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# BoCC discusses options for new judicial center

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) held public work sessions to discuss the possibility of a new judicial center the afternoons of Jan. 11 and Jan. 12.

It's worth noting that these were public work sessions, meaning no decisions were made. The options and possibilities presented to the BoCC are just speculation at this point in time.

Additionally, it's worth noting that the sites discussed at the meeting were not the only sites

considered for the judicial center. A diagram of potential sites can be found on page 16 of this issue of the SUN.

Brad Ash, a representative from Reynolds Ash and Associates architecture and design firm, and Bob Johnson, from Reilly Johnson Architecture firm, participated in the work sessions.

The representatives presented a PowerPoint presentation to the BoCC of different options for a new judicial center.

A judicial center would include a detention center, a sheriff's office, and courts and probation operations.

The options that were presented focused on the possibilities of constructing a new judicial center on Hot Springs Boulevard across from the Community Center and Town Hall, remodeling the current courthouse and purchasing the adjacent land to create a bigger facility, or purchasing the Parelli building and two surrounding parcels in Aspen Village to turn that structure into the new judicial center.

## Hot Springs Boulevard

The first option presented to the BoCC was the

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SUN photo/Marshall Dunham  
Bob Johnson of Reilly Johnson Architecture presents the proposal of using the Parelli building as the new judicial center during a work session hosted by the BoCC. The work sessions took place Jan. 11 and 12, and allowed the public to voice their opinions on where the new judicial center should be built.

## Reservoir Hill to close for forest thinning

By Casey Crow and Ed Fincher  
Staff Writer

Beginning next week, those in and around the Reservoir Hill area will hear the sound of hot saws cutting and the chipper chipping as a long-awaited forest thinning project commences.

Nearly a year ago, the Town of Pagosa Springs announced their intent to begin work on the thinning project on Reservoir Hill to improve forest health.

According to Town Manager Greg Schulte, "The original intent was to conduct the thinning back in winter of 2014/2015. However, due to the lack of snow and cold temperatures, the thinning was deferred to this winter. The winter snow and cold

■ See Reservoir A8



Pagosa Peak peeks out above the clouds on a sunny Sunday morning from this viewpoint on Four Mile Road. More snow is predicted for Pagosa Country tomorrow.

SUN photo/Terri House

## District, town to discuss dual fire marshal authority

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) has agreed to have a discussion with the town regarding an interagency agreement (IAA) that would pertain to fire marshal services within the town.

At the PFPD's regular board meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 12, Town Mayor Don Volger and Town Manager Greg Schulte attended to discuss the town taking over fire marshal services with the board.

PFPD Assistant Chief Randy Larson spoke on behalf of the board, and he began the discussion by asking the town exactly what their expectations were.

"I think what we want to know is exactly what you are expecting from us as a fire district in the Town of Pagosa Springs," began Larson.

"The primary issue is the fire inspections," responded Volger. "We

■ See Marshal A8

## School board discusses teacher compensation

By Casey Crow  
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Jan. 12, the Archuleta School District (ASD) held their regular work session and meeting, during which the school board addressed the issue of teacher salaries.

At last month's meeting, Aaron Wamsley, the president of the Pagosa Springs Education Association, brought up teacher salaries, insurance costs and class sizes. Wamsley is a second-grade teacher with the ASD, who has taught in the district for four years.

Tuesday night, Wamsley presented to the board during the time for public comment, once again highlighting insurance costs.

He commended ASD Finance Director Mike Hodgson for calling a meeting for the salary committee, which will be held Jan. 20.

According to Wamsley, this is the first time the salary committee has met in seven years. Superintendent Linda Reed clarified later in the meeting that this is because the

salary committee only gives recommendations concerning "new monies," which the district has not received since 2009. This is based on the district's Fair Share Policy.

Wamsley then inquired after the district's insurance plan, asking, "Would the district consider switching from a flat \$525 contribution to insurance to a more reasonable percentage-based system?"

Initially, Wamsley requested that the board respond to his questions with a thumbs up, thumbs down or in-between. To which the board did not agree, stating they needed more information before providing a response to his questions.

He concluded his three minutes of public comment with, "I'm just simply asking: Is there any plan moving forward? Does anyone sitting up there have a plan?"

Veteran board member Brooks Lindner replied, "There is a motivation and a desire, a plan takes time

■ See Teacher A8

## Stepping up for change County tackles mental illness in community, jail



SUN photos/Marshall Dunham

More than 30 people from various Archuleta County agencies participate in a workshop for the development of strategies to effectively identify and respond to the needs of justice-involved adults with co-occurring mental and substance use disorders. The goal is to improve the collaborative efforts by all agencies that deal with mental illness and/or co-occurring substance abuse issues in order to keep this population out of jail and in treatment.

By Davilyn Valdez  
Special to The SUN

This week, Archuleta County agencies participated in a one-and-a-half day workshop for the development of integrated strategies to effectively identify and respond to the needs of justice-involved adults with co-occurring mental and substance use disorders.

Workshop facilitators included Judge Martin Gonzales from Alamosa, Cindy Schultz with San Juan Basin Health Department, Archuleta County Sheriff Richard Valdez and Davilyn Valdez.

Sequential Intercept Mapping and Taking Action for Change, developed by Policy Research Associates in Delmar, N.Y., are two workshops designed to help communities

identify existing community resources, service gaps and opportunities for improved service coordination and communication between mental health, substance abuse and criminal justice professionals.

According to Henry J. Steadman of Policy Research Associates, "This workshop is a stra-

■ Change A8

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# Opinion

## EDITORIAL

### Step up, take the lead

The Knights of Columbus kick off their annual fish fry on Friday, Feb. 12. The fish fry is the perfect example of a successfully supported community event. The Knights have worked together to coordinate the effort since 1996.

Organizing such an event for that length of time is challenging to say the least. Events require dedicated volunteers and enthusiastic participants in order to be successful and endure for such a long time.

When we asked readers to share their ideas for the changes they wanted to see in Pagosa Springs during 2016, we were flooded with input. Readers shared that they missed events that we used to have such as the Spanish Fiesta, and they wanted to see the event return. Others said that they would like to see events celebrating a variety of cultures take place in our community.

In order for such events to happen, someone has to step up and take the lead.

For those folks who wish the Renaissance Festival would return, are you willing to get involved? Are you able to step up and resurrect the event?

Christmas celebrations such as the parade of lights are no longer held due of lack of funding, lack of leadership, lack of volunteers and lack of interest.

There were numerous wonderful suggestions to have movies and concerts in the park and comments that our community could do so much more to create awesome activities for our kids and visitors to Pagosa Springs.

One reader wanted to see more events on the calendar for tourists because her friends were in town for the holidays. Who is going to create those events? Who has the time? Who has the skills and energy?

Our readers offered great vision. We thank them for sharing their ideas. Now we need people to step up and take action. Take these wonderful ideas and make them happen.

We thank all those who give their vision, time and talent to our existing outstanding community events.

Veritable armies of volunteers make festivals, fairs and other events happen in our community throughout the year. It takes volunteers to step up for the actual event, and it takes other volunteers working behind the scenes year-round to pull off some of our most successful events.

Without those enthusiastic community volunteers, Pagosa Springs would not have the impressive events we currently have that draw in visitors and their tourism dollars to raise funds to support area charities. Without these events, Pagosa Springs wouldn't be the special place that it is for the rest of us, who get to live here.

What can you add to the success of those events? What can you do to bring back events that have slipped away? What can you do to help create new events? Will you step up to the challenge?

One must not forget that events must generate enough income for the organizers to be able to continue producing them. So, please get out and support our events and help them continue to remain viable.

Much of the income for events comes from generous, local business sponsors. So, the next time you start to place an order online or buy something out of town that you can easily purchase at a local business, think again. You might just be asking that business to support a cause that is important to you. We can pretty much guarantee that online store isn't going to sponsor a local event.

WinterFest is just around the corner. This year organizers are bringing back the Anything Goes Downhill Sled Race. Are you going to participate? Volunteer? Get involved?

Working together, as a community, Pagosa Springs can continue to have wonderful events for our residents and visitors, while bringing back old favorite events and growing new ones.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

## WHADDYA THINK?

Would you support a mill levy override to increase teacher and staff salaries?



**Erin Cartmell**

"I think I would have to know a lot more detail about everything going on. Generally, I support teacher salary increases because I work in schools, but I would need to know more information."



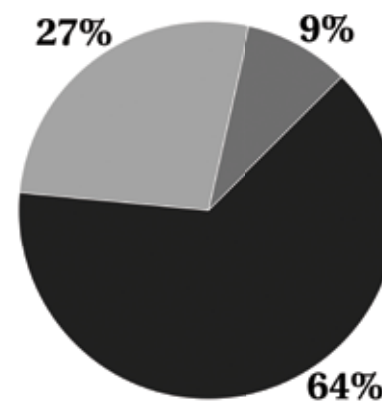
**Daniela Carr**

"I would, yes."



**Rob Keating**

"No. I think we need to get a handle on what we're spending first before we raise it."

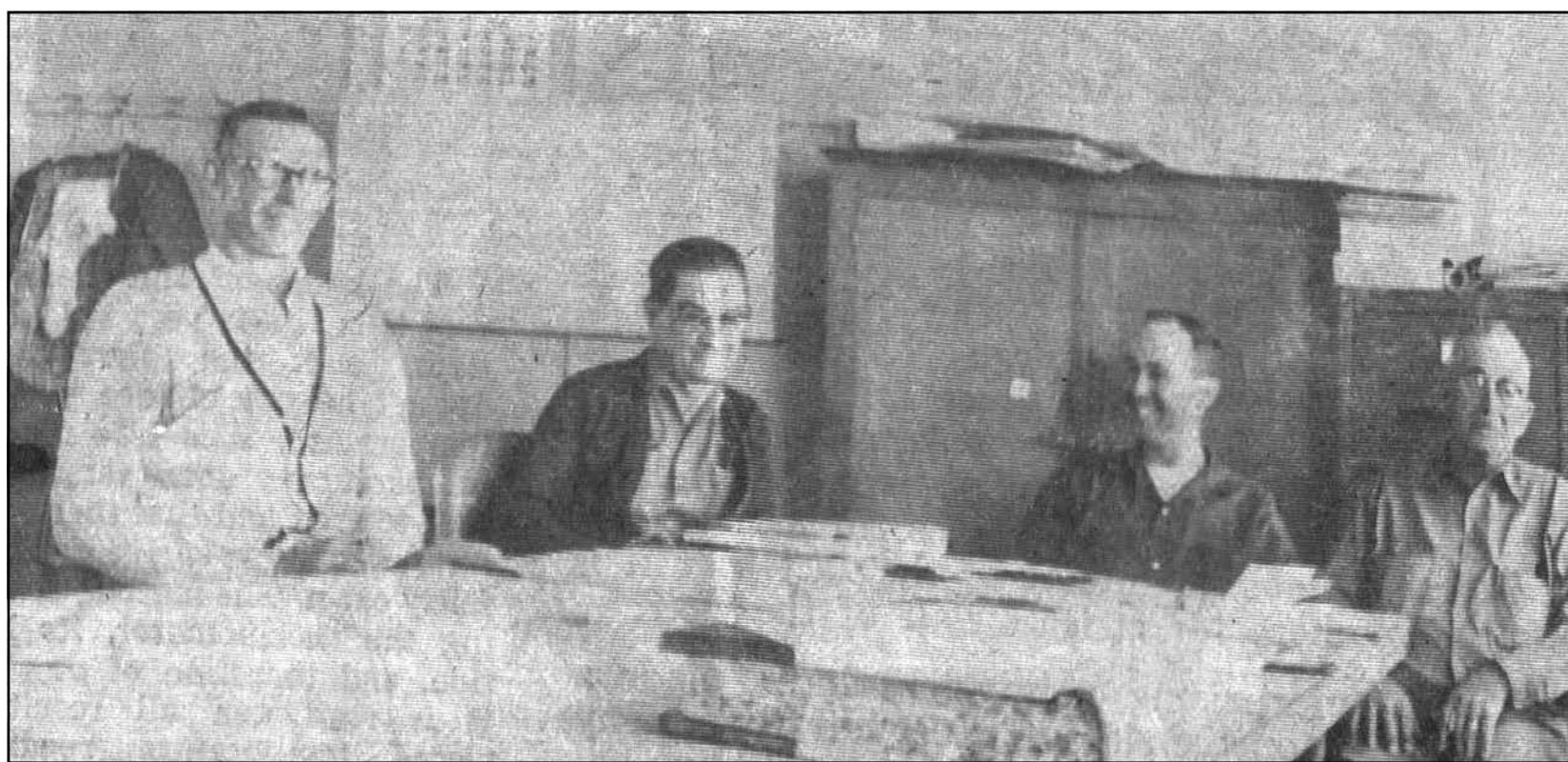


**Poll results (363 Votes)**

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What is a mill levy? — 9 percent

This week online: What is the worst part about driving in winter?  
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## LOOKING BACK



From the Jan. 12, 1967, Pagosa Springs SUN. COUNTY — County Commissioners met Tuesday of this week at a final meeting of the board and to swear in newly elected members. They are left to right, Harold Schutz, newly elected, George Alley, newly elected, Lewis Luchini, holdover, and Harmon Clark whose term expired. The new board named Luchini as chairman and Schutz as vice-chairman.

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of January 15, 1926

**Brice Howard and family** on Saturday moved into their new quarters, recently built in the rear of their new store, the former Sparks Merc. Co. On Tuesday the store was opened to the public for business with a new stock of groceries and dry goods just received.

**Dr. Theo. M. Hotopp**, former practicing physician of Pagosa Springs and later of Glenwood Springs, moved December last to Breckenridge, Colo., where he is surgeon for the Royal Tiger Mines Co.

**The Archuleta county board of commissioners**, consisting of Chairman Thos. S. Reavis and Fred Catchpole of Pagosa Springs and John E. Walker of Arboles will attend the annual meeting of county commissioners for the state, which will be held in Denver during the Stock Show week.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of January 17, 1941

**Announcement is made this week** that Max R. Mickey has severed his business connections with The Hersch Mercantile company and The Citizens Bank and that he and his family will move to Durango on or about February 1st, where he will assume the management of the Price Wayt Clothing Store at that place. Max Mickey came to Pagosa Springs in April, 1913, and since that time has been associated with the Hersch Mercantile company, where he began as a salesman and steadily advanced to the position of business manager and buyer. After 28 years of faithful service in this community, Mr. Mickey had almost become a permanent fixture here, not only to the valuable organization which he had helped to build, but to the hundreds of patrons of that organization.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of January 13, 1966

**A \$6,340,987 low bid** won the contract to drill the Oso Tunnel for Broyles Bros. Co., of Salt Lake City, Utah. Bids were opened on Tuesday for the 5 mile long tunnel near Chromo. The Oso Tunnel will carry the water from the outlet of the Blanco tunnel to the inlet of the Azotea Tunnel. There are two siphons included in the contract, these to go under the Little Navajo and the Navajo Rivers. Construction is not expected to start until better weather conditions prevail and the snow has melted. Clifford Schribner, Bureau of Reclamation engineer, will be resident engineer in charge of the project. Cecil Tackett is the field engineer for all of the San Juan-Chama diversion project. This includes the Azotea, the Blanco and the Oso tunnels as well as a dam at El Vado and the construction of other facilities.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of January 10, 1991

**Federal officials in Denver** released the Durango Collection Tuesday morning to Mark W. Winter of Pagosa Springs and Mary Lynn Ballantine of Durango. By 10:30 p.m. Tuesday, the prized collection was again arranged neatly in the vault of the former Citizens Bank building where Winter stores the valuable pieces when they are not on exhibit. U.S. Marshals confiscated the historically significant items from the vault in Pagosa Springs on Apr. 4, 1990 after Drug Enforcement Agency officers arrested Winter in Phoenix, Ariz. Other valuable Indian artifacts were removed at that time from Winter's home and his business at American Renaissance Gallery. Charges were dropped in August.

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# Letters

## Major obstacle

Dear Editor:  
As a tourist who has visited Pagosa Springs for each of the last five years, I have fallen in love with the beautiful scenery, the delicious restaurant cuisine, the coffee shops, the low-humidity cool summer weather, the hot springs, the balloon rides and the friendly people of "Pagosa," uptown and downtown.

As a subscriber to The Pagosa Springs SUN, I enjoy keeping up with current events of my favorite adopted town.

More than once I have considered moving from the mosquito-infested, high-humidity, sultry hot summers associated with the flatland rice fields of eastern Arkansas.

But a major obstacle blocks any realistic hope of my actually packing up and "headin for the hills." What is that obstacle? It is discussed in detail in the Dec. 31 issue of The Pagosa Springs SUN. On page A7, staff writer Casey Crow's excellent article, "Housing troubles linger in county," identifies the problem: the cost of housing is way too high for some of us poor folks.

Archuleta School District Superintendent Linda Reed nailed it right when she said the "living conditions, housing and access to affordable

housing" were items on "the growing list of concerns."

No better proof of the problem can be found on the same page where right beside the aforementioned newspaper article appears a Pagosa real estate ad. Check out the ad prices, but hang on to your pacemaker.

How on earth can some of us poor folks pay for real estate that costs up to \$779,900? Answer: we can't.

Billy Booth  
Hazen, Ark.

## Caucus

Dear Editor:  
The Colorado Republican Precinct Caucus will take place at 7 p.m. on March 1 at eight separate locations corresponding to the eight precincts in Archuleta County. The Caucus starts at 7 p.m.—you should plan to show up, check in, get your ballots, and see what all is going on by about 6:30.

In order to participate in your Republican Precinct Caucus you must be a resident in your precinct no later than Monday, Feb. 1. Don't wait until the last minute. If you are uncertain as to which precinct you are in, call the Archuleta County Clerk, 264-8331, to verify your precinct or change your registration if you have moved. Again, the deadline to change your registered residence address—

which could change your precinct as a result of a recent move—is Feb. 1.

If you want to check your precinct yourself it is easy to do so. Just go to the county website ([www.archuleta-county.org](http://www.archuleta-county.org)), click on "County Departments" and then "Clerk/Recorder's office," click on "Elections" and then on "Election Precincts" to see the maps—you can enlarge them to get a better look—then find your street and you should be able to identify your precinct.

The Archuleta County Republican 2016 Precinct Caucus locations and Precinct Committee Person POCs are as follows:

Precinct 1 — Old County Commissioners' Meeting Room, County Courthouse, POCs Glenn Walsh, (C) 317-5400, and David Parker, (H) 264-1434;

Precinct 2 — United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St., POCs Mike Church (C) 759-9214, and Julie Church, (H) 264-4465, (C) 769-3063;

Precinct 3 — CSU Extension Building, 344 U.S. 84, POCs Marlys Nelson (H) 264-1155, (C) (580) 370-0208, and Carl Mellberg, (H) 264-0269;

Precinct 4 — St. Peter Catholic Church, Hwy. 151/CR 975, Arboles, POC Molly Risinger, (C) 946-0240;

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Precinct 7 — Restoration Fellowship Church, Ed Bldg., 264 Village Dr., POC Roxanne Lattin, (C) (970) 507-0257;

Precinct 8 — Pagosa Lodge, The View, 3505 E. U.S. Hwy. 160, Pagosa Springs, POCs Dick Warring, (H) 731-3971, (C) 946-6236, and Martha Peacock, (H) 731-0884.

If you are looking for additional information about local Republican organizations and events you can go to [www.archuleta-republicans.org/news/](http://www.archuleta-republicans.org/news/) and click on whatever links are of interest.

Jim Huffman

## Dumb, dumber ...

Dear Editor:  
Dumb, dumber, dumbest ... my favorite flashlight quit, needed batteries, a "C" size. I went to my favorite hardware store to find some. I looked all over the shelves and the only ones I could find were labeled "2C" or "4C." Couldn't find any that were labeled "C." Finally asked and was advised that "2C" meant 2/carton; "4C" meant 4/carton—he said they will work. Humm, never taught me that in school.

Patty Tillerson

## Public input session: South 8th Street improvements

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

On Jan. 19, the Town of Pagosa Springs Planning Department will conduct a public input work session regarding South 8th Street reconstruction improvements slated for construction during the summer of 2016.

"The potential project area extends between Hwy 160 and Apache Street along South Eighth Street, effecting many residential properties and community organizations located along South Eighth Street," said an email from Town Planner James Dickhoff addressed to SUN staff.

"Residents and property owners along South Eighth Street are strongly encouraged to attend the work session and to provide their comments on potential road and pedestrian improvements that are being considered for construction this summer," the email continued.

It's worth noting that any member of the community is welcome to share input, not just the residents and property owners of 8th Street.

According to the email, the work session will be held in the south conference room of the Ross Aragon Community Center, starting at 5:15 p.m., and both Davis Engineering and the staff from the Planning Department will present potential

improvements that the town will consider to include in its project.

"Town Council will be making determinations on the scope of the reconstruction project at one of their February meetings, to ensure the project can be designed/engineered, advertised for construction bids and constructed within the 2016 construction season," said Dickhoff.

The email goes on to conclude, "Your input is very important regarding this project, and the time is now to provide your insight into your local neighborhood considerations and comments, so please mark your calendars now and plan on attending."

