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Mountains receive 52 inches of snow, schools close

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

Heavy snows came to Pagosa Country this week, causing Archuleta School District to call snow days on Jan. 17 and 18, among other disruptions.

Sites in Archuleta County received between 22.4 and 35.6 inches of snow in the storms between Saturday Jan. 11 and Jan. 18, according to the Community Collaborative Rain Hail and Snow Network website.

Snowfall totals varied throughout the county, with the highest amount reported near Village Lake.

A report from Wolf Creek Ski Area indicates that Wolf Creek had received 16 inches of snow in the previous 24 hours and 52 inches from the latest storm as of approximately 6 a.m. Jan. 18, bringing the midway snow depth to 106 inches and the year-to-date snowfall total to 219 inches.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Water and Climate Center's snowpack report, the Wolf Creek summit, at 11,000 feet of elevation, had 22.2 inches of snow water equivalent as of 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 18.

The Wolf Creek summit was at 131 percent of the Jan. 18 snowpack median.

The San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan river basins were at 152 percent of the Jan. 18 median in terms of snowpack.

Avalanches

According to the Colorado Avalanche Information Center (CAIC) website, the southern San Juan range, including Wolf Creek Pass, was at level three — considerable — in terms of avalanche danger, as of 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 18.

The CAIC uses a scale of one through five to assess avalanche danger in regions around the state.

The CAIC website notes, "You can trigger a dangerous avalanche on steep slopes where you find more than about ten inches of new snow. You can trigger avalanches from the bottom of slopes, and avalanches may run farther than you expect, so give a wide berth around steep slopes above you. For

■ See Weather A8



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Moments of tranquil beauty and times of serious sledding fun could be found across the region this week. Some areas in the county reported receiving up to nearly 3 feet of snow. Wolf Creek Ski Area reported 52 inches of snow from the latest storm. More snow is in the forecast for Friday.

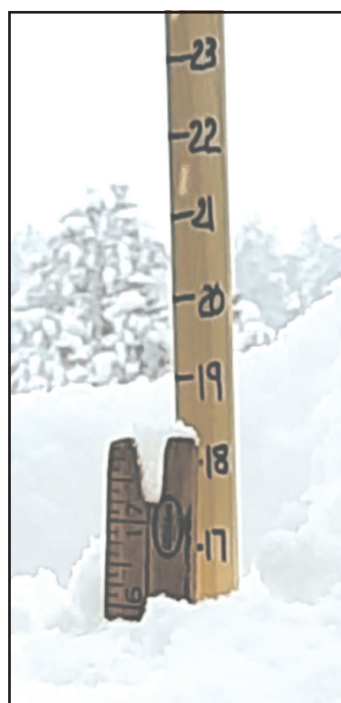


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Lack of public interest for new health department group discussed

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its Jan. 17 work session, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) discussed the formation of a county public health department and citizen participation in the transition advisory committee for the new department.

Commissioner Veronica Medina commented that it was "clearer than mud" what the expectations for the members of the advisory committee are and that there still seems to be confusion among county residents on what the county is doing and how it would be accomplished concerning the new health department.

■ See Health A8

County passes resolution overruling town planning decision

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

At its Jan. 10 meeting, the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission rejected a request from Archuleta County for a variance to waive the rooftop equipment screening requirement for the new courthouse at 109 Harman Park Drive.

Both the court facility and county's detention center went before the town's Design Review Board (DRB) in 2019 and 2020, respectively.

However, the DRB awarded only a temporary certificate of occupancy (TCO) for the courthouse, and this TCO came with certain conditions, because the building was found in violation of the town's Land Use and Development Code (LUDC). These conditions would need to be met before a final certificate of occupancy would be delivered.

As of the Jan. 10 planning commission meeting, two conditions had yet to be addressed on the

■ See Variance A8

Town council discusses early child care and education funding

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

At the Jan. 3 Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting, Town Manager Andrea Phillips led a discussion on the direction the town might want to take on funding for early child care and education.

In its adopted 2023 budget, the council has included a line item for early child care and education in the amount of \$150,000. This includes "all of the funding for daycare centers, in-home daycares and other needs related to this goal," according to Phillips.

Phillips sought direction from the council about how it wants to approach the allocation of this money, as well as how it would prefer receiving requests from early child care and education providers who are seeking the funding.

"How do you want to kind of slice and dice that number [\$150,000] among the different early child care and education needs?" she

asked.

In the past, the council has awarded funding through an application process and, in some cases, has allowed child care providers to give presentations before the council at public meetings for the council's consideration, according to the agenda brief.

Child care and education centers such as Wings, Seeds of Learning, Head Start, as well as various in-home providers, have all previously received funding from the town, and there's a good chance these providers will come looking for funding again, according to Phillips.

"In the past there have been lump sum awards," with different categories of child care providers getting different allocations of money, "so it's really kind of up to council in terms of how you want to do this. I don't think you're limited to any of those [past] numbers. It's kind of been done differently every year," she said.

Phillips added, "There is a new early childhood council of Archuleta County. They just

formed. They have a board and director, and I have heard that they are going to be seeking operational funding."

Earlier in the meeting, during public comment, David Smith, who came before the council as a representative of Wings Early Childhood Center, linked the issue of expanding access to child care to expanding the area's workforce.

For example, if a parent is not able to find childcare then they are simply unavailable to join the workforce, according to Smith.

On this front, Smith made the council aware of Wings' current plans to expand, which he said would make room for up to 26 more people to enter the area's workforce by creating more child care slots for working families.

Council member Jeff Posey agreed with Smith and emphasized that "the primary way" he thinks about this issue is through the concept of "workforce participation," saying, "If you have somebody who is already housed here, but they can't enter the workforce because they don't have child care, then that kind

of retards our economic vitality."

Posey suggested he would like to prioritize the applications for the expansion of "new slots," which would, theoretically, "free up a worker," using the Wings proposal as an example of something he'd like to support.

Council member Brooks Lindner said, "I'd like to see us support Wings to the fullest capacity that we can," but he also added that he doesn't want to necessarily do this at the expense of other applicants and suggested moving some "mini grants" over to another fund to support these other providers.

Mayor Shari Pierce also emphasized the need to retain currently existing slots, saying, "I don't want to forget those who already are providing services to kids," while also showing support for the idea of increasing the number of slots through the Wings expansion.

Pierce explained that she would be comfortable with reserving "a certain amount towards

■ See Funding A8

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OUR VIEW

Responding to needs

There is nothing like a good snowstorm to bring a community together.

At this point, we don't really recall when the most recent snowstorms began. Was it this week? Last week? The week before?

What we do know is that we've spent hours plowing snow, shoveling snow, driving in snow and watching it snow.

Last week, we wrote about there being something special about living here in Pagosa Country and the citizens of our community's unwavering dedication to pulling together and helping each other out.

That has become even more the case with our recent snowstorms.

We saluted our first responders and utility workers in this space in last week's paper. We have to thank them again for rising to the occasion of dealing with our much-needed and much-received snowfall.

We cannot think of a single person who is not thankful for our snowplow operators. The county, town and private plow drivers gave an all-out effort to open our roadways and make traveling safer.

Behind those crews are mechanics and managers who are making sure things operate as seamlessly as possible. Thank you.

A challenging storm, like the ones we've experienced lately, can become more just a nuisance than a life-threatening situation when our roads are plowed by these unsung

heroes who are doing a hard and often thankless job.

Throughout the storms, neighbors were helping neighbors. Friends were helping friends. Family was helping family.

Some kind soul shoveled the sidewalk in front of the newspaper.

This is the perfect time to check on your neighbor and see how you can help them. You can help someone shovel their walkway. You can stop to help out the young mother on the side of the road putting on her tire chains while a toddler waits on her in her car.

Look around. You'll find plenty of need right now. How can you help?

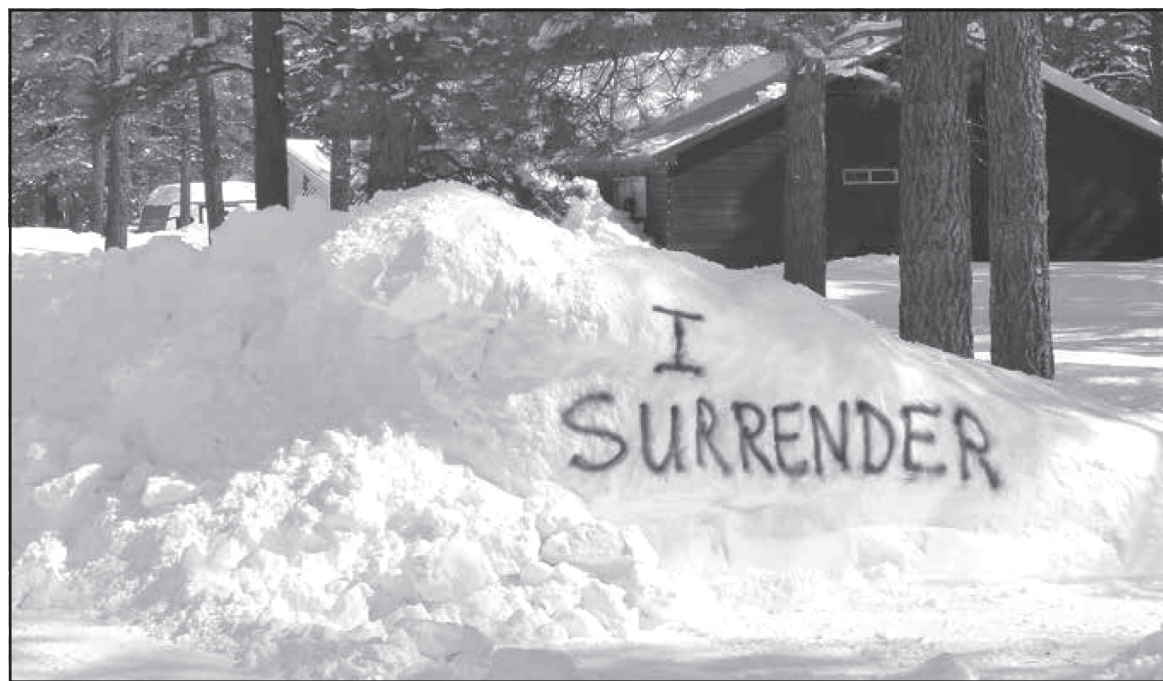
While you are at it, be sure you clean around the fire hydrants that are buried by snow in your neighborhood.

A quote from Mr. Rogers sums it up best: "All of us, at some time or other, need help. Whether we're giving or receiving help, each one of us has something valuable to bring to this world. That's one of the things that connects us as neighbors — in our own way, each one of us is a giver and a receiver."

He also said, "We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say 'It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.' Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes."

Terri Lynn Oldham House

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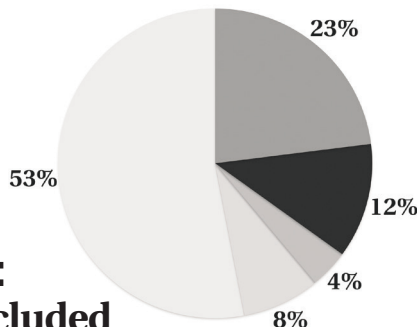
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Jeff Monafio
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Mother Nature and
his local plow driver
during recent winter
storms. He had been
plowed in twice
in 30 minutes and
decided to resort to
graffiti to express
his frustration. He
did report that area
plow drivers were
doing their best and
a friend helped him
dig out his berm.

WHADDYA THINK?

What is your favorite winter activity?

Poll results (102 votes)

Downhill skiing/snowboarding — 23 percent
Cross-country skiing — 12 percent
Ice skating — 4 percent
Snowmobiling — 8 percent
Relaxing by the fire — 53 percent



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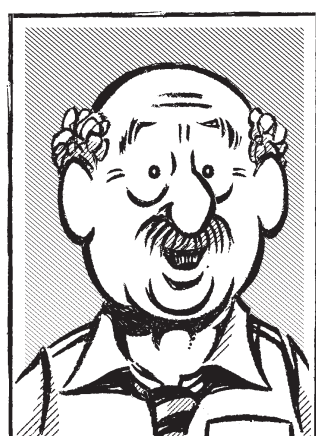
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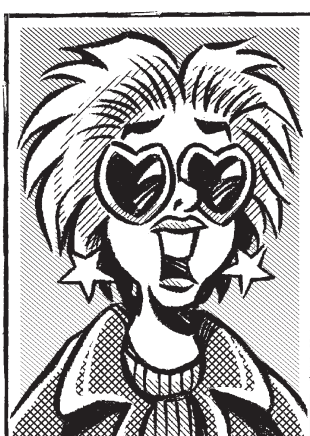
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"WHEN TH' BIRD DOGS FLY SOUTH."
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"WHEN THE WEATHER MAN SAYS MILD."
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LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
January 19, 1923

Congratulations to T.S. Reavis our new county commissioner from this district. Some people seem to think Chromo is out of the running so far as a commissioner from Chromo is concerned. Nonsense; it depends on who is put up when the time comes. For our part we believe Mr. Reavis is the right man in the right place. Here's hoping he will make good and succeed himself for many years.

During the year 1922, Mrs. A.L. Andrews, at her home in South Pagosa, with a flock of common hens averaging 36 in number thru-out the year, received a total number of 3,924 eggs. These eggs brought \$135 on the market at an average price of 29¢ per dozen. The feed for the hens cost \$35, leaving Mrs. Andrews a net profit of \$100 for the year's egg product. A splendid record for poultry of common stock.

During the year 1922 there were a total of 87 births and 31 deaths in Archuleta county. Of the births 46 occurred in Pagosa and the remaining 41 throughout the county, while 17 deaths occurred in Pagosa and 14 in the county.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
January 23, 1948

All the South slopes and many patches elsewhere were bare in the Basin last week. A scant inch of snow received this week-end just covers these places. B.T. Smith says it hasn't been so mild in January since 1916.

P.C. Crowley and Babe Shahan trucked a large bunch of cattle into the Basin Friday and Saturday to be fed at the Rio Blanco Ranch.

Amos Padilla, well known Pagosa Springs amateur scrapper, will fight in Denver Friday night under the colors of the Lucky Club of Colorado Springs. He will be handled by Mike Ruybalid widely known boxer of some years ago.

Padilla will also fight next week in the Golden Gloves tourney in Denver in the 148-pound class.

Residents on Putnam Hill now have electricity furnished by the La Plata Electric Assn. REA operating group which furnishes light and power to Pagosa. The line extends as far as the Stevens ranch west of town.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
January 18, 1973

Nearly 100 local residents turned out Tuesday evening to hear details on possible assignment of a Public Health Service doctor and a highly trained nurse to the community. They also took part in a discussion of the program and the need for it.

The meeting was held to allow local citizens to hear an explanation of the program, to ask questions, and to offer comments. The program is one whereby a medical doctor is assigned by the Public Health Service to a community for a period of two years. After that he may remain or leave, but will no longer be under the Public Health service.

The board of directors of the Dr. Mary Fisher Medical Center will have charge of the program if it is established. Glenn Kennedy, who was active in getting the program initiated, gave an explanation of the procedure to the group present. Under the proposal made a doctor and a highly trained nurse would be located here.

The meeting ended with those present expressing approval of the proposal.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
January 22, 1998

A tentative settlement has been reached in the lawsuit brought by Alpine Cascade Corporation and Pagosa Springs businessman J.R. Ford against Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District.

Alpine Cascade and Ford filed the lawsuit in Archuleta County District Court almost a year ago challenging the legality of an "enterprise" established by the district, saying the "enterprise" arrangements violated the TABOR amendment.

The settlement requires PAW&SD to change procedures for accounting for its "enterprise" operations. PAW&SD also agreed to evaluate an alternate route for a pipeline to carry water from the San Juan River to an existing treatment plant in the Pagosa Lakes area. PAW&SD also agreed to obtain voter approval of \$4.6 million in revenue bonds to raise money for the pipeline project. The bond election is scheduled for May 5.

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1/14	45	19	-	-	-
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Civics class response

Dear Editor:
Dear Students in the Civics class at San Juan Mountain High School:

It is good to see you asking about the gas prices in Pagosa Springs as many in the community have been doing so for several months. If you want more information about the gas prices, I encourage you to ask the County Commissioners. As Elected officials one description of their role is to "oversee county activities and work to ensure that citizen concerns are met." It would be an excellent civics lesson to meet with them to learn what they have done or are doing in response to the far above average gas prices in Pagosa Springs. Then if you are not satisfied with the County's response, your next move would be to pursue the issue at the Colorado State level. By following the chain of authority in our local and state government I guarantee that you will learn a great deal. You may also find yourselves contributing to a solution.

Poppy Borland

'Gun culture'

Dear Editor:
We need a change in our country in gun culture and the responsibility of gun ownership. In spite of what some are saying, most Democrats do not favor revoking the second amendment. Republicans, since you have a knee jerk reaction opposing any suggestion of gun safety by Democrats, it is up to you to promote the change.

This change in culture needs to come quickly. Guns have a place; gun violence does not. Guns have a purpose; gun worshipping does not. In 2022, there were 20,138-gun deaths in the US, not including suicides. In 2021, there were over 48,000 deaths due to gun violence including suicide. In 2022, 672 people died in mass shootings, and over 2,700 people were injured. If

those statistics do not appall you, then you are lacking a conscience.

