton placed fifth and Bryant and Lucero both placed sixth in the tournament.**

points.

In the 182-pound division, sophomore Connor Aragon wrestled 3-3.

At 220 pounds, junior Nolan Stretton went 14-2, placing fifth and scoring 17 points.

"Nolan wrestled well," said Janowsky. "He beat the No. 1-ranked guy in our division, 3A. That'll get him some recognition there... He's clearly to be considered as a state placer."

"We aren't happy with placing fifth and sixth, but we're not unhappy with it either," said Janowsky. "It really shows progress, because we had some big wins that we can talk about."

The coach later continued, stating, "There are no easy wins at this tournament. None. We had to

fight for everything, and we got a lot of compliments from observers outside of our program."

Janowsky went on to say that this was evidence of the Pirates having a good tournament.

"I was wondering, with the level of competition, if we could wrestle as well from a bottom position this tournament as we've done in the first two, and the answer is yes," said Janowsky.

He stated that the one thing he really wants the team to focus on is getting takedowns from the neutral or standing position.

"When we lost, it was usually in the neutral position, and again, we lost to good people," said Janowsky. "There wasn't anything to be ashamed of."

The coach went on to say that

he thought the Pirates got just as many takedowns as they gave up.

"But we don't want to be 50/50 in that department," said Janowsky. "We want to be getting 70 or 80 percent of the takedowns."

Janowsky speculated that he would try to bring some kids from the junior varsity team to the varsity team after the holiday break, in an effort to fill more weight classes and better the team.

The conversation then turned to how the team gets back into the swing of things after returning from a holiday vacation.

Janowsky explained that the team is allowed a couple of voluntary practices over the break, and he suspects that the kids who really enjoy wrestling will show up.

On the idea that the holidays may figure into weight loss and gain, Janowsky said that he wasn't worried, but "that's always a potential pitfall."

"I think these guys are veteran enough to manage that," said Janowsky. "It could be an issue that first week back, but I don't think it will be a game changer. They need to do stuff on their own during break, and I feel like we have enough guys who are doing that right now."

On Thursday, Jan. 5, the Pirates will travel to La Jara to battle the Centauri Falcons.

On Friday, Jan. 6, the Pirates will host the Rocky Mountain Duals at Pagosa Springs High School.

On Saturday, Jan. 7, the Pirates will host the Rocky Mountain Invitational beginning at 10 a.m. [marshall@pagosasun.com](mailto:marshall@pagosasun.com)

## Pirates

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fourth quarter but it was too little too late."

The Pirates again scored nine in the third quarter, but limited the Titans to 10, and outscored Coal Ridge 17-12 in the game's final period, leaving the Pirates with a 51-40 loss.

"Coal Ridge is a good basketball team. They are quick and they have several players that can shoot the three," Sorenson wrote.

Isaiah Griego led the Pirates with 28 points on the day, followed by Lane Schaaf with eight.

Griego also pulled down five rebounds for the team, and Ty Kimsey put three assists in the books.

Additional stats were not available by press time Wednesday.

### Montrose

On Friday, Pagosa faced the Montrose Indians, pulling out a narrow, four-point victory over their competitors.

Montrose is now 2-7 on the season.

"Against Montrose we came out prepared and we were able to build an early lead," Sorenson wrote.

That lead came in the form of outscoring the Indians 10-4 in the first quarter.

"Montrose is a young team that is well coached and they play hard especially on the defensive end of the floor. It was a close game throughout with Montrose slowly cutting into the lead," Sorenson wrote.

At halftime, the Pirates' lead had shrunk to four, 19-15. The Pirates' led 23-17 at the end of the third, and ended the game with a four-

point, 39-35 victory.

"The kids maintained their composure though and were able to pull out a four point win," the coach noted. "It was a good bounce back game and the kids did a lot of nice things."

Griego again led the Pirates in scoring with 12 points, followed by Keaton Laverty with 10 and Schaaf with nine.

Griego also added 11 rebounds and three assists.

Additional stats were not available by press time.

### Cheyenne South

The Pirates ended their tournament play against the South High School Bison from Cheyenne, Wyo., late Saturday morning.

That, too, was a close game for the Pirates, though this time they were on the losing end, with the Bison scoring 37 to the Pirates' 34.

Cheyenne South is now 3-0 on the season.

"Cheyenne South is a very athletic team with a lot of speed and quickness," Sorenson wrote. "They are very well coached and fundamentally sound."

Those attributes were on display early in the game, with the Bison taking an early 15-to-4 lead by the end of the first quarter — a lead they would never surrender.

"Their defense was stifling and we struggled scoring the basketball," the coach wrote.

The Pirates cut into their deficit in the second quarter, outscoring the Bison 8-4 to take a 19-12 score into the second half.

The third quarter was also close, with Pagosa scoring six to Cheyenne's seven points.

Pagosa outscored Cheyenne 16-11 in the fourth quarter, but the team's attempt to overcome the Bison fell short, with the Bison tallying 37 to Pagosa's 34.

"Our defense was fairly solid throughout the game and we were

able to stay in contact," Sorenson wrote. "We were able to cut into the lead in the fourth quarter but couldn't get over the hump against a really good basketball team."

Schaaf was the leading scorer for the Pirates in the game with eight points. Laverty and Griego followed with six each, and Griego added 11 rebounds.

Ethan Brown added five rebounds, and Zach DeVooght notched three assists.

Additional stats were not available by press time.

### Upcoming action

Following the Palisade Tournament, the Pirates are now in the midst of a break from games, but will be spending much of the break in the gym preparing for the 2017 portion of their schedule.

"We will be practicing every day that we are allowed to during Christmas break," Sorenson wrote.

The next action for the Pirates will be 7 p.m. on Jan. 3, 2017, at home against the 4A Durango Demons.

For more on that matchup, see next Thursday's issue of The SUN. [randi@pagosasun.com](mailto:randi@pagosasun.com)

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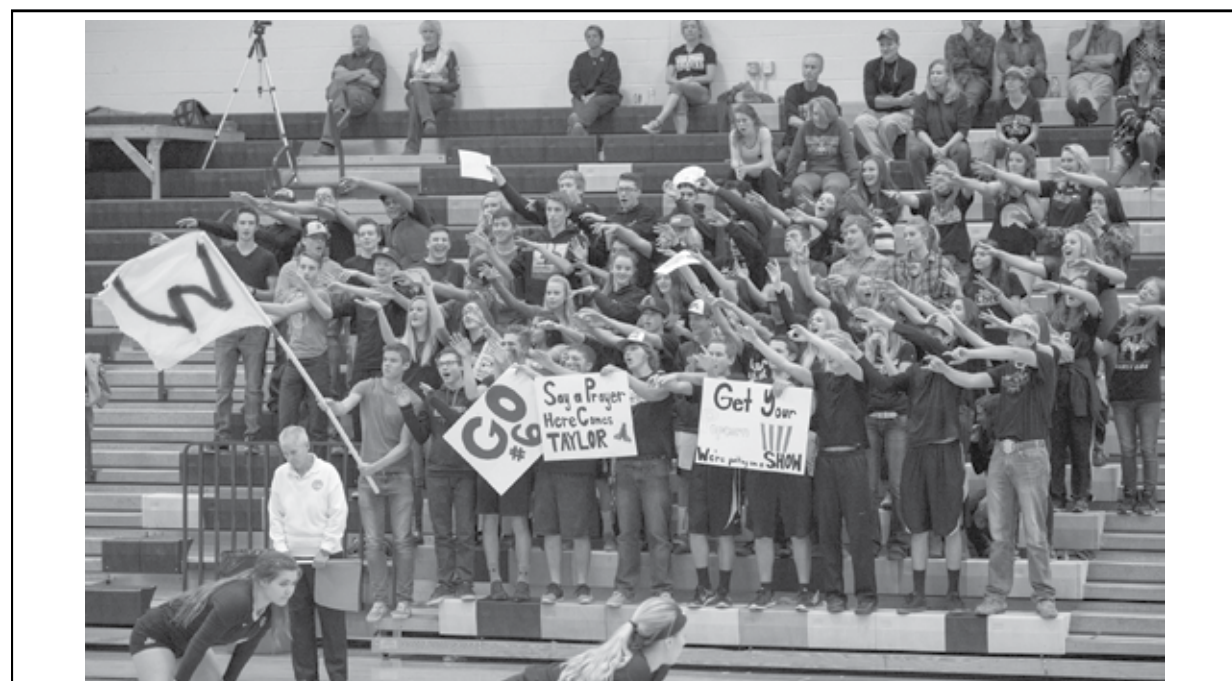
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COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

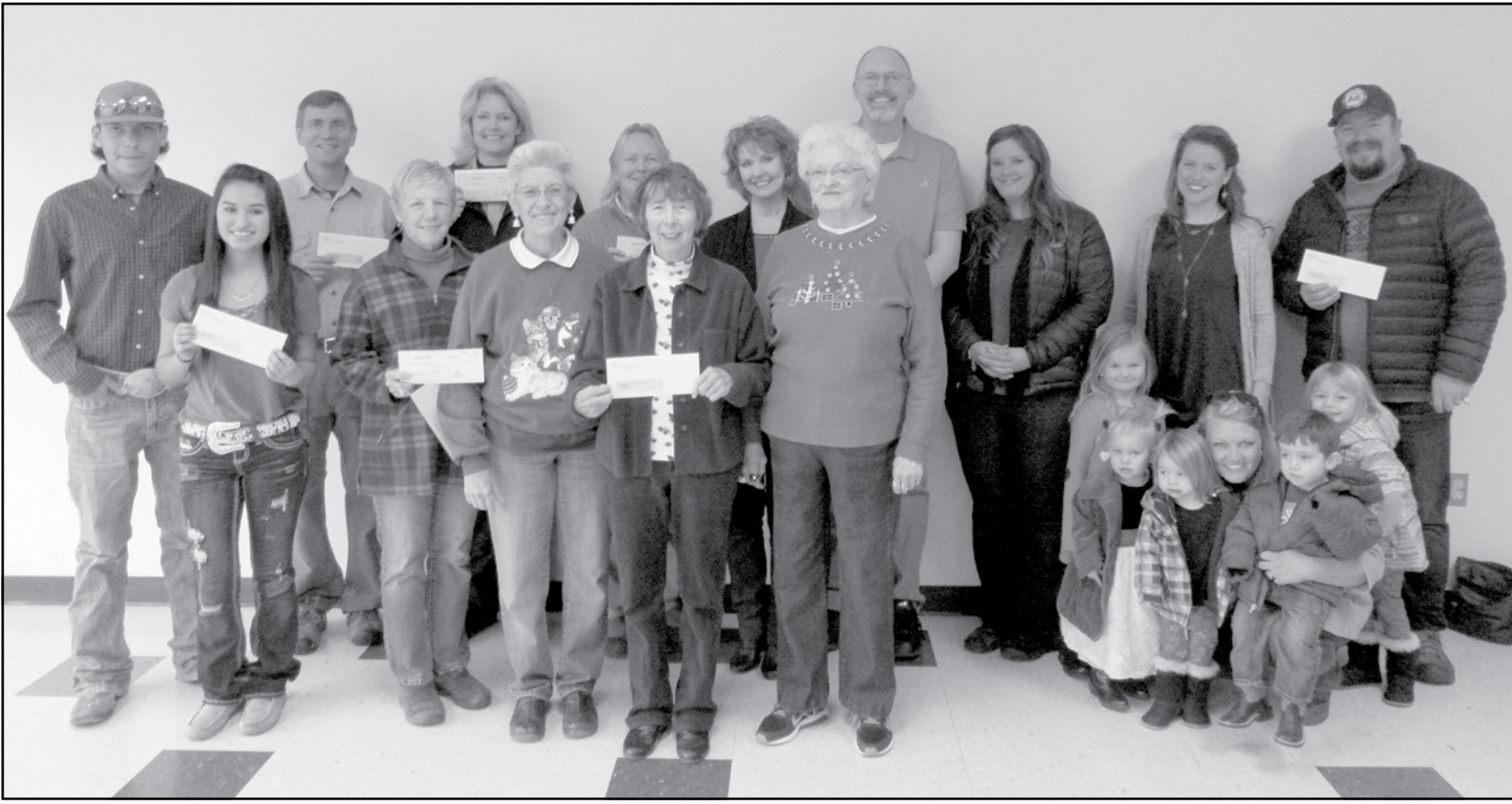


Photo courtesy Traci Bishop

Representatives from area nonprofits receive their checks from the proceeds of the Festival of Trees held at the Ross Aragon Community Center earlier this month. The organizations netted more than \$14,000 from the auctioning of 18 decorated Christmas trees, each representing a different local nonprofit.