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## Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

### Tuesday, Jan. 19

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office Coffee with a Cop. 11 a.m., TARA Community Center, 333 Milton Lane, Arboles. Opportunity to ask questions of deputies and learn more about the Sheriff's Office.

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 Department South 8th Street public input work session. 5:15 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, south conference room. Davis Engineering and the Town

Planning staff will present potential improvements that the Town Council will be considering.

### Wednesday, Jan. 20

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

### Thursday, Jan. 21

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

### Tuesday, Jan. 26

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners and Pagosa Springs Town Council joint work session. 8 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, com-

missioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Dr. Mary Fisher Medical Foundation regular board meeting. 5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Medical Center, Great Room, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd.

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

Upper San Juan Health Service District regular board meeting. 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Medical Center, Great Room, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd.

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

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# Maez announces commissioner candidacy

By Casey Crow  
Staff Writer

Last week, Ronnie Maez was the first to announce his candidacy for November's election for Archuleta County Commissioner, District 1.

Maez, a Republican, has been a citizen of Archuleta County his entire life. He graduated from Pagosa Springs High School in 1982, and has owned his own business in Pagosa Springs for 27 years. He has been married to his wife Dawn for 30 years and has raised two children in Archuleta County.

Maez brings experience on multiple local boards with him into the commissioner race.

In the late 1980s and early 1990s, Maez volunteered with the Archuleta County Fair Board. He also served as a volunteer firefighter for a total of 10 years.

"I rose through the ranks to be promoted to captain, while simultaneously receiving several awards. I received the Rookie of the Year

award in 1996, the Firefighter of the Year award in 1998 and the Officer of the Year award in 2001," Maez wrote in a statement to The SUN.

The candidate also served as the chairman of the Board of Directors for the Pagosa Fire Protection District. He served on the district's Unified Combined Dispatch Board and on the district's Board of Fire-fighter Pension Funds.

In addition, Maez served on the Archuleta School District Accountability Committee for one year.

This year marks his fourth year as a board member of Pagosa Springs' Planning Commission. He has served as both chairman and vice chairman of the commission.

He stated, "Having done all this shows a strong concern and commitment to my responsibility and leadership in this county of ours."

The motivation for his candidacy stems from a desire to bring positive improvements to the community.

"I have chosen to run for this

position because I feel that I can help in bringing about positive improvements to our community by making sound choices and establishing a strong voice for the people of Archuleta County," he stated.

If elected, Maez plans to prioritize open-mindedness toward members of the community, as well as attention to legal processes.

"My goals as your next county commissioner will be to establish a stronger level of clarity for our community. I will be open minded and understanding to the ideas and views of the people of Archuleta County. I intend to maintain attention to the legal process while making decisions for the community at large. It is also my goal to continue educating myself in countywide government while maintaining strong fiscal responsibility," he explained.

Maez anticipates that the current situation with the local courthouse will be the biggest challenge facing the community and the



Ronnie Maez

commissioners at large. He also noted that restoring unity within the community is a challenge facing the county.

In closing he stated, "I have hopes of making a better community for the people of Archuleta County."

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## LEAP helps Coloradans stay safe this winter with home heating tips

By Michele Worthington  
Special to The SUN

Home heating is a saving grace this time of year. But, for as much comfort as it provides us, it also exposes us to certain safety hazards.

According to the American Red Cross, home heating is one of the leading causes of house fires in the U.S. We at LEAP want to make sure you keep warm safely during these next few months. LEAP is the Colorado Department of Human Services' Low-income Energy Assistance Program, which provides cash assistance to help Coloradans pay a portion of winter home-heating costs.

"Home-heating safety is simple but crucial," LEAP manager Aggie Berens says. "We encourage everyone to follow a few basic steps to make sure their home heating doesn't put them at risk."

The following home heating safety tips come from the American Red Cross, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the National Fire Protection Association.

- Keep anything flammable at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove or portable space heater.
- Never leave portable heaters or fireplaces unattended. Turn off space heaters and make sure any fireplace embers are extinguished before going to bed or leaving your home.
- Place space heaters on a level, hard and nonflammable surface (like a ceramic tile floor).

Keep them off of carpets or rugs and away from bedding or drapes. Also keep children and pets away from space heaters.

- Never use a cooking range or oven to heat your home.
- Use a glass or metal fire screen to keep fire in your fireplace and catch sparks and rolling logs.
- Have wood and coal stoves, fireplaces, chimneys and furnaces professionally inspected and cleaned once a year. Ensure that these devices are properly vented.
- Use only the type of fuel your heater is designed to use. Don't substitute.
- Protect yourself from carbon monoxide poisoning and smoke inhalation by installing battery-operated detectors. Test these alarms regularly.
- Defer to skilled professionals to install permanent heating equipment, water heaters and central heating units to ensure code and manufacturer's instructions are properly followed.

### Home heating help

Heating your home during wintertime is expensive. If you're struggling to pay your heating bills, LEAP can help.

LEAP provides cash assistance to help hard-working families and individuals pay winter home heating costs or help with broken furnaces or wood stoves. This year, the average benefit for people who qualify is expected to be \$380 per household.

The program has several eligibility require-

ments. Applicants must be Colorado residents and U.S. citizens or legal aliens. They also need to provide a copy of a valid identification and a completed affidavit to comply with Colorado Revised Statutes regarding documentation of lawful presence.

Applicants also must be responsible for paying heating costs, either directly to a utility company or to a landlord as part of rent. Applicants' income cannot exceed 165 percent of the federal poverty level.

People interested in applying can call (866) HEAT-HELP ((866) 432-8435) to order a mailed application. Alternatively, applications are available at every county department of social or human services, most utility companies and many community agencies. Applications also can be downloaded from [www.colorado.gov/cdhs/leap](http://www.colorado.gov/cdhs/leap).

LEAP accepts applications until April 30.

People eligible for LEAP may also qualify for other benefits, like the Crisis Intervention Program, which helps repair or replace the home's primary heating system; or the Weatherization Assistance Program, which improves energy efficiency in homes. Colorado also offers a rebate of property tax, rent and heat expenses to low-income seniors and people with disabilities. Please visit the Colorado Department of Revenue's website at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/tax/property-tax-rent-heat-credit-ptc-rebate-file> for more information and the rebate application booklet.

## Card of Thanks

### Toys for Tots

On behalf of Toys for Tots Foundation, we would like to extend a warm thank you to the generous people and businesses of Archuleta County and Town of Pagosa Springs for their toy donations. This drive was very successful, making Christmas joyful for nearly 200 children.

We would like to thank the following businesses for graciously allowing Toys for Tots collection boxes to be placed at their locations: Pagosa Springs Middle School,

Goodman's Department Store, The Springs Resort and Spa, Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library, Coates Collision, Walmart and Exodus Shipping, with the promotional support of KWUF Radio and The Pagosa Springs SUN newspaper. Almost 1,000 donations were received, which included a special drive at the library. Also, we would like to thank the Farmington, N.M., Toys for Tots Chapter for donating 300 toys to us.

Thank you, Denny Barber and John Fargeson, for providing the storefront from which Justice

Ministries of Pagosa collected, organized and distributed the Toys for Tots.

With much appreciation, we applaud the many volunteers whose time, travel and effort made Archuleta's Toys for Tots a great success.

Archuleta County Chapter Toys for Tots Foundation

### Shock

Thanks to everyone for a wonderful birthday party. I'm overwhelmed by everyone's generosity and thoughtfulness. The 90th birth-

day party that my family honored me with was out of this world. It was so nice to see family and friends and I will always be grateful to everyone. Andy Janowsky and Tyler Gummer-sall each sang a song, Bob Simons played the piano and Steve Wylie read a poem he wrote. Thanks to everyone—it comes from the heart and you made my day very special. Remember: age is just a mind over matter—and if you don't mind, it doesn't matter.

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# Make a difference: Search and Rescue calls for volunteers

By Casey Crow  
Staff Writer

The Upper San Juan Search and Rescue (USJSAR) is currently looking for additional volunteers. USJSAR is a volunteer organization that operates throughout all four seasons training and organizing volunteers in search, rescue and other emergency services.

The guidelines and protocols of the USJSAR state, "There is no 'glory' in mountain rescue. Although there may be great personal satisfaction, participation in a search, rescue or recovery involves long periods of waiting followed by long periods of very hard and disagreeable work ... A successful mission depends as integrally upon the member monitoring the radio as it does upon the rescuer attending the patient. Whenever possible we stress the work of the group at the expense of the contribution of any single individual."

Volunteering with USJSAR is no easy task. As any member will tell you, there are many challenges, but it is also a highly rewarding way to contribute to the community.

Mike Le Roux, Deputy of Emergency Management, first applied to join the team after witnessing the USJSAR in action.

"Personally, I applied to join the search and rescue team through an incident that occurred in which my wife was involved in a horse accident. The SAR team mobilized immediately and I was able to watch firsthand at what an amazing group of dedicated individuals was able to accomplish in that situation. I knew at that point that I wanted to be part of the USJSAR team. Nothing compares to the opportunity to use one's skills to potentially save or restore a life," he told The SUN.

Other volunteers joined to find like-minded friends while also giving back to the community.

"One of the first things I did

after moving to Pagosa Springs four years ago was joining SAR. Like other members I wanted to be a part of and give back to the community. But I also had some ulterior motives: meet other adventurous outdoor people and get training to improve my skills and safety," Jim Bodoh explained.

According to the protocol, each mission has its own unique conditions and must be evaluated by all members at the scene. Effective risk management comes from experience, proper training and good personal judgment.

Some of the past missions listed on the USJSAR website include evacuating a 12-year-old female hiker with an injured ankle, rescuing an injured female backpacker on the Continental Divide Trail, searching for a missing airplane, responding to ATV accidents and searching for missing hunters.

For Terry Baker, one mission stands out in particular. In the early 2000s a young man on a hunting trip slipped off the side of a cliff. He fell 80 feet to a small ledge, where he was stuck for three days and two nights.

"A group of us went up by helicopter for a technical rope rescue. We set up a main line above the subject's location, then I roped up and was lowered to the subject. He was dehydrated, weak, very cold and in shock, and during a very emotional moment, he showed me a picture of his family. I told him we were definitely going to get him home," Baker shared.

"There is always someone that needs help. Being part of a team that has helped someone out of a difficult situation, getting them back safely to their family and friends is extrinsically motivating and rewarding. We have such diversity amongst our volunteers — everyone brings their own unique value to the team, and we are always looking for great people," Le Roux said.

Rewarding as the work is, being a part of USJSAR comes with difficulties as well.



Photo courtesy Mike Le Roux

Members of the Upper San Juan Search and Rescue (USJSAR) team engage in a training session off the side of a cliff. The USJSAR is a volunteer organization that serves the community by training and organizing volunteers in search, rescue and other emergency services. Volunteers gain experience in wilderness first aid, navigation, rappelling, ropes rescue, communications and technology and survival. The USJSAR is currently looking for new members.

"I think the most challenging part of SAR is that our missions often don't come at convenient times. Lost people often wait till dark to call or we're going out because the weather is life-threatening to someone. The rewards come from the gratitude shown by someone we've rescued or knowing that you've actually saved someone's life," Bodoh told The SUN.

Members of the USJSAR will learn a wide variety of skills, including wilderness first aid, navigation, rappelling, ropes rescue, communications and technology,

and survival.

There are openings for individuals with experience in hiking, climbing, horses, four-wheelers, snowmobiles, communications and administration.

"I do SAR because I want to feel useful and help people. SAR is a good match to my skills with communications, computers, hiking and camping. I haven't been counting, but I think I have been involved in over 150 incidents in the last 5 years," Duncan Lawrie said.

Those interested in becoming a volunteer should attend a train-

ing meeting where they can fill out an application.

Trainings are typically held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The application, once turned in either at the meeting or a later date, will be submitted to the Sheriff's Department for a background check.

Upon approval, applicants must attend three training meetings in six months, as well as two missions within a year.

Applicants can then be voted into the organization by the board. To maintain active sta-

tus, new members will then be required to attend two missions within the year.

Members of USJSAR are expected to maintain good physical condition and high moral standards.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the USJSAR, you can find the meeting schedule and additional information online at <http://uppersanjuan-searchandrescue.org/index.htm>.

For further information, contact the USJSAR at [usjsar@gmail.com](mailto:usjsar@gmail.com).

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## EXTENSION VIEWPOINTS

### Making ends meet on an irregular income

By Roberta Tolan  
SUN Columnist

Many of the families that live in Archuleta County earn their income from the tourism industry, self-employment, ranching, commissions or retail.

These can be excellent sources of income, but, because of the nature of these industries, income is usually variable from month to month. Budgeting for irregular income, yet still meeting expenses each month and adding to savings and retirement can be a challenge.

The following tips, taken from an article written by Laurel Kubin and Glenda Wentworth, Extension educators with Colorado State University, might help you live well and make ends meet on an unpredictable income.

Calculate your income. Estimate your income based upon the minimum monthly amount you can count on. Planning to use your minimum monthly income rather than average monthly income can give you a buffer of safety. When there is more than minimal income, this allows you to afford additional items that may be wanted, not just needed. Use last year's tax records to help estimate the amount of income to expect. It is better to underestimate income than to overestimate. Finding ways to use extra income is much easier than cutting back.

Create a spending and savings plan based on paying essential living expenses. Spending plans work best when the whole family is involved in making decisions about expenditures. Communicate with each other about individual and family financial goals and how those goals might be achieved with the income that is available. The spending plan should include categories for savings, monthly and periodic expenditures. Think of your expenses in three categories: fixed, variable and periodic.

Fixed expenses include such things as housing and car payments. These are obligations for which you have signed contractual agreements and must be the highest priority monthly payments. You may have other contractual obligations such as cell phone or

finance company contracts. Money for a savings fund should be a fixed expense in order to build reserves for emergencies and to achieve long-term goals such as education and retirement.

Variable expenses include utilities, food, insurance and child care. Other variable expenses are transportation and health care costs. Categories that are even more variable include things such as clothing, entertainment and gifts that are nice to have, but the amount spent can be adjusted more easily. If there is insufficient income, these items can be trimmed from your spending plan.

Periodic expenses are items that occur less frequently and may occur during certain times of the year. Holiday, back-to-school and other less regular expenses such as some insurance premiums must be a part of each month's plan even though the actual expenditure may be several months away. Car registration and maintenance are items often overlooked in this category, yet still need to be planned for. Use a calendar to map out your periodic expenditures. Set aside a portion of your income each month to prepare for these expenses. For example, take the annual cost of your car registration; divide that amount by 12. Set aside one twelfth of the cost each month so that you have the funds available when you must pay the registration fee each year.

Establishing a savings fund, especially an emergency fund, is extra-important for a person living on an irregular income. To achieve this, put money into the fund at the same time you pay your other fixed expenses. This is called 'paying yourself first' and should be a priority especially in the months when more than the minimum income is received. You will need to cover a minimum of four weeks expenses from this fund. More ideally, work toward building a fund that can support three to six months of living expenses. When you find yourself relying on this savings fund for regular expenses, plan to stretch these dollars as far as possible. This may mean eating out less often, canceling subscriptions, choosing low- or no-cost forms of entertainment or downgrading cell

phone and cable plans. Use of your emergency fund dollars should be for true emergencies. These funds should be accessible, but not too easily obtained.

Manage your spending and saving plan by tracking each expenditure and recording your expenses against your plan on a daily basis. This helps you identify spending habits that can be revised if necessary. Keeping a record of your expenditures makes it easier to live within your means.

Evaluate the annual cost of items purchased frequently such as sodas, coffee, cigarettes, movies, alcohol and eating out. By knowing how much you spend each year on these items, you can determine where spending leaks are occurring. Evaluate the importance of spending on these items. Look for less expensive alternatives.

Prioritize your spending according to importance. Which expenses are the highest priorities? Usually housing, utilities, transportation, medical care and food are critical needs. Keeping your housing is an example of an important expense. Any expense for which you have obtained credit and committed collateral, such as your car or home, is a high-priority expense. Taking advantage of an unplanned (impulse) sale at a store would fall low on the list of importance. Make a list and focus on the necessities; pay for the important items before spending on the items lower on the list.

Use credit cautiously. Avoid the temptation of using credit to make ends meet. Don't make financial commitments you cannot keep. Charge only what you can afford to pay in full at the end of each month. Avoid unnecessary fees and overdraft charges. Paying late fees, transaction fees, cash advance fees and insufficient fund charges chip away at your income. Track your credit and debit card expenditures so that you know how much you have charged or deducted from your accounts. Any spending needs to fit within your spending and savings plan, whether paying by credit or debit card, cash or check.

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### The Blotter

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

#### Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Dec. 28 — County warrant, Lake Street.

Dec. 29 — Information only, U.S. 160.

Dec. 30 — Third-degree assault, Rainbow Drive.

Dec. 30 — Animals running at large, Canyon Circle.

Dec. 31 — First-degree criminal trespass/other intent, all other thefts, Sam Houston Avenue.

Dec. 31 — Agency assist, North 8th Street.

Dec. 31 — Warrant arrest, South Pagosa Boulevard.

Jan. 1 — Harassment, domestic violence, Echo Lane.

Jan. 1 — Criminal mischief, Canyon Circle.

Jan. 1 — Drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, reckless driving, reckless endangerment, child abuse knowingly or recklessly, Canyon Circle.

Jan. 1 — Information only, Bonanza Avenue.

Jan. 2 — Domestic violence, harassment, Pines Drive.

Jan. 3 — Information only, Aspen Village Drive.

Jan. 3 — Warrant arrest, Aspen Village Drive.

Jan. 4 — Information only, County Road 600.

Jan. 5 — Domestic violence, harassment, TwinCreek Circle.

Jan. 5 — First degree criminal trespass-theft from vehicle, all other thefts, Highland Avenue.

Jan. 5 — Drove vehicle when license canceled, North Pagosa Boulevard.

Jan. 5 — Second degree burglary, Far View.

Jan. 5 — Country warrant, Eagle Drive.

Jan. 6 — Information only, South Pagosa Boulevard.

Jan. 6 — Harassment by phone or computer, Bear Mountain Place.

Jan. 6 — Agency assist, Goldmine Drive.

Jan. 7 — Found property, Country Road 411.

Jan. 8 — Unauthorized use of financial transaction device-misdemeanor, U.S. 160.

Jan. 9 — All other thefts, North Pagosa Boulevard.

Jan. 9 — Information only, Bonanza Avenue.

Jan. 11 — Information only, Lake Street.

#### Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

Dec. 29 — Third-degree assault, Country Center Drive.

Dec. 30 — DUI, North 8th Street.

Dec. 30 — Forgery, Pagosa Street.

Dec. 31 — Arrest warrant/local, North 8th Street.

Dec. 31 — Domestic violence, U.S. 84.

Jan. 1 — Agency assist, South Pagosa Boulevard.

Jan. 1 — DUI/arrest warrant, Yamaguchi Drive.

Jan. 2 — Information only, North 5th Street.

Jan. 2 — Theft, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Jan. 2 — Found property, San Juan Street.

Jan. 2 — Violation of restraining order, South 8th Street.

Jan. 2 — Criminal trespass, Lewis Street.

Jan. 3 — Harassment, Aspen Village Drive.

Jan. 3 — Animal/running at large, Pagosa Street.

Jan. 3 — Theft, South 9th Street.

Jan. 4 — Third-degree burglary, Pagosa Street.

Jan. 4 — Fraud, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Jan. 4 — Animal/running at large, Eagle Drive.

Jan. 5 — Theft, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Jan. 7 — DUI, Park Avenue.

Jan. 8 — Information only, Juanita Street.

Jan. 8 — Assault, South 9th Street.

Jan. 8 — DUI, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Jan. 10 — Criminal trespass, Lewis Street.

Jan. 11 — Information only, U.S.

#### Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge William J. Anderson

Dec. 9 — Orlando Selph, speeding 1-4 over limit, fines, costs, and surcharge — \$82.

Dec. 9 — Carol Whiteskunk, following too closely, four points, fines, costs and surcharge — \$146.

Dec. 16 — Debra Edwards, failure to stop at stop sign, four points, fines, costs and surcharge — \$116.

Dec. 16 — Juvenile, possession of marijuana, 1 year probation, 200 hours community service (50 hours suspended), 1,500 word essay, fines and fees — \$370 (\$150 suspended).

#### Archuleta County Court: Judge Samuel H. Cassidy

Dec. 10 — Gregory Vigil, speeding 5-9 over limit, fines and costs — \$122.50.

Dec. 11 — William Darr, expired license plates, fines and costs — \$120.50.

Dec. 16 — Rowdy Sanchez, careless driving, fines and costs — \$238.50.

Dec. 16 — Ethan Medlin, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$270.50.

Dec. 16 — Jessica Carpenter, expired license plates, fines and costs — \$120.50.

Dec. 17 — Daniel Aitken, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$205.50.

Dec. 17 — Jeremiah Naranjo, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$258.50.

Dec. 17 — Robert Taylor, parks/rec board rules violation, fines and costs — \$86.

Dec. 29 — Jan Bourke, expired license plates, fines and costs — \$120.50.