In the place of gun worshipping, we need a healthy respect and, yes, fear, of guns. Instead of campaigning for more availability of guns, Republicans should spend resources on changing attitudes toward guns. Lock them up, unload them and put the key in a safe place. Guns should have trigger locks. If there is anyone in your household who has tendencies toward violence or mental health issues that may lead to suicide, remove guns from your house. If you hear anyone threaten violence, report them for red flag action. Assault weapons have no place in our homes or businesses; their only purpose is to kill people.

Instead of respecting guns for the violence they facilitate, our US Representative is still promoting the worship of guns. Here are three pieces of legislation she is proposing.

H.R. 53 To amend title 41, United States Code, to prohibit the Federal Government from entering into contracts with an entity that discriminates against firearm or ammunition industries, and for other purposes.

H.R. 151 To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove short-barreled shotguns from the definition of firearms for the purposes of the National Firearms Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 152 To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove silencers from the definition of firearms, and for other purposes.

Cheering for guns is different from cheering for your sport team. If guns win, and they seem to be winning, then we all lose.

Lynn R. Frederick

Gravel mine

Dear Editor:
Archuleta County and the San Juan National Forest have partnered to develop a Gravel Mine and Rock Crusher operation on Jackson Mountain right in the middle of an extensive, planned Mountain Bike Trail System and only 1900 feet from residential homes in San Juan River Village (SJR). Mountain biker, forest visitor, wildlife safety and San Juan River Village quality of life is of great concern.

A 30 vehicle parking and staging area for cyclists / forest users is planned and this access is expected to share the forest road (FR37) with fully loaded dump trucks (USFS estimate is a Dump Truck every 24 minutes, M - F) that weigh > 25,000lbs. (Including sharing the the hairpin curve with forest visitors).

Jackson Mountain is a popular recreation area east of Pagosa Springs along US 160 (as you head towards Wolf Creek). The project known as the "Jackson Mountain Landscape Project" (JMLP) - a bit of a misnomer, if you ask me, is being led by the San Juan National Forest. It includes a proposed trail system that will offer mountain bike trails for families, beginners and advanced riders with development slated for 2023.

In addition to vehicle, cyclist and pedestrian vehicular safety, there is significant dust likely - Both from crusher operations as well as dump truck traffic on FR37 (Dump trucks pulverize dust on gravel roads) that may then be of concern to visitors (Mountain bikers especially) due to inhalable particulate matter. (Google search: "Inhalable Particulate Matter Health NIH" to learn about this). Noise, dirt and dust can affect flora and fauna negatively as well.

I recognize that the USFS and Archuleta County wish to lower their costs for gravel (currently being trucked in from SW Colorado near Arboles), but believe there are safer, better, alternate locations they could explore. In fact, there have been supplied to Archuleta County (Jan. 2023), five geologically / geographically preferred alternate locations, based upon a

2021 County commissioned survey specific to gravel sources. The five sites also are aimed at low density residential, and utilize County roads (versus forest roads) as they appear designed for heavier load vehicles. Please join the effort to stop the mine / pit / crusher from being implemented in JMLP.

Sign the (online) petition here: <https://chng.it/bGmnjKXK82>

Stay informed (website) here: <https://www.stopthejacksonmnt-pit.com/>

Dave OKeefe and Tony Baker

Enforce the code

Dear Editor:
I have been on multiple committees and boards in my career. I highly value the work and opinion of the people who staff the agency or company that I am helping to lead. They do this work 52 weeks a year. The Town of Pagosa Springs Community Development department which includes the Planning Division has seasoned employees who on a daily basis have to interpret and apply the land use development code along with other regulations.

That staff advised the Design Review Board that the project in the East Village on the 200 block of Pagosa Street was out of code due to setbacks and mass out of proportion to the East Village. The design review board decided to approve the sketch over the objections of staff. When that decision was appealed to the Town of Pagosa Springs the Community Development Director cited that the setbacks and mass were not within code. He found in favor of the appellants on these points. The Town Lawyer advised that the sketch design is the time for an appeal so adjustments can be made before it gets too expensive. At that time Town Council ignored their recommendations and rejected the appeal.

That same staff has now been told to negotiate with the project developers. Will they be negotiating from a point of weakness because their recommendations were ignored previously? Or can we be assured that they have the support of the Design Review Board, the Planning Commission, and the Town Council of Pagosa Springs? Will Town allow staff to

do their job and enforce both the letter and intent of the land use development code?

Kirsten Skeehan

Response

Dear Editor:
In last week's Sun, Mr. Bolland is again trying to instill fear and bemoaning the lack of religion, this time in our public schools. For someone who has previously complained in these pages about name calling, he does not hesitate to call anyone or any perspective that is slightly to the left of his, Marxist. This time he has misrepresented John Dewey, philosopher and education reformer, as a Marxist and goes on to mangle his ideas regarding education by calling them a factory style model. Actually, Mr. Dewey believed strongly in democracy and wanted to reform our education model from simply rote learning and memorization — knowledge being dispensed by teachers to students in a one way direction — to hands on, participatory activities where students actually interact with the curriculum, learning problem solving and critical thinking skills. His goal was to train productive and participating citizens that can help move our society in a forward direction in order to remedy social ills.

Mr. Bolland, not content with his fallacious representation of Mr. Dewey and his ideas, then went on to lay a guilt trip on parents for not home schooling their children and not caring enough about their education. He seemingly longs for some bygone age when all parents schooled their children at home. I can't help but wonder when that was — even the pioneers contracted teachers for their communities and sent their children to school when they could spare them from the work on their land. The fact is that most parents know that educators actually do know more about teaching their children than they do. Teachers have actual expertise in education and most parents are very happy that they can rely on them for this very important task. And most parents probably prefer that their children's religious education transpires in a place of worship of their choice. Many public schools

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Goals & Accomplishments

Archuleta County

SUN staff asked representatives of publicly funded agencies in Archuleta County to individually answer a trio of questions relating to the goals and accomplishments of themselves and their agencies at the turn of the year. Answers are printed as received and are not edited.

Warren Brown, Commissioner, District 1



What were your three biggest accomplishments of 2022?

Happy New Year, Archuleta County! As you know, it is virtually impossible for single commissioner to accomplish anything alone since at least two of the three elected board members must support an action.

The Board has accomplished a variety of projects this year, but as requested, I will do my best to limit my comments to three.

The first accomplishment that comes to mind is bringing the DMV2GO's mobile driver's license service to Archuleta County. This was an effort almost 18-months in the making and initially delivered to our community in May of this year! As a result of our relationship with Colorado DMV, Archuleta County was featured in DMV2GO's program unveiling in August. Since inception, there have been almost 350 people scheduled for appointments and another 50 walk-in customers served.

The condition of our roadways is always a point of contention and honestly one of the factors in my decision to get into politics. I am proud to say that this year, Archuleta County has paved over four-miles of roadway and has implemented a

much-needed roadway plan and maintenance schedule.

From a thirty-thousand-foot view, I believe our concerted efforts in creating new, and improving upon existing partnerships and relationship have been a great success story. I am confident we have made very sincere and focused efforts locally, regionally and at the state levels to prove Archuleta County wants to be active participants in our own success and the success of others.

Active participation and being present and involved in decisions validate our verbal commitments to be genuine partners with our stakeholders at every level include the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, La Plata County, the Town of Pagosa Springs, Department of Motor Vehicles and other various state agencies and boards, as well as numerous local groups.

What are your three top goals for 2023?

My 2023 top three goals include: preparing a local Health Department to be operational in 2024, complete the paving projects of Piedra Road, Talisman Boulevard, and County Road 982 and begin if not complete construction on the Transit Facility.

What is your action plan to meet your goals?

Although I am not sure of the exact structure of Archuleta

County's Health Department, I plan on expressing my interest and asking my fellow commissioners to allow me to be in a lead position so I can actively manage and support the efforts to stand up our Health Department. I value community input and would like a professional and qualified board that truly represents our community to help deliver the statutorily required services to community members.

Assuring the completion of the listed paving projects begins with securing early bids from contractors. Historically, bids have been sent out early to mid-spring which always put Archuleta County behind other communities. Now, roadway construction bids are being sent out right after the first of the year. Using this approach, our projects are more likely to receive multiple bids. Once the bids are received, scheduling these projects to begin as early as the weather permits increases the likelihood of a timely completion.

The Transit Facility has gone through a very extensive planning process. Now, it is time to work even closer with the Colorado Department of Transportation to finish up the last part of their analysis so the project can be put out for bid after the first of the year breaking ground in early spring of 2023.

Ronnie Maez, Commissioner, District 2



What were your three biggest accomplishments of 2022?

1. We established a better system to pay our county employees a better salary. 2. We improved insurance benefits for our employees. 3. We completed paving of Cloman Blvd., part of North Pagosa Blvd (finally), Cascade Avenue, and part of County Road 982 (to be finished this summer).

What are your three top goals for 2023?

1. To maintain a strong vigilance on roads to pave and repair if the budget allows. 2. Continue to focus on capital facilities for County Clerk, Assessor, and Treasurer with the possibility of the Administration office under one roof. 3. Modify the land use code to fit the needs of citizens of Archuleta County as far as being user friendly. Understanding that sometimes less is more.

What is your action plan to meet your goals?

As I've said before. Is to continue to work alongside my fellow commissioners in making decisions that maintain the integrity of our county and continue to help it prosper. There are three commissioners who have individual goals, but none of these will be accomplished with out a majority agreement.

Veronica Medina, Commissioner, District 3



What were your three biggest accomplishments of 2022?

I am looking forward to 2023 as Archuleta County District 3 County Commissioner. My platform during my campaign was 1) Diversify our economy so that we were not so reliant on tourism 2) Create a 5-10 - 20 year master plan for the county 3) Work with local builders to assist in narrowing the gap in our housing needs 4) Improve the communication with the citizens of Archuleta county and local government ect.. All of these still hold strong as I look towards 2023 for Archuleta county.

What are your three top goals for 2023? What is your action plan to meet your goals?

It will take all three County Commissioners to work together to accomplish these goals and much more in the future. To kick off my first year the top three goals are:

Housing, I say housing instead of affordable housing because of the restrictions that are put on that type of housing classification. I would look to leverage the tax lien properties and reach out to local builders and discuss what fees can be waived and require deed restriction on the properties.

The Health department is a topic on many community members' minds. We must work with the community to develop a plan on forming a Health Department board. To

do that we first need to create a Transitional Advisory Committee. I would seek out La Plata County Commissioners and ask for any information that they could share with Archuleta so that we can move this process forward.

Tourism is what drives our county. We need to diversify our economy by being business friendly. We can better serve Archuleta County by encouraging more businesses and cutting through some of the unnecessary paperwork and removing roadblocks for businesses.

I am looking forward to working on improving the communication with the public, other local government officials, and my fellow County Commissioners.

Derek Woodman, County Manager



What were your three biggest accomplishments of 2022?

While Archuleta County Government had many accomplishments in 2022, I feel that my top three are the completion and opening of the new Fred Harman III Combined Court Facility, the introduction of free recycling at the Transfer Station and promoting and instilling a sense of pride among the Archuleta County Government employees.

What are your three top goals for 2023?

Archuleta County has a long way to go to attain the many goals that we have. My top three goals for 2023 are to create and implement a new Public Health Department, to continue with the aggressive road paving/reconstruction projects and to continue to modernize the Landfill.

What is your action plan to meet your goals?

The plan is actually quite simple -- never let my foot off of the gas. I will continue to be a driving force behind the projects that we have in front of us. We will continue to seek out competitive

and qualified bids for our projects. We will create an advisory board to assist us in the creation and transition of our new Public Health Department. We will employ a new Transitional Health Department Director. We will work in collaboration with San Juan Basin Public Health to assume some of their duties and responsibilities in 2023. We will continue to make modern improvements to the Landfill Facility. We will successfully complete all of the State inspections for the Landfill Facility. We will aggressively move forward on the completion of the new cell for the Landfill.

Letters

Continued from A3

do teach some comparative religion but do not engage in converting their students to a particular religion. Would Mr. B. prefer that our publicly (tax-payer) funded schools indoctrinate children in his particular religion?

When Mr. Bolland states that the influence of parents in public education has been minimized, I believe he is parroting right-wing talking points. In reality, parents have every opportunity to participate in public education if they so desire. He goes on with more paranoid nonsense about children's gender being decided by the state (Huh?), and then, remarkably, gripes about "anti-racist training" in schools. Does he mean teaching our own history honestly, both the good and the bad? Racism has been and continues to be a terrible blight on our American story. Denying it will not make it go away, nor will it help us improve. We like to think we are the greatest country ever, but just saying it repeatedly doesn't make it so. Our public education system is a precious resource in helping us advance as a country. It deserves our support rather than whacky unsubstantiated critiques from right-wing talk show hosts and religious bigots.

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Emergency additional SNAP benefits ending after February

Colorado Department of Human Services

All Coloradans who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits will see a reduction in their monthly benefit amount after February.

The temporary additional benefit amounts (emergency allotments) are ending following the passage of the Omnibus Bill (Consolidated Appropriations Act) signed into law on Dec. 30, 2022. This is a change enacted by Congress and is not appealable by

individual SNAP recipients.

SNAP serves more than 290,000 households and 540,000 individuals in Colorado each month by providing money to purchase food.

The emergency allotment gave SNAP participants additional money for food during the COVID-19 pandemic by bringing all households up to the maximum allowable benefit for their household size, as opposed to a calculated benefit based on income and expenses. This change is expected to result in an average reduction of \$90 per person per month, or an av-

erage of \$360 a month for a family of four. This reduction in benefits may have a significant impact on many households and Colorado's economy.

Colorado has launched a new website, <https://cdhs.colorado.gov/snap-ea-ending>, to help residents plan for the end of these temporary federal benefits.

If a household does not participate in SNAP and is interested in helping, please consider donating funds or food items for your local food pantry or food bank. A list of local pantries can be found at <https://feedingcolorado.org/>.

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The Colorado Department of Human Services Food and Energy Assistance Division administers SNAP, a federal program. SNAP exists to safeguard the health and well-being of low-income, financially eligible households by providing food assistance benefits redeemable for food items at authorized retailers. On average in 2022, more than \$140 million in food benefits were issued statewide every month, assisting more than 290,000 households and 540,000 individuals.

Community input sought on public health priorities

By Megan Graham
San Juan Basin Public Health

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) has launched a survey to gather input from Archuleta County residents on their primary public and environmental health priorities and needs. The results of this community health assessment will guide a public health improvement plan that will inform the service and program priorities in both counties.

SJBPH conducts community health assessments as part of a public health improvement plan every five years, in keeping with Colo-

rado statutory requirements. Both Archuleta and La Plata counties are in the process of forming individual health departments to launch on Jan. 1, 2024, following SJBPH's dissolution. Input received from the community is essential and will be provided to both counties.

"We urge residents to take the community health assessment survey and pass it along to friends and family. Public health relies on participation, and this is a great opportunity to share your input about health priorities and the state of community health in La Plata and Archuleta counties. The survey is easy

to fill out and anonymous. Not only will the results inform public health programs and services in the years to come, but they are also shared with organizations and government agencies across the region to help guide their planning as well," said Liane Jollon, SJBPH's executive director.

In addition to the survey, SJBPH will hold informal focus groups and key informant interviews throughout the jurisdiction to discuss public health and wellness indicators with targeted populations.

SJBPH's survey is open through April 7 to any Archuleta or La Plata county resident and should take no

more than 15 minutes to complete. All responses are anonymous. Find the survey and more information at the following links:

• English version: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SJBPH-CHA23>.

• Spanish version: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SJBPH-CHA23Espanol>.

To receive a paper version of this survey, please call SJBPH at (970) 247-5702 in La Plata County or (970) 264-2409 in Archuleta County.

If you have any questions, please contact CHASurvey@sjbpublichealth.org.

Dispatch board votes to move forward with new phone system

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At a Jan. 5 special meeting, the Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Board approved moving forward with a new customer premises equipment (CPE) contract with Solacom following repeated difficulties with the dispatch center's existing CPE provider.

Dispatch board chair and Fire Chief Randy Larson outlined that, at the board's previous meeting, the board had heard two proposals for a new phone system for dispatch and had received an update from Interim Emergency Communications Director Liz Blizzard on the issues with the current phone system.

He added that the board instructed Blizzard at the meeting to move forward with the proposals and that the special meeting was being held to determine the final solution for the new phone system.

Blizzard outlined the center's issues with the current CPE provider WestTel, explaining that WestTel is nearly obsolete and is "not prepared" for RapidSOS or Text to 911, causing the center to have to use additional windows on their computers to access these services.

She added that the center has had extensive issues with WestTel support and the WestTel contract was vague in terms of the company's support obligations and heavily slanted toward its desires.

She noted that a study performed by Winbourne Consulting in 2019 had recommended the replacement of the phone system in 2024 and that the center's current fund balance was \$419,541.11, \$200,000 of which had been previously allocated in the 2023 budget for the purchase of a new phone system.

Blizzard then briefly presented a graphic of the current system to the board, highlighting its complexity and lack of clarity.

She laid out the criteria for a new phone system, including its capability to implement Next Generation 911 (NG911) which encompasses the capability to both receive and send texts to 911 and the ability to receive photographs, video and medical from persons calling 911 to aid first responders in gathering information and addressing situations where the person calling 911 cannot speak.