## Festival of Trees earns more than \$14,000 for nonprofits

By Traci Bishop  
SUN Columnist

We would like to congratulate all 18 of the 11th annual Festival of Trees participants.

We would also like to thank all of the wonderful spectators for coming out and voting on all the amazing trees and all the buyers of these special trees. The event raised more than \$14,000 for the nonprofits.

We have such an amazing com-

munity and we greatly appreciate all of you in helping make this year's event a huge success.

### Zumba classes

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

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

### Yoga classes

The Community Center along with Margaret Burkesmith, Charlotte Maier, Roslyn Earle, Gunnar Bergkamp and Kristen Alberts, offers yoga several times each week.

Start on Tuesdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and then hit the night class from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m., Thursdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and, to kick off your weekend, Saturdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. These free programs are open to all abilities and ages.

For more information about any of the yoga classes, please contact the Community Center at 264-4152.

### Pickleball

Come learn the game of pickleball. This program is offered on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to noon. This free program is open to all abilities and ages.

For more information about the pickleball program, please contact the center at 264-4152.

### Fitness room

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

The fitness room offers many options like elliptical, medicine balls, free weights, treadmill, exercise bikes, cardio equipment and much more.

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

### Coed volleyball

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

For more information about the volleyball program, please contact the Community Center at

264-4152.

### Qigong class

Have you ever wanted more information about qigong? Or have you ever just wanted to see what it's all about? Either way, the Community Center and Lynniss Steintert have teamed up to offer qigong classes.

The purpose of qigong is to maintain and improve health, improve strength and balance and encourage stillness in both mind and body. The goal in this class is to open and stretch every joint and muscle group in the entire body. The exercise opens the energetic pathways to facilitate good health. The exercises are gentle, but over time have a very positive effect on the body. This free program is open to all abilities and ages.

For more information about the qigong class, please contact the Community Center at 264-4152.

### Tai chi classes

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

This is a slow, gentle exercise that improves balance, strength, flexibility and lung capacity while reducing stress and increasing an overall sense of well-being.

Please come on down with a bottle of water and some flat-soled shoes. The class is open to anyone and no experience is necessary.

For more information about the tai chi class, please contact the Community Center at 264-4152.

### More information

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

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



Photo courtesy Wolf Creek Ski Area

Wolf Creek Ski Area will celebrate a white Christmas with 29 inches of fresh powder from last week's storm and more on the way. Year to date, 102 inches of snow has fallen on the mountain, with more in the forecast starting today and running through Christmas.

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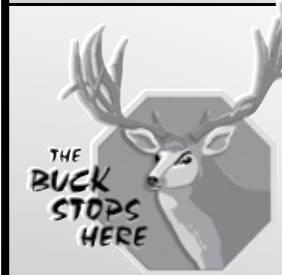
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This owl stops to spread holiday wishes at a home on the golf course last week.

# Take a First Day Hike at Navajo State Park on New Year's Day

Special to The SUN

This Jan.1, Colorado Parks and Wildlife invites Coloradans to welcome 2017 by heading outside to a Colorado State Park.

First Day Hikes are guided activities that offer a chance to start the new year right by getting people out for some exercise in nature. For the new year, 27 state parks are participating by hosting an organized hike on New Year's Day.

outdoors," said Crystal Dreiling, park manager at Trinidad Lake State Park, one of the participating parks. "We are thrilled to have the largest number of state parks hosting First Day Hikes in 2017 since we first started the program in 2012."

Many parks are also offering refreshments and free giveaways for this event, such as mugs and pens, thanks to a grant provided by the Colorado Parks Foundation.

Navajo State Park will be participating in the First Day Hike, from 10 a.m. to noon. The park offers three trails for hiking. If several people show up, Matt Westberg will lead a hike on the main trail departing from the Park Office parking lot. If not many show, hikes will be self-guided.

Hot chocolate and coffee will be available at the park office. Persons who attend should dress appropriately for hiking and the weather. It is also recommended they bring water, binoculars, camera and sunscreen lotion.

"Getting outside is the best way to bring in a new year and Colorado state parks showcase all the best things about the

The hikes are free, but park visitors must possess a valid parks pass to participate. The daily pass for entry to most parks costs \$7 per vehicle; annual passes are available for \$70.

All First Day Hikes, which will be led by park rangers or volunteers, will vary in ability levels and length. Pets are welcome at many parks, but visitors should first check the individual park's website. Bring snacks and water, dress in layers and be prepared for winter hiking in snow or on icy trails. If there is snow, consider bringing snowshoes. For more detailed information and a list of parks participating in First Day Hikes, visit the CPW website.

County Court  
449 San Juan St.  
Archuleta County, Colorado  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
Case No. 16C386

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Public notice is given on December 2, 2016, that a Petition for a Change of Name of an Adult has been filed with the Archuleta Court. The Petitioner requests that the name of Mia Marjie Maluchi be changed to Mia Marjie Maluchi-Elliott.  
/s/ Suellen Lohr Deputy Clerk  
Published December 8, 15 and 22, 2016 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

DISTRICT COURT,  
ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO  
Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
Phone Number: (970) 264-8160

Attorney for Plaintiff:  
Daniel L. Fiedler, #44915  
PO Box 5633  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
970-317-4779  
E-mail: daniefledier@gmail.com  
Case Number: 2016CV30080  
Plaintiffs:  
KYLE WOODARD  
vs.  
Defendants:  
CHARLES L. HERNAL as INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF PETER L. HERNAL, JR., DECEASED; THE TESTATE AND INTESTATE SUCCESSORS OF PETER L. HERNAL, JR., DECEASED

### SUMMONS (BY PUBLICATION) PLAINTIFF KYLE WOODARD

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 Complainant 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.

Original Grantor(s) DIANE P JACKSON AND ROLAND C JACKSON  
Original Beneficiary(ies) WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Current Holder of Evidence of Debt BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.  
Date of Deed of Trust October 23, 2006  
County of Recording Archuleta  
Recording Date of Deed of Trust October 27, 2006  
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 20610495  
Original Principal Amount \$589,500.00  
Outstanding Principal Balance \$323,288.92  
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations of the deed of trust.

**NOTICE OF FINAL PAYMENT**

NOTICE is hereby given the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District ("District") of Archuleta County, Colorado, will make final payment at 551 Hot Springs Boulevard, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, on December 29, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. to Hammerlund Construction LLC, of 7396 Reynolds Drive, Colorado 80135 for all work done by said Contractor(s) for the installation of approximately 14,792 lineal feet of 10 inch force main, Pump Station #1, decommissioning of the old lagoons and associated work performed within the District.

Any person, co-partnership, association of persons, company or corporation that has furnished labor, materials, team hire, sustenance, provisions, provender, or other supplies used or consumed by such contractors or their subcontractors, in or about the performance of the work contracted to be done or that supplies rental machinery, tools, or equipment to the extent used in the prosecution of the work, and whose claim therefor has not been paid by the contractors or their subcontractors, at any time up to and including the time of final settlement for the work contracted to be done, is required to file a verified statement of the amount due and unpaid, and an account of such claim, to the District, whose address is 551 Hot Springs Boulevard, PO Box 1859, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, on or before the date and time hereinabove shown. Failure on the part of any claimant to file such verified statement of claim prior to such final settlement will release the District, its Board of Directors, officers, agents, and employees, of and from any and all liability for such claim.

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District  
By: /s/ Greg Schulte Secretary  
Published December 15 and 22, 2016 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**Public Auction.** The Town of Pagosa Springs announces the sale of surplus vehicles and equipment in an online auction at [publicsurplus.com](http://publicsurplus.com). Items to be sold "as is." Vehicles and equipment to be sold include a Caterpillar 920 Loader, various work trucks, dump truck, water trucks, van, air compressor, aqua jet surface aerators, flow meters, high volume low pressure blowers, and message board. The auction will open on December 9, 2016 and will remain open until December 30, 2016 at 3:00 pm. Terms and conditions are listed on the auction site. For more information contact Town Hall at 970-264-4151 x229.  
Published December 15 and 22, 2016 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**ORDINANCE NO. 17-2016 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO, ADOPTING VEHICLE TYPE AND SPEED REGULATIONS FOR CASCADE AVENUE**  
WHEREAS, Title 42, Article 4, section 111, C.R.S., as amended, authorizes the Board of County Commissioners (Board) reasonable exercise of police power with respect to roads and highways under its jurisdiction; and  
WHEREAS, pursuant to §42-4-111(1)(c) and (i), C.R.S., the Board may adopt, by ordinance, laws to regulate traffic by means of Official Traffic Control Devices and other or establish speed limits; and  
WHEREAS, pursuant to §42-4-106(3), C.R.S., the Board, with respect to highways under their jurisdiction, may restrict or prohibit operation of trucks or commercial vehicles on designated highways or may impose limitations as to the weight thereof, which prohibitions and limitations shall be designated by appropriate signs placed on such roads; and  
WHEREAS, §30-15-402, C.R.S., as amended, authorizes the Board to execute the penalty assessment procedure provided in §42-4-1701 and 42-4-1703, C.R.S., and §42-4-1708 to 42-4-1718 C.R.S. shall apply; and  
WHEREAS, uniform speed limits are established in § 42-4-1101, C.R.S., unless traffic investigations or study considering various specified factors justifies a deviation from the established speeds; and  
WHEREAS, the speed limits in the remaining areas of Archuleta County conform with the state and federal standards; and  
WHEREAS, this Ordinance is adopted in furtherance of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Archuleta County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ARCHULETA, STATE OF COLORADO THAT:**  
Section 1. Title This Ordinance shall be known as the Cascade Avenue Traffic Regulations.  
Section 2. Purpose. This Ordinance is for the purpose of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Archuleta County, Colorado by protecting the citizens of Archuleta County by restricting certain vehicles and regulating the speed on Cascade Avenue.  
Section 3. Definitions  
3.1 Highways. Public roads in the unincorporated area of Archuleta County.  
3.2 Official Traffic Control Devices means all signs, signals, markings and devices, not inconsistent with the titled, placed or displayed by authority of a public body or official having jurisdiction, for the purposes of regulating, warning or guiding traffic.