Dec. 30 — Stetson Ruthardt, driving while ability impaired, 15 days jail suspended imposition, 12 months probation alcohol supervision, 24 hours community service probation, 12 months unsupervised probation, fines and costs — \$851.

Dec. 31 — Chandra Ortega, license plates expired temp permit, fines and costs — \$111.50.

Dec. 31 — Brackin Whiteskunk, expired license plates, fines and costs — \$185.50.

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

No report.

CHAMBER NEWS

# Hot air balloons return for WinterFest

By Clint Alley  
SUN Columnist

The Chamber's annual meeting will be held at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts on Jan. 23. There will be catered food and live music by the Retro Cats.

This is going to be a great chance for our members to celebrate the past and current year.

Contact the Chamber to purchase tickets.

The next Business After Hours will be hosted by Wyndham Pagosa. Please join us for networking, food and drinks on Feb. 24 from 5 to 7 p.m. We invite all our members and their guests to join us.

The Chamber's next Business Bites will be "A Road Map to your

Financial Report." Please join us for this free event on Jan. 26 at the Ross Aragon Community Center from 10 to 11:30 a.m. This course will give participants an overview of learning to understand the numbers on a basic balance sheet and income statement, understand what the bottom line means, what to look for when inconsistencies occur in financial statements, overview of cash flow and its importance and overview of financial ratios. Once again, this event is free, so please call the Chamber to get on the list of participants.

WinterFest 2016 is also just around the corner. There will be hot air balloons on Feb. 6 and 7 and also the very popular Penguin Plunge. Also, during this exciting

weekend, the town is bringing back the Anything Goes Sled Race, plus other activities like a Broomball Tournament, and more.

For more information on many other exciting events that will be taking place during that weekend, please contact the Chamber at 264-2360.

### Member news

The voting for new board members and community nominations has ended. We look forward to announcing our new board members and community award winners at the annual meeting on Jan. 23.

Our next Maximizing your Membership class is Monday, Jan. 25, from noon to 1:15 p.m. Maximizing your Membership is a service

offered to Chamber members or businesses interested in becoming a Chamber member. The Maximizing your Membership class is free and a light lunch is provided.

Please call the Pagosa Chamber to reserve your spot; space is limited. To RSVP, contact us at 264-2360 or email Angela Wirth at admin@pagosachamber.com.

We would like to thank our new member: Michael Smith Agency/Farm Bureau Insurance and renewing members Harms Photo/Graphic Associates and Wolf Creek Backcountry LLC.

We welcome you to visit our offices Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. You may also call us at 264-2360 or visit pagosachamber.com.

# Free Medicare 101 class offered at library

By Christina Knoell  
Special to The SUN

Medicare is complicated. It is important that you know your rights, options, deadlines, possible penalties and where to find the information you need.

Did you know that assistance is available in Pagosa Springs through

the nationwide State Health Insurance Program (SHIP)?

Trained and certified Medicare counselors are available by appointment to guide you when dealing with Medicare enrollment, questions and problems. Medicare help has been available in Archuleta County at the Senior Center for more than 12 years. The

San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging (AAA) is the sponsoring agency for free Medicare counseling services at the Senior Center located in the Community Center. Please call the Area Agency Aging at 264-0501, ext. 2, to make an appointment.

Medicare eligibility begins at age 65. Three months before your birth month, you can enroll in Medicare and start making decisions about your options. Some of the things you need to consider are:

- Are you eligible for Medicare Part A and Part B? Do you need both?
- Do you have a retirement plan that will work with Medicare?
- Do you want a Medicare supplement (also called Medigap)?
- Would you prefer coverage through a Medicare Advantage plan or cost plan? Do you want a Part D drug plan? If so, which plan would work best for you? This varies depending on drugs you take.

Generally, you can enroll in Medicare online at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) or by calling the Social Security Administration. If you are already receiving a Social Security check, you will be automatically enrolled

in Part A and Part B, but will need to enroll in Part D yourself. You can also find valuable information at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov).

If you are already on Medicare and have a Part D drug plan, you need to review that plan each year during the Open Enrollment Period Oct. 15 through Dec. 7, as plan premiums and coverage of drugs change each year. Medicare counselors are available to help you during that time or you can go to [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) to review your plan. If you are receiving Social Security disability, you will probably be eligible for Medicare starting 23 months after your disability begins and will have a limited time period to enroll in a Part D drug plan.

It is important to know enrollment deadlines to avoid penalties.

Katy Deshler, Area Agency on Aging's Medicare counselor, will offer a free Medicare 101 class on Thursday, Jan. 14, at the Ruby Sisson Library, to help you get started. The class will start at 10:30 a.m. and will run until around noon. Please call the Area Agency on Aging at 264-0501, ext. 2, to reserve your spot as spaces are limited.

# Attorneys answer questions at Legal Resources Fair

By Lindsay Patterson  
Special to The SUN

Have legal questions? The 6th Judicial District Access to Justice Committee in conjunction with the Southwest Colorado BAR Association and the Southwest Bar Volunteer Legal Aid/Colorado Legal Services announce a Legal Resources Fair that is free and open to the public on Jan. 21, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the La Plata County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall.

There will be attorneys available

to answer questions about many areas of the law including landlord/tenant, employment law, family law, estate planning, immigration, power of attorney, wills/probate, living wills/advanced directives/DNR, contracts, debt/bankruptcy, criminal/juvenile, veteran's issues and many more. There will also be community resources available such as Colorado Legal Services, Court Services, Department of Human Services, mediators, Housing Solutions and many more. Refreshments will also be available.

# Viewpoints

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ing cash instead. When the cash is gone, spending on that type of item is discontinued until income is available again. For example, spending on take-out coffee or entertainment would be curtailed once your monthly allocation for those items is used.

Live a frugal lifestyle; trim spending. Look for alternatives for cheap or free entertainment and recreation. Avoid using leisure time to go to places that tempt spending such as malls, bookstores and coffee shops. If you visit these types of places, leave your credit and debit cards at home so there is less temptation to spend. Before making a purchase consider:

- Do I need this?

- Is it even good for me?
- What would happen if I could not have it?
- Is there an alternative I can accept?
- Is there a better way to use this money?

Resist overspending in the good months when more income is available. Schedule the major periodic expenses that occur less often such as nonemergency dental or medical care and holiday or birthday gifts during months of surplus income. When there is extra income, place a portion of it into savings to be available when there is less than the minimum income. Make a priority of putting excess income into building your education and retirement savings.

Do regular checkups. Re-evaluate your situation at least monthly; adjust your spending and savings plan as necessary. Look for supplemental work to bring in extra income. Continue to trim spending to meet income. Keep family and business funds in separate accounts. Most people find it easier to keep track of finances and maintain records for tax purposes when they manage these accounts separately.

### CPR and first aid

CPR and first aid certification classes are offered monthly by the CSU Extension office on the second Monday and Wednesday of each month from 6 to 10 p.m.

Anyone needing to receive or renew certification can register

by calling the Extension office at 264-5931.

We will also schedule classes on additional dates with five or more registrations.

Cost for the classes is \$80 for combined CPR/first aid and \$55 for individual CPR or first aid. The type of first aid information provided will vary by the needs of the audience. Group rates are available.

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**William L. Hubbard**  
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# Education



## 11th-graders to take the ACT in spring 2016

Special to The SUN

The Department of Education today confirmed it has received approval to administer the ACT exam to high school juniors this year. The agreement will not change the selection committee's unanimous decision to award College Board a five-year contract to administer the PSAT and SAT to Colorado's 10th- and 11th-grade students.

Under the agreement, this year's 10th-graders will take the PSAT in preparation for Colorado's full transition to the SAT in spring 2017.

"We're very thankful that the testing vendors were willing to work with us to create a transition year for our 11th-grade students," said Interim Education Commissioner Elliott Asp.

"Our high school juniors can take the assessment they've been preparing for and we will work with districts, educators and the College Board to create a smooth transition to the SAT in 2017."

A protest to awarding the contract to College Board was filed last week by the Colorado Association of School Executives. The department's representative at the Attorney General's Office said the protest has no standing and all public documents related to the request for proposal and selection process will be available to the public. Information that is proprietary to each of the vendors is not subject to public disclosure.

### Competitive bidding

The shift in the state's college en-

trance exam was a result of the state legislation passed last May (H.B. 15-1323) which, among other things, required the department to go through a competitive procurement process for both a college entrance exam and a new 10th-grade exam. In addition, the new 10th-grade exam had to be aligned to both the Colorado Academic Standards and to the college entrance exam.

The process of developing a request for proposals and selecting a vendor for a contract of this magnitude typically takes six to nine months. The department issued a request for proposals for these exams in November and received bids from two vendors, College Board and ACT. After a comprehensive review of the two proposals, the 15-member selection committee made up of educators and district administrators from urban, rural and suburban communities across Colorado, with a single CDE representative, chose the College Board's SAT as the college entrance exam and the PSAT as the 10th-grade exam.

### SAT selected

The selection committee found the PSAT and SAT to be better aligned to the Colorado Academic Standards, a requirement of the 2015 legislation. The committee also found the College Board provides the most test preparation support and resources to students. College Board provides test preparation to students in a free mobile app, through the Khan Academy and at Girls and Boys Clubs across the state. College Board also offers free career planning services through Roadtrip Nation which offers strategies to help students make informed career decisions.

"We support the decision to administer the PSAT 10 this spring and begin the administration of the statewide SAT administration next spring," said Cyndie Schmeiser, chief of assessment for College Board. "Given the timing of this decision,

we believe it is in the best interest of students and educators."

### ACT is also supportive

"ACT is committed to supporting a 2016 statewide administration in Colorado compliant with state and federal law," said Paul Weeks, senior vice president of client relations for ACT, in a letter to the department. "We value our relationship with the state and look forward to continuing to provide consistency to Colorado students, parents and educators with information that will help inform education and career planning."

Both ACT and SAT are accepted at colleges and universities in Colorado and throughout the country

As Colorado makes this transition to a new college entrance exam and 10th-grade exam, it's important for parents and students to know that the SAT is an approved, recognized assessment option in the Colorado Commission on Higher Education's Admissions Standards Policy and a well-established, recognized credential presented by students from around the world to colleges and universities throughout the country. Also, all public colleges and universities in Colorado will continue to use both the ACT and SAT for admission and scholarship-consideration purposes.

### Implementation of exams

The Department of Education has notified district assessment coordinators that, pending contract negotiations, the ACT will be administered to 11th-grade students on April 19. Districts will have the choice of administering the PSAT on April 19 or 20.

In addition, the department understands the importance of longitudinal data on the college entrance exam. Staff will be working with testing vendors and measurement experts to link ACT and SAT data so the state and districts can continue to analyze trends in the college entrance exam results.

## Students read over 38,000 minutes and raise over \$3,000 in Read-A-Thon

By Gwen Taylor  
Special to The SUN

The 2015 Read-A-Thon at Pagosa Springs Elementary School in November was a huge success. The students read over 38,000 minutes and over \$3,000 was earned from local businesses, family and friends who sponsored the readers.

The money will be used for supplies and materials for all of the "specials" classes at the school, which include physical education, fitness, art, music and library.

Partners In Education (PIE) and

the elementary school kids are so thankful to the many local and Durango-based businesses and individuals that helped make the Read-A-Thon successful by donating money and prizes.

Third-grader James Burk was the overall Grand Prize winner with most minutes read and he won a hot air balloon ride. First-place winners for each grade were Gianna Shaeffer (kindergarten), Gavin Lugenbeel (first grade), Anushka Dixit (second grade), Degan Feirn (third grade) and Lucy Taylor (fourth grade).

## Rankin questions switch to SAT testing

By Joyce Rankin  
Special to The SUN

On Dec. 23, Colorado high school juniors, along with the State Board of Education, learned that the test juniors regularly take in the spring, the ACT (American College Test) would be changed to the SAT.

Juniors scheduled to take the test in three months have been prepping for the ACT during the past year. The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) made the announcement just before Christmas break and many learned of the change when school began again in January.

The ACT test has been in place since 2001 and provided parents, educators and taxpayers an indicator of how students compare and indicated trends in education.

At a time when school districts are feeling the changes in assessments with PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career), READ (Reading to Ensure Academic Development) Act Literacy Assessment and CMAS (Colorado Measures of Academic Success) Science and Social Studies, the only longitudinal data consistency within our state has been the ACT test. The ACT is a high stakes, summative, test that is taken seriously by students and is used to determine college entrance and scholarships.

The reason for the test change is House Bill 15-1323, passed at the 11th hour in last year's legislative session. The specific portion of the bill that applies to the test is:

"22-7-1006.3. State assessments - administration - rules. (1) (A) beginning in the 2015-16 school year, the department of education, in collaboration with local education providers, shall administer the state assessments in the instructional areas of English language arts, mathematics, and science."

The Colorado Department of Education appointed a 15-member committee, as prescribed in the law, and concluded the state

standards alignment were best evidenced with the SAT test.

Many students, parents and superintendents have written letters criticizing the decision to change to the new test so late in the school year. Rural school superintendents from the Western Slope signed a letter supporting a longer transition period for, at least, this year's juniors. I agree, and would further recommend that the ACT remain in place for the next five years.

Here are some questions I, along with many superintendents from western Colorado, would like answered:

Why was the announcement made on Dec. 23?

Why wasn't the State Board of Education considered in this decision?

Who was on the 15-person committee and how were they selected?

Why weren't more people involved in such an important decision?

Further announcements from CDE are expected this week.

*Joyce Rankin serves on the State Board of Education for the third Congressional District.*

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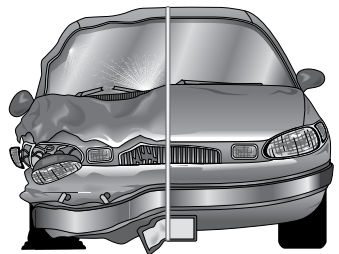
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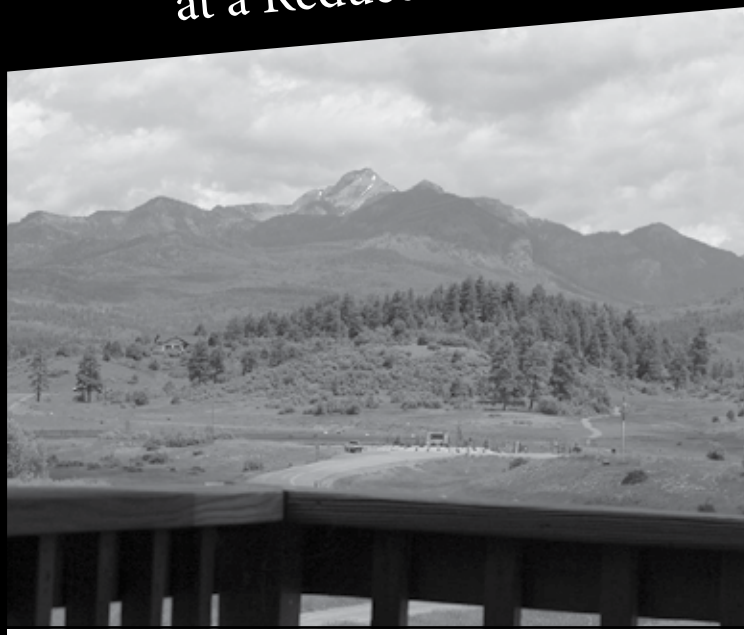
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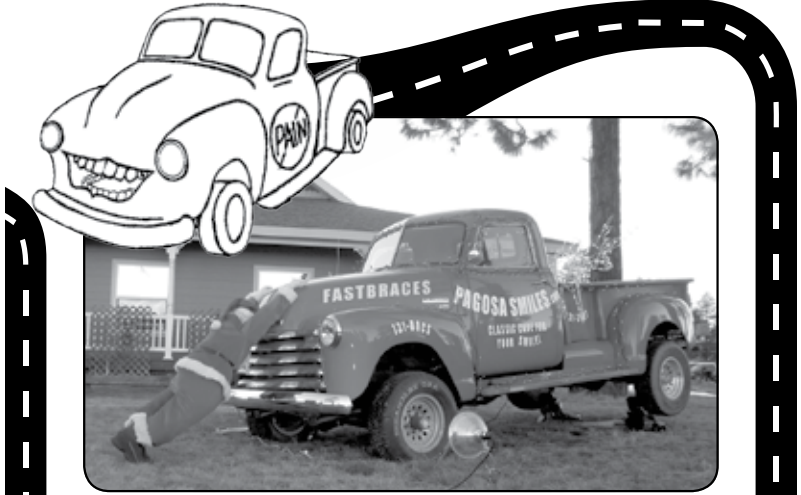


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# Center

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option of constructing the judicial center on the east side of Hot Springs Boulevard, directly across the street from the Community Center and Town Hall.

One of the first slides of the PowerPoint presentation was a contour map laid over the property that was being considered, which consists of 4.86 acres.

Johnson pointed out that from one side of the property to the other, there was 30 feet of elevation change.

From there, two different ideas were proposed about the Hot Springs Boulevard property, though the ideas shared a lot of the same characteristics.

The first was a two-story building on the property with a parking lot separating the building from the street.

Going through that parking lot and up to the building would be a lane used for deliveries and as a sally port.

In the first proposed building, the first floor of the northern end of the building would contain the sheriff's office, while the second floor would contain the courts and probation offices.

The southern part of the building would contain detentions, with space at the southernmost part of the property being left open, in case additional housing for inmates needed to be added.

In the diagrams on page 16 of this issue of The SUN, the optional additional detention housing is outlined in red for both building plans.

The second building plan was practically the same as the first, except that the parking lot was slightly bigger, and the delivery lane and sally port would go behind the building and be farther from the street, as opposed to bordering the parking lot.

It should be noted that there is currently a deed restriction on the parcel of property which restricts the construction of a detention center. That deed restriction would have to be lifted for the Hot Springs Boulevard property.

After outlining the two possible building plans for the judicial center, the PowerPoint has a slide that

outlines costs.

Sitework for the building is listed at \$2 million, with the cost of constructing the building divided between the construction of a two-story building for sheriff and courts, and the cost of constructing a detention center.

The two-story part of the building is listed at costing \$12,025,000, with the detention center costing \$7,920,000.

The bottom of the slide lists the cost of the project, including soft costs, at \$27,870,200.

The slide also lists that the cost of lifting the restriction deed as well as the cost of remodeling the existing jail building for county administration is still to be decided.

## Updating the current courthouse

The second option listed would make several changes to the layout of the current courthouse located on San Juan Street, while also purchasing the adjacent property to the west of the courthouse.

The property is .4 acres, while the adjacent property is .86 acres.

The current courthouse would remain a courthouse, but it would move most court and probation operations to where the former jail was located on the first floor of the building.

Then, the adjacent property to the west of the courthouse would be purchased, with a law enforcement office and detention center being constructed on that property.

The garage of the current jail would be remodeled to make an elevator up to the courts section, allowing for inmate transport between the jail and the courts without going through public spaces.

The law enforcement office would be put on the north-western part of the property, bordering the western side of the detention center, with a sally port on the westernmost side of the proposed new structure.

On the slide listing costs, the purchase of the adjacent property remains "to be decided."

The slide also states that more property will likely need to be purchased to provide extra parking, otherwise the new building may not meet the town's parking require-

ments.

The sitework for the adjacent property is listed at \$300,000, with the sitework for the property that would contain additional parking listed as "to be decided."

Remodeling the existing jail to hold courts and probation is listed on the slide as costing \$3.6 million, with the construction of a new detention center costing \$7,196,000, and the cost of constructing a new sheriff's office costing \$4,579,100.

Including soft costs, but not including the purchase of the adjacent property or parking property, the total cost of the project would be \$19,907,400.

One of the drawbacks of this proposal is its lack of allowance for growth. If the jail ever needed to expand to house more people, it would not be able to do so at this location, unlike the other two proposals.

## Parelli building

The final option proposed at the work session was the purchase of the Parelli building, and then turning that building into the new judicial center.

The first floor of the building would be turned into the sheriff's office, while also holding the probation office. The second floor would contain all the courtrooms.

To also have a detention center built on the property, two additional parcels, located to the southwest of the standing building, would need to be purchased.

From there, a detention center would be constructed with a corridor leading from the standing structure to where the detention center would be constructed.

The other side of the detention center would have a parking lot, a lobby, and a sally port added to it.

The detention center at this location, similar to the Hot Springs Boulevard location, would have space left on it where additional housing could be added in the future.

On the slide that shows costs, purchase of the Parelli property is listed at \$4 million.

The cost of the two adjacent properties is listed as "to be decided" with the sitework for those properties listed as costing \$600,000.

Remodeling the first floor of the building to accommodate the sheriff's and probation offices would cost \$1,875,000.

The building also has a gap in the second floor which allows a view into the floor below. Filling this "hole" would cost \$50,000.

The cost of constructing a new detention center would be \$6.8 million.

While these are not the only costs listed on the slide, the total cost of the project, including soft costs, is listed at \$22,066,250.

It's worth noting that the Parelli business would not leave the community, but likely just move elsewhere in the town or county.