Board member Mike Le Roux, then the Archuleta County un-

dersheriff, asked how photos and videos could be shared with law enforcement once received at dispatch.

Blizzard explained that the data could be sent to a mobile data terminal such as those possessed by police.

She added that all information sent to dispatch would be saved and backed up to allow the center to access this information at any time.

Larson inquired if this new phone system would be compatible with the Oracle computer-aided dispatch system the center is currently working on switching to, which Blizzard confirmed it will be.

Blizzard also showed a graphic of the proposed Solacom CPE system to the board, highlighting that the display is far clearer and less confusing than the previous system and could integrate services like Text to 911 more cleanly.

Larson then mentioned that the board received three proposals and asked for Blizzard's recommendation on which CPE proposal to move forward with.

Blizzard explained that the information technology provider for the center assessed all three

proposals and had had no firm recommendation, although it was not "fond" of the Motorola proposal due to the lack of detail in its support policy.

She elaborated that the center wants an on-scene response from the CPE provider for technical support and that Motorola had a "vague" response to when an on-scene response would occur, similar to WestTel.

Blizzard added that Solacom would provide on-scene support for any issue that arises and stated that she recommended the board move forward with the Solacom proposal, which in her opinion contained the best support and user interface as well as being "well

■ See Dispatch A6

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Obituaries

Mary Lee Flower

Mary Lee Flower, age 95, passed away in Pagosa Springs, Colo., on Jan. 8. She was born July 2, 1927, in Fargo, N.D., to Henry A. and Louise Lee Paulson.

In 1948, she married Lawrence Maroney Flower of Denver, Colo. A graduate of the University of Colorado, Mary Lee had a successful career as a well-loved elementary school teacher in Chatsworth, Calif., and in Grand Junction, Colo.

She was a devoted wife and was mother to four children: Mary Susan (Flower) Hines, of Somerset, Calif.; Lawrence Lee Flower,

of Lakewood, Colo.; David Ludlow Flower, of Laramie, Wyo.; and Ann Maroney Flower, of Durango, Colo. She is also survived by numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The family will hold a private service. Charitable gifts in her honor may be made to the Betty Ford Alpine Gardens; 183 E. Gore Creek Dr. No. 7, Vail, CO 81657



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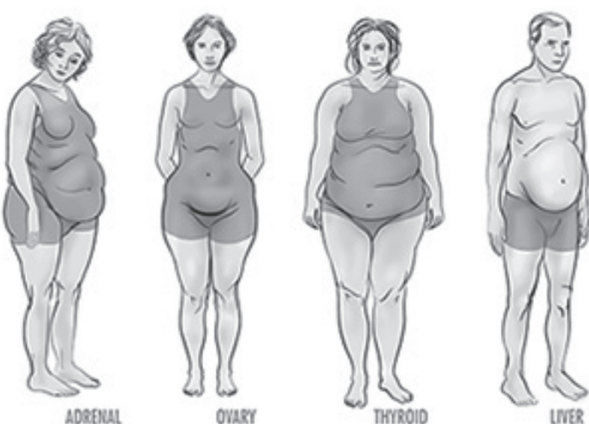
Kirk Chipps

Kirk Chipps died Oct. 24, 2022, peacefully at home. He is survived by his wife, Donna, mother Marilyn, daughter Michelle, stepdaughter Natalia (Mark) and brothers Marty (Becky) and Eric (Jennifer). He is also survived by two nieces, nephew, and grandson and granddaughter. He is preceded in death by his father, Joseph.

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Archuleta County qualifies for Enhanced Enterprise Zone Tax Credits

By Heather Peterson
Region 9

The Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) is required to review qualifying data and update the Enhanced Rural Enterprise Zone (EREZ) status every two years. The updated list of qualifying counties continues to include Archuleta, San Juan, Montezuma and Dolores counties for the 2023

and 2024 calendar years, along with 33 other Colorado counties that meet at least two of the five criteria specified in the Colorado Enterprise Zone Act to be designated as an EREZ.

Businesses within designated enterprise zones in EREZ counties can earn a \$2,000 Colorado Income Tax Credit for each new employee hired, in addition to the current \$1,000 EZ Employee Tax Credit. If the business is an agricultural

processor, an additional \$500 credit is available. The evaluation criteria includes:

- County unemployment rate greater than 50 percent above state average.
- County per capita income less than 75 percent of state average.
- County population growth rate less than 25 percent of state average.
- Total nonresidential assessed value ranks in the lower half of all

counties.

- County population less than 5,000.

For more information on the program, visit <https://oedit.colorado.gov/enterprise-zone-program>, or the Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado can be contacted at: Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado, 135 Burnett Drive Unit 1, Durango, CO 81301, (970) 247-9621, region9edd.org.

Sales tax revenues continue to rise for November 2022

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

Sales tax revenues for Archuleta County in November 2022 rose compared to November 2021, according to a report released by the Archuleta County Finance Department.

This increase matches the general trend seen in 2022.

The report notes that the town and the county jointly received \$1,430,027.46 in sales tax revenue for the month of November 2022, with \$719,408.98 going to the town and \$710,618.48 going to the county.

November 2022 sales tax revenues are 7.6 percent, or \$101,939, higher than November 2021.

According to the report, the categories that are up in comparison to November 2021 include:

- Construction at 70 percent, or \$19,158.
- Retail Trade at 6 percent, or \$47,109.
- Information at 92 percent, or \$16,627.
- Real Estate and Rental and Leasing at 5 percent or \$1,375.
- Accommodation and Food Services at 5 percent, or \$9,413.
- Miscellaneous at 11 percent, or \$21,189.

Categories that were down for November in the month-to-month comparison include:

- Manufacturing at 15 percent, or \$10,056.
- Finance and Insurance at 31

percent, or \$420.

- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services at 3 percent, or \$317.
- Other Services (except public administration) at 9 percent, or \$2,138.

The report notes that on the year-to-date comparison, sales tax revenues for January through November of 2022 are 4 percent, or \$635,867 higher than January through November 2021.

According to the report, the categories that are up in the year-to-date comparison include:

- Retail Trade at 2.3 percent, or \$203,160.
- Miscellaneous at 12 percent, or \$250,579.
- Real Estate and Rental and Leasing at 8.1 percent, or \$29,613.
- Construction at 31 percent, or \$93,083.
- Information at 29.5 percent, or \$70,639.
- Manufacturing at 16.6 percent, or \$95,249.
- Other Services (except public administration) at 6.7 percent, or \$15,472.

The categories down in the year-to-date comparison include:

- Accommodation and Food Services at 1.3 percent, or \$37,401.
- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services at 46.7 percent, or \$80,935.
- Finance and Insurance at 21.2 percent, or \$3,591.

Commissioners debate new Human Resources and payroll software

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) directed staff to draft a contract with Rippling for new software for the Finance and Human Resources departments in a 2-1 decision following a debate on Jan. 3.

Commissioners Warren Brown and Alvin Schaaf voted for the motion while Commissioner Ronnie Maez voted against.

The discussion began with Human Resources Director Tina

Woodman stating that she was back again on the subject of the software, which had last been discussed at the Dec. 20, 2022, BoCC meeting, and that she knew there had been requests for further information on the software, noting that she had emailed information and links to reviews of the software to the commissioners.

She added that Brown had also spoken with Rippling about the software and that she was there to attempt to get a decision on the software.

Maez commented that the com-

missioners had not received the information they had asked for and that it had been two months, commenting, "In my opinion, this is a little more agenda-driven. I don't think it's appropriate because we haven't even had the information yet."

Maez added that he had requested information on what other counties use the software and what their experience with it has been, a request he stated had been reiterated by Brown at a previous meeting.

■ See Software A7

Dispatch

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Blizzard explained that the Motorola proposed would have a cost of \$195,000 while Solacom would cost \$125,000 with a support contract, the exact cost of which she had not yet seen.

She added that Intrado, the third potential provider, had not provided her with an updated quote from the one the center had obtained in November 2022.

Larson then called for a vote and the board unanimously voted to move forward with the Solacom

proposal.

Following the vote, Blizzard explained that it would take approximately six months after the Solacom system was purchased for it to be fully installed and operational due to supply chain issues.

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Biz Beat



The RG Bank board of directors elected Mark Lounsbury as chair on Dec. 28, 2022. Lounsbury was born and raised in Monte Vista and has spent most of his life in the community. Since 2000, he has served as the general manager of Grower Shipper Potato Company.

Lounsbury has been on the RG Bank Board since 2017. Serving with Lounsbury are James "Jim" Clare, vice chair; Charles "Chuck" Bryant Jr.; Eric Kimberling; Shon R. Davis; and Danielle Anderson.

Lounsbury attended University of Northern Colorado and Adams State University. He served on the Stampede Committee for 16 years, the Monte Vista Volunteer Fire Department for 10 years and was a board member for the Colorado State Fair Foundation. Lounsbury is married to Gigi Dennis-Lounsbury and they reside just outside of Monte Vista.

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Town applies for \$9.5 million in grant funding to expand workforce housing inventory

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

According to the town's goals and objectives for the year ahead, workforce housing ranks as one of the top three priorities. To achieve this initiative, the town states it will "address current and projected needs by supporting efforts to add more deed-restricted units to local inventory through the public and private sectors."

On this front, the town's Community Development Department has been working on a currently pending application for \$9.5 million in grant funding from the Colorado

Division of Housing (DOH), which is a division within the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA).

In a public notice published in The SUN, the town states: "The request of funding from DOH is to benefit persons with low and moderate incomes by increasing the availability of affordable housing in the Town of Pagosa Springs."

To address the lack of inventory in the affordable housing market, the \$9.5 million grant would go directly toward the town's plans to build 58 rental apartments at 250 Aspen Village Drive, a property known as the Enclave, located directly south of Walmart.

But the town has yet to finalize the purchase of the property. The closing date has been extended several times, with the most recent closing date extended to February.

The town is also still engaged in back-and-forth negotiations with its developer partner for the project, Texas-based Servitas LLC, who had originally planned a larger development, but has now scaled it back, revising its pro forma financial assumption with only the Enclave property development included, according to a Servitas presentation by Garrett Scharton at the Jan. 3 Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting.

Final decisions on these two mov-

ing pieces — the Enclave property and the Servitas partnership — could be contingent on the status of the DOH grant, as expressed by council member Jeff Posey at the Jan. 3 meeting.

Some of the council members, including Mayor Shari Pierce and Posey, expressed concern about Servitas' most recent estimate on an average rental price for the units at the Enclave property, which are estimated to cost \$1,889 per month.

Pierce said that the council would need to think long and hard about whether this price tag meets the community's needs for affordable

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Software

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"I was hoping HR would deliver us ... what we requested," Maez commented, adding that he had hoped Finance would do so as well, although this was not the fault of the current finance director since he had only recently assumed the position.

"I'm not happy with moving forward with this," Maez stated. "I'd rather put this out again so we can get the information."

He then asked what other vendors the county had looked at in addition to Rippling.

Woodman responded that the county had looked at Paychex and ADP, and that she had asked Rippling for a list of entities that used its services, but the company had declined for reasons of confidentiality, although it had sent an email giving the percentages of their 10,000 clients that were government entities.

She added that, because Rippling is a private entity, it is not obligated to provide this information.

Maez commented that he had seen the information provided by Rippling, but it did not answer his questions.

Brown noted that he had found on Rippling's website that the company had approximately 50 government clients in Colorado and that, because the expenditure is below \$50,000, it "should never have come to the board."

Maez disagreed, stating that there was also an additional \$10,000 of upgrade costs, placing the overall cost at \$55,000.

Brown stated that he was unsure if this was the correct dollar amount and noted that he had met with representatives from Rippling, stating they were "pretty open-book" about their product and that he felt the time savings of using Rippling would be significant compared to the current software.

He also commented that he had experience with the Incode 9 software from Tyler Technologies the county currently uses from his work at the Archuleta County Sher-

iff's Office and said, "It is probably the worst software program I've ever used in terms of ... end-user data entry."

Brown added that the Incode software would not continue to be supported and that his experiences using a company similar to Rippling for processing Human Resources and payroll tasks in his private business suggested to him that this change would be a significant time savings for the county.

He noted that, following his meeting with Rippling, "I was comfortable that this was a far better system," and stated that he had spoken with Woodman, current Finance Director Chad Eaton and previous Finance Director Louise Woods, who had all agreed that using Rippling would benefit the county.

Brown then claimed that county employees in Road and Bridge are currently spending 40 hours a week on time entry.

"Forty hours a week doing time entry?" Maez questioned. "How do they get any work done?"

"That's my point," Brown said.

"No, no, they're still gettin' work done," Maez responded. "And Warren, I don't have a problem with Rippling. I don't. It might be the bees knees, you know. What I'm asking about is that I get the information that I asked about. I don't care if they're the fine cat's dandy, OK? They might be."

Brown then began to interrupt Maez and Maez noted that he had not interrupted Brown.

"What I want to know is what counties are using it and what their pluses and minuses are and that didn't come about. I don't mind changing software companies ... I'm not going to get into that. That's not my job. We have people to do that job. My job is to find out what counties are using it and what aren't. And I can't get that data."

"Well, I don't think you're gonna get it," Schaaf commented.

"It don't look like it," Maez said.

Schaaf then stated that Rippling is not going to release the data

while Maez said, "Why can't we call these counties? If there's 50 municipalities or counties in the state of Colorado that are using it, why can't HR do the research, call 'em and ask 'em?"

Schaaf commented, "I think asking 'em to do that would be ... just as counterproductive as staying with the software we have."

"We had two months," Maez said.

Schaaf then began discussing his experiences using Incode, with Maez interjecting that he was "fine" with the use of the software.

Schaaf then noted that the county has professionals who could best make the decision on what software would be most effective for their work.

Maez questioned why he could not get the information he had asked for and reiterated that he was not opposed to the proposed software.

Eaton highlighted that the information is not available due to Rippling not being a publicly traded company and that software coming from such private companies often has additional customization features and tools compared to software from publicly traded companies.

Maez reiterated his questions about why staff had not "done the research" and worked to contact counties using the software.

He also questioned how much of Incode this software would replace.

Eaton stated that it would replace the Finance and Human Resources elements of Incode and would also facilitate the transfer of data to and between other county departments.

Brown noted that the new software would also serve Public Works, Road and Bridge, the dispatch center and the sheriff's office.

Maez noted that it is not replacing all of Incode, to which Brown added, "Not at that price."

Brown commented, "But it sounded like the information that was requested was tried ... to be

obtained ... and it's not available."

Brown then began to discuss the effort of contacting other counties to find the information while Maez questioned if the county was doing its "diligence."

"I think we are," Brown responded, "and I think that asking for something that's not there ..."

"That is there," Maez interrupted.

"It's not there," Brown continued. "It would be an effort that's so far reaching and just in the numbers that are provided to ..."

Brown then highlighted that the number of Rippling clients in the state potentially includes local governments, federal government and other groups while Maez asked that the county "find out who they are," noting that the county could "call 'em."

"So, it seems to me there's one question that was not answered ... out of the others that were asked," Brown continued. "I think that the job was done ... as well as ... could reasonably be done. We have had ... open enrollment going for the same two months ..."

"What you think and I think are two different things," Maez responded. "If that's what you think, that's fine. You know, I know the direction this is going."

"Well, again, I don't think this is something that should have come to the board in the first place," Brown responded.

The group then argued about if the software is above \$50,000, with Maez stating it was and Schaaf and Brown disagreeing.

Woodman commented it was below \$50,000, with Schaaf adding that the initial price was "just a quote" and that the actual contract had come in below \$50,000.

Maez responded, "I apologize for that."

Brown then moved to direct staff to move forward with negotiating a contract with a new software vendor, which Schaaf seconded.

The board then voted 2-1 to approve the motion.

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Variance

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county courthouse building—a lack of rooftop screening for mechanical equipment and issues with exterior lighting. This prompted the county to go before the town's planning commission asking for a waiver of the LUDC requirements.

Specifically, the building was in violation of LUDC Section 6.10.4.D, which states, "Rooftop appurtenances, such as mechanical equipment and antennas shall be screened from view;" and Section 6.11.4.A, which states, "All light sources shall be concealed or shielded with luminaries with 90 degree (or less) cutoff angles to minimize the potential for glare and unnecessary diffusion on adjacent property."

At the meeting, Planning Manager Cindy Schultz showed comparative photographs with examples of buildings in and out of compliance with these two codes.

After the visual presentation,

Funding

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the Wings project" while also reserving an amount for other child care providers who may need help retaining their slots.

To Lindner's point about moving money to a different fund, she stated, "We did just move these [funds] during our budget season to be in here, so I don't want to undo what we've all agreed that we were going to do."

Lindner reiterated, "I think we should have the opportunity to fund these other organizations, but I would like to also see us commit to fully funding Wings' expansion."

He added Wings is "the only one, to my knowledge, that is expanding, and it's a huge boon for our community."

Council member Gary Williams called Wings' plans for expansion "a shovel-ready project," stating that the council has the opportunity to "help make that become a reality."

Wings is the only early child care and education center in town, he said, "that will be accepting infants."

He added, "When we think about new doctors coming to town, new nurses, new school teachers, people that are here who have those skills, this frees them up to go back into the workforce."