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AMY HELMUTH	CLERK MILEAGE-POST OFFICE/BANK	7.98
ARCH COUNTY TRANSPORTATION	R&B MFG TRNS	198.40
ARCH COUNTY VICTIM ASSIST	DHS 3RD QTR VICTIM CONTRACT	5,000.00
ARCHULETA SENIORS, INC	4TH QTR 2016 SENIOR SERVICES	36,250.00
AT YOUR DISPOSAL	AIRPORT NOVEMBER DISPOSAL	232.00

3.3 Vehicle means any device that is capable of moving itself, or of being moved, from place to place upon wheels or endless tracks.  
3.4 Local Traffic. Those commercial or residential vehicles whose purpose on Cascade is the service of those residents and/or properties.  
Section 4. Access Restriction. Cascade Avenue henceforth shall be restricted as to through (local) traffic with the exception of resident and local traffic only and not to be used as a shortcut from Meadows Drive to County Road 500.  
Section 5. Speed Limits Established. The speed limit on Cascade Avenue shall have a speed limit of twenty-five (25) miles per hour.  
Section 6. Exemption. The Board of County Commissioners specifically exempts emergency vehicles and school buses from the terms of this Ordinance.  
Section 7. Violation  
7.1 It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any provisions of this ordinance or to disobey any Official Traffic Control Devices referenced herein. The summons and complaint issued to persons for the violation of the ordinance shall be filed in the County Court of Archuleta County, Colorado, and the persons so cited shall be tried in such court. All persons found guilty of violating this ordinance shall be fined pursuant to §42-4-1701 and 42-4-1703, C.R.S., and §42-4-1708 to 42-4-1718 C.R.S.  
7.2 All fines collected from violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be directed to the Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado who shall deposit said sums in the Archuleta County General Fund.  
7.3 The provisions of this ordinance shall be cumulative to the fullest extent permitted by law with respect to all other statutes or ordinances now or hereafter adopted regardless of their order of passage or enactment.  
Section 8. Enforcement. The Sheriff of Archuleta County, Colorado and duly authorized deputies of said Sheriff shall be charged with the enforcement of this ordinance.  
Section 9. Conflicts. This Ordinance does not conflict with any statute or provisions thereof of the State of Colorado.  
Section 10. Severability. If any part or parts of this ordinance are for any reason held to be invalid, such provisions shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.  
Section 11. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be published in *The Pagosa Sun* and shall be filed with the Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder and shall be effective thirty (30) days after adoption and publication, as required by C.R.S. §30-15-405.  
INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED ON FIRST READING, IN PAGOSA SPRINGS, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO, this 15th day of November, 2016, and ordered published in the *Pagosa Springs Sun*, SECOND READING AND FINAL READING scheduled for the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on January 3, 2017 at 1:30PM  
Published December 22, 2016 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

### COMBINED NOTICE - RESTART - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-105(2)(b)ii FORECLOSURE

Republished to restart foreclosure stayed by bankruptcy and reset sale date.  
To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:  
On June 29, 2016, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.  
Original Grantor(s) DIANE P JACKSON AND ROLAND C JACKSON  
Original Beneficiary(ies) WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Current Holder of Evidence of Debt BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.  
Date of Deed of Trust October 23, 2006  
County of Recording Archuleta  
Recording Date of Deed of Trust October 27, 2006  
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 20610495  
Original Principal Amount \$589,500.00  
Outstanding Principal Balance \$323,288.92  
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations of the deed of trust.

**THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.**  
**THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW1/4), SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST, N.M.P.M., ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO.**  
Also known by street and number as: 777 COUNTY ROAD 977, ARBOLES, CO 81121.  
**THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.**  
NOTICE OF SALE  
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.  
THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 02/09/2017, at 449 San Juan St, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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**IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;**  
**IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103, THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.**  
DATE: 06/29/2016  
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[www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov)  
Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau P.O. Box 4503 Iowa City, Iowa 52244 (855) 411-2372  
[www.consumerfinance.gov](http://www.consumerfinance.gov)  
/s/ Betty A. Diller  
Betty A. Diller, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado  
The nearest address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is: McCarthy & Holthus, LLP 7700 E Arapahoe Road, Suite 230, Centennial, CO 80112 (877) 369-6122  
Attorney File # CO-14-630153-JS  
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.  
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Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau P.O. Box 4503 Iowa City, Iowa 52244 (855) 411-2372  
[www.consumerfinance.gov](http://www.consumerfinance.gov)  
/s/ Betty A. Diller  
Betty A. Diller, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado  
The nearest address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is: McCarthy & Holthus, LLP 7700 E Arapahoe Road, Suite 230, Centennial, CO 80112 (877) 369-6122  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Estate of JIMMY WAYNE STANDIFER, also known as Jim Standifer, Deceased  
Case No. 2016PR30053  
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before April 22, 2017, or the claims may be forever barred.  
Barbara E. Drane, Personal Representative  
14 Pinion Hills Drive.  
Arboles, Colorado 81121  
(970)883-3127  
Published December 22, 29, 2016 and January 5, 2017 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

Town of Pagosa Springs  
Community Meeting Notice  
Topic: Hermosa Street Riverwalk extension discussion  
When: January 5th 2017 at 5:30pm  
Where: Ross Aragon Community Center  
Published December 22, 2016 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

AT&T MOBILITY II LLC 439.50  
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# Veteran health benefits copays explained

By Raymond Taylor  
SUN Columnist

While many veterans qualify for free health care services based on a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) compensable service-connected condition or other special eligibilities, most veterans are required to complete a financial assessment or means test at the time of enrollment to determine if they qualify for free health care services.

Veterans whose income exceed VA income limits, as well as those who choose not to complete the financial assessment at the time of enrollment, must agree to pay required copays for health care services to become eligible for VA health care services.

## Outpatient copays

- Primary Care Services: \$15.
- Specialty Care Services: \$50.
- Prescriptions:  
30-day or less supply for certain Veterans: \$8.  
30-day or less supply for higher income Veterans: \$9.

## Inpatient copays

There are two inpatient copay rates, the full rate and the reduced rate.

Priority Group 7 and certain other veterans are responsible for paying 20 percent of VA's inpatient copay rate.

- Inpatient copay for the first 90 days of care during a 365-day period: \$257.60.
  - Inpatient copay for each additional 90 days of care during a 365-day period: \$128.
  - Daily charge: \$2 per day.
- Priority Group 8 and certain other veterans are responsible for VA's full inpatient copay rate.
- Inpatient copay for the first 90 days of care during a 365-day period: \$1,288.

- Inpatient copay for each additional 90 days of care during a 365-day period: \$644.
- Daily charge: \$10 per day.

## Geriatrics and extended care

Long-term care copays are based on three levels of care:

- Inpatient: Up to \$97 per day (community living [nursing home], respite, geriatric evaluation).
- Outpatient: \$15 per day (adult day health care, respite, geriatric evaluation).
- Domiciliary: \$5 per day.

Copayments for long-term care services start on the 22nd day of care during any 12-month period—there is no copayment requirement for the first 21 days. Actual copayment charges will vary from veteran to veteran depending upon financial information submitted on VA Form 10-10EC.

## Veterans not required to make copays

Some veterans qualify for free health care and/or prescriptions based on special eligibility factors including but not limited to:

- Former Prisoner of War status
- Fifty percent or more compensable VA service-connected disabilities (zero to 40 percent compensable service-connected may take copay test to determine prescription copay status).
- Veterans deemed catastrophically disabled by a VA provider.

## Services exempt from inpatient and outpatient copays

- Special registry examinations offered by VA to evaluate possible health risks associated with military service.

- Counseling and care for military sexual trauma.
- Compensation and pension examinations.
- Care that is part of a VA research project.
- Care related to a VA-rated service-connected disability.
- Readjustment counseling and related mental health services.
- Care for cancer of head or neck caused by nose or throat radium treatments received while in the military.
- Individual or group smoking-cessation or weight-reduction services.
- Publicly announced VA public health initiatives, for example, health fairs.
- Care potentially related to combat service for veterans that served in a theater of combat operations after Nov. 11, 1998.
- Laboratory and electrocardiograms.
- Hospice care.

## For more information

The office of Archuleta County veterans service officer provides assistance to qualified military veterans, and their families, or a veteran's survivors, in applying to and in obtaining VA program assistance, benefits and claims.

This assistance is provided within the guidelines, policies and procedures established by the Colorado Department of Military and Veteran Affairs. This is a mandated program of the state of Colorado.

For further information on VA benefits, please call or stop by the Archuleta County Veterans Service Office, located at the Senior Center in the Ross Aragon Community Center on Hot Springs Boulevard.

The best way to contact me is to set up an appointment, for either at

your home or in the office, so I can schedule a specific time in order to answer and assist each veteran in Archuleta County.

The office number is 264-4013, fax number is 264-4014, cell number is 946-3590 and email is raytaylor@archuletacounty.org. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Bring a DD Form 214 (discharge) for applications to VA programs or benefits for which the veteran may be entitled to enroll, and for filing in the Archuleta County VSO office.

Always leave me a message and phone number to contact you.

## Veterans' groups

The following veterans groups meet in Pagosa Springs:

- American Legion Post 108: second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.
- American Legion Post 108 Ladies Auxiliary: second Tuesday of the month at 4 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.
- Veterans for Veterans: Every Tuesday at 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.
- Combat Veterans PTSD Group: Every other Tuesday at noon, Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Contact Kevin Kelly at (505) 699-0824.
- Women's Group of Spouses of Veterans: First and third Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m., Dr. Sharon Carter's office. Contact Charlotte at 903-9690.

## Important numbers

- 799-VETS, www.Vets4VetsPSCO.org.
- Durango VA Outpatient Clinic: 247-2214.
- The Veterans Crisis Line offers free, confidential support to veterans in crisis, as well as their family and friends 24/7/365. Call (800) 273-8255, chat online or text 838255.

# Free site assessments to improve property for forest health

By Shaan Bliss  
Special to The SUN

One of the reasons many of us moved to southwest Colorado is the amazing forests and access to the great outdoors from your doorstep.

Many newcomers may not realize that bringing the outdoors closer to home can have some unintended consequences.

If you're a homeowner, your home insurance company is aware of the liability of having the forest literally in your backyard. If you live in the ponderosa pine forest that surrounds much of Pagosa Springs, be aware that many of these areas have not seen a fire for many decades.

Given the close proximity to homes, wildfire prevention is a logical strategy. Also consider that large areas in southwestern Colorado were heavily logged in the past. Much of the forest we see around us is the regeneration from those activities with a few remnant trees that were left untouched.

Historically, the ponderosa pine woodland has a typical wildfire return interval from two to 40 years. In the natural system, wildfire would have been the reset button creating a mosaic of young and older age classes of trees, shrubs and grasses. In those fires, some trees would have been killed, reallocating resources to the surviving plants and trees. Long periods without fire in our forests has resulted in a system out of synchronization with the normal environmental conditions.

The current buildup of dense forests has led some of our recent fires to be more intense and destructive. Decades without wildfire can lead to interlocking tree crowns, trees that are all the same age, stunted and poor tree growth, and little to no understorey. The forest structure of the ponderosa pine forest historically had the appearance of a few trees of different ages clumped together separated by openings of grasses and shrubs connected to another group of trees.

This is not suggesting that you can instantly go back to a historic natural environmental appearance in a flash, nor should you expect to. The concept should be to assess what you actually have right now and enhance it for the future.

Ponderosa pine, the dominant tree species in this area, is very resistant to low intensity fires. These fire-resistance characteristics include: a thick bark that can slough off when on fire, self-pruning lower limbs that reduce fire creeping into upper canopy, and deep tree roots to survive a surface fire. Another fire-adapted species is Gambel oak, the dominant shrub in our ponderosa pine ecosystems, which will typically be burned by a fire, but quickly resprout.

You can do restoration treatments to bring back the characteristics of a resilient forest. Resilient is defined as the ability of ponderosa pine or similar dominant tree species to survive a wildfire relatively intact.

Locally, in overstocked forests, tree- and shrub-thinning prescrip-

tions have been used that include mulching the tree branches and shrubs to remove the ladder fuels that will help reduce the fire severity of a potential high-intensity wildfire.

Ladder fuels are the plants that will carry a ground fire higher into the canopy and create the possibility for a crown fire. These fuels are targeted that surround the apron around the trees you want to keep.

There is no guarantee that by treating your property you won't have some damage in the future from a forest fire, but at least you can make your property more resilient. You can create a more resilient forest on your property by thinning trees to promote the historic appearance of a ponderosa pine forest with trees clumped together surrounded by large openings, eliminating trees that have poor growth or insect damage, and reducing shrubs under trees that could act as ladder fuels.

Other forest features that we incorporate into our planning are to leave habitat for wildlife. Snags or dead standing trees are encouraged because they provide habitat for nesting birds and insects that other animals use.

Also, just opening up the ponderosa pine forest will provide for a diverse habitat of grasses, shrubs and forbs that typically will be sup-

pressed in a closed canopy forest because of the limited sunlight.