In an interview with SUN staff,

# Change

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tegitic-planning session intended to foster systemic change and provide each participating community with the tools necessary to move forward to enhance services for adults with mental illness and co-occurring substance use disorders in contact with the justice system."

Key agency administrators, staff and consumer advocates from the mental health, substance abuse, veterans services, employment, transportation, housing and criminal justice system in Archuleta County participated in Sequential Intercept Mapping and Taking Action for Change which focus strategic planning efforts on cross-systems collaboration and the reduction of system and service barriers with an integrated, local action plan.

During the workshop, participants developed a map detailing the flow of criminal justice contact from arrest to incarceration, referral

# Marshal

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were concerned that those haven't been done to the standard we would like them done, they haven't been done as often as we would like, and there have been some concerns expressed."

Volger went on to say that they had decided they would like the inspections done at a certain standard, and that, as far as he was aware, the PFPD and the town have dual authority in the town.

"What we'd like to do is get to the table and see if we can work out some kind of interagency agreement, an MOU, to move forward so we don't have a duplication of services within your district and within the town," Volger stated.

Larson responded saying he'd like to discuss a couple of concerns the PFPD had.

"As far as inspections, we have no issue at all if the Town of Pagosa Springs wants to do the inspections within the town," explained Larson, adding "The one thing we would ask though, with the inspections ... is that you make sure that we have access to the records for the Insurance Service Organization rating and any major hazard that ... we might need to know about."

Larson went on to comment that the PFPD would still like to perform pre-emergency plans in places where the town does fire inspections.

"Basically a pre-emergency plan is when we go in, get a plot plan, we get a floor plan, we identify any hazards that would be pertinent to whatever business it is," explained

Parelli President and Chief Executive Officer Mark Weiler stated, "Pagosa Springs is Parelli's spiritual home, and it always will be. ... It is a special place with very special people."

Also, Weiler stated he is willing to sell the building if the county were in the \$5-million to \$7-million range.

## Alternatives

There was also brief talk of some "pick and choose" options, such as building new courts but not moving probation to the courts building, or only building a new building for the sheriff's office. This offers some cheaper, but less convenient options to the BoCC.

Commissioner Clifford Lucero said to SUN staff that it is likely the

and access to services, and points for diversion from the justice system across Archuleta County. Strategies for systems change implemented by other U.S. communities were considered.

Nationally, individuals with co-occurring mental health and substance-use disorders are an increasing presence within the criminal justice system. Studies have shown that 14.5 percent of men and 31 percent of women entering U.S. jails have a severe and persistent mental illness, compared to less than 6 percent of the general population. Of these individuals, 72 percent have a co-occurring substance use disorder. This problem is especially pronounced in rural communities, where the availability, accessibility and acceptability of behavioral health services prevent many from receiving the help that they need. With more than 650,000 individuals returning to communi-

ties each year from U.S. prisons and 7 million individuals returning from jails, effective linkage and access to community services for people with a mental illness and co-occurring substance-use disorder is critical to reduce an often repetitious cycle of justice involvement.

After all of the options were listed to the public and the BoCC, there was a large discussion that included the public.

The BoCC discussed their options thoroughly, but didn't make too much ground on how they'll plan to proceed.

When the work session concluded, the BoCC had decided to continue their thinking process in an executive session, putting emphasis on the fact that they would not make a decision while in executive session, but only wished to further discuss their options.

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More than 30 people attended this week's mapping workshop. It was a great turnout which shows that this issue is important for all agencies involved. The goal is to improve the collaborative efforts by all agencies that deal with mental illness and/or co-occurring substance abuse issues in order to keep this population out of jail and in treatment.

As a result of the mapping, it was determined that the first step is to create a protocol for all agencies and once it is approved, to educate all agencies and the community on the protocol. A task force was set up and will meet on Feb. 11 to take action steps in creating the protocol.

responded Volger. "As long as the person who is doing the investigations has the proper qualifications, we have no problem. In fact, it should be under the fire department, that is your area of expertise." Larson stated that he was a little concerned about the chain of custody in the case of an arson investigation.

"As an incident commander, I have a responsibility to secure that scene ... until that investigation is done," explained Larson.

Volger went on to comment that he believed all of those stipulations could easily be worked out, and then asked Schulte if he had anything to add.

Schulte stated that the town was totally on board for sharing inspection information with the PFPD, even adding that the town's building inspector had inquired as to what software the PFPD uses with its inspections in an effort to make things more universal.

Schulte also added that if the PFPD still wanted to do fire plan reviews, they would need to be done by someone who is properly certified and qualified.

The discussion concluded with Volger offering the suggestion of the PFPD and the town having another meeting and creating a memorandum of understanding (MOU) or an IAA to clarify exactly how the fire marshal dual authority would work.

"I think we can move forward, get it done expeditiously, and shake hands and do the best for all of our citizens," concluded Volger.

est Service will enable the Town to thin using mechanical equipment and the plan at this juncture is to thin about 40 acres," Schulte wrote in a statement to The SUN.

Thinning is slated to begin Monday, Jan. 18.

According to J.R. Ford, owner of the Forest Health Company, equipment operators are unable to see people in the area due to multiple blind spots. Additionally, machinery can launch debris up to 300 feet.

Due to such safety concerns, Reservoir Hill will be closed to the public during this time. Work will take place between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. and the project is expected to conclude by the end of February, if not earlier.

Once operations are finished and the area is clear and safe, the public will be allowed back on the hill.

Ford stated that there may be need for additional clean-up once the snow has melted in May.

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# Teacher

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to develop." This was a statement he would expand upon later in the meeting.

Following the comments made by Wamsley, Tim Taylor took the floor.

Taylor provided the board with a summarized analysis of teacher salaries, noting a gap of approximately 12 percent between the salaries of ASD teachers and the state average, based on information from the Colorado Department of Education.

According to Taylor, "In the absence of that effort to improve staff competency and compensation, I think it is unrealistic that we would expect to sustain ongoing improvement in student achievement over time."

He stated that, to his knowledge, the district does not have the funding for 12-percent salary increases, and does not expect the state to "come to the rescue."

Taylor brought up the option of a mill levy increase, which has been discussed at length by members of the board and administration.

"This is one option that we can do as the citizenry of ourselves. The one thing I want to emphasize is the idea that because of Gallagher, TABOR and Amendment 23, it is very difficult to get things passed because it impacts business so much. I don't know for sure, but I think if we try to write a mill levy override for the voters, that simply cuts business out of it and puts the onus on the citizens to help our education system. Because I don't think businesses should be severely impacted by such a mill levy increase, and I hope we can pursue this in 2016," Taylor said.

At the conclusion of Taylor's presentation, Debbie Moore, a first-grade teacher who has worked in the ASD for 19 years, took to the podium to share her thoughts concerning class sizes.

"I love this district, but I have a huge concern over class sizes. This year, I have 27 students in my classroom, I've never had that many students in my classroom," said Moore.

Although she had the help of a student-teacher, Moore stated that this has been the most difficult year she has ever had in the ASD.

"I don't feel like I can meet the needs of my students," she shared.

In addition, Moore pointed out that this year the board has placed an emphasis on advisory time. Advisory is a period designated for teachers to build relationships with their students and meet their needs in a personal way.

Moore sees it as being counterproductive for the district to emphasize advisory while also increasing class sizes. Moore has approximately 15 minutes of advisory per day for all 27 students.

She also expressed concern over the fact that first-grade teachers can expect approximately 30 students to a class next year when the kindergartners move up.

Toward the end of the meeting, board members had a chance to address the concerns voiced during public comment.

Lindner made it clear that the board is aware of the need to address teacher salaries, which was discussed at great length during the annual board retreat last month.

"There was a desire and motivation among all of us to do what we can to support Mike in what he's

trying to do with the insurance and to get better compensation for staff. But that's not going to happen by people making demands on the board or on the administration. It's going to happen through a process of the board working with staff, working with the administration, and with the board and that salary committee, and if we do that, hopefully we can crack this and get our teachers better salaries, get a more competitive environment in ASD, and attract and retain the talent we want to have."

He later continued, "There is nobody up here that doesn't think our teachers deserve more, and doesn't want more for our teachers, we all do. But the process of making that happen has to be done through the proper channels and involve all the stakeholders."

Board president Greg Schick agreed, "Even before the issue came up at the last board meeting, we were concerned with teacher salaries. The insurance problem has been brought to my attention more so now than it was in the past. I think we are committed to do what we can. It's not going to be an easy fix. It's not black and white, there are so many factors involved."

Currently, Hodgson has undertaken both a salary study and insurance study at the request of Superintendent Reed. The results of these studies will be presented once they are completed.

"We would like smaller class sizes, we would like our teachers to be paid better, we would like insurance costs to be less," said Schick.

Time will tell how the district goes about bringing these hopes to fruition.

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# Wolf Creek sees strong start to ski season

By Casey Crow  
Staff Writer

Wolf Creek Ski Area is currently living up to its favorite tagline, boasting “the most snow in Colorado.”

With 269 inches year-to-date, a summit base of 105 inches and midway depth of 82 inches, Wolf Creek comes out ahead of Silverton Mountain, Steamboat, Aspen/Snowmass and Monarch Mountain in the latest snowfall report.

The ski area saw between 4,500

and 4,900 visitors in the days prior to and following the pass closure over the week of Christmas.

According to Rosanne Pitcher, vice president of marketing and sales for the ski area, the biggest day on record for Wolf Creek was 6,300 skiers in one day, which occurred four years ago during spring break.

While they might not have hit this particular mark, the ski area still experienced an 11-percent increase in visitation during the month of December, despite the pass closure.

“We did lose a fair amount of money on the 26th, so that was disappointing,” said Rosanne Pitcher.

However, following its reopening, Wolf Creek had between 4,800 and 4,900 visitors for three days straight. This was piggy-backed by another 4,500 the next two days.

While it was disappointing that the ski area missed out on potential business over the Christmas holiday, peak numbers lasted longer than usual, which Rosanne Pitcher attributes to the unexpected snowfall in Texas.

“The snowfall in Texas really made a difference,” she explained, “some people couldn’t make it to Wolf Creek and we feel that’s why Christmas was extended this year. They came up later in the holiday because of the snow down there.”

During the pass closures, the ski area partnered with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to clear the roads, using a lot of their own manpower and equipment, particularly on the western side of the pass.

“It was a collaborative effort to get it open, and we support the efforts of CDOT and all the snow removal guys,” Wolf Creek’s CEO Davey Pitcher told The SUN.

With the holidays behind them, Wolf Creek continues to see encouraging numbers in January, given the generous pattern of snowfall in the region.

“It is certainly nice seeing this pattern, and particularly nice seeing the low-elevation snowpack. Pagosa last year was dry all winter. Virtually no snow on the ground. It’s extremely beneficial to water users and agriculture users to get that lower-elevation snowpack,” Davey Pitcher explained.

Only two weeks into the month of January, Wolf Creek’s numbers are up 18 percent compared to last year.

According to Davey Pitcher, these strong numbers are fairly atypical of January, which usually upholds its dry reputation.

Last year, the month of January was the driest month on record.

“We’re in this pattern of snowfall, and the week after the first was just perfect, and we still have a lot of fresh snow,” he said.

Wolf Creek received some of the largest amounts of snowfall ever recorded in the 1980s. Since then, the inches have steadily dwindled.

“It definitely was a trend for Wolf Creek to get less in the last 25 years versus the last 35,” he said.

Even so, Wolf Creek still boasts an average of 430 inches annually, excluding the 1980s from the data.

Davey Pitcher feels fortunate that during Wolf Creek’s lowest snowfall years, the ski area remains on par with the average of most Colorado ski areas.

If he had to guess, this year would be comparable to the year 2005, during which Wolf Creek Ski Area saw 560 inches of total snowfall.

“We might end up with that much, but it still remains to be seen,” he said.

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Officials and staff from Archuleta County and the Town of Pagosa Springs gathered Friday night at the community center to play some friendly, but intense, games of pickleball. The town won the first game, scoring 11-3, with the county coming back to win the second game, scoring 15-14.

## In-home service grant vouchers available

By Kay Kaylor  
Special to The SUN

Do you know someone or are you a person who is living alone and aging who could use some extra help with shopping or taking medication? Or perhaps you are caregiving for an elderly person or a grandchild and could use a break for a few hours?

In the interest of helping people who are age 60 and older stay at home, rather than being admitted into a long-term care facility, the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging (AAA) in Pagosa Springs offers several supportive services. These services include up to \$500 in respite family caregiver grant vouchers for family members or nonprofessionals who are caring for people age 60 years or older or for grandparents, age 55 and older, who are caregivers of a child who is related by blood or marriage. Similar grant vouchers can be applied to homemaker services and in-home personal care services from approved service providers in Archuleta County.

Priority will be given for people who are most in need due to low income and for people who haven’t used a voucher in the past two years. All of the services have specific certification, training and oversight requirements for providers performing the services. Persons who receive home health aide services, depending on availability, cannot also receive these services through Medicaid, Medicare or private insurance. In addition, the person under care must not be receiving duplicate services.

Respite caregiver grant vouchers offer temporary supports or living

arrangements to provide a brief period of rest for caregivers. The respite period may be an overnight stay or by the hour on an occasional or emergency basis. In-home care services that may be obtained under the respite care or homemaker voucher program include basic medical procedures, skilled grooming and other personal care, as well as assistance with mobility. Personal care services in the home include skilled grooming and feeding, assistance with ambulation and exercises, medication, homemaking, attending to nutritional requirements, first aid and identifying safety hazards. The exact services available will depend on what the provider offers.

To receive respite or personal care services under this grant voucher program, the person under care must be unable to perform at least two activities of daily living (ADLs) without substantial assistance or must have mental impairment that requires substantial supervision. Examples of ADLs include getting dressed, eating, bathing and other bathroom care, mobility and hygiene.

To receive homemaking services, the person must be unable to perform at least two instrumental activities of daily living (IADLs) without substantial assistance or require substantial supervision due to a mental impairment. Such IADLs include meal preparation, housework, laundry, shopping, medication management, appointment management, money management, telephone use and transportation access.

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Basin Area Agency on Aging in Pagosa Springs can provide more specific details and requirements on request. The persons receiving the vouchers will be expected to pay the difference between the voucher amount and the provider’s charges. All individuals will be given an opportunity to donate to the program.

The San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, operates under the belief that older adults have the right to live independently and with dignity and respect, even if they are not fully able to care for themselves.

The AAA has an office at the Senior Center, which is located at the Ross Aragon Community Center. The AAA serves older adults (age 60 plus) who are living in Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan counties. In addition to the above vouchers and gas vouchers for medical trips, services include options counseling, Medicare benefits counseling and the Long-Term Care Ombudsman advocacy program for residents who are living in nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

To apply for respite, homemaker, and personal care vouchers, you must call or visit in person at the AAA office for an assessment. If you are accepted, the voucher will expire if not used within the first 30 days of receiving it. A Consumer Assessment Form must be filled out every six months if services continue under the initial voucher amount.

For more information, please contact Kay Kaylor at the AAA office, 264-0501, ext. 2. You may also visit the AAA website: www.sjbaaa.org.

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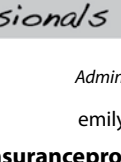
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# Outdoors

## Mark your calendars for United Way Ski and Save Day

By Bill Hudgins  
Special to The SUN

United Way Ski and Save Day is Wednesday, Jan. 20, at Wolf Creek Ski Area.

Adult lift tickets are just \$54. Save \$11 and benefit local nonprofit organizations at the same time because Wolf Creek Ski Area donates \$11 from every adult lift ticket sold to Archuleta County

United Way. Discounts will also be available for seniors (65 and older), children (under 12) and on one-half-day tickets.

When you buy a discounted ticket on United Way Ski and Save Day, you will help United Way reach the 2015/2016 campaign goal of \$61,000. These funds support the following local nonprofit agencies and programs that promote education, healthy lifestyles and self-re-

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For more information, contact Bill Hudgins, Archuleta County community engagement coordinator for United Way, at 946-1624 or billh@unitedway-swco.org.

Thank you and see you on the slopes.

## CRIA potluck, presentation tonight at Community Center

By Ernie O'Toole  
Special to The SUN

I moved to Pagosa Springs in December of 2014, after "living in the woods" of North Park, Colo., for most of the previous 21 years. I was not a stranger to Pagosa, having hunted in the area on first moving to Colorado from Boston in 1968 and I felt I really wanted to get involved in the community upon my move to the area. I had previously worked seasonally with the U.S. Forest Service in North Park and had it in my mind to do some volunteer work for them here in Pagosa. Upon looking into that possibility, I found out about Chimney Rock National Monument and their need for volunteers.

I had been intrigued by the Ancestral Puebloans and their extensive civilization in the Four Corners area ever since my first visit to Mesa Verde in the early '70s. I had read a number of books on the subject and had visited several of their

archaeological sites in the ensuing years, and although I was not an expert on Ancestral Puebloans by any means, the subject still really held my interest. I attended the training sessions last April and my enthusiasm again peaked. I immediately decided I would like to be a tour guide. I like to interact with the public and to be able to pass on what is known and hypothesized about the Ancestral Puebloans to the public and I feel that it is a valuable public service. It conveys respect, understanding and acceptance of different peoples. It would be a means to give back to society.

The training that I received through CRIA was excellent. I really enjoyed reading about the latest findings about these people and was astonished to learn just how advanced they really were. The training involved both the latest scientific analyses of archaeological findings and Native American interpretations of who these people were.

I am particularly grateful to my guide mentor, John Richardson, and all of the other "seasoned" guides whom I "shadowed" throughout my training. My own research on the subject brought me to Chaco Canyon, the Canyon of the Ancients, back to Mesa Verde, Aztec Ruins, Comb Ridge, Moon House and some of the Traditional Pueblos in New Mexico. I am back on a quest for learning more and more about these fascinating people, not just for my own edification, but to be able to share this knowledge with the public.

Another rewarding aspect about being a tour guide at Chimney Rock is interacting with the other volunteers. I have met and become friends with a number of wonderful people who enhance my life here in Pagosa Springs. That, along with meeting the interesting people who take the tours, kind of makes it complete. I look forward to continuing being a tour guide for the foreseeable future and becoming

more involved with Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA).

Please consider joining our band of enthusiastic Chimney Rock volunteers. CRIA invites community members to the annual Chimney Rock open house on Friday, March 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. There will be a host of CRIA volunteers on hand at the open house who are eager to introduce guests to the variety of roles that support CRIA and the flexibility in level of commitment. For more information, please visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or call the CRIA office at 731-7133.

Another great way to learn more about CRIA and meet our volunteers is by attending the CRIA lecture series.

On Thursday, Jan. 14, CRIA is proud to host a special presentation and slideshow given by Douglas E. Loebig on the results of the archaeological survey his company conducted in 2010 for the Forest Service's Peterson Gulch Hazardous Fuel Reduction Project. The lecture is free of charge and will take place at 7 p.m., following CRIA's monthly potluck which is open to the public and will take place at 6 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs Ross Aragon Community Center located at 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

Please bring your favorite dish to share and join our volunteers to learn more about this nonprofit organization which operates the interpretive program at Chimney Rock National Monument in partnership with the USDA Forest Service and the San Juan National Forest. Please visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) to view our 2016 Calendar of Events.



Photo courtesy Beth Tollefsen

Frosty windshields can also make for beautiful photo opportunities. With unofficial temperatures reported as low as negative 19 degrees on Monday morning in downtown Pagosa Springs, keep in mind it's essential to clear snow, ice or frost from all your vehicle's windows before you drive. In addition to causing accidents, failure to heed this advice can get you a traffic ticket.

## 'It's Snowtastic' program at the library Jan. 22

By Brandon Caley  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Ranger District's Read with a Ranger program will be having a special January program at the library with "It's Snowtastic!" on Friday, Jan. 22.

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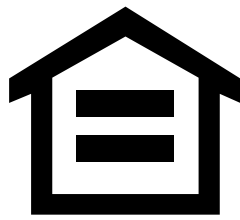
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# Sports

## BASKETBALL

### Pirates tame Panthers in 55-24 win

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate basketball team returned to its winning ways Tuesday evening in what the coach dubbed the team's "best basketball game of the year."

In the game, the Pirates defeated the visiting Montezuma-Cortez Panthers 55-24 in a nonleague matchup.

"We feel like we played our best basketball game of the year against Cortez," coach Randy Sorenson wrote in an email to The SUN. "We had a good week of practice, which we needed, and the kids came out and transferred practice into the game."

The Pirates pulled ahead early in the game and never relented, holding the Panthers to single-digit scoring in all four quarters.

Pagosa started by outscoring the Panthers 13-9 in the first quarter and holding the visitors to a mere three points in the second quarter while adding 14 of their own to the scoreboard for a 27-12 halftime lead.

In the third quarter, the Pirates continued to hold the Panthers to single digits, allowing six points while scoring nine. In the game's final quarter, Cortez scored six, while Pagosa added 19 to the board for a 55-24 win.

"Both our offense and defense were improved. Holding Cortez to 24 points in the game is a credit to our kids and their effort," Sorenson wrote.

The win was also a true team effort, the coach indicated.

"We got in early foul trouble but we had other kids step up and really help the team," he wrote. "We were very balanced in scoring, getting a few points from different kids and that is what we have been looking for."