Williams said, "I'd like to send a signal to Seeds [of Learning] that it's important to expand. You have good programs that are currently operating," but "our problem is we are lacking a workforce the size of the need."

The expansion of slots, he said, "is the quickest and cheapest way to get that workforce."

However, at the meeting, council member Matt DeGuise pointed out that the expansion of slots is only one side of the coin when considering the total availability of slots.

"If some of these other organizations need help with their operating costs, and they don't get the funding for that, we are going to see a net loss of spots," he said.

In response, Lindner said, "I would say \$1,500 or \$7,500 isn't going to make or break their operating budget ... it's not going to shut them

Schultz walked the commissioners through the technical details of the LUDC's 10 criteria points for granting a variance or waiver. She stressed that all 10 criteria points must be met in order for a variance to be approved by the commission.

Point by point, Schultz explained how the planning staff came to the conclusion that the county had not met the criteria for granting a variance.

For example, one of the written "staff responses" reads: "[T]he LUDC criteria states, 'it is not intended that variances be granted to ... merely remove inconveniences or financial burdens that the requirements of the LUDC may impose on property owners in general ...'"

When given a chance to explain the county's reason for asking the town for the variance, County Manager Derek Woodman repeatedly cited the "cost burden" of fixing these issues, estimated to be \$100,000.

down."

Town Clerk April Hessman added that the numbers the council were seeing in the brief were only examples of how the council has allocated funding in the past.

"You can make these numbers whatever you want," she said.

Hessman reiterated that the staff was mainly looking for some guidance about how to tailor the funding applications to meet the council's objectives.

She asked the council to "tell us how you want us to shape the application," so that those seeking funding are "coming in with a request that meets your requirements."

The meeting then turned to whether the council would prefer applications or presentations for the funding. There was general agreement that the process should be simplified, and that it has been cumbersome in the past combed through "hundreds of pages" of financial balance sheets and data.

Lindner suggested that a few council members should meet with town staff to talk about how to streamline the application, while also making council's priorities clearer, and that coming to a final answer on how to allocate the funding and revise the application was too complicated to solve in "this meeting right now."

Posey responded, "but we could, on the other hand, come up with a set of priorities, and that first priority might be, open up a new slot, a new day care slot, and maybe the second one is to prevent the expiration of an existing slot."

There was a suggestion from Posey to "separate out" about \$10,000 from the total pot of money, to be used for in-home child care facilities to help retain those slots, while the remaining \$140,000 would be available to applicants that meet the council's priorities.

Pierce added, thus "we could say that our priorities are the expansion of slots and retention of current slots. Those are the two top things that we'd be looking at."

But, Pierce said, "we shouldn't make a huge decision right now," saying that it's difficult to truly know

He suggested he worried about the "burden" it would place on the taxpayers, while also stating that the county had not budgeted for this dollar amount.

Chad Hodges, an alternate member on the planning commission, asked Schultz some clarifying questions about the history of the courthouse building project.

"In the original design specifications was there [rooftop] screening?" he asked.

"No, there was no screening included," Schultz answered. "That was part of the conditions as we go through the process."

She explained how "landscaping, lighting and screening" are typically the last things to go into a project.

"We typically work with people" through the finalizing process, she said, but "we make sure they are put on notice" if certain segments of a project are not in compliance before any final application can move

the plans of the child care centers until "we have them fill out an application."

Seeds of Learning, for example, has cared for infants in the past, "so maybe they are planning to re-institute that program if they have the adequate staffing and room," she said.

In agreement, council member Mat deGraaf added, "I really like where this conversation is going, but I don't think we are in a place where we should be making a structural decision."

Pierce added, "We've gone in a few circles."

She then suggested pushing any final decision to a future date, asking what the best way forward is, a meeting between staff and a few council members or a work session dedicated to the topic?

The council ultimately decided that a work session would be the best road to take.

"I think a work session is good," said Lindner. "I mean, it's one of our priorities. We got this money allocated for it; we should all talk about it a little bit more."

deGraaf said, "I'd like to ask that we make that discussion happen as soon as possible because as staff has indicated, they will start getting questions about what we are looking for and what allocations will be available, so let's make it happen sooner rather than later."

The topic of early child care and education funding was added to the Jan. 26 work session. It will be joined in that session with the topic of "communication."

Williams' wife, Linda Williams, currently serves on the Wings board of directors as secretary, which Williams did not disclose at the meeting.

In an interview, Williams stated that he talked to town attorney Clay Buchner, who advised him that there was no financial conflict involved in Williams' participation in discussions about Wings, but that it could show an "appearance" of conflict.

He added he will recuse himself from future discussions and votes about the Wings project.

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forward.

She stated that the county, going all the way back to the sketch design review, was made aware of the lighting issue at the courthouse.

The Design Review Board specifically told the county that the jail lighting was in compliance, whereas the courthouse lighting was not in compliance. Planning staff even suggested that the county incorporate the sketch design for its jail lighting into the design for the courthouse, according to Schultz.

"We try to help shepherd a project through the process," Schultz said. "So, we'll work with people, but I don't know that we've granted a variance from the requirements."

She noted that this was her first time to "experience this type of variance request" in her five and half years working for the town.

The planning commissioners then directed their questions to Woodman.

Planning commissioner Julie Gurule asked why the rooftop screening was not budgeted for, and Woodman replied, "The financial burden really comes back to, with any government organization, obviously we're limited to our funding sources, and so the budget was laid out for the building and just as we experienced with COVID in 2020-2021, construction costs continued to rise, so we still had to get a project, so we were doing whatever mitigating efforts we could to reduce the overall expense of the project ... we were absolutely aware that is was a requirement, a condition of the issuance of the original permit, the [roof] screening."

On the lighting issue, Woodman said that he was "really upset," because, "I knew we had paid for it" to be done correctly, ultimately blaming the general contractor.

"I'm gonna be honest with you. I'm not gonna ask for a variance for the lighting. It's crazy. It was supposed to be done and we paid for it. I got the invoices right here where I authorized it, and that will get solved, so that's a non-issue," he said.

The county's variance request only referred to the roof screening. On this front, Woodman argued that the county is the only adjacent property owner since the courthouse building is part of a larger complex of county buildings.

He also suggested that the \$100,000 it would cost to bring the roof into compliance "is a lot of money to any governmental organization."

Both Gurule and planning commissioner Mark Weiler asked Woodman about grant funding that the county had received, and whether any of that money could be used to fix the issue.

Woodman replied, "That well is dry."

The money was already committed to its other allocations, like broadband expansion and the transit center, and the burden would have to fall on the taxpayers, according to Woodman.

Health

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Medina also raised concerns that there had been only two applicants for the advisory committee so far, with applications closing on Jan. 20.

"To me that's a huge concern because then that means we haven't done our job in really communicating effectively to the constituents because we need them to help us," she said.

Medina then proposed that the county could put out more information, potentially an information sheet she had compiled from her attendance at the Colorado Counties Inc. (CCI) training for new commissioners where she had heard a presentation on public health.

She also noted that a representative of the Colorado Association of Local Public Health Officials (CALPHO) had indicated the willingness of her organization to assist Archuleta County and that it is possible that the county could reach out further to La Plata County to acquire more information.

However, she emphasized that supplying the public with additional information on the advisory committee is crucial to get further participation.

She noted that had not heard any discussion of what the county is doing, but that "we need to get the ball rolling."

Commissioner Ronnie Maez noted that he had spoken with a potential applicant to the advisory committee who had asked for additional clarity on what the county is looking for.

He added that he agrees with Medina that the county needs to

Weiler then asked, "For the buildings and businesses that have preceded the construction of the court building, how do I look at them and say, the rules that we make you comply with, we're going to ignore for the benefit of the county, when the county probably has the largest budget of any entity in Archuleta?"

Weiler added, "For us to agree to not hold the county to the same criteria that all of your predecessors have been held to, I need to understand the logic of that, because the LUDC strictly prohibits" a waiver for "look, I don't have the money ... So, help me understand why we should say to our community, well, wait a minute, there's two sets of rules — one for Jane and Joe Average and one for county government?"

Woodman replied, "Well, I don't know, Mr. Weiler. It's just one of those situations where, yes, the county does have a pretty significant amount of money in the budget, but it's budgeted, it's committed, and that's why we prepare a budget."

Weiler retorted, "I understand, Mr. Woodman, but the fact that you did not properly budget for compliance with the LUDC, really that responsibility belongs to you, and I would suggest to you, the appropriate course of action is to do a budget amendment. It's my understanding, over the past 20 years, that the county has made over 200 budget amendments ... and you've got a contingency fund, I've seen the line item, it's, um, quite substantial. You have got to finish the job."

Hodges expressed agreement, saying that while he is "appreciative" of the county for taking responsibility for the lighting issue, on the roofing condition, he said, "These are the rules."

Chairman Chris Pitcher said "that in a community like Pagosa, it's important to work together across the county and town governments, because, you know, we are all kinda moving in the same direction — hopefully."

Pitcher admired that the county is "trying to watch out for the taxpayer money," but he ultimately agreed with his colleagues, saying, "We all have to play by the same rules, whether government or private. That's a tough one to waiver on."

Going further, Pitcher also took issue with the county's suggestion that it is the only neighbor of the building, saying, "I really feel like the county courthouse is a building that we should be proud of. There's things that happen inside that building that are fundamental to being an American ... screening the mechanical equipment on the roof is part of the rules of a finished product ... So, it's not only your neighbors, but the people who use the building that I think will benefit from the aesthetic of not looking at an HVAC unit as you're walking into the courthouse."

After the discussion, Weiler made a motion to deny the county's variance request for the roof screening, saying, "It does not meet the variance

criteria."

Gurule seconded and the planning commission unanimously voted to deny the county's request for a variance for the roofing, giving the county until the end of 2023 to meet the roofing conditions of the LUDC.

On Jan. 17, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) considered a resolution to "overrule" the decision of the town planning commission.

The resolution outlines several areas where the county argues it has "sole authority" over the building, stating legal rationale for the county to overrule the town's decision.

At the Jan. 17 meeting, County Attorney Todd Weaver said, "The county is only subject to what's called 'location and extent review' by the town, so we are not required to comply with all the nuances of the town's Land Use Development Code. Period."

Location and extent review limits the town's power to regulate only where a building sits and its size, according to Weaver.

Citing Colorado case law, he said, "The courts have long held that public entities have the power to overrule or disregard restrictions of municipal zoning regulations."

He said that the BoCC, by a two-thirds vote, "can overrule a town's planning commission and approve the variance. And that's what this resolution does."

He also called the \$100,000 price tag to fix the roofing as a waste of taxpayer money on something that "is just for looks. It doesn't provide any function or form to the building and it actually would inhibit the snow coming off ... and could actually do damage to the courthouse."

After Weaver's legal briefing, the BoCC unanimously passed the resolution to overrule the town planning commission.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez commented, "At the end of the day, it's all taxpayer money and \$100,000 could serve us better elsewhere than putting it into" roof screening.

In an email to The SUN, Town Manager Andrea Phillips notes she will be talking "with the Town Council and Town Attorney and they can direct us if there is any further action they would like to take on this matter."

The approved county resolution states, "If the Town withholds the issuance of a permanent and/or temporary certificate of occupancy to the Archuleta County Justice Center based on the Board overruling the Town's planning commission and approving the County's variance application for a waiver ... the Town will do so knowingly and willfully in violation of Colorado State law and precedence set by the Colorado Courts."

Phillips indicates in the email that, no matter what, the town and county will continue to work on "shared priorities for the benefit of the community."

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Weather

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safer options, stick to more wind-sheltered areas or slopes less than about thirty degrees steepness."

The CAIC forecast discussion also states, "Tuesday brought another day of stormy weather to most of the Southern Mountains. The areas favored by southwesterly flow, such as the La Plata Mountains, the Rico Mountains, Coal Bank Pass, Vallecito, and Wolf Creek Pass, all picked up at least two feet of snow between Saturday and Tuesday evenings. ...

"A Storm Slab avalanche problem developed where more than a foot of snow fell. Observers report avalanches breaking on density changes. A foot-deep avalanche might bury you, especially in bigger terrain, but the larger threat is that an avalanche can step down into deeper persistent weak layers.

"Persistent weak layers lurk deep in the snowpack across the region, but our concern for large avalanches varies across the Southern Mountains."

The discussion then covers the hazardous avalanche conditions near Silverton, Telluride and Red Mountain Pass before stating, "Near the La Plata Mountains and closer to Wolf Creek Pass, the snowpack is deeper, stronger, and will require higher loads to trigger a Persistent Slab avalanche. We can

not rule out avalanche breaking deeply, but you are more likely to encounter Storm Slab avalanches. Where you find shallower-than-average snow cover, entertain thoughts of deeper and larger avalanches during your group's terrain discussions."

Weather

The National Weather Service forecasts mostly sunny skies except for patchy fog before 10 a.m., a high of 32 and 5 mph winds on Thursday, Jan. 19.

Thursday night is predicted to bring mostly cloudy skies with a low of 8 and 5 mph winds.

For Friday, Jan. 20, the forecasted high is 34 degrees with snow showers primarily after noon and 5 mph winds. The forecasted low is 5 degrees with mostly cloudy skies and a chance of snow showers mainly before midnight.

For Saturday, Jan. 21, mostly sunny skies are expected with a high of 33 degrees. The forecasted low is 3 degrees Saturday night with partly cloudy skies.

For Sunday, Jan. 22, the forecasted high is 31 degrees with mostly sunny skies and a slight chance of snow showers after noon. The forecasted low is 9 degrees with mostly cloudy skies and a chance of snow showers.

River report

Stream flow for the San Juan River on Jan. 18 at approximately 10 a.m. was 63.9 cubic feet per second (cfs), according to the U.S. Geological Service National Water Dashboard.

This reading is down from last week's reading of 70 cfs at 11 a.m. on Jan. 11.

Water report

According to a Monday press release from the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) District Manager Justin Ramsey, Lake Forest, Village Lake and Lake Hatcher are full.

Pagosa Lake is 4 inches from full. Stevens Lake is 3 inches from full.

Total diversion flows for the district are listed at 6.0 cfs.

The West Fork diversion flow is listed at 2 cfs and the Four Mile diversion flow is at 4 cfs.

Water production from Jan. 6 through Jan. 12 is listed at a total of 11.45 million gallons. The Snowball water plant contributed 3.40 million gallons, while the Hatcher plant contributed 8.05 million gallons.

The San Juan plant is closed for the season.

Last year, total water production was listed at 11.32 million gallons for those dates.

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Grant

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workforce housing.

Both Servitas and Community Development Director James Dickhoff explained the estimated rental price as covering the so-called “missing middle” range of rental prices, and that the project is not necessarily aimed at the lowest income levels.

Nevertheless, the pending DOH grant funding is the determining factor on the town being able to lower rental prices at the Enclave property, according to Dickhoff.

He explained that the grant would pay 40 percent of the total construction costs of the project, which in turn will lower the price tag on the rental units to a number that the council might feel more comfortable with.

The DOH grant is through the Transformational Affordable Housing, Homeownership, and Workforce Housing Grant Program, and the DOH describes its intention as increasing “the number of affordable housing units and the availability of housing opportunities across Colorado to ensure everyone has a safe, stable, and affordable place to live and thrive.”

According to the DOH, “Colorado has a shortage of nearly 121,000 affordable rental units, and the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority reports that nearly half of all Colorado renters are considered cost burdened, spending more than 30% percent of a household’s monthly income on housing, with an additional 24% being severely cost burdened, spending more than 50% of a household’s monthly income on housing.”

With statewide median home prices reaching \$555,540, “six out of ten Colorado households are unable to afford the average priced home,” according to the DOH.

Colorado’s rural resort communities face these housing challenges even more acutely, as “their more remote locations have led to increased construction and transportation costs, geographic restraints (buildable land), lack of supply (or in some cases no habitable vacant supply) and a shortage of local housing development expertise and capacity,” according to the DOH.

Pagosa Springs is no exception to these challenges.

Dickhoff explained in an interview that the town is “considered a rural resort community for this grant application,” and rural resort communities, like Pagosa Springs, “are really finding it difficult because of the increase in property values.”

Specific to Pagosa, he said, “we’ve seen about a 70 percent increase, approximately,” in median home

prices, which isn’t as sharp of a rise seen in other rural resort communities who have reported 80-90 percent increases.

But, according to a recent report by Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado, Pagosa Springs was “determined to have the highest cost of living in all of Southwest Colorado, even higher than Durango,” Dickhoff said, adding, “So that even further complicates the struggle for our workforce members to actually find housing, both rental and purchase.

“So, I think specific to our community is that we’ve got the highest cost of living for our workforce members. Income levels are not obviously growing at the same rate as housing prices,” and new sales in the housing market are driving up rental prices as well.

Dickhoff said, “The funding we applied for would offset construction costs, which in the end reduces the amount of money we have to borrow,” resulting in lower monthly mortgage payments for the town.

He explained this directly relates “to being able to charge less monthly for rent,” and stated he believes that this specific DOH grant funding “will help” drive down costs for renters at the Enclave property, should the town receive the grant.

The grant funding, he said, “is about 40 percent of the cost of the project,” which means the Town will reduce its monthly mortgage cost by the same 40 percent.

According to the DOH, this type of funding is known as “gap funding” because it helps fill the gap between what affordable housing developments cost to build and maintain, and the amount of rent being paid later by tenants.