We also recommend leaving a few trees lying down on the forest floor to provide habitat for insects and animals that may use it for hiding cover. Another point to consider is to only mulch the shrubs that you know have the ability to resprout. Sprouting plants, like Gambel oak and snowberry, have adapted to survive a wildfire by quickly sending up new stems. Mountain mahogany, chokecherry and antelope bitterbrush are examples of shrubs that do not resprout and should be left untouched, when possible, as they provide valuable wildlife forage.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service and other organizations and agencies have financial programs that can help you treat your property to improve the forest resiliency and forest health if you qualify. The first step is to call to setup a site assessment and start the planning process.

Please call or email Shaan Bliss, Natural Resources Conservation Service, rangeland management specialist, at 731-3615, shaan.bliss@co.usda.gov, if you would like to have a forest stand evaluation completed as well as a treatment plan for your property. There is no charge for these services.



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# Breakfast with Santa



SUN photos/Randi Pierce  
 Breakfast with Santa is an annual tradition in Pagosa Springs, with the Pagosa Springs High School Music Department inviting the man in the red suit, along with Mrs. Claus, for a morning filled with Christmas wishes, pancakes, face painting, crafts and, of course, live music provided by high school students. This year's event took place on Dec. 10.



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By Fred Harman

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# Holiday Church Events



All events listed in December Church Events Calendar are free of charge unless otherwise noted.

## Friday, Dec. 23

**Pagosa Community of New Thought.** 6:30-7:30 p.m., Pagosa Community of New Thought. Seasonal celebration service with the music team, selected readings and the blessings of candlelight prayer.

## Saturday, Dec. 24

**Pagosa Community of New Thought.** Noon-2 p.m., Pagosa Community of New Thought church. Holiday luncheon/potluck. Bring your favorite dish to share.

**Christmas Eve Mass.** 4:30 p.m., John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. 4:30 p.m. carols, Mass at 5 p.m.

**The Christmas Story.** 5 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. You are invited to join Grace in Pagosa, Restoration Fellowship and Crossroad Christian Fellowship as we join together to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.** 5 p.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive.

**Traditional Christmas Eve Service.** 5 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Family worship service.

**Christmas Eve Service.** 5 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Traditional

family-style service with Holy Eucharist. The service includes Christmas carols, a sermon that will be geared toward the children and Holy Eucharist followed by the singing of "Silent Night."

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.** 6 p.m., Amazing Grace Community Church, 77 Navajo Circle.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.** 6 p.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. Christmas carols, scripture, the Christmas story and candles.

**Christmas Eve Service.** 6 p.m., Our Savior Lutheran Church, 56 Meadows Drive.

**Traditional Christmas Eve Service.** 7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Candlelight and carols.

**Christmas Eve Mass.** 7:30 p.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic church, 451 Lewis St. Carols at 7:30 p.m., Mass at 8 p.m.

**Christmas Eve Service.** 7:30 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Classical Christmas music from a variety of local artists will precede an 8 p.m. traditional service with carols, choral anthems, sermon and Holy Eucharist, punctuated with the candlelight singing of "Silent Night."

## Sunday, Dec. 25

**Christmas Day Mass.** 9 a.m., John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

**Christmas Day 'Unplugged.'** 9

a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Ave.

**Christmas Day Service.** 9 a.m., Our Savior Lutheran Church, 56 Meadows Drive.

**Christmas Day Service.** 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

**Christmas Day Service.** 10 a.m., Amazing Grace Community Church, 77 Navajo Circle.

**Christmas Day Service.** 10 a.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Christmas Sweater Sunday.

**Christmas Morning Service.** 10:15 a.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive.

**Pagosa Community of New Thought.** 10:30 a.m.-noon, Pagosa Community of New Thought church. A time of prayerful gathering, music and meditation.

## Saturday, Dec. 31

**Pagosa Community of New Thought.** 6:30-8 p.m., Pagosa Community of New Thought. New Year's Eve candlelight vigil. A prayerful time to release 2016 and welcome 2017.

## Sunday, Jan. 1

**Pagosa Community of New Thought.** 10:30 a.m., Pagosa Community of New Thought. New Year's Day service.

## Tradition a hallmark of St. Patrick's Christmas Eve services

By Sally Neel  
Special to The PREVIEW

The season of Advent, a time of preparation and anticipation, has almost ended. On Saturday evening, believers will flock to St. Patrick's Episcopal Church to offer their prayers of thanksgiving and awe as they celebrate the birth of the Jesus, Immanuel, "God with us."

At 5 p.m., families with small children, along with others who appreciate the opportunity to wor-

ship at the earlier hour, will gather for the family service and Holy Eucharist.

The service will include special music offered by youth pianist Grace Wiersma and a vocal solo by Annie O'Donnell. The Rev. Douglas Neel will offer a special sermon directed towards the younger members of the congregation.

"This service is a wonderful combination of traditional worship and the wonders of childhood," he said. "It can be slightly chaotic, but ■ See Tradition on next page

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Photo courtesy Seeds of Learning

Seeds of Learning's students perform for local seniors at the Siver Foxes Den last week with the help of Dave Kreuger. After performing for the seniors, the children presented handmade ornaments to them.

## Tradition

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totally focused on the birth of the Christ Child."

At 7:30 p.m., classical Christmas music — provided by the NightSong Trio (Jessica Peterson on flute, Heidi Tanner on violin, and Sally Neel at the piano), flutist Kathy Wadenpfohl, baritone soloist Robert Neel, along with the choir of St. Patrick's — will fill the church with quiet beauty. Please arrive ear-

ly to enjoy this pre-service music.

At 8 p.m., the organ and instrumentalists will announce the great procession of the choir and clergy into the church as the congregation joins in singing "O Come, All Ye Faithful." This service is a traditional service with carols, choral anthems, sermon and Holy Eucharist, punctuated with the candlelight singing of "Silent Night."

The community is invited to attend these services and all other services at St. Patrick's, regardless of your religious or nonreligious affiliation. "In God's House, at God's Table, all are invited to be fed." You are encouraged to arrive early for Christmas Eve services.

St. Patrick's is located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. For more information about St. Patrick's and its ministry, call 731-5801.

**"Christmas and All That Jazz" 11th Dec.**

**Traditional Christmas Eve Service**

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**Christmas Day Service**

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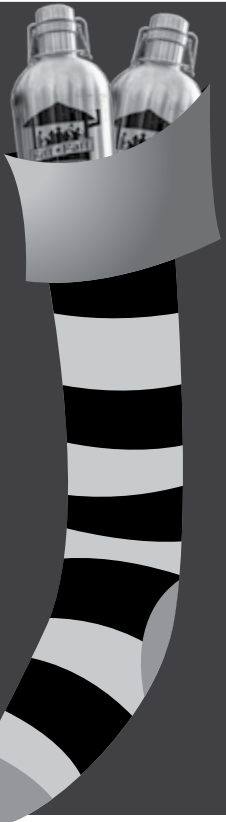
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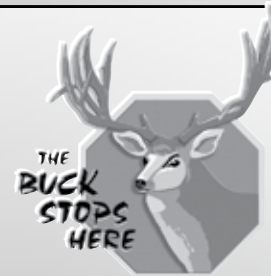
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A child from Seeds of Learning presents a handmade ornament to a senior last week. The handmade ornaments and visits with the seniors were part of helping the children understand the importance of giving and remembering others during the holidays.

## Christmas at Pagosa Bible Church

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### Christmas Choir

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  - ◆ Christmas Eve @ 5pm

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**Christmas Eve Candlelight  
Service @ 5pm**

**Christmas Day "Unplugged" - 9am**

## A lesson in Christmas giving for Seeds of Learning's youngsters

By Terri Hardeman  
Special to The PREVIEW

Classes from Seeds of Learning visited the Silver Foxes Den at the Community Center last week to sing Christmas songs and share gifts with the seniors. Three-year-olds from the Dragonfly classroom visited on Monday. Four-year-olds from the Ladybug classroom visited on Tuesday. On Wednesday, the 5-year-olds from the Butterfly classroom completed the visits.

Prior to their visits, the children made Christmas ornaments for the senior citizens with craft sticks, paint, pom-poms and lots of glittery decorations. Teachers at Seeds planned the events to help their children understand the importance of giving and

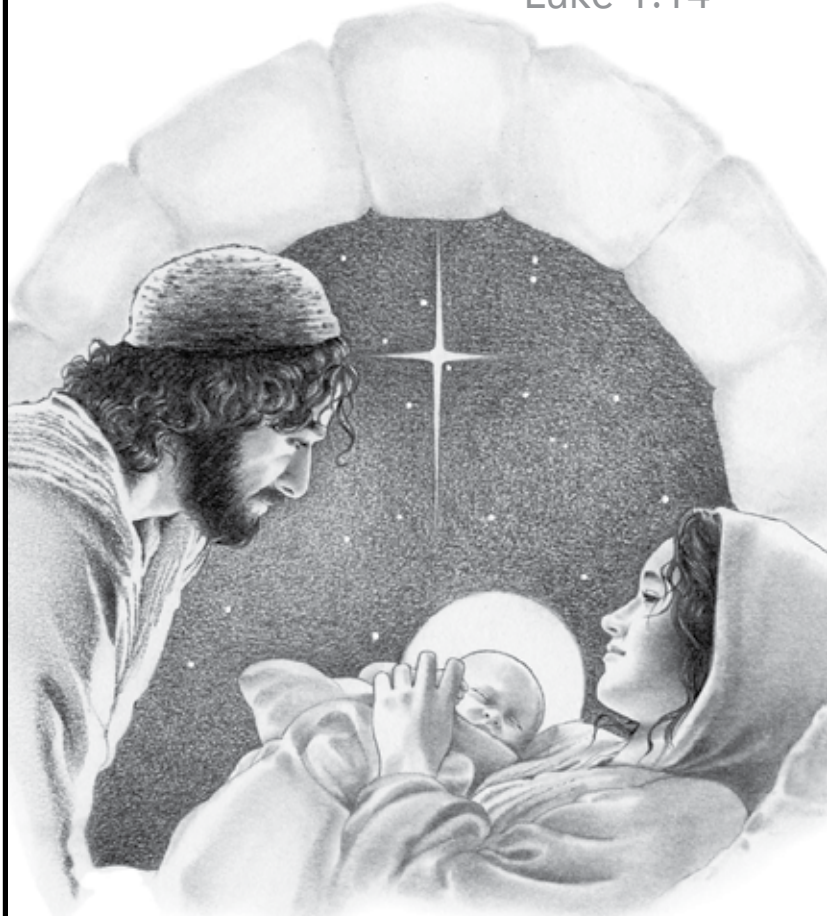
remembering others during the holidays. The concept was realized as young children presented their gifts to the seniors and then enjoyed the noon meal together. Many parents joined their children in the celebration. Research shows that intergenerational gatherings benefit both young and old.

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

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# Holiday gatherings and a look ahead for Pagosa Community of New Thought

By Carla Ryan  
Special to The PREVIEW

After a lovely birthday celebration for the Rev. Carla Ryan, minister, last Sunday, the Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT) is preparing for the coming holiday week's services and celebrations — and a few changes in its presentation schedule.

The upcoming PCNT schedule of activities and events includes:

- Dec. 23: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Friday evening. Seasonal celebration service with the PCNT music team, selected readings by the ministers and the blessings of candlelight prayer.

- Dec. 24: Noon-2 p.m.. Saturday. PCNT's holiday luncheon/potluck. Bring your favorite dish to share.

- Dec. 25: 10:30 a.m.-noon. The regular Sunday morning service will instead be a time of prayerful gathering, music and meditation.

- Dec. 31: 6:30-8 p.m. New Year's eve candlelight vigil. A prayerful time to release 2016 and welcome 2017.

- Jan. 1, 2017: 10:30 a.m. New Year's Day service. New schedule: Sunday morning sermon, followed by extended study group/discussion at 1 p.m. The January topic theme will be announced shortly.

As 2017 arrives in a few days, so, too, does a slight change in the way of doing Sunday services at PCNT. Starting with the first Sunday in January (Jan. 1), guests will be presented with a weekly topic by one of the ministers or guest speakers. Each weekly topic will be based on a monthly theme or book that expands on New Thought principles and teachings, as well as sup-

porting one another through this practical spirituality.