Briar Erskine led the team with 13 points in the game, followed by Mike Kuhl with 11. Craig Tamburelli added nine to the team's total, including a 3-pointer.

Isaiah Griego contributed seven points to the team's total, and Ethan Brown added six, half of which came from a 3-pointer.

Rounding out the scoring Pirates, Keaton Laverty and Ty Kimsey each added four to the board, with Kimsey logging a 3-pointer.

"Offensively we were a little more patient than we have been and were able to get good looks," Sorenson noted.

The team was nine for 14 from the free-throw line on the evening.

The coach was also pleased with the team's progress in terms of turnovers.

"Our turnovers were down, especially in the first half, only turning it over four times. We still need to take better care of the basketball, as we had 11 turnovers in the second half," he wrote.

The win also means the team retains a perfect record on its home court, now at 4-0. The team is 6-3 overall.

The Panthers are now 3-5 on the season.

"It was a good team win," Sorenson noted. "We still have a lot to improve on but if the kids will keep working hard we feel like we can continue to get better. We need to string a few good games together as we have been inconsistent all year."

The Pirates will hope to turn



Pirate Mike Kuhl puts up a shot during Tuesday evening's 55-24 home win over the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers. Kuhl logged 11 points in the win. This week, the Pirates delve into league action against Monte Vista on the road Friday and welcome the Sanford Indians for a nonleague matchup Tuesday.

SUN photo/Randi Pierce

the win into a streak beginning Friday, when they head to Monte Vista for their first league game of the season.

The Monte Vista Pirates are 5-5 on the season and hold a 1-0 league record.

"We will practice hard Wednesday and Thursday and hopefully we will be prepared to start league play against Monte Vista on Friday," the coach noted.

The Pirates-versus-Pirates affair is set to begin at 7 p.m. in Monte Vista.

Tuesday, the team will return home for a nonleague matchup against the 2A Sanford Indians.

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## WRESTLING

# Pirates place sixth in Rocky Mountain Wrestling Invitational

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Pirates hosted a couple of challenging events this week, including the Rocky Mountain Wrestling Invitational, in which they placed sixth out of 14 teams.

On Jan. 7, the Pirates were supposed to travel to Durango to face the Demons in a dual, but it was postponed due to inclement weather.

On Jan. 8, the Pirates had hosted a dual against the Taos Tigers, where they defeated the Tigers 42-25.

The following day, the Pirates hosted 13 other teams at Pagosa Springs High School for an all day tournament.

The Pirates finished the tournament with 139.57 points. Sheridan finished first with 163.52 points, and Aztec came in second at 161.53 points.

In an email to SUN staff, coach Dan Janowsky wrote that the tournament was a "fun day for wrestlers and fans," adding that there were lots of exciting battles, and that it is obvious that the team is improving throughout the season.

Bryan Medrano-Tapia, a senior, wrestled in the 106-pound division and placed eighth overall.

Freshman Brayden Shulda wrestled in the 170-pound division, and also placed eighth, with Janowsky writing that he had a "great showing for a JV freshman in a tough varsity level tournament," adding that "he works hard and gets better."

Two Pirates placed sixth in the tournament, freshman Caleb Janowsky in the 160-pound division, and freshman Cody Caler who

wrestled at 120 pounds.

The coach mentioned that Caleb Janowsky was in a tough weight division, but is handling it well, and fights particularly good on his feet.

"Cale had great fights all day," Janowsky explained, adding that "he never gave up or stopped wrestling."

Three Pirates placed fifth in the tournament — freshman James Thomas at 113 pounds, sophomore Tate Hinger at 126 pounds and senior Jaden Hinger, who wrestled in the 195-pound division.

Janowsky stated that Thomas had a "very exciting overtime final match which he fought out from behind and from tough situations throughout."

"Tate Hinger is always tough," wrote Janowsky, adding that he had lost to a Durango wrestler in the early tournament but won the rematch for fifth.

For Jaden Hinger, this was his first time wrestling at 195 pounds. Janowsky wrote that he "worked hard to get there and get his wins, but did himself proud and really helped the team by filling the 195 weight."

Senior Tyler Cowan placed fourth at 145 pounds, with Janowsky commenting that for being in such a tough weight division, he had some really good fights.

Sophomore Nolan Stretton placed third for the 220-pound division, with the coach adding, "He had a great finish for a sophomore, but is still full of untapped potential."

Two Pirates placed second in the tournament: sophomore Dalton Lucero and senior Chance McReynolds.

Lucero wrestled at 152 pounds, with Janowsky commenting that he had a tough final match against an experienced wrestler from Monte Vista, adding that Lucero tied the match but couldn't hold it, but then began wrestling even harder to tie again.

Janowsky explained that Lucero ran out of time, but added that, additionally, he's "getting better all the time."

Chance McReynolds grappled in the 170-pound division and also placed second. Janowsky wrote that McReynolds "pinned his way into the finals," and that he "wrestled a good finals match against a tough kid who was third at state last year."

Janowsky wrote that he was "really happy" with all of the wrestlers, especially the freshmen who entered their first varsity tournament.

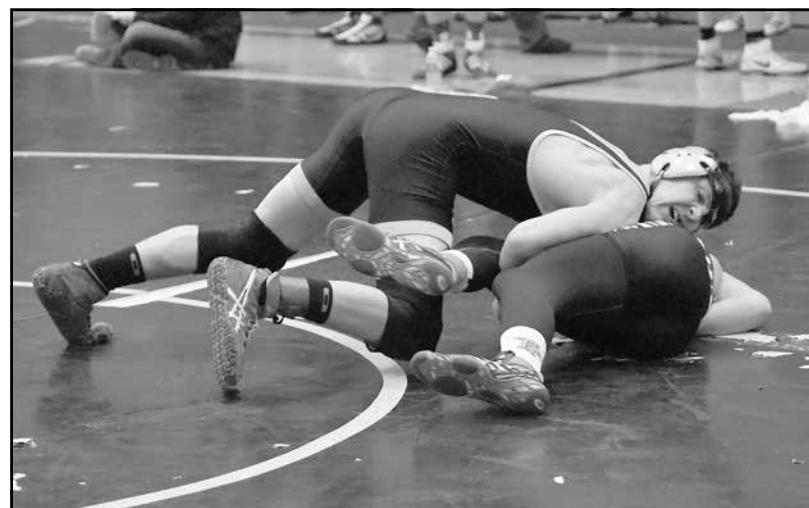
Janowsky commented that it was a "big jump" from eighth grade to high school varsity wrestling, adding that "they showed a lot of spirit just getting in there, not to mention their knowledge of the sport."

Janowsky went on to write that the team shows a lot of promise this year, concluding his email by explaining, "Our state qualifier is a month away and everyone is pushing hard to get better for that day."

The Pirates will host a dual against Alamosa today, Thursday, Jan. 14, with action scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

Then, on Saturday, Jan. 16, the Pirates will travel to Alamosa to participate in the Alamosa Tournament. The tournament is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m.

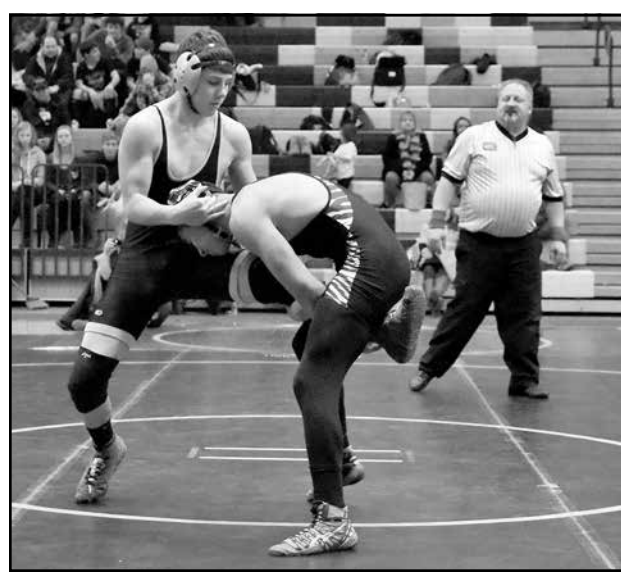
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## Rocky Mountain Invitational

SUN photos/Randi Pierce

Wrestlers, coaches and fans alike gathered at the high school to participate in a dual against the Taos Tigers on Friday night and the Rocky Mountain Wrestling Invitational over the weekend. Out of 14 teams, the Pirates placed sixth in the Invitational.



## Youth volleyball, open gym and ice skating

By Darren Lewis  
SUN Columnist

Youth volleyball registration starts Friday, Jan. 15. Registration will be accepted through Monday, Feb. 29. The 9-10 division will be an instructional league held Monday and Wednesday evenings from 5 to 6 p.m. The 11-12 division will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evening for league play.

### Community Center

The Community Center will be open Saturday, Jan. 16, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for open gym basketball only. Feel free to come use the Community Center at your leisure. If the building is being used, organizers will look at expanding the hours on Saturdays.

Please feel free to contact the recreation office with any questions or ideas for better use of Community Center at 264-4151, ext. 231.

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### Recreation registration

You can register for all youth recreational sports offered through the recreation department at any time throughout the year. Registrations for all youth sports will be located in the lobby of the Community Center. Online registration will only be available prior to the upcoming youth sport offered at that time.

### Ice skating

The ice rink at Town Park and the pond at River Center Park are open for ice skating.

### Youth basketball 9-12

Practice for 9-12 youth basketball is underway. Youth basketball

games will begin Feb. 1. The 9-10 division will play on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11-12 division on Mondays and Wednesdays.

### Gymnastics

This gymnastic class runs through Thursday, Jan. 21. This gymnastic class will be held for ages 3 and up.

### Online registration

Through the use of Xpress Bill Pay, the Town of Pagosa Springs Recreation Department offers online registration for most youth programs.

To register for programs online, visit the Parks and Recreation Department page at [www.townofpagosaparks.com](http://www.townofpagosaparks.com).

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

## BASKETBALL

### Lady Pirates notch league win, remain undefeated

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School girls' basketball team added another win to the books Tuesday evening, giving the Lady Pirates an 8-0 record on the season and overall win streak of 34 games dating back to the beginning of last season.

The win came in commanding fashion, 49-25, over the 5-3 Montezuma-Cortez Panthers in Cortez.

The Lady Pirates led throughout the game, including holding

the Panthers scoreless in the first quarter while scoring 12.

Cortez, however, scored 10 in the second quarter while Pagosa notched 11, giving Pagosa a 23-10 lead at halftime.

Pagosa held Cortez to single digits in each of the final two quarters, 8 and 7, respectively, while scoring 14 and 12, respectively, leading to a 49-25 win.

"It was a physical game," coach Wes Lewis said, adding, "I was just glad to get out of there without anybody getting hurt."

Lewis noted that the team left a lot of points on the floor in the game and committed too many fouls, but that the Pirate defense was enough to lead the team to the win.

"We played good enough defense to win," he said. "We were OK defensively. We weren't as sharp as we could have been."

While it may not have been the most skillful game of the season for the team, it was the first league win of the season for the No. 1-ranked Lady Pirates.

Stats for the game were not available by presstime Wednesday.

Friday, Pagosa's Lady Pirates will travel to Monte Vista to take on that town's iteration of the Lady Pirates in a league affair that could prove challenging for the team.

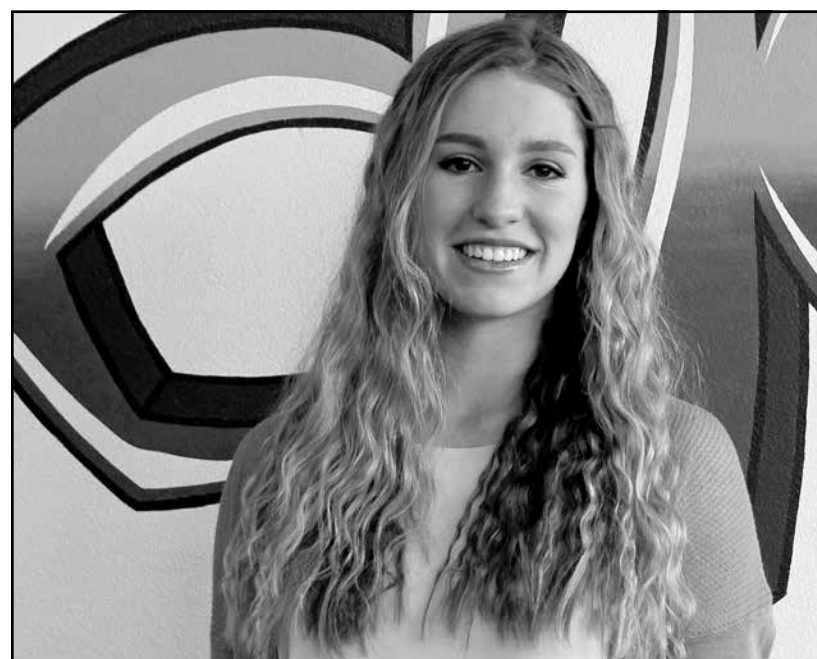
Monte Vista is 7-2 on the season and 2-0 in league play, having defeated the Panthers and the Centauri Falcons.

The Falcons, who suffered their first loss of the season at the hands of Monte Vista Tuesday evening, are the No. 4-ranked team in the state and are now 8-1.

Lewis said the team is focusing on preparing for Monte Vista this week while also battling an unusual practice schedule that will have them practicing in multiple locations due to other sporting events.

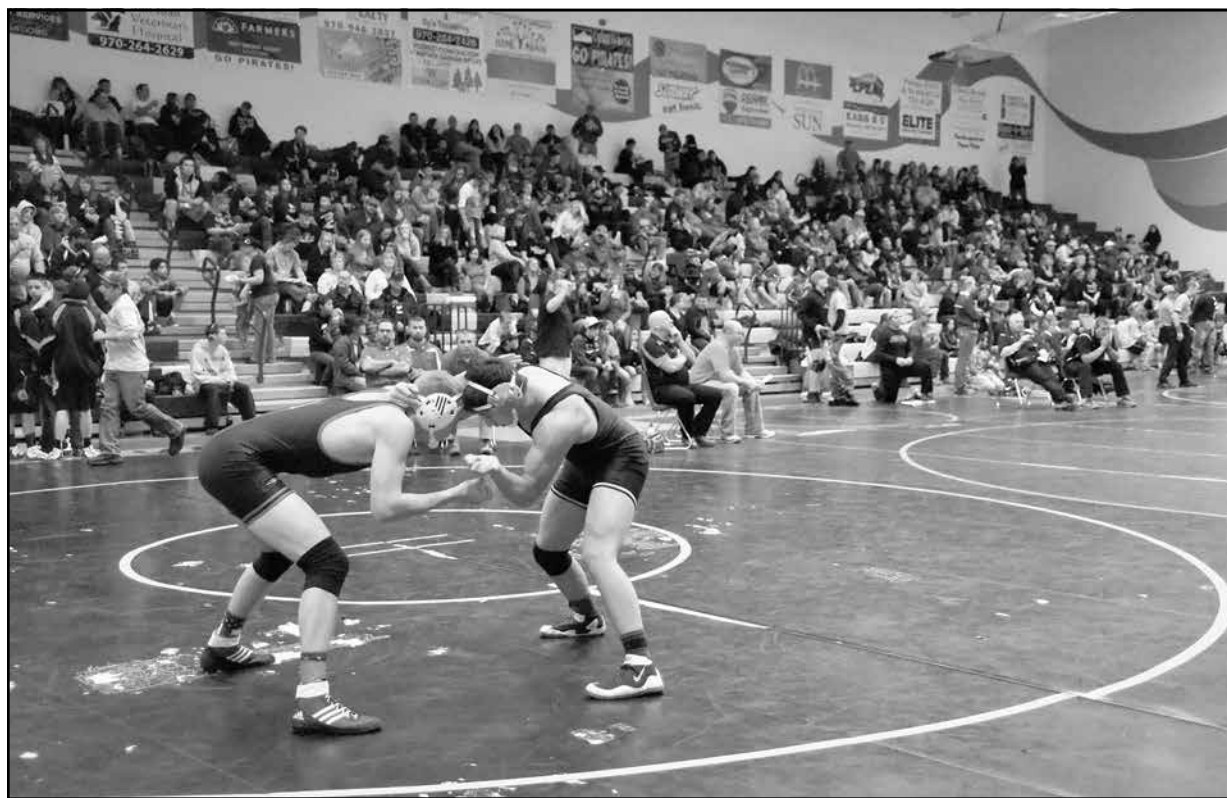
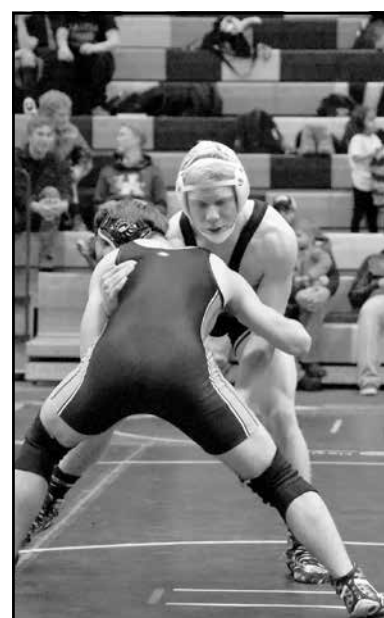
Tuesday, the team will return home for a nonleague matchup against the 2A Sanford Indians, who made it to the playoffs in their division last season.

This season, the Indians are 5-3. [randi@pagosahun.com](mailto:randi@pagosahun.com)



SUN photo/Casey Crow

Pagosa Springs High School junior Megan Farrah was recently named to the All-State volleyball team. Farrah was a standout player for the Lady Pirates throughout the entire volleyball season, leading her team with 221 kills, 520 service receptions and 326 digs in total.



**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Medicare 101 for seniors, Pajama Time storytime for youngsters**

**By Carole Howard**  
SUN Columnist, and the library staff

A free Medicare 101 session today, Thursday, Jan. 14, from 10:30 a.m. to noon will help you understand your rights, options, deadlines, possible penalties and where to find the information you need. Please register with the Area Agency on Aging at 264-0502.

Meanwhile, the first free Pajama Time storytime of 2016 takes place next Tuesday, Jan. 19, from 6 to 6:30 p.m. for children aged 7 and under and their families. Little ones can come dressed in their PJs and bring their favorite snuggly toy. We will sing, dance and read our way to bed. This new program takes place every third Tuesday of the month.

**New Tween/Teen Services librarian**

Next Tuesday, Jan. 19 is the first day of work for Claire Spence, our new Tween/Teen Services librarian, who comes to us from Madison, Wis., where she received her master's of library and information studies from the University of Wisconsin last May. Watch for a photo and article about Spence in an upcoming Library News column. She replaces Trina Rivera, who has moved to Omaha, Neb. Rivera's husband is in the Air Force and they will be stationed there.

"Everyone is really going to miss Trina, especially our 'twens and teens," said Jackie Welch, library director. "Her programming for this age group has been phenomenal. We will miss her and wish her well. Now we look forward to welcoming Claire to Pagosa."

**Closure, cancellations**

Your library will be closed on Monday, Jan. 18, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. day. Also, please note there are no Otaku, karaoke or teen advisory meetings

**Commemorate National Sanctity of Human Life Sunday at THRIVE open house**

**By Sherri Renfrow**  
Special to The SUN

On Sunday, Jan. 17, THRIVE will commemorate National Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SOHLS) to raise awareness about the incomparable worth of every human life and to remind the community about the programs offered at THRIVE.

Please stop by THRIVE at 602 South 8th St. anytime between 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. to enjoy hors d'oeuvres and desserts, tour the building and learn about our programs.

National Sanctity of Human Life Sunday was declared a special day in 1983 by President Ronald Reagan to focus on the fundamental right to life. THRIVE offers services and resources related to pregnancy, sexual health and families. These include pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, STI testing and treatment, prenatal vitamins, childbirth education, parenting support, mentoring and life coaching, car seats and baby needs. All services are free and confidential.

For more information, visit [www.thrivepagosa.org](http://www.thrivepagosa.org) or call 264-5963.

this month.

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Recent new movies include "Kit 'n' Kat: A Couple of Quacks," an animated film for all ages; plus two for ages 13 and up — a thriller called "Outside the Lines" about a call center employee and "Gold," an offbeat comedy from Ireland about an estranged father and his long-lost daughter starring Maisie Williams from "Game of Thrones."

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"Riding for the Flag" by Jim R. Woolard is a novel about the Civil War. "Buffalo Trail" by Jeff Guinn, "Justice at Redwillow" by John D. Nesbitt and "The Devil's Posse" by Charles G. West are westerns.

**Nonfiction**

"The Soul of My Soldier" by Abigail B. Calkin is the memoir of the wife of an Army veteran who served in Vietnam and the Gulf War. "Power Words" by Joyce Meyer explains the power of aligning your words with God's Word. "Stevia Sweet Recipes" by Jeffrey Goettmoeller contains more than 100 recipes using Stevia as the sweetener. "Speed Brewing" by Mary Izett offers techniques and recipes for beers, coders, meads and more. "1177 B.C. The Year Civilization Collapsed" by Eric H. Cline discusses the collapse of great

empires in the Late Bronze Age and the lessons we can learn. "The U.S. Navy" by Craig L. Symonds traces the history of the Navy from small sailing craft to a world superpower.