It’s this economic gap that makes building affordable housing unattractive to many developers as they struggle to pay back loans or other costs incurred while building the project, according to the DOH.

Dickhoff expressed agreement, calling gap funding “an incentive program” that makes building affordable housing more attractive for developers.

He said, at the end of the day, developers “need to make their ends meet. They can’t just do things for free, so they’ve gotta cover their costs and people are in business to make money. So, gap funding helps cover the gap between the rents you want to charge for affordability and the actual costs of building the project.”

However, Dickhoff was careful not to label this DOH grant as “gap funding” since “it’s not technically from their gap funding program.”

“But,” he said, “it does help fill the gap between construction costs and keeping the project affordable.”

While the grant will be used only for the construction of the 58 rental units at the Enclave, Dickhoff also noted that the town is applying for up to \$3 million from DOLA for a townhome development at the same Enclave property, which would be geared toward ownership, rather than rentals.

He said, “the \$3 million we’d be applying for through DOLA would be specific to the 12 townhome units that would be built for an ownership model.”

In total, the town’s efforts to increase workforce housing inventory in the area is bearing some fruit, according to Dickhoff. In addition to the 58 rental units at Enclave, the town has worked with the developers of 24 rental units at the location of the former Pagosa Inn and Suites, as well as the 675-unit Pagosa Views development, where the town has obligated the developer to designate a minimum of 10 percent of the total units as deed restricted for workforce housing.

“We are anticipating 68 units [at Pagosa Views] to be deed restricted in perpetuity, which is very rare,” Dickhoff said.

He said, “All of the projects we are working on locally, we are trying to get these deed restrictions forever,” even though “we are only really required through grant funding to do them for 30 years, we are looking for a lot longer.”

Dickhoff suggested that housing affordability problems are “never really gonna go away. We’ll always be in need of some workforce housing.”

The good news, according to Dickhoff, is that over the next 10 to 15 years, the outlook is for about 138 deed-restricted workforce housing

units to come onto the housing market.

The longer timeline is due to the Pagosa Views development taking up to 15 years to fully build out, sell and rent the units, according to Dickhoff.

But, if the town succeeds in getting the \$9.5 million DOH grant, it makes it all the more likely that the town can build the units at the Enclave property in the shorter term, which would bring those 58 units onto the rental market within a year or two, according to Dickhoff.

But with three moving pieces still pending for the town — the DOH grant, the finalizing of the purchase of the Enclave property and its partnership with workforce housing developer Servitas — the building of the 58 rental units at Enclave is by no means a done deal.

Indeed, the various moving pieces make the Enclave project, as well as the larger issue of workforce housing, “extraordinarily complex,” said Posey.

“It just really gives me heartburn,” he said, worrying about the potential long-term risks of tying the town to the project.

And speaking to the proposed partnership with Servitas and the purchase of the Enclave property, Pierce said, “That’s why we are taking so much time, Jeff, ... and I don’t think we are going to be ready to definitely move forward until we feel comfortable with it.”

Council member Gary Williams added that “40 percent of the project is paid for with grant money, so that takes a lot of uncertainty out of the math for us — if in fact we get \$9.5 million.”

Dickhoff, who submitted the grant on New Year’s Eve, said, “We should know in the next 30 days or so whether we will receive the grant.”
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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, Jan. 19
Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting. 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Monday, Jan. 23
Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation quarterly membership meeting. 8-9:30 a.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. Join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83552743149?pwd=Z0RXejNjQXo0TkNNZmY0h4UH-B5QT09>, meeting ID: 835 5274 3149, passcode: 191160.

San Juan Water Conservancy District special meeting. 3 p.m., 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 5.

Tuesday, Jan. 24
Archuleta County Board of County

Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners’ meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Town Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments and Design Review Board meeting. 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. or via Zoom. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Wednesday, Jan. 25
Archuleta County Planning Commission meeting. 6 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners’ meeting room, 398 Lewis St. and via Zoom. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

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Missing teen found safe

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Sheriff’s Office (ACSO) announced Wednesday evening, Jan. 11, that 14-year-old Sequoyia Tsosie was located by law enforcement and is safe.

The ACSO reported on Jan. 6

that Tsosie was considered a runaway and was reported to have been eluding law enforcement.

The Colorado Bureau of Investigation issued a Missing Indigent Person Alert for Tsosie on Jan. 7, which they canceled on Jan. 12.

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Sports

BASKETBALL

Lady Pirates top Ignacio for first win

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate basketball team is 1-1 in the 3A/4A Intermountain League (IML) after the first week of league action, logging their first win against Ignacio Bobcats — one of the top teams in Colorado 3A girls' basketball.

"Tonight they played the system, with each other, all four quarters and just everything we've been working on, all those little details ... finally showed together tonight," coach Sarah Osborn said after the game.

The Lady Pirates opened league play on Friday in La Jara against the Centauri Falcons.

The Falcons entered league play with a 7-2 record and as the No. 4 team in Colorado 3A girls' basketball according to the Ratings Percentage Index (RPI), which helps determine postseason seeding.

At the end of the first quarter, the Lady Pirates held a 9-8 lead, and they held a 21-19 lead at halftime.

Osborn noted the Lady Pirates "played a really good first half and trusted the process and trusted each other, were running the sets and the play calls."

Neither team played well in the third, she noted.

Centauri put up six points in the third while limiting Pagosa to three, and outscored the Lady Pirates 15-4 in the fourth, handing the Pirates a 40-28 loss.

"In the fourth quarter, my girls went into panic mode again kinda," Osborn said.

Annie O'Donnell led the Pirates in scoring in La Jara with nine points. She also had four rebounds and a steal.

Elizabeth Currier had six points, eight rebounds, four assists and a steal.

Chantelle Caldwell and Karsyn Shahan each had five points. Caldwell also logged five rebounds and an assist. Shahan also had four rebounds, three assists, two steals and a block.

Daveyann Snarr had two points, and Kylie Ketchum had a point, four rebounds, one assist and a steal.

Pagosa made 10 of 14 attempts from the free-throw line. They turned the ball over 17 times.

On Saturday, the Lady Pirates hosted the 3A Ignacio Bobcats, who went into league play as the No. 3 team in the Colorado 3A girls' RPI standings and with a 6-2 record.

Pagosa built up an 11-9 lead by the end of the first and increased that lead to 25-16 by halftime.

Ignacio cut into their host's lead in the third, outscoring the Lady Pirates 15-12, to leave Pagosa with a 37-31 lead.

The Lady Pirates again outscored the Bobcats in the fourth, 12-10, to hold on for their first win of the season.

"They, first, played all four quarters," Osborn said after the game, adding, "I think this is the first time they played as a team and really stuck to the game plan the entire game."

She added the team had four people "significantly" contribute to the scoring in the game, indicating they worked well together, finding their open shots and getting their teammate open, too, which she noted makes a huge difference.

Osborn also highlighted how the four — Caldwell, Currier, Shahan and O'Donnell — held their composure in a tight game.

Caldwell put up 17 points in the game, which included a 3-pointer. She also had nine rebounds, two steals and two blocks.

Currier contributed 16 points, which included a pair of 3-pointers. She also tallied two rebounds, five assists, two steals and a block.

Shahan put up 10 points, including a pair of 3s. She also had four rebounds and a steal.

O'Donnell had six points, four rebounds, one assist and three steals in the win.

Ketchum had four rebounds, one assist and a steal. Cassie Brunson had three rebounds and an assist, and Snarr had three rebounds and a steal.

Amber Snarr contributed a rebound.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Lady Pirates Elizabeth Currier and Karsyn Shahan fight for possession of the ball against the Ignacio Bobcats on Saturday, Jan. 14. The Lady Pirates defeated the Bobcats 49-41.

The Lady Pirates made six of nine free-throw attempts. The team turned the ball over 10 times.

Now, the team will look to turn that win into a streak.

"I think a lot of it is just them seeing that it finally came together," Osborn said. "I think they just needed that one and we can keep going from there. ... They fought the whole game and they saw what that looked like and they could do it."

The Lady Pirates are now 1-10 on the season and the No. 32 team

in the 4A RPI standings.

This week, the Pirates will host a pair of league games and a non-league affair, though the team's practices were hampered by the inclement weather that canceled school.

Osborn noted all of the teams in the IML are tough.

"They're all gonna be close games, she said, adding, "Every game's going to be a fight."

At 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 20, the Lady Pirates will host the No. 6

Alamosa Mean Moose.

The 4A Mean Moose are 9-3 on the season and 2-0 in league play. "Alamosa's going to be tough," Osborn said.

At the same time on Saturday, Jan. 21, the team will host the Bayfield Wolverines, who are 1-5 on the season and 0-2 in league play.

On Tuesday, Jan. 24, the Lady Pirates will host Gunnison, with tip-off set for 4 p.m. Gunnison is 4-4 on the season.

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SWIM

Lady Pirates secure two more state qualifications

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate swim team took part in two meets last week, in Delta and Grand Junction, and walked away from them with two more state qualifications.

Those qualifiers, according to coach Heather Miller, are Lynelle Bartz in the 100-meter backstroke and Ivanna Erne in the 50-meter freestyle.

"Lynelle is also pretty close in the 200 IM and Ivanna is very close in the 100 free and 100 butterfly," she wrote in an email to The SUN.

The team previously had a 200-meter medley relay team qualify for state at the first meet of the season.

The Lady Pirates first took part in the Delta Invite on Jan. 13.

Durango took first with 433 points at the meet, outscoring every other team by more than 230 points.

Pagosa took fourth with 157 points.

There, a Lady Pirate team of Bartz, Karis Blackman, Emma Gantt and Erne placed fourth in the 200-meter medley relay with a time of two minutes, 11.98 seconds. That performance earned 22 points for the Lady Pirates.

In the 200-meter freestyle, Kali Jury took 14th with a time of 3:07.77, Marlowe Hedgecock took 15th in 3:11.97 and Dharma Adams finished 16th with a time of 3:14.16.

Five Lady Pirates scored in the 200-meter individual medley: Erne took sixth with a time of 2:50.56 to earn nine points, Gantt finished eighth with a time of 2:59.07 to garner five points, Evelyn Rose finished ninth in 3:02.56 to score four, Asia Gorman finished 11th in 3:30.04 to earn two points and Leah Blackman finished 12th with a time of 3:49.42 to earn one point.

In the 50-meter freestyle, Karis Blackman finished 25th in 33.12 seconds, Gemma Slingerland finished 34th in 40.25 seconds, Bella Gutierrez finished 37th in 43.50 seconds, Bailee Shallenberger finished 38th with a time of 45.15 seconds and Charlie Gutierrez finished 39th in 46.28 seconds.

Erne took second in the 100-meter fly, earning 13 points, after finishing with a time of 1:10.65. Bartz finished fifth with a time of 1:18.91 to earn 10 points. Gantt finished seventh and earned seven points with a time of 1:20.41.



Photo courtesy Heather Miller

Ivanna Erne takes part in the 50-meter freestyle at the Grand Junction High School Invite on Jan. 14. Erne qualified for state in the event and swam a time of 27.49 seconds.

Gorman finished 18th in the 100-meter freestyle with a time of 1:22.06. Baylee Rollins finished in 1:26.16 to finish 20th. Bella Gutierrez finished 22nd with a time of 1:43.93.

Rose took third in the 500-meter freestyle with a time of 7:34.19 to earn 12 points for the team. Jury finished fourth with a time of 8:31.41 to earn 11 points.

Pagosa's team of Gorman, Rollins, Hedgecock and Karis Blackman finished 11th in the 200-meter freestyle relay with a time of 2:24.11, earning 11 points. The team of Shallenberger, Charlie Gutierrez, Slingerland and Leah Blackman finished 14th with a time of 2:51.02.

Bartz took third in the 100-meter backstroke with a time of 1:09.28 to earn 12 points for the team.

In that same event, Adams took 15th with a time of 1:30.67, Hedgecock finished 19th with a time of 1:38.14, Cadence Pair finished 21st in 1:47.47, Rollins finished 22nd in 1:48.87, Shallenberger finished 23rd with a time of 1:51.68 and Slingerland finished 24th with a time of 1:55.54.

Karis Blackman took eighth in the 100-meter breaststroke with a time

of 1:29.36, earning five points.

A team of Rose, Gantt, Bartz and Erne finished second in the 400-meter freestyle relay with a time of 4:36.43, earning 26 points.

A team of Hedgecock, Rollins, Slingerland and Pair finished seventh with a time of 5:46.78 to earn 14 points.

The following day, the team participated in the 11-team Grand Junction High School Invite.

The Pirates took ninth at the meet with 82 points.

At that meet, the 200 medley relay team of Gorman, Leah Blackman, Rose and Jury finished 17th with a time of 2:32.08 to earn six points.

Another team of Pair, Hedgecock, Rollins and Adams finished 23rd in 2:45.92.

Gantt finished 17th in the 200 freestyle, earning one point, after finishing with a time of 2:32.38. Gorman finished 32nd in the event with a time of 2:54.26 and Slingerland finished 34th in 3:19.02.

Bartz placed eighth in the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:41.46, earning 11 points. Karis Blackman finished 16th and earned two points with a time of 3:20.07. Rollins finished 19th and earned one point after finishing in 3:26.51.

Ten Lady Pirates took part in the 50 freestyle: Erne took seventh with a time of 27.49 seconds to earn 12 points, Rose finished 30th in 30.29 second, Jury finished 40th in 31.46 seconds, Adams finished 46th in 32.94 seconds, Hedgecock finished 67th in 35.36 seconds, Pair finished 74th with a time of 36.47 seconds, Leah Blackman finished 81st in 37.71 seconds, Shallenberger finished 86th with a time of 41.56 seconds, Bella Gutierrez finished 87th in 42.44 seconds and Charlie Gutierrez finished 92nd in 48.08 seconds.

Gantt took eighth in the 100 fly, earning 11 points for the team, with a time of 1:20.12. Rollins finished 16th in 1:47.95 to earn four points.

In the 100 freestyle, Erne earned two points for the team by finishing 18th with a time of 1:01.82. Rose finished 33rd with a time of 1:09.68. Adams took 49th with a time of 1:17.38. Jury finished 51st in 1:17.99. Pair finished 57th with a time of 1:21.93.

Slingerland took 66th with a time of 1:28.46. Shallenberger finished 70th with a time of 1:37.18. Charlie Gutierrez finished 73rd in 1:49.72.

Gorman finished 16th and earned three points by swimming the 500 freestyle in 7:56.21.

The Pirates had four teams take part in the 200 freestyle relay.

The team of Bartz, Gantt, Rose and Erne finished 11th and earned 12 points with a time of 1:58.08.

The team of Adams, Karis Blackman, Pair and Jury finished 18th with a time of 2:13.96 to earn two points.

The team of Hedgecock, Leah Blackman, Rollins and Gorman took 28th with a time of 2:27.60.

The team of Shallenberger, Bella Gutierrez, Slingerland and Charlie Gutierrez finished 31st in 2:57.21.

Bartz took ninth and earned nine points in the 100 backstroke, swimming it in 1:11.57. Bella Gutierrez finished 42nd with a time of 2:02.75.

In the 100 breaststroke, Karis Blackman finished 11th in 1:26.45, earning six points. Leah Blackman finished 27th with a time of 1:34.46. Hedgecock finished 35th with a time of 1:38.49.

In the 400 freestyle relay, the team of Shallenberger, Bella Gutierrez, Charlie Gutierrez and Slingerland finished 19th with a time of 6:40.68.

"Overall we had a large number of best times in both meets with some swimmers dropping large amounts of time," Miller wrote. "Bailee Shallenberger took 20.35 seconds off of her 100 back and Bridgette Rollins took off 16.71 seconds in her 200IM. We are really impressed with how the swimmers performed in both meets and especially how some implemented a few changes based on feedback from the Delta meet and dropped time in Grand Junction."

This week, the team will travel to Gunnison for a meet that is slated to begin at 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 20, where the team hopes to add another state qualification to the mix.

"This week we are focusing on a few technique improvements in freestyle and speed work," Miller wrote, adding the team hopes to qualify for state in the 200 freestyle relay and that the team needs to drop just over two seconds.

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Triple Impact Student-Athlete of the Week
Chantelle Caldwell
Volleyball, basketball, track

Favorite subject: Science
Comments from coach Sarah Osborn: "Chantelle Caldwell is a leader on and off the court. As one of only two senior basketball players, she is an irreplaceable part of our team. Chantelle leads our team by example in the classroom and on the court. She is one of the hardest workers I have ever coached, and she never gives up, no matter the circumstances. We have had a tough season, but I can always count on her to come ready to work hard in practice each day and continue to look for ways to improve herself and help her teammates improve. She brings a fun energy to practices and the games and never takes herself too seriously. She treats everyone with the same respect and kindness on our team, from freshmen to seniors. She always has outstanding grades and takes many of the AP classes offered here at Pagosa High School. Chantelle is willing to play any position and role in helping her team succeed. As a senior, that has changed over the past years, complicating the position. But she has taken the challenge and thrived in each situation. She is an incredible athlete; we are lucky to have such a great leader with us."

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WRESTLING

Pagosa takes 10th at Mel Smith Invitational

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate wrestling team took 10th place at the Mel Smith Invitational in Florence on Jan. 13 and 14.