An exception to this formal Sunday presentation will be when there is a fifth Sunday (e.g., Jan. 29). The Sunday service will instead be a "movie message" of a short feature film based on New Thought principles and teachings. The 10:30 a.m. service will open with prayer and announcements, and follow with the movie presentation, after which guests are invited to discuss its message during fellowship and hospitality.

The study group will continue meeting on the first Sunday of the month, starting Jan. 1 as well, but from 1-2:30 p.m. The group will move forward in the workbook one chapter each month ("Extension Study Course of the Science of Mind" by Ernest Holmes). Chapter/lesson 9 will be discussed at the January gathering. The group will meet for at least 90 minutes at this new time. All are welcome to participate in this study. Materials are available for the discussion.

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

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

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

# Last-minute holiday shopping tips

Special to The PREVIEW

Holiday shopping season typically begins the day after Thanksgiving and extends all the way to Christmas Eve. While that's a considerable amount of time for shoppers to find gifts for everyone on their shopping list, many people will still find themselves putting holiday shopping off until the last minute.

In certain ways, last-minute holiday shopping is easier than ever. Thanks to online retailers who can ship products overnight, men and women who delay their holiday shopping have more options at their disposal than they did before the arrival of the Internet. And unlike the days of yore when the best deals were largely exclusive to Black Friday, some shoppers find

that competition between online retailers and traditional brick-and-mortar stores is so great that deals can be found regardless of when they begin shopping.

But while waiting until the last minute to begin holiday shopping may not be as risky as it used to be, shoppers may still benefit by sticking to certain strategies so they can find the perfect gifts without breaking the bank.

- Stay within your budget. Even last-minute shoppers have holiday shopping budgets. But it can be harder for last-minute shoppers to stick to their budgets because they have less time to comparison shop and hunt for deals. As the holiday shopping season winds down, resist the temptation to go over budget. If a gift you had in mind is available but more than you can spend, look

for something else. Overspending on holiday shopping in December is a recipe for debt in January, and no shopper wants to begin the new year weighed down by consumer

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## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

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# Brighter than any Christmas lights

By Jessica Tanner  
Special to The PREVIEW

Lawn decorations of reindeer and snowflakes fascinate. My brother and I make creative comments on the fun scenes as we cruise through town and its neighborhoods during the holiday season. The thoughtful light displays are more than a picture. They are a reminder of the season.

This time of year, we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Savior. The glowing décor reminds us of the bright star that led three wise men to baby Jesus. These three kings did not know what they would find by following the strange light in the night sky. But they made sure to bring gifts.

The teens in the youth program I am involved with are sharing the joy of the season. One Sunday, they went to Pine Ridge, the local nursing home, and to a couple of the homes of those who are homebound. They brought flowers, prayer cards and nervous smiles.

Like the three kings, they were unsure about what they were doing. But unlike the kings, the teenagers were the light. They spoke with

## A Matter of Faith

the people and gave them their roses. Smiles glowed across the room brighter than any Christmas lights I've seen.

These amazing young people did what decorations on a lawn try to do. They sparked warmth in the soul. They brought a real light to those who aren't always remembered.

Jesus Christ lit the world by helping the poor, the sick and the forgotten. The unique star the kings followed led to a baby that grew into a man who spread a light that will never go out. Because this light was given to everyone.

I feel honored to be working with these teens. They are true Christmas lights for they remind me why Jesus Christ is the light of the world. They remind me of why this is the time to turn up our own personal lights for other to share in.

"Ye are the light of the world. A

city that is set on an hill cannot be hid." — Matthew 5:14 (KJV).

"As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." — John 9:5.

### Writers' group

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## Shopping

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debt.

- Shop local. National chains and big box retailers are renowned for rolling out great deals during the holiday season, but such stores may have very limited or unimpressive inventory left by the time last-minute shoppers begin shopping. Local retailers are often incapable of slashing prices as significantly as their larger competitors, and that may mean they have more extensive inventories available throughout the holiday shopping season. In addition, shoppers who stick with local retailers won't have to pay shipping costs to ensure items arrive on time.

- Shop during off-peak hours. Shopping during off-peak hours can help last-minute shoppers make efficient use of the limited time they have to buy gifts for their loved ones. Visit stores early in the morning or late at night, or schedule a midweek afternoon shopping trip so you aren't spending what little time you have left waiting on lines or hunting for parking.

- Give something less traditional. Holiday gifts need not come from stores. Rather than spending their time shopping for gifts for loved ones who seemingly have it all,

last-minute shoppers can give the gift of a donation in their loved one's name. Last-minute shoppers who want to give something more tangible can create a homemade gift that's both unique and heartfelt. If your DIY skills are lacking, give a loved one the gift of a night out on the town at your expense.

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Featuring a large cast of local youth, “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever” is a traditional holiday show about learning the true meaning of Christmas. The show is now in repertory at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

# Martinis and mistletoe at Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts

By Dale Scrivenger  
Special to The PREVIEW

Thingamajig Theatre Company enters its third performance week of the holiday season with something for everyone at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

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# A string of Christmas lights

By **Betty Slade**  
PREVIEW Columnist

The Christmas season has both-ered me for several years. I want to get into the festive mood and celebrate, but also to remember the real reason why we celebrate. It's hard to push through the noise, glitter and spending this time of year.

I need to be there for the family at Christmas. Be generous, buy gifts, bake cookies and attend cookie exchanges without griping. Have holiday smells and family all around. And the big one, bring out all the decorations and make a mess and be happy doing it.

My Sweet Al and I struggled to put a fake 6-foot tree together. On our hands and knees, we worked to stand the tree up straight and connect the lights. The lights were already on the tree, which connected the parts together.

I said, "Wait for the kids. Maybe they can figure it out. The tree is crooked, two sections of lights are out and I would like a real tree, which smells like pine. Is that too much to ask?"

"We have a tree. Now, Honey, I've got it. Just hold this end until I find the other end."

"Al, how do you smell a fake tree? See this end of the cord? It's going to be wrapped around your neck if you don't forget it and wait for the kids." I guess it's obvious I haven't yet been awakened to this holiday season.

I thought of something a friend said to me about a person in the Christmas story we never hear about — of Jesus's cousin, John. Though John is better known as The Baptizer, what is forgotten about him is that he's also called, "the first Christmas light." He came to point out the true Light, Jesus, so that all of us might believe (John 1:7).

Because of John, all of us who believe became children of light and we join a chain of "lights" that started with him. Beginning with John, the string extends throughout the centuries and the earth, wrapping itself around the world

## Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



*'Al, how do you smell a fake tree? See this end of the cord? It's going to be wrapped around your neck if you don't forget it and wait for the kids.'*

like lights around our tree. Because of Christmas and John, we have become lights "of the world" (Matthew 5:14).

During the holidays, we point to symbols like trees, lights, angels, Santa Claus and cookie exchanges. We do this to feel the spirit of Christmas. But these symbols are shadows and do not answer the pain in people such as hopelessness, loneliness and anxieties. They only emphasize the hurt others feel this time of the year.

As the beginning of the string of Christmas lights, John was the first to witness to the illumination God put into his heart. Other lights have come down through the ages as a part of the chain. One of them pointed out the light to me so that I too have become a light and a light

to others. That's what this season is all about.

I had a moment of inspiration and ran upstairs to type this article. I left Al under the Christmas tree. He's still looking for the other end of the lights. I should go downstairs, give Al a hand and point to the light core on the fake Christmas tree.

During this season when God is not in the noise, but in the quiet voice, I pray others will see the light and point others to the light. Then will love awaken in them and please.

Final brushstroke: Lord, please keep my own inclination from casting a shadow on the True Light. Keep me from complacency in a day when darkness covers the earth and people have lost their way. You've asked us to point to the True Light, hopefully we have. Amen.

### Readers' comments

Thank you for reading these articles and giving me the gift of support and encouragement. I see Christmas in your hearts. Send your comments to [betty@bettyslade.com](mailto:betty@bettyslade.com).

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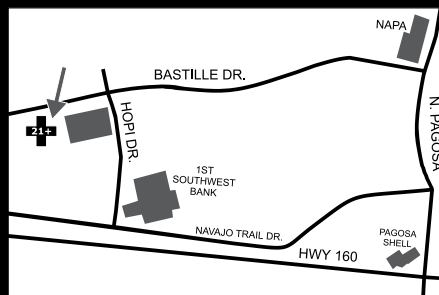
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# The spirit of Christmas

By Daris Howard  
Special to The PREVIEW

Playing Santa each Christmas helps remind me what this season is all about.

People ask me how much I charge, and my answer is always the same: "I don't."

Because of how busy I am in December, I can't do very many, but what I do, I like to do for free. I enjoy the wonder and joy in the faces of the children, and that is my pay.

Usually, I visit big groups, but now and then, if there is a child that needs a special visit, I try to make time for them. One particular Christmas, a mother called and talked to my wife, Donna. The lady said she had a little boy named David who had extreme autism. He was almost 5 years old and had hardly said a word. He lived in his own world and seldom let anyone else into it. She told my wife that David desperately wanted Santa to come visit. She also said that that wish was one of the few things he had ever communicated to anyone.

When I arrived home, Donna told me about her visit. I looked at my schedule and didn't think I could possibly squeeze in one more thing. But as I continued to think about this little boy, I knew I needed to take the time, so I requested more information. The mother gave Donna the names of each of her children, their ages, a brief description, and something particular about each one.

I especially wanted to know about David; what he liked, what he hoped for from Santa, and any other details I could get. David's mother said that he especially liked toy cars. He thought it would be the most wonderful experience in the world if Santa would bring him some toy cars and also play with him.

Donna wrote the information down, and I spent some time memorizing it. The mother promised that she would have toy cars

sitting in the living room. She also said she would have presents for each of the children in the mailbox.

When I arrived, I went to the mailbox and collected the gifts. I then started jingling the bells I was carrying and knocked on the door. When a girl opened it, I thought of the descriptions of the children and decided she must be the 10-year-old. I hoped I was right.

"Hello, Mary, how are you?" She gasped and ran to the other room. I heard her say to her older sister, "Santa's here."

"Santa doesn't exist," the older sister said.

"Well, he knew my name." "Big deal," the older girl said. "I know your name, and I'm not Santa."

They came to the door, with the older girl in the lead, and I said, "Hello, Susan." She rolled her eyes, so I said, "I hope you still want that stage makeup for your part in the school Christmas play."

Susan gasped and covered her mouth. I then mentioned something personal to each of the other children, including the baby sister. I handed out the presents, and the mother, who stood by grinning, told the children they could open them. Susan's had stage makeup, and each child, likewise, unwrapped an item I had dropped a hint about.

Finally, it was David's turn. He opened his present and found toy cars.

"You know what?" I said. "I love toy cars. I see you have a roadway, a garage, and everything. Can I play cars with you?"

David nodded and handed me a couple. I sat on the floor, and we raced them around the roadway and in and out of the garage. Meanwhile, the other children, especially Susan, stared at me.

After a brief time, I finally stood. "Well, I guess I better go visit some other children."

David ran to me and hugged my waist. I patted his head and said, "You be good, and we'll have something more for you in a couple of weeks."

He nodded and hugged me again. I went on my way, feeling like I had once again been the one who was truly rewarded.

A few days later, I saw a posting on Facebook by the mother. She said that after I left, David had called his grandparents. He told them all about his experience. And even though most of what he said no one understood, they did understand when he said, "Santa come play cars me."

And I smiled as I once more remembered that all of us carry a little of the spirit of Christmas when we give of ourselves.

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# Hot Chocolate Hullabaloo today, special events for kids next week

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Today, Thursday, Dec. 22, from 4 to 6 p.m., we hope you, your family and friends will attend a free all-ages Hot Chocolate Hullabaloo event when you can design, build and decorate your own gingerbread house while enjoying hot chocolate and celebrating the winter season. Please join us for this special holiday gathering.