**Thrillers and mysteries**

"The Forgotten Soldier" by Brad Taylor is a Pike Logan thriller. "The Werewolf at Bamberg" by Oliver Potzsch is book five in the Hangman's Daughter historical novel series.

**Other novels**

"The Pharaoh's Secret" by Clive Cussler is the latest in the NUMA Files adventure series. "The Hunting Trip" by William E. Butterworth III follows the exciting life of a young man after his expulsion from boarding school. "Heartbreak Hotel" by Deborah Moggach is an escapist romantic comedy by the author of "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel." "Preludes and Nocturnes" by Neil Gaiman is volume one in the 12-volume graphic novel series.

**Story CDs**

"Shadow River" by Ralph Cotton and "Shawn O'Brien Manslaughter" by William W. and J.A. Johnstone are westerns.

**Music CDs**

Come in and take a look at the wide variety of music CDs we have available to borrow, thanks to donations from patrons like you. You'll find bluegrass, classical, jazz, rock and more for your enjoyment.

**Thanks to our donors**

For books and materials this week, we thank Tozi Rubin, Virginia Smiley, Bonnie Stamford, Sara Wilson and our anonymous donors.

**Quotable quote**

"The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page." — St. Augustine (354-430), bishop, theologian, philosopher and saint.

**Website**

For more information on library books, services and programs — and to reserve books, e-books, CDs and DVDs from the comfort of your home — please visit our website at <http://pagosa.colibraries.org/>.

**Celebrations**



Doug and Cynthia Purcell are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Crystal Colleen, to Michael Joseph Klem, son of Dan and Karen Klem, of Livermore, Calif. Crystal, the bride-to-be, is a 2011 graduate of Pagosa Springs High School, a cum laude graduate of University of Dallas, Texas, and is pursuing her master of science in entomology at Purdue University, Ind. Michael, the groom-to-be, is also a cum laude graduate of University of Dallas, Texas, and is pursuing a Ph.D. in medical physics at Purdue University, Ind. The couple will be married on May 21 at John Paul II Catholic Church in Pagosa Springs.

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# Public Notices

### COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2015-020

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:  
On October 15, 2015, 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) DENNIS M. HORN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY  
Original Beneficiary(ies) MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR INTEGRATED MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC.  
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt MIDFIRST BANK  
Date of Deed of Trust May 26, 2006  
County of Recording Archuleta  
Recording Date of Deed of Trust May 30, 2006  
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 20050593  
Original Principal Amount \$71,872.00  
Outstanding Principal Balance \$62,152.13  
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 the other violations thereof.

**THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. LOT 58 IN PAGOSA VISTA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED SEPTEMBER 13, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74884 TOGETHER WITH FLEETWOOD HOMES MODEL R1DC 4403A SERIAL NUMBER ZFLW21AB05611P13 HUD CERTIFICATE NUMBERS ARZ194548 & ARZ194549 A.P.N.: 569919425014R**  
**PURSUANT TO AFFIDAVIT OF SCRIVENER'S ERROR RECORDED ON OCTOBER 5, 2015 AT RECEPTION NO. 21597301 TO CORRECT LEGAL DESCRIPTION.**  
**Also known by street and number as: 128 BONANZA AVE, CO 81147.**  
**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, 02/11/2016, 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.  
First Publication 12/17/2015  
Last Publication 1/14/2016  
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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 38-38-103.1 OR 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.**  
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DATE: 10/15/2015  
Betty A. Diller, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado  
By: /s/ Betty A. Diller, Public Trustee**

The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:  
Janeway Law Firm, P.C. 300 S. Meridian Suite 400, Englewood, CO 80112 (303) 706-9990  
Attorney File # 15-009100  
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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DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO  
Civil Action No. 2015 CV 030083, Division No. 1  
**SUMMONS (BY PUBLICATION)**  
WELMINUCHE INVESTMENTS, LLC, a Colorado limited liability company, Plaintiffs,  
vs.  
BRANDY B.E. DARE, CALEB JEREMY DARE, DANNY L. HILBON, JEFFREY A. GINN, SHANA L. GINN, MICHAEL LABERTER, MARK LEE, NAT'L REC LAND LLC, a California limited liability company, N.R.L.L. EAST, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, BETTY DILLER, as Public Trustee of Archuleta County, Colorado; and all other persons who claim as heirs, devisees, creditors or otherwise under said defendants, and all unknown persons who claim any interest in the subject matter of this action.  
Defendants.  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:  
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the Clerk of this Court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within thirty days after the service of this Summons upon you. Service of this Summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court.  
If you fail to file your answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within thirty days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice to you.  
This is an action to quiet title to the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta and State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**Lot 143, Lake Hatcher Park, according to the plat thereof filed November 5, 1973, as Reception No. 78738, in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado;**  
**Lot 774, Pagosa Highlands Estates, according to the plat thereof filed February 7, 1972, as Reception No. 75409, in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado;**  
**Lot 30, Block 11, Pagosa in the Pines, according to the plat thereof filed March 13, 1970, as Reception No. 73014 thru 73027, in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado; and**  
**Lot 5, Block 11, Aspen Springs Subdivision Unit #2, according to the plat thereof filed June 15, 1971, as Reception No. 74503, in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado**  
(the "Property"), free and clear of all liens and encumbrances.  
DATED: December 14, 2015.  
MOTZ LAW FIRM, LLC  
By: /s/ Jeffrey E. Motz  
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**NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED**  
To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:  
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WINONA WEST  
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CARSON, WA 98610-3109  
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 8th day of November 2010, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to:  
COMMUNITY FUNDING SOLUTIONS LLC  
the following described real estate situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**Lot 49 in SAN JUAN RIVER RESORT UNIT NO. 1, according to the amended plat thereof filed for record October 4, 1972 as Reception No. 76530.**  
Schedule number: #557921402037 R000112  
TSC #2010-01246  
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to COMMUNITY FUNDING SOLUTIONS LLC  
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said real estate for the year 2009.  
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of ROBIN DENICE BULLARD, CURTIS BULLARD AND WINONA WEST for said year 2009.  
That said COMMUNITY FUNDING SOLUTIONS LLC on the 8th day of November 2010, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said real estate;  
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said real estate COMMUNITY FUNDING SOLUTIONS LLC  
At 11th day of May 2016, unless the same has been redeemed.  
Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.  
Witness my hand this 21st day of December 2015  
/s/ Betty A. Diller  
Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado  
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**No. 77869**  
Schedule number #569919206006 R009684  
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C/O JAN CUNNINGHAM  
3469 EUCALYPTUS PLACE  
CHANDLER, AZ 85286  
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 1st day of November 2012, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to:  
DAVID KINTON  
the following described real estate situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**LOT 130, PAGOSA TRAILS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD SEPTEMBER 13, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74885**  
Schedule number #569919320020 R012467  
TSC #2012-02459  
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Current Holder of Evidence of Debt The Bank of New York Mellon Bank  
Date of Deed of Trust March 02, 2005  
County of Recording Archuleta  
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Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 20502476  
Original Principal Amount \$302,400.00  
Outstanding Principal Balance \$262,824.08  
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 the other violations thereof.  
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**Also known by street and number as: 266 Paciente Place, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.**  
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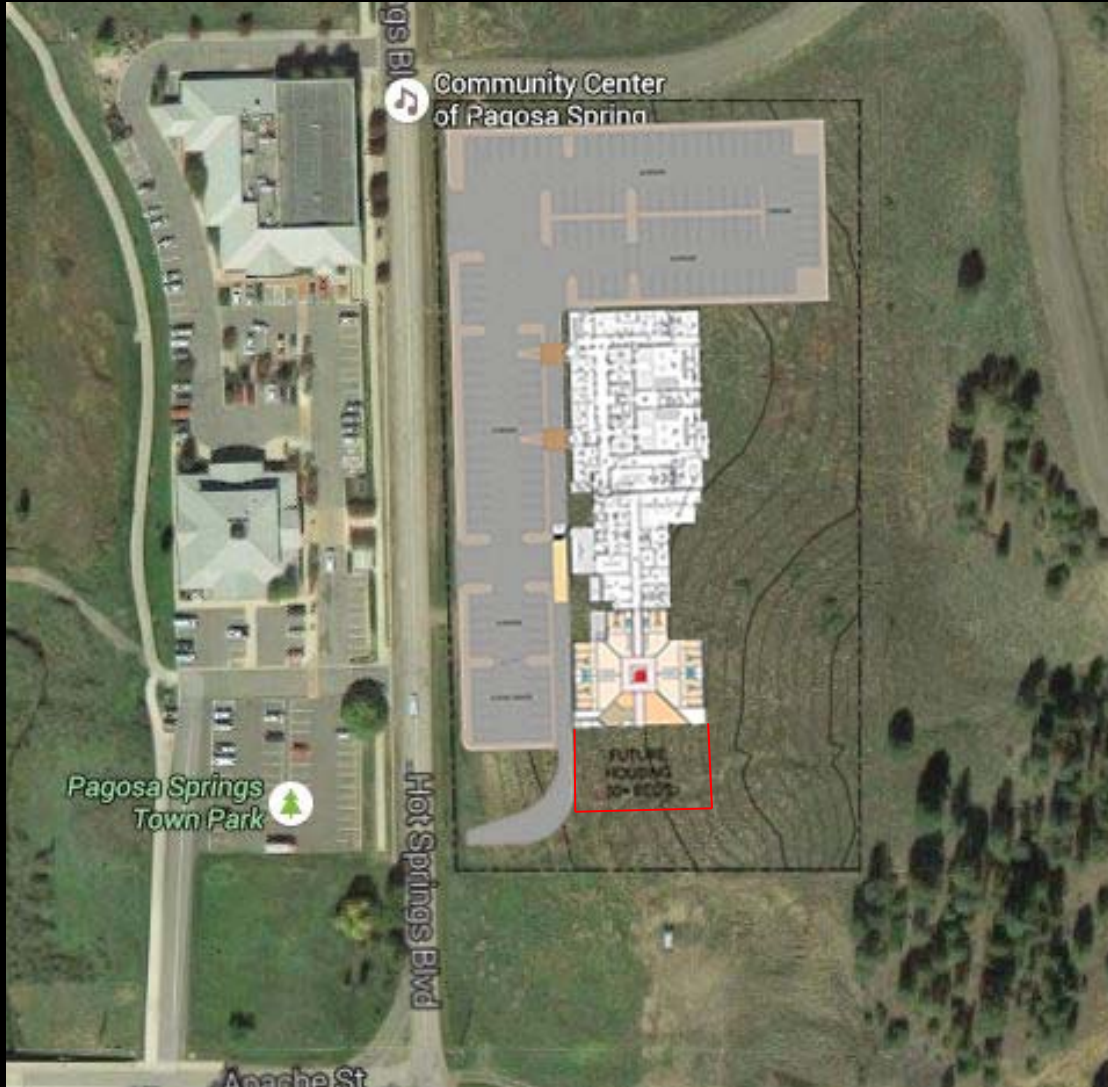
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Hot Springs Boulevard, concept 1



Hot Springs Boulevard, concept 2



Downtown, first floor, courts, probation, sheriff office, detention



Parelli Building, detention concept 2, second housing building



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Jan. 20 and 27 • 7 p.m. Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts



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## Two performances offered for original ballet

By Audrey Layne Crocker  
Special to The PREVIEW

Thingamajig Theatre Company is always eager to present new work to the citizens of Pagosa and starting off 2016 with an original ballet sets the perfect tone for the work ahead.

Nova: a modern ballet is an original piece conceived and choreographed by Ryan Hazelbaker as the second installment of a story told through dance only. With only two performances, nova will be an elusive mistress to catch, but one worth chasing.

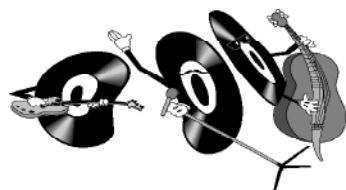
The story of two brothers, Aries and Orion, seeking the favor of their mother, Nova, the push and pull of familial tension is perfectly told through the art of dance. As each seeks to gain her attention and love, the audience is taken on a journey of frustration, love, and

innate need to belong. A struggle all people can relate to in some form or fashion, each audience member will see themselves onstage in the fury of Aries, the curiosity of Orion and the grace of Nova.

A visceral and intimate production, Nova uses the art of dance to tell a story fully and completely. A departure from the typical Thingamajig Theatre Company production, nova challenges audiences to decipher a story without words. The language of the human body is more than enough as expert dancers use their inner life to motivate each movement.

Featuring Pagosa favorites Heather McCall, Sam Damare, Taylor Marrs and Michaela Winter, nova celebrates ingenuity and passion in a unique way.

Performances are Jan. 20 and 27 at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at pagosacenter.org or by phone at 731-SHOW.



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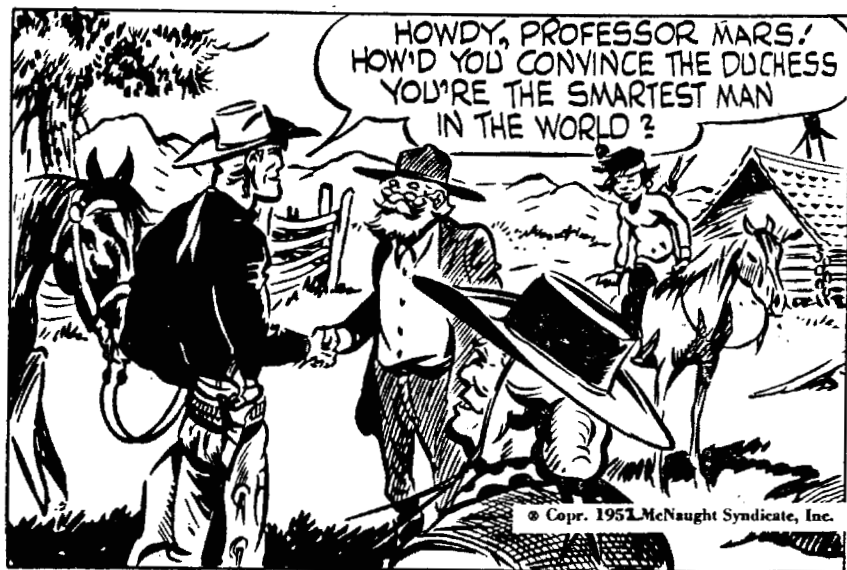
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Returning after his recent performances in “A Picasso” and “Red,” and last year’s “Lend Me a Tenor,” Elkins is a well-known and beloved part of Pagosa’s budding theater tradition. Also a professor of theater at Ft. Lewis College in

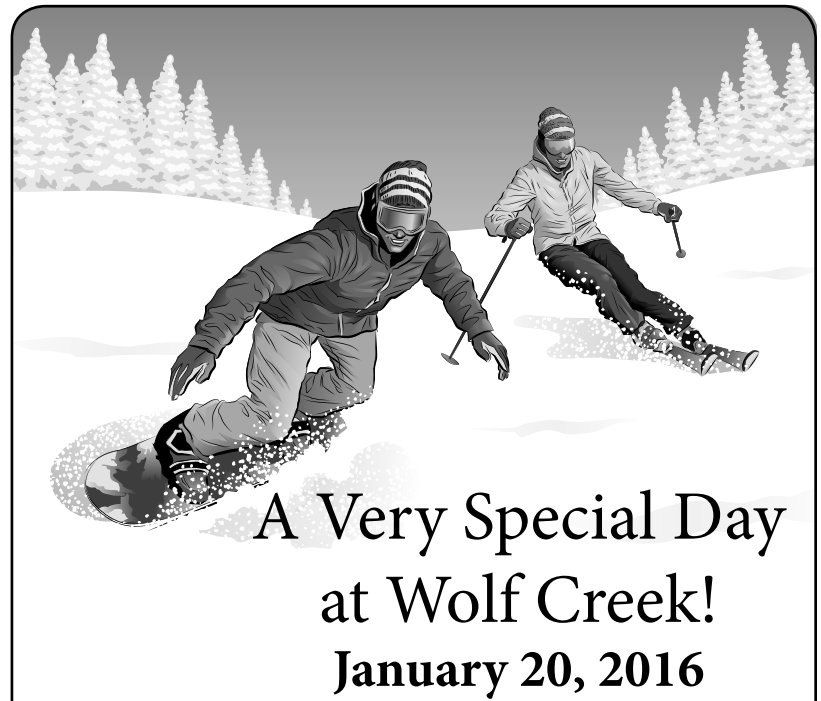
Durango, his influence in the theatrical productions of this region is profound. Delighted to return to Pagosa for the January farce, Elkins is the centerpoint around which “Moon Over Buffalo” orbits.

Although familiar to the audience as a truthful and deeply moving actor in the dramas throughout the year, Elkins is deft and seamless as a physically comedic actor in this year’s farce. His physical endowment of wild circumstances brings both truth and hilarity to a story made for fun. The audience watches as his character, George Hay, experiences highs and lows that would drive anyone insane. From potentially losing his marriage to an opportunity for his big break to dressing in the wrong costume for the performance, Hay is having a tough day to say

the least. Elkins beautifully lives through each circumstance with truth and layers the farce on top with ease.

Thingamajig Theatre Company is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit professional theater in residence at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

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# Get sassy with salsa class

By Audrey Layne Crocker  
Special to The PREVIEW

Thingamajig continues to present the community with events that spice up life in Pagosa Springs just a little bit more.

Part of their event series for this winter includes a dance class taught once monthly by Ryan Hazelbaker, resident choreographer and director. This month, Dance Night with Ryan will be held on Monday, Jan. 18, and the citizens of Pagosa Springs can learn how to salsa.

An expert in many fields of dance, Hazelbaker has a passion for partner dancing that supersedes a lot of other styles. Gifted at education and choreography,

taking a partner-dancing class from Hazelbaker will leave you with skills to continue to practice, as well as a few moves in sequence that you can use to impress. Particularly well-versed and passionate about the sultry dance style of salsa, Hazelbaker is excited to share this Latin movement.

A couples class only, this is a fabulous chance for a fun date night or the opportunity to learn a skill you've always wanted to try. A fun and vibrant human being himself, Hazelbaker will have you laughing and twirling while the true and specific skill of dance is taught. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to step out and try something new.

Visit [pagosacenter.org](http://pagosacenter.org) or call 731-SHOW for registration or information.

# Earth Community: Studying solutions, planning actions

By Joan Mieritz  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Earth Community book study and discussion has gotten to the sections in "When Corporations Rule the World," by David Korten, that contain solutions to making the world a more people friendly sustainable place.

Our book study is not on the level of an "economic summit." The members are Pagosans looking at basic concepts related to our economy and finding ways that

regular people can make changes that add up to an impact. We do not want to sit back and just let things happen.

If you want to stop being part of the problem and become a part of the solution, you are invited to join us on Tuesday, Jan. 19, and Monday, Jan. 25, at 2:30 p.m. at the Visitor Center conference room.

The Earth Community will also be having a general meeting to finalize a mission statement and decide on specific actions for 2016. We have been working on improv-

ing a healthy food situation for our families since "we are what we eat" and education is the first step in change.

We will gather on Thursday, Jan. 21, at 2:30 p.m. at the Chamber Visitor Center conference room. Members and new people are invited who want to make the world a better place starting with each of us and our local community.

We can make a difference. See you there.

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They produce musicals, comedies and dramas year-round. They also host theater camps for children, put on free summer concerts and a fall playwrights festival, as well as provide free tickets to local nonprofits for fundraisers. In its fifth season in Pagosa, Thingamajig Theatre Company has become a staple among tourists and locals, a lot of which has to do with their willingness to produce thoughtful and challenging theater.

Running throughout the month of January, "Moon Over Buffalo" is a superb way to start out the new year. Filled with great acting, fun surprises and a cast who doesn't disappoint, "Moon Over Buffalo" is setting the tone for what is sure to be another fabulous year at Thingamajig Theatre Company.

Tickets are available at [pagosacenter.org](http://pagosacenter.org) or by phone at 731-SHOW. Evening performances are at 7 p.m. with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. through Jan. 31.

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# A family tradition: Bonding while bowling

By **Betty Slade**  
PREVIEW Columnist

The year 2015 ended with a game of bowling and bonding with family. Bowling has become a family tradition. It's the only time of the year we bowl and it's one of those things that come as a second thought every Christmas holiday. It's never planned, but it always happens.

There are several of us with competitive spirits. We want to win. I polish my bowling ball and I make sure my 1955 left-handed bowling shoes are in the bag. I start talking smack to get the team excited. They make fun of my shoes. I make fun of their shoe size and their big feet. Let's just say, no one wears less than a size eight shoe in our family.

We divide up the family members into two lanes. I know I can hold my own with the men so I opt to go with the Lion Team. My Sweet Al opts to go with the girls on the Pussy-Cat Team.