The team placed 10th of 35 teams with 90 points.

Coach Dan Janowsky commented that the Pirates will “always be an underdog” in matches against top 3A schools this year and likened the invitational to the state tournament in terms of the level of competition and the teams present.

“You don’t set your goal to be 10th,” Janowsky stated, “but when you’re knowledgeable and realistic you think, ... ‘Well, I really wanted to finish in the top 10.’ And we did. And we certainly have some things we can do better and we are getting better. ... It’s just that, when we’re underdogs and we hit those top 10 schools we can see where we’re still not quite there, but we can also see we’re making progress to get there. It’s a reality check and it’s encouraging at the same time.”

Anthony Manzanares, in the 106-pound weight class, went 2-2 in the tournament overall, receiving a bye in the first championship round before being pinned in the second. He pinned his opponents in the second and third consolation rounds before being pinned in the fourth consolation round.

Michael Thomas, in the 120-pound weight class, went 0-2 in the tournament, losing in an 18-2 technical fall in the first championship round and being pinned in the first consolation round.

At 126 pounds, Colton Lucero placed fourth in the tournament, going 4-2. He received a bye in the first championship round and pinned his opponent in the second before being pinned in the quarterfinals. He then pinned his opponents in the fourth and fifth consolation rounds and won the consolation semifinals by a 4-3 decision on his way to being defeated in 3-0 decision in the third-place match.

At 132 pounds, Luke Tressler went 5-2 in the tournament and also took fourth place. He pinned his opponents in the first and second championship rounds before being defeated in a 15-5 major decision in the quarterfinals. Tressler then pinned his opponents in the fourth and fifth consolation rounds and won the consolation semifinals in a 3-0 decision before being pinned in the third-place match.

Janowsky highlighted the performances of both Lucero and Tressler, noting that they were not seeded and had to wrestle past athletes with awards and accolades they lacked.

He noted that this was a show of progress as the team has no state medalists this year but now had athletes who have beaten state medalists.

He added that the best round for both was the consolation semifinals as in this round Lucero had beaten a “tough” state medalist from Alamosa and Tressler had defeated a wrestler from Taos, N.M. who has also placed at state.

Jacob Miller, in the 144-pound weight class, went 0-2, being pinned in both the first championship round and the first consolation round.

In the 150-pound weight class, Chandler Mazur went 3-2, pinning his opponent in the first championship round before being beaten in the second round by a 4-0 decision. He then pinned his opponent in the second consolation round and won the third by a 5-0 decision before being pinned in the fourth consolation round.

Janowsky commended Mazur’s performance, noting that his two losses were narrow defeats against contenders for state medals.

In the 165-pound weight class, Harley Armijo went 3-2, pinning his opponent in the first consolation round and being pinned in the second. He then won the second consolation round with a 13-0 major decision and the third with a pin before being pinned in the fourth.

The coach commented that Armijo showed “a lot of resolve” both in his matches and in his desire to learn how to wrestle as he had a relative lack of competitive wrestling experience prior to this season.

Heath Fulbright, in the 175-pound weight class, went 2-2, receiving a bye in the first championship round, winning the second with a 6-2 decision and being pinned in the quarterfinals. He won the fourth consolation round with a pin before losing the fifth in a 1-0 decision.

Connor Kelley, in the 190-pound weight class, went 1-2, receiving a bye in the first championship round before winning the second with a pin and being pinned in the quarterfinals. He was defeated in the fourth consolation round by a 5-1 decision.

In the 215-pound weight class, Jesus Serratos went 0-2, being pinned in the first championship round before receiving a bye in the first consolation round and being pinned in the second.

In the 285-pound weight class, Antonio Quesada went 1-2, receiving a bye in the first championship round and being pinned in the second. Quesada also received a bye in the second consolation round before being pinned in the third round.

Janowsky explained that, as the final month of the season begins, the team will focus on individualized training to address the challenges faced by each individual wrestler.

The Pirates will next compete at the Bayfield Dual in Bayfield on Jan. 20 followed by the Centauri Tri in La Jara on Jan. 21.

Janowsky explained that the Bayfield Dual is an official Intermountain League dual and will be “hotly contested” given the teams’ knowledge of each other and the rivalry between them.

He added that Centauri and Buena Vista, the two teams the Pirates will face at the tri, placed ahead of the Pirates by small amounts in the other events this year where they had appeared.

“Those three teams are good teams,” Janowsky noted. “We’ll have to work hard. ... Here and there we’re gonna have to take our lumps and we’re gonna learn from them.”

RECREATION NEWS

Register now for youth volleyball

By Trevor Gian
Town of Pagosa Springs
Parks and Recreation

The Recreation Department is now accepting registrations for 9-10 and 11-12 volleyball.

The 9-10 league is instructional only, with no formal games, on Mondays and Wednesday at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

The 11-12 league will have practices and games on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Community Center.

The registration fee is \$40 for the first child and \$20 for the second child. The registration deadline is Feb. 24.

The instructional league and the 11-12 practices will start in late February with games for the 11-12 league starting late March and running through April.

Please call the Recreation Department with any questions, (970) 264-4151, ext. 233.

You can register online at <https://www.pagosasprings.co.gov/recreation-division> or stop by the Community Center to fill out a form.

Gymnastics

The Recreation Department is also looking for a gymnastics instructor. For more information, call the office at (970) 264-4151, ext. 232 or 233.

when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF ARCHULETA, STATE OF COLORADO
LOT 47, RIO BLANCO VALLEY SUBDIVISION UNIT FOUR, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD JANUARY 15, 1970 AS RECEPTION NO. 72863.
APN #: 588732101036

Also known by street and number as: 117 Maple Glen Place, Pagosa Springs, 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, 02/16/2023, at the Archuleta County Treasurer’s Office 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 12/22/2022
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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:
DATE: 10/18/2022

Elsa P White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado
By: /s/ Elsa P. White, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Lynn M. Janeway #15592
Janeway Law Firm, P.C. 9800 S Meridian Suite 400, Englewood, CO 80112 (303) 706-9990
Attorney File # 22-026508

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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CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE
SALE NO. 2022-009
NOTICE OF SALE

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:

On October 18, 2022, 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) Mike Branson II and Charleye Branson
Beneficiary(ies) Emily Deltz
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt Emily Deltz
Date of Deed of Trust October 08, 2020
County of Recording Archuleta
Recording Date of Deed of Trust October 08, 2020
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 22006153
Original Principal Amount \$23,995.00
Outstanding Principal Balance \$21,542.70

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By: Elsa P. White, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number of the legal holder of the indebtedness is: Emily Deltz, 324 Haley Place, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 (970) 946-3006
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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:
DELDEV, INC
1133 N. 18TH STREET
GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 7th day of November 2019, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to BUFFALO PLAINS 22, LLC the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:
LOTS 317,318,319,320,321 AND 322, PAGOSA TRAIL, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD SEPTEMBER 13, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74885.
Account Number: R004258
Schedule Number: 569524407039
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2019-04596
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to BUFFALO PLAINS 22, LLC.
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2018;
That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of DELDEV, INC for said year 2018;
That said BUFFALO PLAINS 22, LLC on the 8th day of December 2022, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;
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DOROTHY HIBON CAMPBELL
31 BARRINEAU CT 3A
MURRELLS INLET, SC 29576-6527
TRISTAN PARRISH
P O BOX 551076
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33355-1076
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Account Number: R004335
Schedule Number: 569525105008
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2019-04604
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to BUFFALO PLAINS 22, LLC.
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That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of DOROTHY HIBON CAMPBELL and TRISTAN PARRISH for said year 2018;
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IRVINE, CA 92618
NATL REC LAND LLC
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IRVINE, CA 92614
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Account Number: R004322
Schedule Number: 569525104057
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2019-04602
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to BUFFALO PLAINS 22, LLC.
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2018;
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/s/ Elsa P White
Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado
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109 Harman Park Drive
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Plaintiff: The Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County, CO
v.
Defendants: Capital Ventures Inc., Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District, Archuleta County Public Trustee, and all Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest in the Subject Matter of This Action.
Case Number 2022CV030072
Attorney or Party Without Party: Todd A. Weaver, Reg. No. 31708
P.O. Box 1507
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Phone Number (970) 264-8321
Fax Number: Withheld Pursuant to Rule
Email: TWeaver@ArchuletaCounty.org
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970-264-5932
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Division: 1
Crm:
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Attorneys for Plaintiff: Hal Holmes & Hunt, LLC
Hal R. Kyles, #23891
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Dated: January 19, 2023.
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By: /s/ Hal R. Kyles
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BASKETBALL

Pirates go 1-1 in first week of league play

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate basketball team went 1-1 to open league play last week, and continues to be one of the top teams in Colorado 4A boys' basketball.

As of Tuesday, the Pirates were the No. 2 team in the 4A Colorado 4A boys' basketball Ratings Percentage Index standings, which help determine postseason seeding, and were the No. 6 team in the coaches' poll.

The Pirates opened league play in La Jara against the 3A Centauri Falcons on Friday.

The Falcons trumped the Pirates 43-38.

"First of all, give them some credit. They're really good, well coached," coach Wes Lewis said of the Falcons, adding, "They've got some good players returning off the team they had last year."

Lewis noted he thought both teams were good defensively in the game.

"I felt like we had several easy missed shots underneath the basket," he said. "We just didn't capitalize on some easy opportunities. And, you know, against a team like that, they're hard to come by, so when you get a decent one, you ... gotta come away with some points out of it. ... We just didn't do that."

Lewis also pointed out the Pirates had several "critical turnovers."

"We had some turnovers that really hurt us that ... if we could've shaved off, you know, four or five of those critical turnovers and made four or five of those very makeable shots, it could have been a different outcome," Lewis said. "At the end of the day, they beat us. They were better that night. That's just the way the ball bounces sometimes."

In addition to the team's defense, Lewis also highlighted Kayson Shahan and Gunner Dozier.

"I thought Kayson shot the ball pretty well and did a good job for us," he said. "And, I thought Gunner shot the ball, hit some pretty big shots at critical times."

He also noted Shahan worked through being in foul trouble in the game, while Blake Laner was "hampered" by it throughout the game.

"We were plagued by some early foul troubles," he said, explaining Shahan picked up two fouls in the games first minutes.

The Falcons are now 10-1 on the season, 2-0 in league play and are the No. 4 team in the 3A RPI standings.

On Saturday, the Pirates hosted the 3A Ignacio Bobcats for another league contest, which they won 56-32.

"I thought again we were good defensively," Lewis said. "They've got a really nice post player and they do a good job of giving him the ball, and I thought our defense was pretty good. It was kind of by committee. We had Blake on him and Blake got in early foul trouble, and then we moved Kayson there, and so Kayson and Aaron [Aucoin] spent a lot of time defending him."

Lewis added they rotated through players guarding him.

"I thought we executed zone of-



SUN photo/
Randi Pierce

Pirate Gunner Dozier puts up a 3-pointer against the Ignacio Bobcats on Saturday, Jan. 14. The Pirates won 56-32 and are now 1-1 in league play.

fense pretty decent for the most part," the coach added.

Lewis noted the team had a few turnovers it shouldn't have and a few miscues, but "for the most part I was pretty pleased with the effort from the boys on Saturday night."

The Bobcats are now 3-7 on the season and 0-2 in league play.

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

This week, the Pirates will play a trio of home games.

At 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 20, the Pirates will host the Alamosa Mean Moose, who are No. 6 in the 4A RPI standings.

The Mean Moose are 10-1 on the season and 2-0 in league action.

Lewis suggested the Mean Moose have a couple of guards who are playing really well, a good post player and a set of brothers who are "physical, good athletes."

"They're playing well. It's a big game, no doubt. They've got a nice season they're putting together and they're well-coached. We're going to have to be good defensively, we're good to have to take care of the basketball on offense and hopefully we

can get some open looks and capitalize on them when we do," he said.

On Saturday, the Pirates will host the 3A Bayfield Wolverines, who are 5-5 on the season and 0-2 in league play.

The Wolverines are the No. 21 team in the 3A RPI standings.

Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.

"Bayfield's playing really well. They went a five-game win streak after they came to our preseason tournament. They've dropped a couple of close ones," Lewis said, pointing out the Wolverines lost to Montezuma-Cortez by six points and played close with Centauri for three quarters. "Bayfield is no slouch by any stretch of the imagination. They've got pretty good size, they've got some kids who put up a lot of 3s that are capable shooters. It's a rivalry game, which that always adds a little animosity to things, and it's going to be a big one, for sure."

Then, on Tuesday, the Pirates will host the 3A Gunnison Cowboys for a 5:30 p.m. game.

The No. 42 Cowboys are 2-5 on the season.

Lewis noted the team will look

more at the Cowboys following this week's league games.

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Education

Healthy Archuleta and GOAL High School partner on Youth Photovoice Project

By Coral Johnson
Healthy Archuleta

Here in Archuleta County, we as a community have many food-related problems and we need to take action. Healthy Archuleta is one of the food organizations in Pagosa Springs trying to do something about it. It partnered with GOAL High School and created a project to make youth aware of the issues and benefits in our community related to the food system.

Photovoice is a project that helped youth show their ideas and voice their opinions on the local food system. On Dec. 8, 2022, GOAL High School hosted a small gallery walk for community members to see and hear the high schoolers voice a huge issue in our com-

munity and the world. Photovoice gave students the opportunity to take a class to learn about the local community-based food system and open their eyes to the ongoing issues.

Many of the members in our town had not noticed the issues surrounding healthy food supply until COVID hit. That is when we started to notice less access to quality food and limited supplies in our communities. The pandemic has opened many of our eyes to an ongoing issue that has been happening for decades. Many people in the world and our town do not get to eat healthy food because of the high cost of healthy options in the market, making it difficult for them to have access to decent food. Healthy Archuleta helps the

people in our community have access to healthy food. The students at GOAL High School learned about this process and showed their concerns through photography. As a community, we can help prevent food waste within the food system by stepping up and making a change.

Photovoice is a way to help the new generations have an input in the matter and seek change for themselves. The education provided by Healthy Archuleta gives the students and the community members the opportunity to learn how to grow their own healthy fresh foods and where they can access them. With this information, youth can encourage their families to follow their example and make a change.



Photo courtesy Healthy Archuleta

GOAL High School students use Photovoice to show their ideas and voice their opinions on the local food system.



Photo courtesy Shanna Robb

Kicking off the new year, several teens from the ABLAZE Catholic high school group enjoyed a day of fun and fellowship in the snow.

LPEA now accepting applications for nine scholarships

By Hillary Knox
La Plata Electric Association

La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) is now accepting applications for nine continuing education scholarships for graduating high school seniors — including GED graduates — in its service territory. Scholarships range from \$500 to \$28,000 and can be used at any accredited school in the United States. Applications are due March 1.

“One of our goals at LPEA is to empower a strong future workforce,” said LPEA CEO Jessica Matlock. “The energy industry is a fast-moving, dynamic sector that needs qualified employees in disciplines from lineworker and engineering to finance and communications. There is also a nationwide shortage of lineworkers, so this year we added one more lineworker scholarship to encourage more youth to pursue this career path.”

“I plan on being a lineman till the day I retire,” said Ryan Elliot, a 2022 LPEA Lineworker Scholarship

recipient. “This scholarship will help me be one of those people up there supplying electricity to the U.S. Thank you for this opportunity. This is the best thing that’s ever happened to me.”

Registration details, scholarship information and online application forms are available at lpea.coop/scholarships.

Scholarship details:

- LPEA Scholarship: LPEA will award two four-year scholarships for students attending any college or university in the U.S. beginning with the 2023-2024 academic year. The LPEA Scholarship covers tuition, books and fees (at \$7,000/year over four years), given that the students maintain minimum qualifications.

- LPEA/John Voelker Memorial Scholarship: LPEA will award two two-year scholarships for students attending any accredited vocational school, technical school or community college in the U.S. beginning with the 2023-2024 academic year. This scholarship covers tuition, books, fees and supplies (at

\$5,000/year over two years), given that students maintain minimum qualifications.

- LPEA Lineworker Scholarship: LPEA will award three one-year scholarships to students attending an accredited institution, including a vocational school, technical school, community college or university in the U.S. majoring in an electrical lineworker program. This one-year scholarship (\$12,000) covers tuition, books, fees and supplies, given that the students maintain minimum qualifications. Any scholarship overage, following payment of tuition and fees, can be applied to the purchase of tools and supplies required in the trade.

- Tri-State Scholarship: LPEA’s power supplier, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Inc., offers two onetime \$500 scholarships for students attending any college or university in the U.S. beginning with the 2023-2024 academic year.

Funds for the LPEA, LPEA/John Voelker Memorial and Lineman scholarships come from LPEA’s unclaimed capital credit funds. The

Tri-State Scholarship is funded by LPEA’s power provider, Tri-State.

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Healthy Archuleta food drive set for Jan. 21

Healthy Archuleta

Community food-sharing opportunities allow us to gather together to support our community as a whole. Healthy Archuleta is partnering to host a food drive this Saturday, Jan. 21, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs Walmart.

Those who are able to are encouraged to share what they can to help the Food Distribution Center better support the Archuleta County Food Pantry

Network with foods that our neighbors can use.

Join Healthy Archuleta in supporting the food security of our local community. A collection table will be set up at the store with a list of food items that our neighbors can use this winter and volunteers ready to collect donations. These items will help stock the shelves of the Food Distribution Center, which supports the food pantries in Archuleta County. Come participate in a community food-sharing opportunity.