Kids from kindergarten through fifth grade have two fun events to look forward to next week. On Thursday, Dec. 29, from 10 to 11 a.m., therapy dogs Penny and Cassia will be at the library to listen to you read your favorite stories. Then, on Dec. 30 from 2 to 3 p.m., you'll have boxes, tape and scissors — cardboard galore ready to be transformed into any fun or useful thing you can think up.

## Holiday closures

Your library will be closed Dec. 24-26 so the staff can celebrate the holidays with family and friends. Also, the library will close at noon on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31.

## Tech sessions

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

Please note there will be no Tech Time on Tuesday, Dec. 27.

## 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.

Please note there will be no teen gaming on Tuesday, Dec. 27.

## Library News

### Special note about storytimes

Storytimes are on a holiday break from Dec. 21-31, replaced by open play from 10 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 28, for kids of all ages. We've got plenty of fun toys, puppets, puzzles and more that will be available for this hour of open playtime. Socialize, pretend, play and pick up a few books while you are here.

### 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.

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"Odessa Ski" by Clive and Dirk Cussler is a Dirk Pitt adventure. "Turbo Twenty-three" by Janet Evanovich is the latest in the Stephanie Plum bounty hunter series. "Nest" by Terry Goodkind is a thriller. "No Man's Land" by David Baldacci is a special agent John Puller thriller.

### Nonfiction

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### DVDs

"The Complete Beginner's Guide to Knotting" by Nici Beason provides close-up videos to help you learn at your own pace. "Kennedy" is the complete mini-series starring Martin Sheen. "Courageous" honors law enforcement officers. "The Bridge" is Karen Kingsbury's complete Hallmark story. "Oliver!" is the classic Charles Dickens' Academy Award-winning musical. "Racing Extinction" is a documentary about the international wildlife trade.

### Other novels

"Moonglow" by Pulitzer Prize winner Michael Chabon was inspired by stories told by the author's dying grandfather. "The Seventh Plague" by James Rollins is a Sigma Force adventure. "The Flame Bearer" by Bernard Cornwell is the latest in the author's violent historical saga. "The Fate of Tearling" by Erika Johansen is the third and final volume of the Tearling trilogy. "Innocents and Others" by Dana Spiotta follows two long-time women friends who are filmmakers. "Den of Wolves" by Juliet Marillier continues the Blackthorn and Grim fantasy series. "The Last Song of Dusk" by Siddharth Dhanvant Shanghvi explores love in its many guises. "The Marshall of Santa Fe" by Ralph Garlin is a western.

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# Holiday depression can be a very real problem

By John Lough  
Special to The PREVIEW

While the holiday season is a happy time for most people, for many it can be a time of sadness and even depression. Holiday depression can be caused by many things, but it also can be relieved.

Near the top of the list of what makes us depressed are the unrealistic expectations many of us place upon ourselves during this season. Constant exposure to media images of the “ideal” holiday

can create fantasy goals impossible to achieve.

We may start feeling that we lack some important quality because we’re not invited to the best parties or aren’t having the “perfect” holiday we imagine others are enjoying. Comparing ourselves to how things “ought to be” leaves us feeling that we’re constantly getting cheated. This can be especially true if holiday gift desires are fast outpacing your financial situation.

Holiday depression can also have its roots in the changed life-

style many of us experience during this season. Our diets may change, usually including more candy, cake and alcohol.

We also often exercise less. Busy holiday schedules coupled with less daylight and colder temperatures make it harder to stick to that regular workout regimen.

Combine the mood swings that go with a high-calorie, high-sugar diet with being more sedentary and depression can easily occur. We may feel more lethargic, and

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# Library

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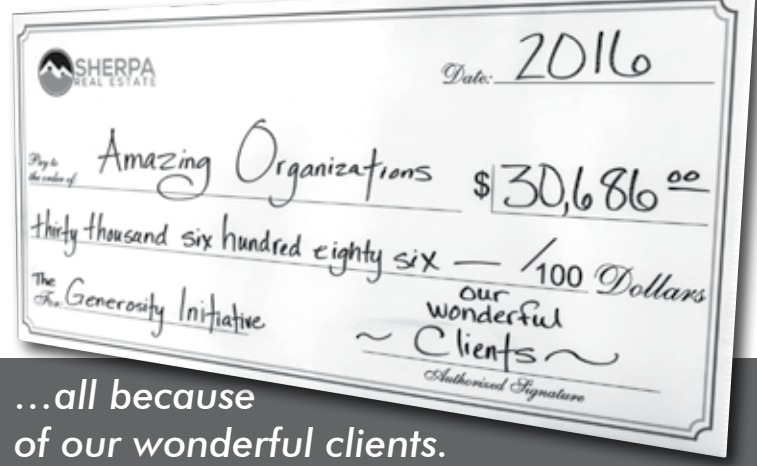
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# Senior Center to be closed for the holidays

By Cheryl Wilkinson  
PREVIEW Columnist

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

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

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

## Computer center

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

## Depression

■ continued from previous page perhaps guilty as a couple of extra pounds show up around our waists.

Fortunately, correcting the holiday blues usually isn't impossible. Simply recognizing that the media-promoted "perfect holiday" images and limitless gifts aren't realistic is an important first step.

Refuse to compare yourself to that TV "family" or the neighbors you imagine having that rosy, "ideal" holiday. Instead, focus on the good and positive in your own life and those people and things you really enjoy during this season.

Making a conscious effort to get back to a healthier diet and to increase your amount of exercise can also do a great deal to overcome holiday depression.

Lastly, don't wallow privately in your depression. Go meet with friends, not to share your blue mood, but just to enjoy them socially. Friends and family can do a great deal to lift your spirits.

But if you find that your holiday depression is not going away despite your best efforts, try talking with a professional counselor. Serious depression is not a health problem to be ignored.

"Counseling Corner" is provided by the American Counseling Association. Send your comments and questions to [ACACorner@counseling.org](mailto:ACACorner@counseling.org) or visit the ACA website at [www.counseling.org](http://www.counseling.org).

## Senior News

Club.

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

## Medical alert system

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

## Medicare Mondays

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

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

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# Great gifts for seniors

Special to The PREVIEW

Every holiday shopper ends up with at least one loved one on their shopping list who they can't seem to find anything for. Some people seem to have it all, while others may be less than forthcoming with regard to items they may need or want.

Many seniors tend to fall into the latter category. Shopping for holiday gifts for seniors can be difficult if shoppers don't know what seniors want. But the following are a handful of gift ideas that might make this holiday season that much more special for seniors.

## Books

A 2015 survey from the Pew Research Center found that 69 percent of adults age 65 and over acknowledged reading at least one book in the previous 12 months. That makes books a good bet for shoppers who don't know what to get their 65-and-over loved ones this holiday season. But shoppers might want to opt for more traditional print books rather than

e-books, as the survey found that only 15 percent of readers age 65 and over had read an e-book in the previous 12 months.

## Gym membership

According to the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, more than 80 percent of adults do not meet the guidelines for aerobic and muscle-strengthening activities. That can be especially troubling for seniors, who are at greater risk for osteoporosis, a medical condition in which age-related tissue loss contributes to brittle, fragile bones. Physical activity, including muscle-strengthening activities like weight training, can help combat osteoporosis. Family members stuck on what to get aging loved ones may want to consider gifting a membership to a local gym. Many gyms offer heavily discounted memberships to seniors, and such gyms may even offer senior fitness classes at no additional cost.

## Travel gifts

Many retirees love to travel, but

not every senior has the means to take off for parts unknown. A 2013 survey from the Transamerica Center for Retirement Studies found that 25 percent of retirees admitted they wished they would have saved more for retirement travel. Holiday shoppers can light up seniors' smiles by gifting travel gifts this holiday season. One idea is to transfer airline miles to an elderly loved one so he or she can get a free or discounted flight. If that's not a possibility, some new luggage or a gift card toward a hotel stay are sure to please.

## Family time

Shoppers who are especially stuck on what to get seniors for Christmas can just resolve to spend more time with their elderly loved ones. Many seniors genuinely have everything they need, and such men and women may only want to spend more time with their children and grandchildren. Make a New Year's resolution to spend more time with the special seniors in your life if the perfect gift is eluding you.

## Senior

■ continued from previous page those under 60.

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

Thursday, Dec. 22 — Port baked ziti, roasted squash medley, broccoli, breadstick, salad bar and dessert.

Friday, Dec. 23 — Zuppa Toscana, asparagus, salad bar and Christmas cookie.

Monday, Dec. 26 — Closed for the holidays.

Tuesday, Dec. 27 — Closed for the holidays.

Wednesday, Dec. 28 — Closed

for the holidays.

Thursday, Dec. 29 — Closed for the holidays.

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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## MAIN STREET BETHLEHEM

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Scene ... at Main Street Bethlehem. In advance of Christmas, Centerpoint Church's Main Street Bethlehem returned this year, giving attendees a glimpse into first-century Bethlehem and witness the sights, sounds and smells of the small village where Christ was born.









# The history of holiday lights

Special to The PREVIEW

Holiday celebrants employ holiday lights in various ways. Certain individuals may be content to hang lights on their Christmas trees and call their decorating complete. Others may get their holiday jollies by making sure each square inch of their home is covered in twinkling lights. Still, other people prefer the more subdued effect of lights framing one picture window of the house.

The tradition of Christmas lights stretches back to early modern Germany, when people used candles to decorate Christmas trees in Christian homes. Those candles were harbingers of what would come when electric lights replaced gas and other open flame illuminating devices that were commonplace prior to the 20th century.

Thomas Edison, the inventor of the first successful practical light bulb, also created the first strand of electric lights that would be used in holiday decorating. By 1880, Edison had standard incandescent light bulbs well sorted out and desired a way to better advertise his invention, so he decided to make the most of the holiday season and put his light bulbs on display.

According to a 2003 article in American Heritage magazine titled "The Wizard of Your Christmas Tree," Edison strung incandescent bulbs all around the compound of his Menlo Park, N.J., laboratory. Edison constructed an 8-mile underground wiring system in order to power this grand light display. Because the laboratory was situated along the railroad that passed

between Manhattan and Philadelphia, thousands of people were able to see the display.

The concept of electric holiday lights took a bit of time to catch on. Edison's friend and associate Edward Johnson was tasked with stringing together colored lights in 1882 and placing them on an evergreen tree. Johnson hand-wired 80 red, white and blue light bulbs. In 1895, President Grover Cleveland requested the White House family Christmas tree be illuminated by multicolored electric light bulbs.

In 1903, when General Electric began to offer pre-assembled kits of holiday lights, stringed lights were reserved for the wealthy and electrically savvy. For example, in 1903, a single string of electric lights cost \$12, or around \$300 today.

It would take several more years before holiday lights became a national tradition. On Christmas Eve 1923, President Calvin Coolidge began the country's celebration of Christmas by lighting the National Christmas Tree on the Ellipse located south of the White House with 3,000 electric lights.

Today, illuminated strands of lights have become a large part of holiday celebrations and have even been adopted for use during various year-round events. Such lights can be a beautiful and festive addition to many celebrations.