My son-in-law and I always come close in points with the biggest scores. My game was off. He started counting up my excuses. I had some legitimate excuses. My feet had grown this year and they didn't fit into my high school lucky shoes. I had to take off my lucky shoes and rent a pair of shoes with a number on the back.

At the end of the night, my score was lower than the girl's side and my son-in-law's score was at the top. He took a picture to make sure I never forgot my off night and my score of 38. I can't redeem myself until next Christmas vacation. We only bowl once a year as a family. It's tradition.

We took family photos. By morning, a picture was sent around on our Facebook family group site. I thought it was nice that someone had posted it. This year for me was bonding with the family. I was

## Artist's Lane

**Betty Slade**



thrilled they took it upon themselves and thought to do it.

I posted it on my friend's site. She wrote back, "You sent me this strange photo with these family members, but I didn't see you. It looked like an orange bowling ball was suspended from the ceiling, I couldn't tell whose it was."

"What do you mean, I was there? I was holding a purple ball."

After a couple of days sending the photo around, our daughter said, "Should we tell her? She doesn't know."

"Tell me what?" I looked to see what they were having so much fun about. On the family picture someone put an orange bowling ball over my face. No one fessed up and they all have had a rip-roaring laugh at my expense. We made a memory and that is what bonding is all about. I think it was my son-in-law's orange ball, but not sure.

My Sweet Al and I rode with our grandson. He played all my favorite songs from his iTunes. He told his mother that his grandmother was really smart and he enjoyed talking with her. This is really big to me. When a 20-year-old grandchild thinks his grandmother is smart, his grandmother has arrived in my book.

This whole thing is about bonding, making friends with family members. It's one thing to be in the same family, it's something else to be friends in the same family.

They tease me about things such as I was too busy to decorate the tree and I knew I'd be taking it down in a week. I left it bare. I felt proud of myself for having Al put

it up in the first place. My Sweet Al said he didn't care if it was decorated. "The family said they were coming to our house for dinner. Oh, wait it's not decorated is it? Just come to ours."

I had taken a sabbatical from church to learn Greek this year. My family dogged me to death about going with them to church. "How could I do that to their poor sweet Dad and My Sweet Al. You know he loves going to church each week?"

I said, "Easy as Greek." I am now going back to church.

The Mail Chimp keeps records of my hits on my Internet sites. In an email, he asked how much coffee

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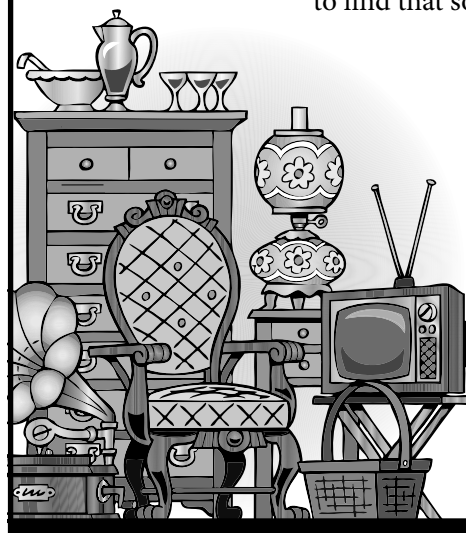
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By Traci Bishop  
PREVIEW Columnist

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fee had we drank together? Surely, I don't have to bond with the chimp. But I did bond with Al's dog, Whiskey. I thought I had really stepped up to the plate. Not because of Al's discipline, but I taught her she had to go to the dog bed when she comes into our bedroom.

Now My Sweet Al said, "Look, Whiskey is trying to please you. She wants you to like her."

Years ago, before I cared about bonding, I called our daughter's dog ugly. She hasn't forgotten it. It still brings tears to her eyes because I said her dog was ugly. It was, but I tried to redeem myself and told her that her dog's ears are not as long as they used be and she does have a pretty black shiny coat.

Final brushstroke: It's easier to bond the first time around than to play catch up. Being friends in a family is all about bonding and smiling while you're doing it. Whether it's dogs and their owners or an orange bowling ball in your face while taking family portraits, just laugh it off. The memories and family members are worth it.

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public for use from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. this Saturday. For more information, please call the center at 264-4152.

## Meditation class starting

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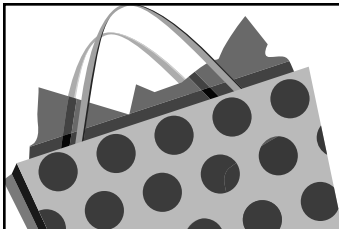
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# Senior Center celebrates second anniversary today

By Cheryl Wilkinson  
PREVIEW Columnist

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The planned dates are Saturday, Feb. 20, and Saturday, March 5, by appointment only.

The gross income limit this tax season is \$54,000. You must be a 2016 member of the Archuleta Seniors Inc. Discount Program to take advantage of this assistance. Please call 264-2167 for more information or to make an appointment.

## Medicare Mondays

Are you turning 65? Are you confused about Medicare? We have openings every Monday at the Senior Center to help you with your Medicare enrollment questions.

## Community

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Defense class are due by Friday, Feb. 17. Registration fee for this class is \$35 for a five-week session.

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

## Men's basketball tournament

Get your team together and register for this double-elimination tournament set for Saturday, Jan. 30. There is a six-team max sign up; registration deadline for all teams is Jan. 25, if space doesn't fill up before then. You must be 16 and older to participate in the tournament. Registration is \$200 per team.

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

## Dodge for a Cause

Come out for a day of fun with family and friends and help raise money for our youth on Saturday, Feb. 20. This tournament is in honor of the Marky Egan Youth Scholarship Fund Program. This scholarship

## Senior News

Please call 264-0501 to make an appointment with one of our talented and experienced Medicare counselors.

## Memberships

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

## Menu

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

The guest fee for those 59 and

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

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

Thursday, Jan. 14 — Anniversary dinner — Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli with cauliflower and carrots, whole wheat roll, salad bar and brownie.

Friday, Jan. 15 — Baked whitefish, vegetable lo-mein, salad bar, and sherbert with bananas.

Monday, Jan. 18 — Closed for Martin Luther King's birthday.

Tuesday, Jan. 19 — Pulled pork, whole wheat bun, baked potato, baked beans, coleslaw, salad bar and strawberries.

Wednesday, Jan. 20 — Chicken tostadas, Spanish rice, refried beans, mixed vegetables, salad bar and fruit.

Thursday, Jan. 21 — Beef teriyaki, stir-fry rice, spinach salad, Asian vegetables, salad bar and fortune cookie.

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.

helps children in need and allows them to participate in many of the recreational youth programs.

This will be a two-court tournament held at the Ross Aragon Community Center and will be played in two age divisions. The first division is ages 12-15 and the second division is 16 and older.

There will be prizes for most unique dressed team and for the champions in each division. Each team must have a minimum of six players to register. The registration fee is \$10 per person. Registration deadline for all teams is Friday, Feb. 12. Registrations can be found at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

## Center information

Community Center hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed for lunch daily from noon to 1 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday by appointment only.

The center is located at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. Phone is 264-4152, email is communitycenter@pagosa-springs.co.gov.

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# Unitarian topic: ‘The Wizard of Oz as a Metaphor of the Spiritual Journey’

By K Kay  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship invites you to attend “The Wizard of Oz as a Metaphor of the Spiritual Journey” with Karen LeCour this Sunday, Jan. 17, for its regular service.

Everyone loves “The Wizard of Oz,” but why is it so compelling a story and why has it captured our collective imagination for generations? According to Karen LeCour, it is because it is replete with metaphors of the spiritual journey if we take the time to look.

Toto, Glinda, the Wicked Witch, the Yellow Brick Road, the Wizard — all of these and many more are symbols in our search for wholeness. Dorothy embarks on the spiritual journey with her friends the Cowardly Lion, the Tin Man and the Scarecrow: courage, heart and a discerning mind.

In the end, her companions find that they embodied what they were seeking all along and Dorothy learns the biggest lesson of all: she was always already home. The lesson for us all is to unpack our bags, because no journey takes us back to God — only a remembering of what we always already are. Join us for this entertaining, whimsical and ultimately thought-provoking message.

Karen LeCour and her husband Bob are new arrivals to Pagosa Springs. Educated as a biologist, LeCour spent her career in computer science as a software development project manager and technical writer. Derailed by a back injury in the early 1990s, LeCour had the opportunity to explore many creative avenues that accommodated her new physical limitations: stained glass artist, personal chef, dog trainer, goat breeder and artisan cheese maker among them. LeCour has always been drawn to spiritual-

ity and has studied A Course in Miracles since 2000 and facilitated study groups in Utah, as well as a newly formed group here in Pagosa Springs.

This presentation honors the Unitarian Universalist principles of “The inherent worth and dignity of every person” and “A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.”

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship welcomes people of all spiritual belief systems, ethnicity and sexual orientation and invites you to enjoy refreshments and conversation after services, which are held Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza. From North Pagosa Boulevard, turn onto Park Avenue; then turn into the Greenbriar Plaza, drive to the east side of the parking lot and look for the Unitarian Universalist sign, facing north. For further information, call 731-7900.

# Let’s get your mind back in shape

By John Lough  
Special to The PREVIEW

It’s the time of the year when many of us get serious about getting our bodies back in shape. After all those holiday treats, we may notice that our clothes are just a wee bit tighter and that we seem out of breath much more often.

But while getting and staying physically fit is a great goal, many of us ignore the idea that we also need to be mentally fit. And just as you can exercise your muscles to get in better physical shape, there are things you can do to reduce stress and get your feelings and attitudes into better shape.

One starting point for shaping up your mental health is simply to make some time for yourself. It’s easy in today’s busy world to find yourself buried in work, family issues and social obligations, leaving little or no time for yourself.

An easy fix to that is to create a

daily schedule that includes a time slot for “you.” Actually schedule a time each day when you can do one thing that you find relaxing or enjoyable, then stick to that schedule. When it’s “you” time, pick up a book or take that walk and leave the stress behind.

You can also improve mental well being by doing things outside yourself. When you give something back to others, it can offer a meaningful escape from your own problems while also providing a sense of fulfillment and self-worth that’s essential for good mental health. Look for volunteer opportunities with community, civic or religious groups that will give you a chance to do some good for others.

And, yes, staying physically active and fit also plays a role in improved mental health. Studies have found, for example, that exercise is a great way to fight depression. And as we get ourselves into better shape, we begin to feel more confident about

how we look and what we can do — feelings that add up to good mental health.

Just as those extra pounds from all those holiday cookies are not going to disappear like magic, reducing stress and eliminating problems also takes effort to keep those issues under control. But when you build a little relaxation into your life, reach out to help others and stay physically fit, you’ll find mental health improving, making it easier to cope with the challenges of everyday life.

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During the early days of logging in Pagosa Country, the ponderosa pine trees were large and plentiful. It is unknown who the people are in this photo, but judging from how they are dressed in white shirt and tie, they are probably mill owners. The logs look pretty sharp, as well. Let The SUN know if you can identify the men shown here, or maybe date the photo. Send an email to editor@pagosasun.com

## Taking a look at booming year of 1901

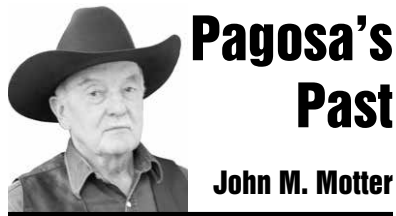
**John M. Motter**  
PREVIEW Columnist

Most of the businesses in Pagosa Springs during the booming year of 1901 were located in what is now known as the “Old Town” down by the river. Mostly built of lumber, the buildings were scattered along San Juan, Pagosa and Lewis streets. A bridge across the San Juan River connected San Juan Street on both sides of the river. Several fires destroyed most of these buildings.

The oldest part of the town was along San Juan Street on the east side plus the north-south stretch between the hot springs and Mill Creek. There were no paved streets at that time. Gas street lamps were scattered along Pagosa, San Juan and Lewis streets. The town did not have a telephone distribution system. A line installed by Welch Nossaman through Edith to Lumberton connected Pagosa Springs to the outside world by way of the line paralleling the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad which connected the San Juan Basin with the outside world via Cumbres Pass.

The town had no water distribution or sewage collection systems. Every home had a privy or septic vault or both. Water could be purchased from a vendor with a horse-drawn, cart mounted water barrel filled directly from the San Juan River. Some homes had private wells, while other people drew their own water from the river.

Milk cows, horses and chickens were kept by some people in town, who also maintained a barn, maybe a stable, and other outbuildings. During summer, a herder was hired to gather the “town herd,” drive the animals outside of the town to graze during the day then return them in



### Pagosa's Past

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*The town had no water distribution or sewage collection systems.*

time for milking during the evening.

Horses and horse-drawn vehicles were the only means of travel in town. A livery stable supplied and boarded horses. Horse-drawn taxis transported visitors, especially salesmen, between the railroad station and one of the three or four hotels.

During winter when snow blanketed the ground, runners replaced wheels and converted wagons to sleds. The snow was not plowed from roads; horses pulling sleighs traveled on top of the snow. In those days, people were as familiar with horses and the intricacies of harnessing horses as people today are familiar with cars. Experienced eyes were able to gauge the size, strength, health, age, tameness and value of horses.

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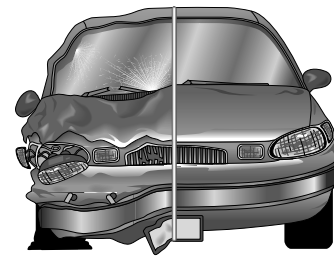
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# The math of forgiveness: Seventy times seven

By Richard Gammill  
Special to The PREVIEW

The math of forgiveness is stunning and begs to be understood. Peter came to Jesus complaining about the number of times he had been offended by his brother. “Master, how many times do I forgive a brother or sister who hurts me? Seven?”

Jesus replied, “Seven! Hardly. Try seventy times seven.” (Matthew 18:21-22).

In other words, forgiveness has no limits. This was not the answer Peter expected and he must have gone away shaking his head.

Anyone who thinks forgiveness is either easy or impossible must be perplexed by what this math requires. Some offenses are so slight we can brush them off with little thought. When someone we love hurts us, our love prompts us to forgive.

However, some relationships are so fraught with repeated acts of thoughtlessness, betrayal or outright cruelty that shallow thoughts of forgiveness are impossible. Simple addition (“I’ll forgive him this time”) will not work. Multiplication is required: 70 times. We must go deep within ourself and discover the source of the forgiving love that enabled Jesus to cry out, while dying on the cross, “Father, forgive them ...”

When we repeat the Lord’s Prayer, we might miss the full meaning of this petition: “Forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors.” The words slip easily from our lips, but in life, we might be devastated by how hard they are to put into practice.

Family members of the nine black worshippers who were slaughtered in a Charleston church faced the killer in a remarkable bond hearing. Of those who spoke, two made a spontaneous offer of mercy.

“I forgive you,” Nadine Collier, the daughter of 70-year-old Ethel Lance, said at the hearing. Her voice broke with emotion. “You took something very precious from me. I will never talk to her again. I will never, ever hold her again. But I forgive you. And have mercy on your soul.” Her words shocked everyone in the courtroom, as well as an incredulous nation.

In the days and weeks following the murders, the issue of forgive-

## A Matter of Faith

*‘Master, how many times do I forgive a brother or sister who hurts me? Seven?’*

ness has been featured in countless news articles and many people — black and white — have agonized over its implications. How is it possible to extend forgiveness to a cold-blooded, calculating killer who hoped his actions might incite

a race war? Is forgiveness as easy as saying the three words?

Grieving family members, and others, have confessed that forgiveness is a painful process taking much time. Malcolm Graham, brother of one of the murder victims, said, “Some faith walks are longer than others. For me, forgiveness is a process. It’s a journey. Forgiving for me, then and now, is miles, miles, miles away.”

Some may never arrive at that destination. Those who do will learn that forgiveness is not a single event, but emerges out of many times of prayerful soul-searching for the grace to forgive.

### Reader comments

You are invited to write for A Matter of Faith. If you want to learn more about writing, come and join the WCCWN Writers’ Critique Group on Monday mornings. For further details, email [betty@betty-slade.com](mailto:betty@betty-slade.com).

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# Preview Calendar

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## Thursday, Jan. 14

**Hoopsters.** 8-9 a.m., Community Center. Come down and play basketball.

**Dancin' and Movin' with Debbie on Video.** 9:30-10:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Just bring your love of movement. For information, call Renee at 731-0303.

**Yoga.** 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Bring a mat or a towel.

**Medicare 101.** 10:30 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Register with Area Agency on Aging at 264-0501, ext. 2. Understand your rights, options, deadlines, possible penalties and where to find information.

**Senior Center Second-Anniversary Dinner.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Come celebrate with us. For seniors 60 and older \$4, For 59 and younger, \$10. RSVP at 264-2167.

**Homemakers Club Game Day.** 11:30 a.m., CSU Extension Building. Learn to play a variety of games such as Rummikub. Covered dish lunch prepared by members. Questions, call 731-3360.

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

**Tech Time.** 3-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Drop-in technology help with Meg. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

**ESL Class.** 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Classes for adults. Free child care; all course materials provided. Registration is ongoing. For more information, call Lynn Rose at 507-1259 or email lynrose323bc@gmail.com.

**Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA).** 7 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center. Presentation and slide show by Douglas E. Loebig on the results of the archaeological survey conducted for the Forest Service's Peterson Gulch Hazardous Fuel Reduction Project. For more information, visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org).

**Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Moon Over Buffalo.'** 7 p.m., Pagosa Center for the Arts. A play that centers on a husband and wife acting team. In an attempt to keep their careers afloat, the couple is producing two plays simultaneously. They receive word that Hollywood director Frank Capra may be coming to see a performance, giving them one last chance at fame. That is, of course, if they can remember which play they are doing. For ticket informa-

tion, go to [pagosacenter.org](http://pagosacenter.org) or call 731-SHOW.

## Friday, Jan. 15

**Pickleball.** 8-10 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles available.

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

**Tai Chi.** 11 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Wear flat-soled shoes.

**iPad Basics.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Sisson Library. Registration required. This class is designed for users who have little-to-no experience using their iPads and want to understand the essential functions, as well as learn some useful tips. Must provide your own registered iPad. Call 264-2209 for more information and to register.

**Pagosa's Professional Women's Networking Group.** Noon-1 p.m., First Southwest Bank. Dena Laterza will give an overview of WIX website. Please arrive 5 minutes early, the meeting starts promptly at noon. Call Alice at 946-5887 with any questions.

**Duplicate Bridge.** Noon-5 p.m., Community Center. Call Stan at 731-2217 to get signed up.

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

Center.

**Movie.** 2 p.m., Sisson Library. Rated PG. The live action telling of an orphaned boy who wishes to never grow up and finds himself in an enchanted land and fighting pirates. Call 264-2209 for information.

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**Course in Miracles Study Group.** 7-8:30 p.m., Yoga Clarity Studio. Call 264-0111 for more info.

**Local Vocals Music and Dance Series.** 7 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Featuring the Tim Sullivan Band. Tickets are \$15 in advance at the Pagosa Lakes Office or night of at the door.

## Saturday, Jan. 16

**Open Gym Basketball.** 9 a.m.-1


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p.m., Community Center. Call 264-4151, ext. 231, for any questions or ideas.

**Baby/Toddler Storytime.** 9:30-10 a.m., Sisson Library. Recommended for children 6 months to 3 years. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

**Zumba.** 10-11 a.m., Community Center. Come start your morning out with this one-of-a-kind cardio workout.

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**Sunday, Jan. 17**

**San Juan Fellowship.** 9-10:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. A secular gathering of people who seek to promote high values along with reverence for life, community and the cosmic mystery in a friendly, welcoming atmosphere. For more information, go to SanJuanFellowship@gmail.com.

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**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. 18**

**Pickleball.** 8-10 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles available.

**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.** 9:15-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners are welcome at 9:15 a.m., no experience needed. Advanced group will be at 10 a.m. Call Gerry for information at 731-9734.

**Qigong.** 10 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Come help main-

tain and improve your health, strength and balance.

**Pagosa Bridge for Fun.** 12:30-4 p.m., Community Center.

**Dance Night with Ryan.** Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. This month, you can learn how to salsa. For more information and to register, go to www.pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

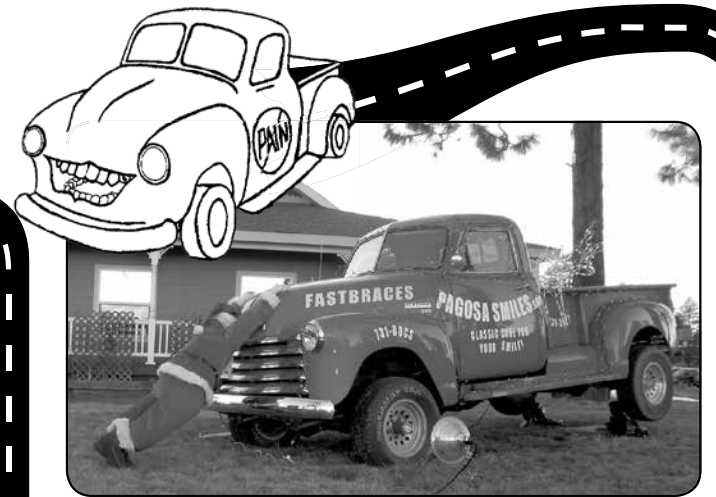
**San Juan Back Country Horsemen.** 7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Non-members are always welcome. Join us for our Social time and potluck 6:30-7 p.m. Presentation is by the trails committee, featuring a slideshow on volunteer work on national forest trails in 2015 and will include planned trail work for 2016 season.