Additionally, monetary donations made during the event will be matched up to \$1,000.

If you would like to make donations to the food drive outside of the hours, there will be a collection box at the Bank of Colorado, 205 Country Center Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, which is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information on the Healthy Archuleta Food Drive, visit <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/food-drive.html>.

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ARTS & LIFE

WinterFest weekend

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January 19, 2023

WinterFest weekend is here

By **Mary Jo Coulehan**
Pagosa Springs Area
Chamber of Commerce

With snow having blanketed Pagosa Springs this past week, the conditions are excellent for an active WinterFest weekend Jan. 20-22. With over 20 hot air balloon pilots coming to Pagosa Springs, the skies on the west side of town will be extremely colorful on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Remember that the balloon launches and flights are weather contingent, so if there is snow, rain or winds, the balloons will not be able to fly. However, the weather outlook looks promising, so head to areas around North Pagosa Boulevard, Park Avenue, Vista and the like to watch the balloons up close starting between 7:30 and 8 a.m.

On Saturday, Jan. 21, the day will be filled with activities. From 10 a.m. to late afternoon, the third annual Skijoring will take place at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds. Skilled horseback riders and skiers or boarders will take to a course and vie for winning honors over a two-day period. There will be food, beverages, vendors and, of course, all of the fast-paced activity for spectators to view and cheer on their favorite teams.

At 7 p.m. on Saturday, also hosted by Skis and Saddles, will be the Skijor WinterFest concert with Float Like a Buffalo. Tickets are only \$15 for the concert, \$15 for a full week-

end skijor pass or \$10 per day and can be purchased in advance from the website, <https://www.skisandsaddles.com/>. Skijoring continues on Sunday at the Fairgrounds again starting at 10 a.m.

Kicking off the activities in the downtown area on Saturday is the annual Barkus Parade with registration beginning at 10:30 a.m. in Town Park and the parade starting at 11 a.m. Benefiting Rugby's Rescue, parade entrants can dress themselves and their pets up and take the walk along the Riverwalk and downtown area. For a small donation, you can also get a coupon for a cup of delicious gumbo. There will be prizes for costuming and creativity. Don't miss the fun as a participant or a spectator while benefiting a worthwhile organization.

On Saturday afternoon, there will be the popular Penguin Plunge, where nonprofit volunteers float in the frigid San Juan River raising money for their favorite nonprofit organization. Registration begins at noon and the event begins at 1 p.m. Spectators can line up along the Riverwalk across from the Visitor Center to watch the antics. You can also find an organization to pledge to by contacting the Chamber to see which organizations are scheduled to plunge.

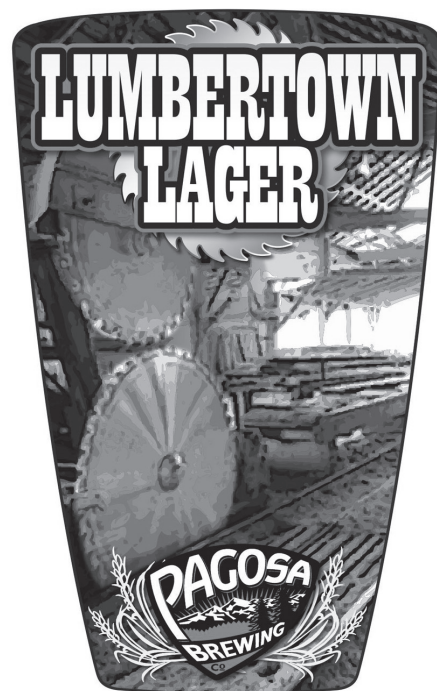
Following the Plunge, walk the short distance to Reservoir Hill and watch the Sledz on Rez event hosted by Build Pagosa. "Build it, Ride it, Wreck it" is the theme of this engag-

ing event. Fast-paced yet filled with a few crashes, everyone cheers for these homemade, creative sleds. Registration and pre-race activities begin at 1:30 p.m. The race begins at 2:30 p.m. Build your sled now and enter to win one of the many prizes offered.

On Saturday and Sunday, the Pagosa Nordic Club will host two events. The BB Gun Biathlon will take place on Saturday in Yamaguchi Park beginning at 10 a.m. with a 16k competitive race followed by a 4k citizen's race at 10:45 a.m. and a kids' race at 11:45 a.m. Racers shoot targets between skiing laps with BB guns that are provided. There is also an award for the best costume.

On Sunday, the Nordic Club will provide a Learn to Cross-Country Ski morning for "never-ers," beginners and intermediate skiers at Cloman Park. This event is very popular and space is limited; therefore, registration is encouraged by visiting www.pagosanordic.com. Show up to learn by 9:45 a.m. on Jan. 22.

WinterFest weekend is fun-filled and gets us locals out there participating and appreciating this wonderful winter season. Embrace the snow and cold, bundle up the kids and enjoy some winter activities. To get the best overview and connect to all the pertinent websites, visit www.pagosachamber.com. Click on the Penguin WinterFest graphic under Community and Chamber News.



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Curtains Up Pagosa

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This year, we are breaking down the February Follies into two categories: adult, which will be ages 18 and up (unless you are younger and specifically ask to be considered an adult), and children, which will be anyone under 18. We are super excited to see what kind of acts we get this year.

All acts must be under three minutes long. Prizes will be given for first, second and third place in each category, along with a People's Choice Award. The audience will vote for People's Choice, and a panel of distinguished judges will determine the first-, second- and third-place winners.

Here is the information you need to know: Anyone who wishes to participate must submit a video of their act and a \$20 entry fee by Jan. 31. We are looking for 20 different variety acts. Acts can be singing, dancing, magic, comedy or more, but must be family-friendly (rated PG). Cash prizes will be given at the following levels: first place, \$75; second place, \$50; third place, \$25; and People's Choice, \$50. The event will take place at 7 p.m. on Feb. 25 in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.

Judging panel information and ticket information will be released later this month.

To submit a video audition or request more information on this

and other Curtains Up Pagosa events, please contact Artistic Director Dale Scrivener at director.curtainsup@gmail.com.

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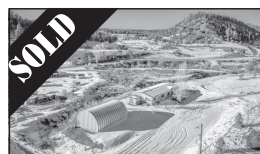
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Emerging technology allows solar panels and agriculture to coexist

By Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

Renewable energy technologies such as wind turbines and solar panels are gaining traction, but are sometimes met with local resistance because they take up valuable space that could otherwise be used for agricultural production.

Agrivoltaics provides a way of creating dual land usage, combining solar panels with crops or grazing animals in the same field. But this emerging technology faces regulatory headwind because the land will no longer be classified as agricultural.

A new study from the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) at the University of Illinois presents an overview of zoning and taxation regulations that affect agrivoltaics across the United States, identifying challenges and possible solutions.

“There are many benefits to co-locating solar panels and agriculture on the same plot of land. There is an increased need for renewable energy, while agricultural land continues to decrease. When you’re able to find a technology where you can put these uses together, you may reduce the overall potential that either technology could have on its own, but you still get a better total outcome. It can also be a very good financial diversification for the farmer,” said Tyler Swanson, one of the study’s authors.

Swanson is an undergraduate student in the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics (ACE) at the University of Illinois. He serves as a research assistant in the Bock Agricultural Law and Policy Program under the guidance of ACE professor and program director Bryan Endres.

The study focuses on regulations concerning solar panels and grazing because it is a more established practice. It can be

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difficult to find crops that thrive under solar panels, but for grazing animals, particularly sheep, the combination works out well. The sheep graze around the solar panels, providing needed vegetation maintenance.

“The sheep don’t really care about hanging wires or poles; as far as I know, there’s never been an issue where the sheep have caused structural damage to the solar panels. They mostly just go around, eat the grass, sleep and lay under the panels during the day when it’s hot outside. They save the solar developer money, because there is no longer a need to hire a mowing company to trim the vegetation,” Swanson said.

Swanson and co-author Jessica Guarino, a postdoctoral research associate in ACE, identified zoning and taxation regulations across the United States. They found agrivoltaics installation typically causes the area to be declassified as agricultural land, resulting in added regulatory burdens, higher taxes and sometimes fiscal penalties for violating zoning ordinances. To further complicate matters, state and local policies may differ.

“Even if states are promoting policies supportive of the nexus of agriculture and renewable energy, there will often be local pushback,” Guarino said. “Especially in rural areas, there can be a lot of opposition to bringing in new technology on agricultural land, which is highly valued. For the farmers working that land, it’s usually a generational thing, so they are emotionally invested as well. That kind of social tension evolves into legal challenges for agrivoltaics.”

The researchers hope their work will encourage a shift to policies that incentivize agrivoltaics production and provide tax incentives rather than tax penalties for dual land usage. Swanson and Guarino also identify another legal issue affecting agrivoltaics implementation: the contractual agreements between farmers and solar panel developers.

Typically, a solar developer contracts with a farmer to bring sheep to the solar panel facility. In some cases, the solar panels are installed on existing farmland, and the farmer provides the vegetation management through grazing. Either way, both parties must ensure their property is protected.

“You have a solar developer who has a multimillion-dollar energy generation facility, and they want to make sure the sheep aren’t going to cause any damage to it. But you also have a farmer who has thousands of dollars or more in sheep, and they want to protect those as well,” Swan-

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Garden Education Series planned

By Kim Barnes

Healthy Archuleta/Food Coalition

Planning ahead is important for any garden, especially here in Archuleta County with such a short growing season. It can be tricky to grow food at high altitudes. Luckily, there are many experienced gardeners in our community who have learned how to do it well and who are committed to sharing their knowledge with others.

The Growers and Producers Group, a working group of Healthy Archuleta (also known as the FSFE Food Coalition), develops initiatives to increase food production in Archuleta County. This year, the group has created a robust educational series to help equip community members with the basic knowledge and skills needed to successfully grow some of their own fresh produce.

The series will begin with Seed to Supper, a six-week introduction to the fundamentals of gardening. This course is ideal for community members who have been wanting to grow some of their own fresh produce but are unsure about how to get started. Seed to Supper topics include garden planning, principles and practices for good

soil health, methods and timing for sowing and transplanting, garden maintenance and harvest practices.

Seed to Supper will be held in the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association conference room on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m., beginning on Feb. 8 and running through March 15. The fee for the six-week course is \$50. The course will be taught by Robin Young of CSU Extension, Chris Frederics of TerraWalk Farm, and Kim Barnes of MASK Ranch.

If you'd like to meet the instructors and learn more about Seed to Supper, there will be an introductory session at the library on Thursday, Jan. 19, from 6 to 7 p.m. Space in the course is limited and registration is required. To learn more or to register for the course, please visit <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/garden-education.html> or call (401) 206-4579. The deadline to register is Feb. 1.

In addition to the six-week class, there will be a series of 10 two-hour workshops offered throughout the spring and summer. These workshops will be taught by a variety of local farmers and gardeners, and are designed to give participants

information and hands-on experience with current and upcoming garden tasks. The first in the series will be on March 18 and will cover the basics of starting seeds indoors. It will be held in conjunction with a free community Seed Swap.

Other workshop topics include planting and protecting the early spring garden, soil preparation and digging new garden beds, basic irrigation setup, a free community plant swap and sale, farm and garden tours, work-and-learn days and food preservation. The fee for most workshops is \$10 and registration is required. Participants can sign up for one workshop or for the entire series. To see the full workshop schedule or to register for workshops, please visit <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/garden-education.html>.

Healthy Archuleta is committed to ensuring that the education series is accessible to all community members, regardless of their financial situations. To inquire about financial assistance or to donate toward the cost of a neighbor's course fees, send an email to fsfearchuleta@gmail.com.

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son explained. "Generally, insurance costs will be high, as you need to hedge against damage to the solar farm, as well as potential harm to the sheep. There's also the added cost of driving back and forth from the solar farms for the farmer, depending on how far away it is."

Upcoming classes

Please visit our Facebook page and website to register for the following events.

Jan. 23 — Cottage foods online certification, 1 to 5 p.m.

Jan. 31 (six weeks) — Colorado Building Farmers online class. This class will help you build a business plan.

Feb. 8 (six weeks) — Seed to Supper. A growers guide to low-cost vegetable gardening in Archuleta County, 6-8 p.m. in the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association conference room.

March 2 — Livestock and Forage Growers Online Update. A Western

Slope outlook.

March 18 — Seed Class and Swap, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Look for upcoming classes on the Colorado State University (CSU) Extension — Archuleta County Facebook page.

CPR and first aid classes

CPR and first aid certification classes are offered monthly by the CSU Extension office, generally on the second Monday and Wednesday of each month from 6 to 10 p.m. The cost for the classes is \$80 for combined CPR/first aid and \$55 for CPR, first aid or recertification. Call the Extension office at (970) 246-5931 to register.

Visit online

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VITA tax volunteers to assist with senior tax returns

By Rose Chavez
PREVIEW Columnist

VITA tax volunteers will be coming to the Pagosa Senior Center on Feb. 25 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to prepare seniors' (age 55 or better) 2022 tax returns for free. Appointments are available, but are limited and will be made on a first-come, first-served basis.

Appointment schedule:

- 9 a.m.: seven appointments.
- 10:30 a.m. six appointments.
- Noon-12:30 p.m.: lunch.
- 12:30 p.m.: seven appointments.
- 2 p.m.: six appointments.

Participants must have income of \$60,000 or less and must bring all documents in order for us to complete the return. Participants must have ID in the form of driver's license plus Social Security card (or copy) or a 1099 SSA form. Please contact us at (970) 264-2167 to check availability for appointments.

Free art class to celebrate Valentine's Day

The next free art class at the Senior Center will be Tuesday, Jan. 31, at 1:15 p.m. No reservations are required but space is limited, so be sure to be there by 1:15 p.m.

We will be making a wreath from paper hearts. No art skill is required for this class — just a desire to have fun and make something pretty.

All materials will be provided, including the scissors to cut out the hearts. Yes, templates will be provided to make a perfect heart shape, or you can draw your own. All ages are invited, so if the grandkids are still in town, bring them along.

Our teacher will again be Denise Fisk, who is a retired elementary art teacher from Iowa. She loves art and loves sharing art techniques with her classes. So, come to the Senior Center for some fun, exchange ideas with friends and see your success in creating a piece of Valentine art.

Volunteers needed to assist with administrative tasks

There are a few things around the office that the Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) administrative team could use some help with. If you have a few hours a week or every other week to help with administrative tasks, please contact us at (970) 264-2167 or come by the office to pick up a volunteer application and discuss the opportunity further.

COVID-19 test kits available

Stop by the Senior Center to pick up a pack of five free COVID-19 tests for your personal use. These kits are available to anyone in the public who needs affordable access

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Text reservations

Text us at (970) 264-2167. Don't forget that we also offer a convenient texting service for you to communicate with us. When texting, please include your name, phone number and the days you want a meal. If you are calling to cancel a reservation, please include your name, phone number and the days you want to cancel.

Texting services are available for dining-in meal reservations, Grab-n-Go meals and Meals on Wheels recipients.

Mobile food pantry service available for seniors

The Senior Center would like to remind the community about our mobile food pantry services we provide in partnership with Archuleta County MET to seniors age 60 and older throughout most areas of Archuleta County.

In order to participate in this program, community members must visit with Barbara Noriega at the Senior Center, located in the Ross Aragon Community Center, to fill out an application to qualify for the mobile pantry service.

The application, called the dining assessment form, is also available on our website at the bottom of the Community Cafe page: <http://www.psseniors.org/community-cafeacute.html>. For more informa-

tion, contact us at (970) 264-2167.

Mahjong

Mahjong is a 19th century Chinese tile-based game that is commonly played with four players. Each player receives 13 tiles with a goal to make matching sets and pairs (like poker). To win, a player must form four sets and one pair. Come to the Senior Center to learn or play every Tuesday at 1:15 p.m.

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Engaging pictures

Engaging pictures are needed from seniors and their families who live, work and play their best lives in Archuleta County. We are looking for pictures that convey people's active lifestyles, families, culture and more. We would like to use these pictures

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Tips to help encourage your children to read this winter

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

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- Set aside a specific time each day for reading. Read together and create time for children to read on their own. A nighttime reading routine is especially rewarding.

- Create a fun reading space in your home, such as a tent or fort

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with comfy pillows, bean bags and blankets — and, of course, a shelf or basket of books.

- Be a role model. If your kids see you reading, you're setting a good example.

- Ensure reading materials are

readily available in your home and carry them with you everywhere — including in your car and when you go to appointments where you might have to wait.

- Introduce youngsters to a book series to help keep reading interest high over time.

- Regularly take your children to the library to attend some of the many activities appropriate for their age and to pick out books. Allowing them to choose what they

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in our grant applications, on social media and our website. Please email all pictures to rosa@psseniors.org or feel free to drop them off.

Community Cafe menu

Thursday, Jan. 20 — Pork tenderloin with chokecherry sauce, scalloped potatoes, dinner roll, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, Jan. 21 — Turkey tetrazzini with egg noodles, sauteed squash, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Monday, Jan. 23 — Pulled pork sandwich, coleslaw, baked beans, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Tuesday Jan. 24 — Garden vegetable quiche with spinach, roll, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 25 — Chicken fajitas with tortillas, salsa, pinto

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Thursday, Jan. 26 — Meatloaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet corn, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, Jan. 27 — Pork chile Colorado, Spanish rice, garden salad, banana pudding and milk.