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## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 Catch, in a way
- 6 NY opera house
- 9 Ribbon holder
- 14 Not silently
- 15 Seeds
- 16 Beginning of a conclusion
- 17 Veil fabric
- 18 Disapprove of
- 20 Let out
- 21 Common thing?
- 22 Bleacher feature
- 23 Billiards maneuver
- 25 Like many two-doors
- 27 Slim Shady
- 29 Trim, as an alpaca
- 31 Make lace
- 32 "Law & Order" role
- 37 Native of Zagreb
- 39 Blade
- 40 One way to be wanted
- 41 Like cattle and caribou
- 44 Easy chair site
- 45 Item with a ladder
- 46 Gerbil or gopher
- 48 Dead to the world
- 51 Burning
- 52 Larger-life link
- 53 Colonel's insignia
- 56 Mountain lake
- 59 Trash-tosser
- 61 Pi, e.g.
- 62 Miller play, "\_\_\_ the Fall"
- 63 Diamond stat
- 64 Go-between
- 65 Range rover
- 66 Library date
- 67 Turnpike sign

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- 2 Mineral salt
- 3 Unwanted visitor, often
- 4 Mideast V.I.P.
- 5 Poetic homage
- 6 Surfer's need
- 7 Like 10 or 12
- 8 Closing bars
- 9 Talking Heads hit, "And \_\_\_ Was"
- 10 Kind of fin on a fish
- 11 Radio studio sign
- 12 Square dance group, e.g.
- 13 Hesitant
- 19 Right, in a way
- 21 Vague amount
- 24 Scaled-back thing?
- 26 Victorian sun blocker
- 27 Carve in stone
- 28 Foal's mother
- 29 Extra
- 30 Medal recipient
- 33 Crucifix
- 34 Coastal region
- 35 KitchenAid product
- 36 Jonathan Larson musical
- 38 Like some ballots
- 42 Deadly snake
- 43 Strongly suggest
- 47 Excessive fondness
- 48 Rand's shrugger
- 49 Graveyard, for one
- 50 Morning waker-upper
- 51 Pond buildup
- 54 Out, in a way
- 55 All-knowing one
- 57 2002 Naomi Watts horror flick, with "The"
- 58 Do, for example
- 60 Be off base
- 61 Butt

### Answer to Last Week's Crossword:

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## Thursday, Dec. 22

**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.

**Hot Chocolate Hullabaloo.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Celebrate the winter season with Hot Chocolate Hullabaloo! Design, build and decorate your own gingerbread house and have some hot chocolate. For all ages. Call 264-2209 for further information.

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## Friday, Dec. 23

**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.

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## Saturday, Dec. 24

**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.

**Visit with Santa.** Noon-3 p.m., Visitor Center. Get your photo taken with Santa and enjoy cookies and cocoa.

**Geothermal Greenhouse Open House.** 2-4 p.m., Centennial Park. The public is invited to stop by at their leisure, the tours are informal. For more information, go to [pagosagreen.org](http://pagosagreen.org).

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## Monday, Dec. 26

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

**Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network.** 9-11 a.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship. Writers are invited to hone their craft in fiction, nonfiction and poetry. For more information, email [richgammill41@wolfcreekwriters.com](mailto:richgammill41@wolfcreekwriters.com) or call 731-2040.

**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 Al-

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**Tuesday, Dec. 27**

**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.

**Geothermal Greenhouse Open House.** 2-4 p.m., Centennial Park. The public is invited to stop by at their leisure, the tours are informal. For more information go to [pagosagreen.org](http://pagosagreen.org).

**Night Yoga: YoGain.** 6:30-7:30 p.m., Community Center. YoGain is a fast-paced blend of yoga asana and body weight exercises designed to raise your heart rate and increase strength and flexibility. Open to all levels and abilities. Call 264-4152 for more information.

**Wednesday, Dec. 28**

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

**Open Play.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. We've got plenty of fun toys, puppets, puzzles and such that will be available for this hour of open play. Socialize, pretend play, and pick up a few books while you are there. Call 264-2209 for further information.

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

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

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**Thursday, Dec. 29**

**Paws to Read.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Come and share your favorite book with Penny and Cassia, therapy dogs who love listening to stories. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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**Friday, Dec. 30**

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

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**Cardboard Construction.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. We'll have cardboard galore ready to be transformed into anything you can think up. The sky's the limit. For youngsters in kindergarten through fifth grade. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Saturday, Dec. 31**

**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.

**Geothermal Greenhouse Open House.** 2-4 p.m., Centennial Park. The public is invited to stop by at their leisure, the tours are informal. For more information, go to [pagosagreen.org](http://pagosagreen.org).

**Sunday, Jan. 1**

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

**Monday, Jan. 2**

**Pickleball.** 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one. **Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network.** 9-11 a.m., CrossRoad

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

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The Pagosa Uke Jam gave a Christmas concert to residents at the Pine Ridge Extended Care Facility on Sunday, Dec. 18. The residents and staff enjoyed the sing-along of some old, seasonal favorites and spiritual Christmas music. Members of the Pagosa ukulele ensemble, from left to right, are Joan Rodger, Maureen Margiotta, Teddy Finney, Jim Santee, Lois Dacus and, kneeling, G. Margiotta.

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

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

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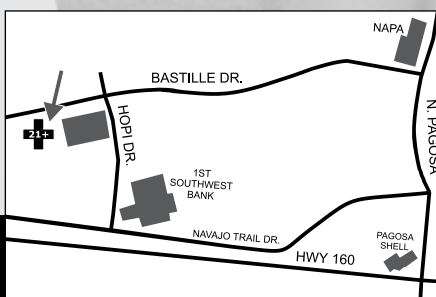
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## Thursday, Jan. 5

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

## Friday, Jan. 6

**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, Jan. 7

**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, Jan. 8

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

## Monday, Jan. 9

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

**Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network.** 9-11 a.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship. Writers are invited to hone their craft in fiction, nonfiction and poetry. For more information, email richgammill41@wolfcreekwriters.com or call 731-2040.

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

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

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

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

## Tuesday, Jan. 10

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

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

**Archuleta County Republican Women.** Noon, Boss Hogg's Restaurant. Mike Le Roux, director of emergency operations of Archuleta County and vice chair for Upper San Juan Search and Rescue will be speaking on how they provide emergency assistance for citizens. Lunch will be offered for \$12. Email acrwpagosa@gmail.com for more information.

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

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

**Night Yoga: YoGain.** 6:30-7:30 p.m., Community Center. YoGain is a fast-paced blend of yoga asana and body weight exercises designed to raise your heart rate and increase strength and flexibility. Open to all levels and abilities. Call 264-4152 for more information.

## Wednesday, Jan. 11

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

**Pagosa Springs Photography Club.** 6 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Join us for socializing followed by a brief meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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

## Thursday, Jan. 12

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

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The flood of Oct. 5, 1911, pretty much decimated property adjacent to the San Juan River and other rivers in the Four Corners area. This photograph shows the downtown area along Hermosa Street and known as Town Park. Every bridge in Archuleta County was washed out.

## Prohibition and flooding on the horizon for Pagosa Country

Opposition to drinking and alcoholism was on the rise in the Pagosa Springs of 1910. The adoption of prohibition was to take place not too many years later. Women took the lead in this movement.

By 1910, the Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) had gained sufficient strength to attempt to influence the town election. They asked that a woman be appointed as an election judge, along with J.S. Hatcher, E.M. Parr, Herbert Loucks and J.C. Dowell. The WCTU request was for the appointment of Mrs. Myrtle Hersch. The town board tabled the request. Women had won the right to vote in Colorado in 1893, almost two



### Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

decades before they were allowed to vote nationwide.

A proposition in the April 10 election to make the town anti-saloon was narrowly defeated, 154 votes to 148. In June of the same year, the WCTU took another step, this time bringing an action prohibiting the town from using town funds to defend itself against still

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# What's Cookin'

## Whole Wheat Apple Coffee Cake

Recipe courtesy: Colorado Department of Agriculture and Chef Jason K. Morse, C.E.C.

**Coffee Cake:**  
3 apples, Fuji or Gala, cored, peeled and diced  
2 1/4 cups whole wheat flour,

unbromated  
1 3/4 cups dark brown sugar, packed  
1 cup butter, softened  
1 cup toasted pecans, medium chop  
1 1/4 teaspoon baking soda  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1 teaspoon kosher salt  
1 extra large egg

1 1/4 cup sour cream  
1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla paste or extract  
Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Spray and flour a 10-inch medium weight Bundt pan. With a fork or pastry cutter, work half of the flour, brown sugar and butter in a large bowl until crumbled.  
Stir in the toasted nuts, and divide the mixture in half. Use the first half  
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## Past

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another suit brought to prevent the town from issuing liquor licenses. In 1911, the town and county cooperated in acquiring property and buildings at the east end of San Juan Street on the river side of the street for use as a hospital for care of contagious diseases. This building was likely the remnants of the historic San Juan Hotel. It was known as a pest house. Mrs. Hattie Russell was hired to care for the pest house inmates.

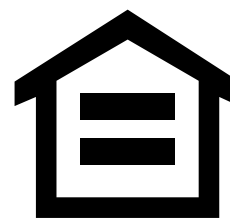
Morris Hyler was ordered to renovate his slaughter house premises and do no more slaughtering there. Like most slaughter houses in those days, the refuse and leftovers ended up floating down the creek known as Slaughter House Creek, which emptied into the San Juan River. When I was a young man, almost every small community had a slaughter house where you could sell animals ready to be butchered and buy freshly cut meat. In the best interest of public health, we no longer have pest houses and slaughter houses.

In December of 1909, a contract had been signed between the town and Charles E. Moon for Moon to operate the water-pumping plant and boiler. Moon was to supply water for the town and the Denver

& Rio Grande Railroad by consolidating pumping plants. By April of 1910, Moon and Deller Light and Power Company was operating the pumping plant then located at the east end of San Juan Street just below the water tank on Reservoir Hill.

In October of 1911, the town, along with much of the Four Corners area, was ravaged by the worst flood in the recorded history of the area. Among other things, Moon and Deller's Light and Power facilities were caught up in the flood waters, never to be used again.

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ANSWER:



# How to improve alertness during the workday

Special to The PREVIEW

A long workday can be both mentally and physically draining. As a result, office workers and professionals whose jobs are more physically demanding than office work may find themselves less alert at the end of the workday than at the beginning.

A loss of alertness as the workday draws to a close might be unavoidable. But professionals whose sense of alertness begins to dwindle in the thick of the workday might need to take steps to improve their alertness to protect themselves from injury and to ensure the quality of their work does not suffer.

• Avoid caffeine in the late afternoon. Some professionals rely on caffeinated beverages such as coffee or energy drinks to combat afternoon drowsiness. While that afternoon caffeine fix might provide an immediate, if temporary, jolt of energy, it might also affect a person's energy levels the following day.

A 2013 study published in the Journal of Clinical Sleep Medicine

found that caffeine consumed as early as six hours before bedtime can significantly disrupt sleep. Professionals who reach for a cup of coffee in the late afternoon might get a sudden boost of energy, but their energy levels the following day might be lower due to a poor night's sleep.

• Avoid high-fat foods at lunchtime. Foods that are high in fat should always be avoided thanks to their connection to a host of health problems. Such foods also negatively affect energy levels when consumed in the middle of the day.

The University of Rochester Medical Center notes that the body digests and absorbs high-fat foods very slowly. That means workers who eat high-fat foods for lunch won't get the afternoon energy boost that low-fat, healthy lunches will provide.

• Snack healthy. Professionals who find themselves needing a snack in the mid- to late-afternoon can sate their hunger and give themselves an energy boost by snacking healthy. Avoid snacks like potato chips that tend to be high in fat and low in nutrition. Foods that

are high in fiber and/or protein can provide a longer energy boost and quell the afternoon hunger pangs at the same time. Fresh fruit and Greek yogurt fit the bill.

• Change your workout schedule. Regular exercise improves short- and long-term health while also increasing daily energy levels. Professionals who include exercise in their daily routines yet still suffer from a lack of alertness in the afternoon may need to alter their workout schedules.

A 2011 study published in the Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine found that participants who were assigned afternoon exercise programs during work hours reported increased productivity versus those who were not assigned afternoon workouts. If working out in the afternoon is not feasible, avoid working out too late at night, as the National Institutes of Health note that exercising within two to three hours of bedtime can disrupt sleep, ultimately having a negative impact on energy levels the following day.

## Cookin'

■ continued from previous page and press into the Bundt pan and form a streusel-like topping. Into the remaining half of the crumb mixture stir in the baking soda, cinnamon and salt until well mixed. Add the egg, sour cream and vanilla and mix until fully combined and smooth. Add the remaining whole wheat flour and stir until combined, then gently fold in the diced apples.