**Tuesday, Jan. 19**

**Hoopsters.** 8-9 a.m., Community Center. Come down and play basketball.

**Dancin' and Movin' with Debbie on Video.** 9:30-10:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230

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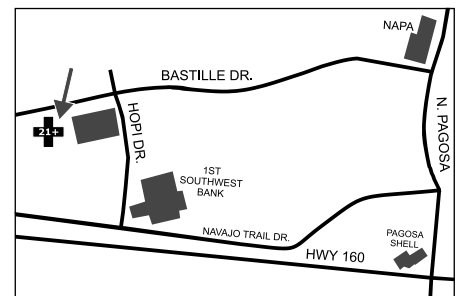
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**Veterans for Veterans.** 10 a.m., Pagosa Lodge.

**Yoga.** 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Bring a mat or a towel.

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

**Archuleta County Sheriff's Coffee With a Cop.** 11 a.m., TARA Community Center, 333 Milton Lane, Arboles. A unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the department's work in Archuleta County. All community members are welcome. Contact Mike Le Roux at 731-4799 with questions.

**Adult Coloring.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

**Mah Jongg.** 1-3 p.m., Community Center.

**Teen Gaming.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. X-box, Wii, board games and snacks. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

**ESL Class.** 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Classes for adults. Free child care; all course materials provided. Registration is ongoing. For more information, call Lynn Rose at 507-1259 or email lynrose323bc@gmail.com.

**Duplicate Bridge.** 5-10 p.m., Community Center. Call Stan at 731-2217 to get signed up.

**Pajama Time Storytime.** 6-6:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us for a pajama storytime recommended for children 7 and under and their families. Little ones can come dressed in their pajamas and bring their favorite snuggle toy. We will sing, dance and read our way to bed. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**South Eighth Street reconstruction improvements public input**

**work session.** Town of Pagosa Springs Planning Department. 5:15 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, south conference room. Davis Engineering and the Town Planning staff will present potential improvements that the Town Council will be considering to include into the scope of the project.

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

**Wednesday, Jan. 20**

**Pickleball.** 8-10 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles available.

**Hatha Yoga.** 10-11 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Please bring a mat and towel or blanket. For further information, call 731-5529.

**Preschool Storytime.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Recommended for 3- to 5-year-olds. Preschoolers and their families are invited for an hour of stories, music and a craft. Develop early literacy skills while having fun. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

**Flow Yoga.** 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Bring a mat or a towel.

**Free Blood Pressure Check.** 10:30 a.m., Senior Center.

**Tai Chi.** 11 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Wear flat-soled shoes.

**Republican Central Committee.** Noon, Boss Hogg's Restaurant. For more information, call 731-4277.

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

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

**Coed Volleyball.** 1-3:30 p.m., Community Center. Friendly, non-

competitive games open to all ages.

**Jelly Beans and Squiggly Things After School Club.** 3:30-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, room No. 9. For information, call 903-8104.

**ESL Class.** 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Classes for adults. Free child care; all course materials pro-

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vided. Registration is ongoing. For more information, call Lynn Rose at 507-1259 or email lyn-nrose323bc@gmail.com.

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

**Wild West Square Dance Class.** 6:45-7:45 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Basic level. Open to families, couples and singles. Suggested age for children is at least 8 years old. Call Carla Roberts to enroll at 903-6478.

**Nova: A Modern Ballet.** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Suspended and set in the void of space, we follow the stars as they search for their purpose and explore the curiosities of movement through a zero-gravity continuum. Visit pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

**Thursday, Jan, 21**

**Hoopsters.** 8-9 a.m., Community Center. Come down and play basketball.

**Yoga.** 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Bring a mat or a towel.

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

**Tech Time.** 3-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Drop-in technology help with Meg. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

**ESL Class.** 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Classes for adults. Free child care; all course materials provided. Registration is ongoing. For more information, call Lynn Rose at 507-1259 or email lyn-

nrose323bc@gmail.com.

**San Juan Stargazers.** 7 p.m., Visitor Center. Look over and critique 2016 Star Party Calendar. Program on Unique Astronomy in Antarctica. For information, email sjstargazers@gmail.com or call 335-8286.

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**Friday, Jan. 22**

**Pickleball.** 8-10 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles available.

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

**Tai Chi.** 11 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Wear flat-soled shoes.

**Android 101.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Sisson Library. Registration required. This class is for those who have a relatively new Android tablet or cell phone and want to learn

some of the basics. Bring your own device for this hands-on workshop. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Read With a Ranger.** 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. "It's snowtastic!" Come explore the wonderful world of snow and join Ranger Brandon of the U.S. Forest Service as we celebrate winter with nature-themed books and activities. Recommended for 6- to 10-year-olds. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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**Course in Miracles Study Group.** 7-8:30 p.m., Yoga Clarity Studio. Call 264-0111 for more info.

**Saturday, Jan. 23**

**Baby/Toddler Storytime.** 9:30-10 a.m., Sisson Library. Recommended for children 6 months to 3 years. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

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

**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. 25

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

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**Caregiver Support Group.** 11 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. The meeting is led by Elaine Stumpo, regional

director of the Alzheimer's Association. For more information, call 731-1033 or 259-0122.

## Tuesday, Jan. 26

**Veterans for Veterans.** 10 a.m., Pagosa Lodge.

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

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**Hatha Yoga.** 10-11 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Please bring a mat and towel or blanket. For further information, call 731-5529.

**Preschool Storytime.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Recommended for 3- to 5-year-olds. Preschoolers and their families are invited for an hour of stories, music and a craft. Develop early literacy skills while having fun. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

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

**DIY Make Your Own Household Cleaners.** 2 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us for a DIY project where we make two of our own household cleaners: a glass cleaner and an all-purpose cleaner. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Jelly Beans and Squiggly Things After School Club.** 3:30-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary

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# The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

## ACROSS

- 1 Bone-dry
- 5 Ill will
- 10 Seductress
- 14 Infinitesimal amount
- 15 Knight's "suit"
- 16 Fit of fever
- 17 Water carrier
- 18 Sot
- 19 Red ink amount
- 20 Aromatic solvent
- 22 Crime boss
- 23 Should, with "to"
- 24 Alluring
- 27 Chop (off)
- 30 Rendered helpless
- 31 Cleopatra biter
- 34 With sharpness
- 36 Layered
- 38 Prepare to fire again

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## DOWN

- 1 Right-hand man
- 2 Beat badly
- 3 Allergic reaction
- 4 No longer in
- 5 Warmed the bench
- 6 Young talent
- 7 Bring in
- 8 Hammer slantingly
- 9 "To \_\_\_ is human ..."
- 10 Hold dear
- 11 All excited
- 12 Go, to the dogs
- 13 Annoying person
- 21 Dry run
- 23 Raphael or Rembrandt
- 25 Platoon member
- 26 Demeanor
- 27 Florida's Key
- 28 Continental divide?
- 29 Beat

- 31 Bit of high jinks
- 32 Artillery burst
- 33 Gussy up
- 35 "Sesame Street" watcher
- 37 "\_\_\_ alive!"
- 41 Coleslaw basis
- 42 Virility
- 45 Apt
- 47 Monopoly purchase

- 48 Atkinson of "Mr. Bean"
- 49 Crack, in a way
- 50 Blue-ribbon
- 51 Learning style
- 54 In need of re-supply, maybe
- 55 Dangerous time
- 56 "Groovy!"
- 58 Relatives
- 59 Scout leader?

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Selected candidate will provide patient services at the main clinic site in Dulce, New Mexico. Other duties and responsibilities; responsibilities for specialty medical management of adults and children with psychiatric disorders, orders and /or interprets labs and imaging studies as indicated, and consistent with WIHCC medical priorities specified by the Purchased and Referred Care Program, serves as consultant for WIHCC medical staff, as well as consultant to other IHS and Tribal 638 programs upon request, maintains privileges to provide consultant services for WIHCC patients referred to Little Colorado Medical Center, provides liaison to NARBHA, RBHA, Community Bridges stabilization center, and other regional organizations providing services to patients with behavioral health issues. Possesses cultural awareness and sensitivity. Qualifications: Degree in Medicine from an accredited medical school required. Possess an unrestricted license to practice medicine in the United States. Completion of accredited residency training in Psychiatry; and Board eligibility or certification by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. As mandated by PL 93-638, absolute preference will be given to qualified Indian applicants. Requires a knowledge of, and sensitivity to cultural and language differences. Education and Experience: Masters preferred in Business Administration or Public Administration and/or Social Services Administration. Four years of prior work experience in combination of administrative and behavioral health work. License and Certifications: New Mexico State Driver's License. Must be able to obtain clearance from the Nation's Risk Management Office to drive Nation vehicles.

Please submit your proposal to:

Jicarilla Behavioral Health  
Attention: Mr. Anthony Smith  
PO Box 546  
Dulce NM

Deadline to Submit a proposal is January 15, 2016

**WYNDHAM VACATION RESORTS.** We are seeking an Activity Supervisor to join our team in Pagosa Springs. The position is accountable for leading a team of associates selling area activities to our guests. If you are outgoing, love to help people and have a winning spirit, you can find out more online at WVOjobs.com, apply in person, 42 Pinon Causeway, OR contact Tanya O'Neal at (970)731-8926. It is a full-time position with full benefits after 30 days, unlimited development and career opportunities. Come work for the biggest and best hospitality company in the world!

**BANK OF COLORADO** in Pagosa Springs is now hiring a full-time Loan Assistant. Previous loan experience of 2-5 years of consumer and mortgage loan processing preferred. Salary based on experience. Please apply online at [www.bankofcolorado.com](http://www.bankofcolorado.com) and click on the career link.

**CT'S AUTOMOTIVE INC.** looking for an experienced automotive technician. Must have tools and willing to work weekends Accepting applications at 163 Gold mine Drive. (970)264-1630.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A.A. PRINCIPLES BEFORE PERSONALITIES GROUP** meets at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Tuesday 7p.m. Big Book Study (closed); Thursday 7p.m. Discussion (open); Questions (970)245-9649; Ken or Charlotte 731-1025.

**A.A. PAGOSA SPRINGS GROUP.** 234 N. 2nd St./ CR 200- Snowball Rd. Sunday 10a.m. (AM); 5:30p.m. open discussion; Monday 12p.m. (D); 5:30p.m. (BB); Tuesday 12p.m. (D); 5:30p.m. (M); Wednesday 12p.m. (D); 5:30p.m. (W); Thursday 12p.m. (D); 5:30p.m. (BG); Friday 12p.m. (D); 7p.m. (D); Saturday 7:30a.m. (AM); 5:30p.m. (D). (Last Friday of the month, 6p.m. potluck, 7p.m. birthday speaker meeting.) Questions, contact (970)245-9649, [www.aa-westerncolorado.org](http://www.aa-westerncolorado.org) or [www.aadistrict18.org](http://www.aadistrict18.org), or call: Ed K. 946-2606; Val V. 264-2685; Ben B. 264-0217.

**AL-ANON** meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. Saturday, 10:30a.m., 234 N. 2nd Street (CR200/ Snowball Road). [www.al-anon-co.org](http://www.al-anon-co.org).

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** meets Saturdays at 9a.m. at 234 N. 2nd St., aka CR 200 or Snowball Road. Open meeting, various structure. Call Lyn, 903-0655, or Carl, 903-2346, to confirm we are meeting or for information.

**NEW OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS** meeting starting December 3, 10a.m., at Centerpoint Church, 270 Cornerstone Dr. Leslie, (970)799-0775.

## LOST & FOUND

**LOST UNIQUE 9 DIAMOND RING** on Meadows. REWARD! Please call Jennifer, (206)915-5350.

**IF ANYONE** has lost their pet, please call the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs, 731-4771. [www.humanesociety.biz](http://www.humanesociety.biz).

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**ANTIQUA LOG BED, FULL** size, came from an old lodge in Big Bear Lake, CA. Can be seen and purchased at Memory Lane Antiques, Pagosa Springs, CO.

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**BURTON CUSTOM SNOWBOARD** and new snowboard boots, \$200. Scarpa T2 ski boots, \$75. Rossignol BC 110 waxless skis, \$75. 946-2012.

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**RONK MODEL 92 ROTARY TRANSFORMER** and capacitor panel. Converts single phase to three phase. 240/480 volts, KVA max: 50, Type 2p/4p, amps 90/45 SN 428269. \$750 Michael C. Branch, (970)769-2036.

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**3 PERSON FAR INFRARED** Health Mate sauna. Portable snap lock construction, temperature control, dry heat. \$1,500 OBO. 731-0417.

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**LA-Z-BOY QUEEN SOFA SLEEPER,** dark green, comfortable, bed rarely used, comfortable mattress. Upholstery very CLEAN like new, sofa cover (included) on it always, \$650. King plush mattress, used 1 year, clean like new, \$200. King bed platform, can be stained or painted, \$75. Love seat, double space saver recliner, \$100. (719)352-5387, leave message.

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**1996 ARCTIC CAT PANTHER** 2 passenger, excellent condition, just serviced, \$650. 2 place snowmobile trailer, \$1,500. 946-5329.

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**VACATIONERS.** We have fully furnished homes and condos for rent by the day, week or month. We also have long term places available. Pagosa Realty Rentals, located upstairs, Frontier Building, Piedra at 160. (970) 731-5515. [www.pagosarentals.com](http://www.pagosarentals.com).

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## RESIDENTIAL RENTALS

**620 LAKESIDE DR., UNIT 12.** Large 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 2-car garage condo. Large views of the San Juan mountains. Asking \$1,375 plus utilities. No pets. Call 731-2262.

**FULLY UPSCALE FURNISHED TOWNHOUSE.** 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2 fireplaces, 2-car heated garage. \$1,500/ month plus utilities. Nonsmoking, no pets. Contact (918)691-6863.

**COUNTRY LIVING ON 9 ACRES** on Snowball Rd. Rustic home. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath with bonus room, 2-car garage, fireplace, wood burning stove and natural gas heat. \$1,400/ month plus utilities. 946-2728.

**ROOMMATE WANTED.** New 2 bedroom home in Aspen Springs. Neat, nonsmoker, must love animals. \$500/ month. Call Bonnie at (970)946-5641.

**3 BEDROOM 2 BATH 2** car garage. Available February 1st. Long term lease, \$1,150. (720)470-3056.

**2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, 980 SQ. FT.** house. W/D, open floor plan, wood stove. \$975/ month. Off Cloud Cap, 1 year lease, first and last. (970)903-8019.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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264-2101

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Classified Deadline: Tuesday 10 a.m.

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**SPECTACULAR DOWNTOWN HOME** for rent. 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath plus bonus room which could be an additional bedroom. Two gas fireplaces. Nice yard with lots of trees and a convenient circular driveway. Huge views of the mountains from the living area. Gaze down at the river and Reservoir Hill from the vaulted dining room. Located in downtown Pagosa Springs' best neighborhood. Close enough to walk to everything downtown, \$2,200/ month. 903-1084.

**RENTALS: VACATION AND LONG TERM.** Call Laura Daniels, (970)731-8599, Broker, Team Pagosa Realty Group, www.lodging-pagosasprings.com.

**SMALL STUDIO, 200 SQ. FT.** on golf course. Partial kitchen, no stove. \$500/ month includes utilities and garage. 1 small pet possible. No smokers. Security deposit. Available soon. 946-2728.

**BEST VALUE IN PAGOSA.** Excellent condition 1/1, 2/2 apartment homes. Convenient location, walk to uptown grocery store. 946-9187.

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**LONG TERM RENTALS** available. Call Sunetha, (970)731-4344 or sunetha.com.

**GREAT LOCATION WITH PAGOSA** Lake views. 198 Aspenglow #1. 2 bedroom, W/D, covered deck. No pets. Most utilities paid. \$699, available January 7th. (303)881-1407.

**COMMERCIAL RENTALS**

**NEW EXECUTIVE iSUITES.** 1-4, 300-1,500. Receptionist, conference room, Internet, utilities, paved parking. On-demand administrative. Copy/ scan/ fax. Also hourly, 1/2 day, full day rates. Wen Saunders (970)903-0038. Keller Williams Realty Southwest Associates.

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**PRIME RETAIL/ OFFICE SPACE** for lease. 2 adjoining units available- 104 and 105, each approximately 900 sq. ft., 191 Talisman. Open and office space, private bath, front and side entrance. Great location. \$695 per month, \$1,250 for both. Some utilities paid. Call (970)264-0560.

**PRIME RETAIL LOCATION.** Approximately 1,000 sq. ft. located in the City Market center uptown. Great visibility and parking. Morgan, (303)475-6053.

**STREET LEVEL UNITS STILL** available at the River Center. Give us a call at 731-0951 or 264-6147.

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**PRIME RETAIL/ OFFICE SPACE** for sale. 2 adjoining units available, each approximately 900 sq. ft., 191 Talisman. Open and office space, private bath. Great location. Unit 105, \$119,000; Unit 104, \$115,000. Want both? Let's make a deal. Call (970)264-0560.

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**MOBILE HOMES**

**TINY IMPACT- BIG SAVINGS.** Sustainable affordable living in your own Tiny House. Ready to be towed. \$14K. (970)946-5015.

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**FSBO. 2 STORY LOFT,** wood deck overlooking mountain views, park like setting. Natural gas plus wood burning fireplace. Washer/ dryer, full bath up, half bath down. Uptown, walk to shopping. Newly remodeled. Pick your own paint colors. \$114,000. 731-8877.

**HOUSES FOR SALE**

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**FOR SALE BY OWNER.** 10 Pierce Street, on 6 city lots. Built early 1900s, former home of Harland and Mary Pierce family and A.T. Sullenberger. \$250,000 as is. (970)946-3137.

**3 OR 2 BEDROOM HOUSE** wanted to buy in town or near. Garage or out building a plus. Fixer upper or mobile okay. Cash down with payments preferred. Can pay all cash. Moving to area. Call Dan (727)582-9000.

**FSBO- NEAR NEW, FURNISHED,** two and three bedroom duplex. Warm, sunny passive solar design almost eliminates heating costs. Lots of wood with maximum natural lighting. Well appointed with 4 bathrooms and laundries, plus two additional "secluded" patio/ deck areas for outdoor entertaining. Overlooking downtown and hot springs, great views of mountains, a couple minutes walk to San Juan River Walk, hot springs, fishing/ rafting, restaurants, pubs, shopping, post office, etc. Highly desirable location in new river development neighborhood! Asking \$345,000, possible financing. Currently leased long term; netting \$2,600 income per month. Motivated! (970)946-6274.

**TOWNHOUSE FSBO.** 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 2-car garage, fireplace, energy efficient, much, much more. Close to everything. Over 2,030 sq. ft. \$209,500. Call home (970)264-0269 or cell (520)241-1198.

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**RIVER FRONT PROPERTIES.** Log cabin home, wells, water rights .5 cfs+, 9 acres. Against national forest, snow capped views of divide. \$479K, (970)769-3588, blancoretreat@gmail.com.



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School, room No. 9. For information, call 903-8104.

**ESL Class.** 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Classes for adults. Free child care; all course materials provided. Registration is ongoing. For more information, call Lynn Rose at 507-1259 or email lyn-nrose323bc@gmail.com.

**Wild West Square Dance Class.** 6:45-7:45 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Basic level. Open to families, couples and singles. Suggested age for children is at least 8 years old. Call Carla Roberts to enroll at 903-6478.

**Nova: A Modern Ballet.** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Suspended and set in the void of space, we follow the stars as they search for their purpose and explore the curiosities of movement through a zero-gravity continuum. Visit pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

**Thursday, Jan. 28**

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**Friday, Jan. 29**

**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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**Course in Miracles Study Group.** 7-8:30 p.m., Yoga Clarity Studio. Call 264-0111 for more info.

**Saturday, Jan. 30**

**Men's Basketball Tournament.** Community Center. Double elimination tournament. Deadline is Jan. 25, if space doesn't fill up before then. For registration fees and more information, call 264-4152.

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

**Monday, Feb. 1**

**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.

**Tuesday, Feb. 2**

**Veterans for Veterans.** 10 a.m., Pagosa Lodge.

**ESL Class.** 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Classes for adults. Free child care; all course materials provided. Registration is ongoing. For more information, call Lynn Rose at 507-1259 or email lyn-nrose323bc@gmail.com.

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

**Wednesday, Feb. 3**

**HELP (Healthy Eating Lifestyle Plan).** Noon-1 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Weigh-in, support and more.

Everyone welcome. Call Nancy Strait at 731-3427 for more information.

**Jelly Beans and Squiggly Things After School Club.** 3:30-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, room No. 9. For information, call 903-8104.

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care; all course materials provided. Registration is ongoing. For more information, call Lynn Rose at 507-1259 or email lyn-nrose323bc@gmail.com.

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

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