Pour over the crumb topping

that was packed into the Bundt pan and bake at 375 degrees until a wood skewer or toothpick comes out clean, approximately 1 hour and 15-25 minutes. Should this cake start to darken too fast, cover with foil to avoid burning.

Cool in pan for 5 minutes, then turn out onto a cooling rack and cool completely.

Vanilla Brown Sugar Butter:  
1 cup butter

1/4 cup dark brown sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla paste or extract

Mix the ingredients well and use as a spread or topping for the warm coffee cake.

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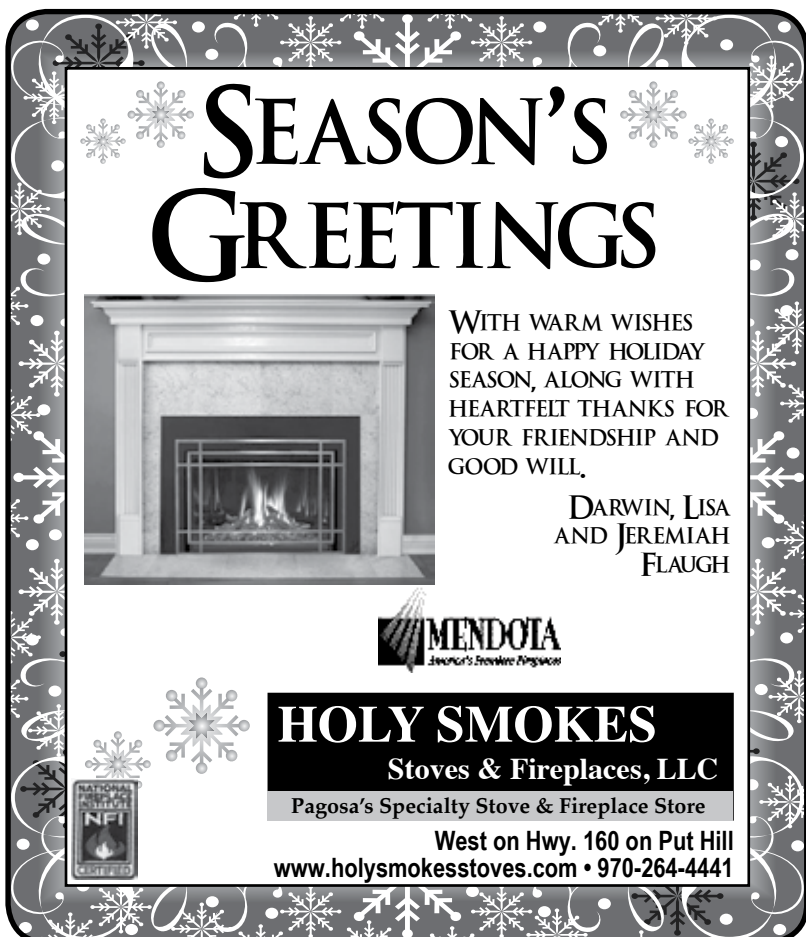
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# Creative ways to reuse Christmas cards

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Roughly 1.6 billion Christmas cards, including boxed cards, are purchased in a given year. That's quite a lot of cards to address and mail, and many festive greetings for recipients to read and display.

With so much money and effort put into sharing Christmas greetings, some people may wonder how they can prolong the merriment offered by these cards. Here are some creative ways to put Christmas cards to new use once this holiday season has come and gone.

- **Make your own gift tags.** Christmas card stock is the perfect medium to turn into gift tags for presents. Cut the cards into squares or rectangles or use a stencil to create whatever shape you desire. Then use a hole punch to create a space for ribbon or another tie. Use the tag to dress up gifts with something more unique than self-stick tags.

- **Get magnetized.** All it takes is a scissor, some glue and sheets of magnet for a decorative and fun craft project. Turn favorite Christmas cards into mementos that can be saved year after year, which also will dress up refrigerators or other magnetic surfaces. This idea works well for photo greeting cards as well.

- **Make Christmas card ornaments.** Use the cards to create uniquely shaped ornaments for the tree. Cards can be turned into block shapes and hung with ribbon. Another idea is to punch out circles or ovals from the cards and tile them on a foam egg to look like a multicolored pine cone. Explore your creative side and decorate



Holiday greeting cards can be recycled into gift tags, ornaments or even framed to stretch out their usefulness.

your tree at the same time.

- **Create greeting card garlands.** Display cards by stringing them together and hanging them from the mantle or another prominent area. If cards are too large, punch out large circles from the cards and then attach those disks to heavy thread.

- **Decorate your packages.** Instead of overspending on pre-printed gift bags, make your own. Buy plain bags in a solid color and then embellish them with cutout patterns or pictures from Christmas cards.

- **Frame favorite cards.** Make greeting cards a permanent part of holiday decor by framing the most decorative ones you receive. Use these frames year after year and put them on display with other holiday decorations.

- **Make a wine bottle gift tag.** Use

a 1 1/4-inch hole punch to create an opening for the neck of a wine bottle on a piece of folded card stock. Glue a greeting card to the portion of the card stock that will lay flush with the wine bottle and you have a decorative wine tag.

- **Shred older cards for confetti.** Fill gift boxes or bags with homemade confetti made from recycled Christmas cards.

*Peace Love Joy*

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Please submit all legal advertising to  
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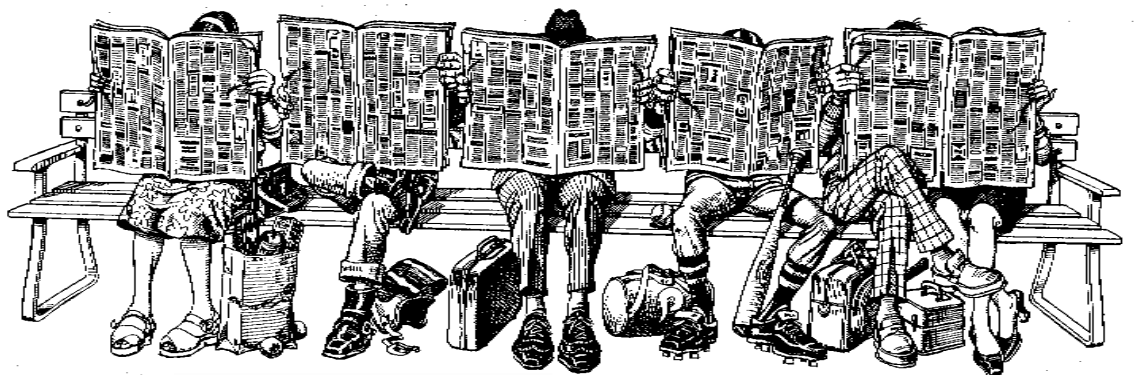
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# Keep the holiday season healthy, safe and secure

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During the holiday season, many people do not want their thoughts to stray to anything unpleasant. Although celebrating may be the primary goal come the holiday season, individuals and families also should devote some attention to keeping the holidays safe.

Just because it's Chanukah, Christmas or New Year's doesn't mean safety and security should not remain a top priority. The following guidelines can help families enjoy a holiday season that is healthy, safe and secure.

- Exercise caution when decorating. Decorations can be beautiful, but they also can be hazardous if not used properly. Overloading outlets is commonplace during the holiday season, but that can lead to home fires. Exercise caution around candles and other open flames. Pets may become tangled in wires or knock over glass ornaments. Keep delicate decorations away from harm.

- Wash hands to prevent germs.

As the cold weather arrives, people may spend greater periods of time indoors or in close proximity to other people. The holidays also are about greeting friends and relatives, and embracing or kissing. Do not ruin the festivities by spreading germs. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says the holiday season is also flu season. The CDC recommends celebrants wash their hands with soap and clean running water for at least 20 seconds to remove germs.

- Keep track of curious children. Children are enamored with the sights and sounds of the holidays and may be more curious than ever during this time of year. Things adults take for granted can be hazards to youngsters. The needles of holiday trees can cause painful cuts in the mouth and throat of a child who swallows them. Snow sprays may be harmful if the aerosol propellants are used improperly. Peanuts and popcorn used for decorating can pose potential choking hazards to young children.

- Be a smart host or hostess.

Alcoholic beverages and holiday revelry sometimes go hand in hand. Responsible party hosts know when a guest has had too much and will arrange safe transportation home. Because kids imitate adults, many may drink the beverages they see adults drinking. Alcohol poisoning is a real risk for children, so pay attention to youngsters no matter how young they may be.

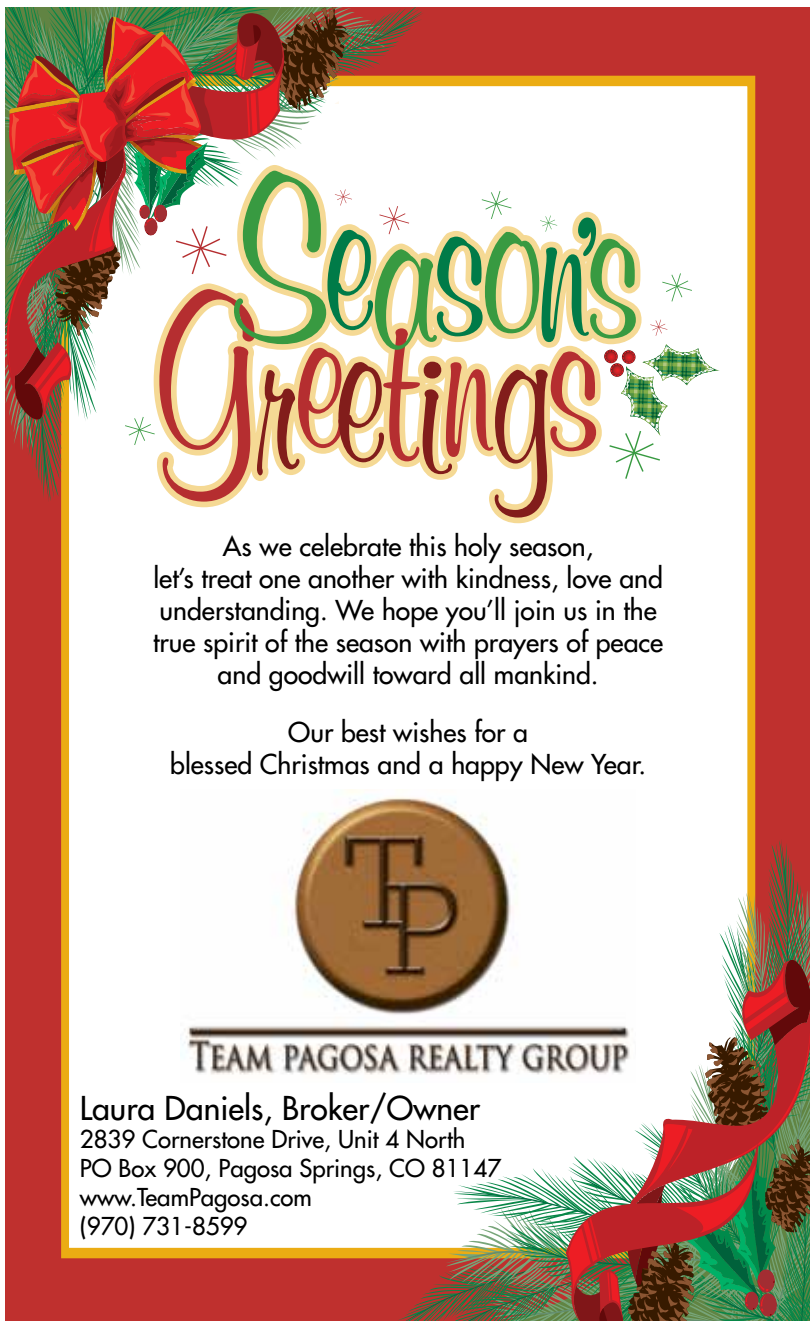
- Protect the home. Deter

home burglars when traveling for the holidays by having neighbors keep a watchful eye on your house. Use motion-sensor lights, keep up the appearance that someone is home by having mail collected, and do not advertise any travel plans on social media. Invest in a home security system if need be.

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