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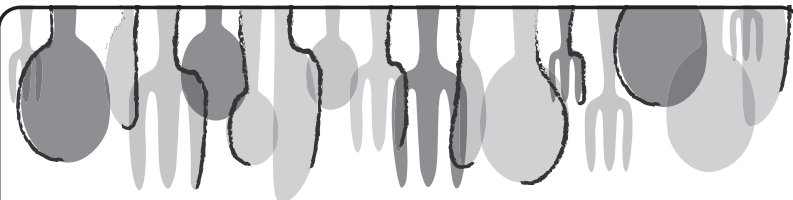
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Library

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want to read helps nurture lifelong readers.

To be sure you don't miss any of the free library activities available to you and your family, we encourage you to pick up a copy of the events calendar each month. Its streamlined format combines all the activities and events for children, teens and adults on one handy, two-sided page.

Flu season protocols

The curbside service that we began for COVID safety continues — and it's also a healthful option in the cold and flu season. To save your energy and lessen germ exposure to other patrons, we recommend you use our curbside service — or add a name to your account authorizing that person to pick up items for you while you recuperate. Library hours:

- Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, your library is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Tuesdays and Thursdays, your library is open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Saturdays, your library is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Save the date for Library Affair

Now that you've got your 2023 calendar on the go, we hope you will note the date of April 15 for the second annual Library Affair fundraiser for our building campaign to expand and renovate your library.

This elegant event will feature a silent auction of different table settings designed by some of Pagosa's most creative artists. If you want to decorate a table for this prestigious event, please call Cindi Galabota, library foundation director, at (970) 264-2209.

Paws to Read tomorrow

Friday, Jan. 20, from 2 to 3 p.m., youngsters from kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to share their favorite books with Muppet, a therapy dog who loves listening to stories, at a free Paws to Read session. This is a great way for beginning readers to build confidence.

Gaming tomorrow

Enjoy free all-ages video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 20, from 3 to 4 p.m.

Makerspace on Saturday

Kids, tweens and teens are invited to a free Makerspace session on Saturday, Jan. 21, from 11 a.m. to noon, when we'll provide the materials so you can build, design and create.

Pokemon Club on Saturday

If you love Pokemon, this club is for you. Bring your cards to a fun, free all-ages event on Saturday, Jan. 21, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. when you can play games with others who feel the same way.

Children's Spanish class

Join us next Monday, Jan. 23, from 3 to 4 p.m. for a Spanish class for kids aged 6 to 11 to help youngsters learn and improve their Spanish.

Dungeons and Dragons

Next Tuesday, Jan. 24, from 3:45 to 5:30 p.m., join our Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults. Registration is required because space is limited. Contact the library to join.

One more online author talk this month

On Tuesday, Jan. 31, at noon, we'll meet with Randall Munroe, creator of "XKCD: What If," a webcomic of romance, sarcasm, math and language. This session is part of our free online virtual series featuring New York Times bestselling authors and thought leaders giving live, professionally moderated book discussions you can view on your computer, tablet

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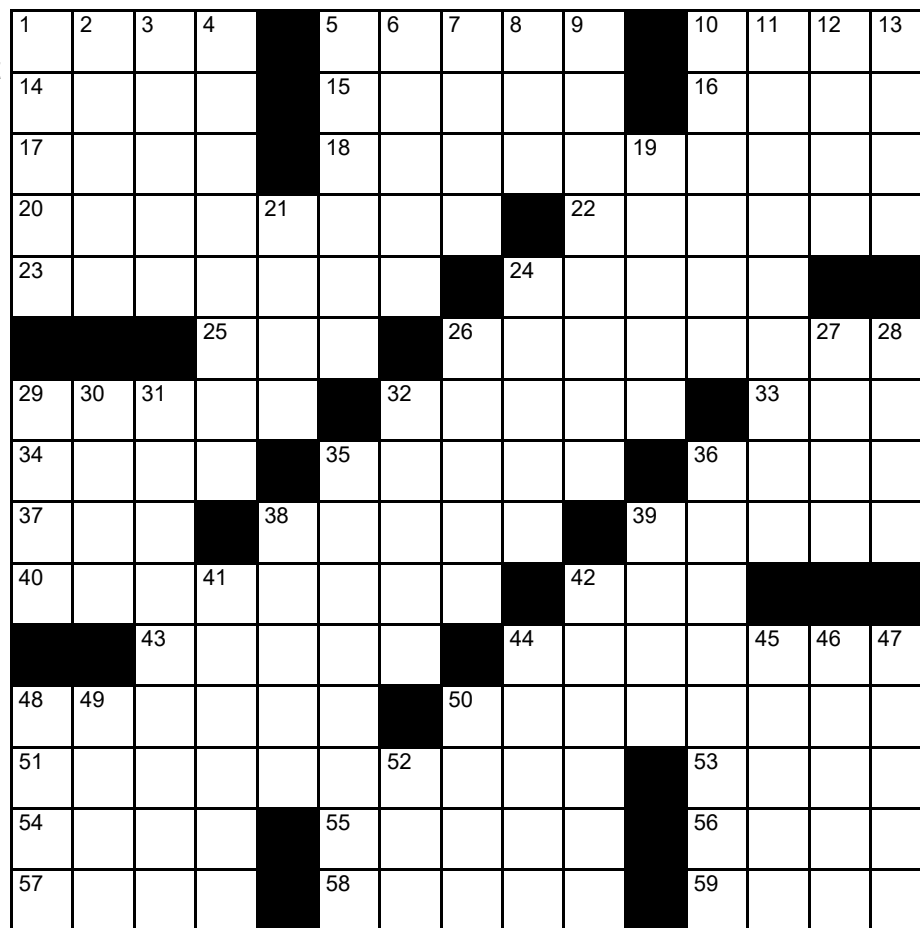


The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Markdown event
- 5 Part of a Flintstone's yell
- 10 Kicker's target
- 14 Reunion bunch
- 15 Text alternative
- 16 Beer buy
- 17 4:1, e.g.
- 18 Monaco casino locale
- 20 New Orleans hoopsters
- 22 Set, as concrete
- 23 Soon, in poetry
- 24 Reef material
- 25 Make sense, with "up"
- 26 Symbol of happiness
- 29 Neighbor of Fiji
- 32 Twelve dozen
- 33 Hide-hair connector
- 34 Wind instrument
- 35 Desist's partner
- 36 Elevated ground
- 37 Man of the cloth, slangily
- 38 Get-up-and-go
- 39 Bit of hardware
- 40 Microscope part
- 42 Luggage attachment
- 43 Numbers game
- 44 Hotel room amenity
- 48 Inner-city neighborhood
- 50 Alabama state flower
- 51 Coast-to-coast
- 53 Hold up
- 54 Certain sax
- 55 Birth-related
- 56 Not being used
- 57 Numerical suffix
- 58 Adversary
- 59 Big name in candy



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DOWN

- 1 Check (out)
- 2 Cabinet wood
- 3 Gravy server
- 4 Preserved fodder
- 5 Price factor
- 6 Honor ____ thieves
- 7 Prohibits by law
- 8 Drill insert
- 9 Place for a pint
- 10 Egyptian emblem
- 11 Inflexible one
- 12 Emerald ____
- 13 Vegas light
- 19 "Who ____?"
- 21 Last part, in music
- 24 Glenn of "101 Dalmatians"
- 26 Atlanta athlete
- 27 Kennedy matriarch
- 28 Shootout shout
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- 35 Drapery fabric
- 36 Kelly of "The Accused"
- 38 "Same here"
- 39 Playing with a full deck
- 41 Magical brew
- 42 Not late
- 44 Address for a lady

- 45 Ice skate part
- 46 Wedding walkway
- 47 Taxi posting
- 48 Pesky insect
- 49 TV skipper Alan
- 50 Quote, as a source
- 52 Blanched

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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Homework and tutoring help

Our highly popular free homework assistance and elementary tutoring are available for students in kindergarten through fourth grade on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. There is a registration packet for parents and guardians to fill out to enroll your child that you can get by emailing the library or coming in. This program has been a big hit because it helps build essential skills in core subjects. You still can register your child, but you may be put on a wait list.

Family storytimes

Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m., join us for free in-person children's stories, games and plenty of reasons to get up and move.

ESL classes

Free in-person evening classes take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with 4 to 5 p.m. reserved for beginners and 5 to 7 p.m. for both intermediate and advanced students. Please help us spread the word about these classes to others in our community who would be interested, and contact us by phone or email if you have any questions.

PALS/GED adult education

Mark is available for his free PALS sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m. to help with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. No registration is required.

Tech Time

Free in-person slots are available from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays. Judy will help you with basic questions relating to computers, smartphones and tablets, and also provide assistance in accessing any of the library's online resources. You do not need an appointment for these drop-in sessions.

Writing challenge

A new all-ages writing challenge

was posted Jan. 16 on the library's Facebook page. We hope you will challenge your creativity by participating in this free activity.

Downloadable books

CloudLibrary has a wide variety of downloadable e-books and audiobooks for all ages, and accessing this free digital collection is very easy. You just need to download the cloudLibrary app, answer a few simple questions, select AspenCat Union Catalog for the name of your library, then enter your library card number and four-digit PIN. You are now ready to browse, borrow and read e-books and audiobooks using cloudLibrary. Library staff are happy to help you set up your device if you need assistance.

Books on CD

"One Last Secret" by Adele Parks features a lady working for an escort service whose secret may be revealed. "Tom Clancy Red Winter" by Marc Cameron is a Jack Ryan adventure. "Desert Star" by Michael Connelly features LAPD Detective Renee Ballard. "Double Holiday" and "One Royal Holiday" are romance stories. "Last Holiday" stars Queen Latifah. "White Christmas" is the holiday classic.

Nonfiction

"Your Income Tax 2023" is a J. K. Lasser guide that includes tax changes from the Inflation Reduction Act. "Healthy Brain Zone" by Don Colbert, M.D., is a guide to help you reduce your risk of Alzheimer's and dementia. "Eco Crafts" by Susan Wasinger contains 30 eco-friendly projects for your home. "The Stress Prescription" by psychologist Elissa Epel is a plan to turn your stress into a strength. "Bone Broth Breakthrough" by Kellyann Petrucci offers lifestyle recommendations for women's health concerns.

Large print westerns

"Ralph Compton The Guns of Wrath" by Tony Healey is a Gun-fighter series adventure. "Sons of Thunder" by William W. and J.A. Johnstone is a book five in the Slash and Pecos series.

Other novels

"The Lipstick Bureau" by Michelle Gable is a story inspired by true World War II events at a spy agency.

Donations

Many thanks to Susan and Terry Arrington as well as Linda Sue King for their generous monetary donations.

When we are open, material donations are accepted for the Friends of the Library at the front desk — not through the outside returns slot at the library or the drop box at City Market, please.

The Friends take fiction published in 2013 or newer and nonfiction that is 2018 or newer. Limited workroom space means we can only accept one or two small boxes at a time.

Quotable quote

"Allow yourself to be awed by life ... you might find yourself living for a very long time and prospering."
—William Shatner, Canadian actor best known as Captain Kirk in the Star Trek series.

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Preview Calendar

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

Thursday, Jan. 19

Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Note: Until further notice, takeout will be available across the street from the Parish Hall at the Methodist Church. Serving white chicken chili, salad and dessert to go. In addition, frozen prepared meals, meat and other staples are available for those in need. Masks and social distancing are required.

Bridge. 1 p.m., Senior Center. Come alone or bring a partner.

Tech Time. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. We are happy to help you resolve your basic technology questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets and other electronic devices. We can also provide in-depth assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Dungeons and Dragons. 4-6 p.m., Discord. Go on an adventure from your couch. Contact josie@pagosalibrary.org for details.

English as a Second Language. 4-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Your library offers English as a second lan-

guage classes. These classes are free. Call (970) 264-2209 or email for more information. Beginning students are encouraged to attend from 4-5 p.m., intermediate and advanced students from 5-7 p.m.

PALS Adult Education. 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services, or PALS, can help you with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Friday, Jan. 20

Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

PAWS to Read. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. For students in K-5th grade. Read with Muppet, a dog who loves stories. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Gaming. 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Enjoy video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Girls' Basketball. 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Alamosa.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Boys' Basketball. 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Alamosa.

Saturday, Jan. 21

WinterFest: Hot Air Balloon Launch. Approximately 7:30-8 a.m., west side of town. The pilots will stage in areas around the PLPOA recreation center, nearby business parking lots and those areas that don't have an abundance of snow. For more information, contact the Chamber at (970) 264-2360.

WinterFest: Skijor. 10 a.m., Archuleta County Fairgrounds. Teams compete as skilled riders with their horses pulling skiers and boarders through a timed obstacle course. Tickets are \$15 for a full weekend skijor pass or \$10 per day and can be purchased in advance from the website <https://www.skisand-saddles.com/>. For more information, contact the Chamber at (970) 264-2360.

WinterFest: BB Gun Biathlon. 10 a.m., Yamaguchi Park. There will be a 16km race at 10 a.m., a 4k citizen's race at 10:45 and a kids' race at 11:45 a.m. No shooting experience is necessary and participants will have the opportunity to test out shooting at the targets 30 minutes before their scheduled race start time. For more information, contact the Chamber at (970) 264-2360.

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Pagosa Piecemakers Quilt Guild Meeting. 10 a.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. It's time to renew your membership (\$20/year by check) and get involved in 2023 activities. In addition to an open sew session, sign up for the UFO (unfinished object) challenge and the brown bag project. Fellowship and snacks.

Healthy Archuleta: Food Drive Supporting all the Food Pantries. 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Walmart. Community food-sharing opportunities allow us to gather together to support our community as a whole. Those who are able to are encouraged to share what they can to help the Food Distribution Center better support the Archuleta County Food Pantry Network with foods that our neighbors can use. For more information, visit <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/food-drive.html>.

WinterFest: Barkus Parade. 11 a.m., Riverwalk. Animal lovers can celebrate the winter season with their pets by participating in the Barkus Parade. Dress them up in costume or just warm clothing and head down to the Riverwalk for the parade. Registration will take place at 10:30 a.m. at Town Park. There will be prizes. For more information, contact the Chamber at (970) 264-2360.

Makerspace. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Build, design and create.

Pokemon Club. 12:30-2:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Do you love Pokemon? Bring your cards and meet with others who feel the same and play some games.

WinterFest: Penguin Plunge. 1 p.m., Riverwalk across from the Chamber. Watch plungers jump in

the frigid San Juan River to raise money for local nonprofits. For more information, contact the Chamber at (970) 264-2360.

WinterFest: Sledz on Rez. 2:30 p.m., Reservoir Hill. Homemade sleds fly down the course on Reservoir Hill. For more information, contact the Chamber at (970) 264-2360.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Girls' Basketball. 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Bayfield.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Boys' Basketball. 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Bayfield.

Skijor WinterFest Concert with Float Like a Buffalo. Tickets are \$15 for the concert, \$15 for a full weekend skijor pass or \$10 per day and can be purchased in advance from the website <https://www.skisandsaddles.com/>.

Sunday, Jan. 22

WinterFest: Hot Air Balloon Launch. Approximately 8 a.m., west side of town. The pilots will stage in areas around the PLPOA recreation center, nearby business parking lots and those areas that don't have an abundance of snow. For more information, contact the Chamber at (970) 264-2360.

WinterFest: Cross-Country Ski Clinic. 10 a.m., Cloman Park. Hosted by the Pagosa Nordic Club. Please note the location could change. Registration is encouraged at www.pagosanordic.com. For more information, contact the Chamber at (970) 264-2360.

WinterFest: Skijor. 10 a.m., Archuleta County Fairgrounds. Teams compete as skilled riders with their horses pull skiers and boarders through a timed obstacle course. Tickets are \$15 for a full weekend

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Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the song sparrow.

The song of this bird is described as three short notes followed by a trill, a rather simplified description of this sparrow's talent. Juvenile males learn to sing by listening to nearby adult males and then using this pattern to compose their own unique versions. It may take a male 30 minutes to sing all of the different songs in his repertoire. When he starts over, he'll perform the same songs but vary the order.

In late winter, male song sparrows perch in the open and sing to defend a territory and attract a mate. Studies have shown that with song sparrows, both the uniqueness and variability of song are what most attracts females. Males don't need to display a lot of flashy plumage or intricate moves, but a good voice is essential.

Although we most often find this bird living in thickets near water, its range can include a variety of open brushy habitats. It is a year-round resident across much of the United States, but some migrate to Canada to breed. Across their range, song sparrows exhibit regional variations in appearance from large and dark to small and pale. Here they are distinguished by having a brown crown with a gray central stripe, gray eyebrow and cheek, and a streaked chest with a dark breast spot. They fly in short and direct hops between shrubs while pumping their long tails downward.

Song sparrows commonly show up in suburban and urban areas where artificial light may cause them to sing all night. An increasing awareness of the threats posed to birds by artificial light is one of the reasons to keep nighttime skies dark.

For information on events, visit www.weminucheaudubon.org and www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/.

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ANSWER:

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Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs. 1 p.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230-A Port Ave. You are welcome to come and discover what others have learned as they face the ongoing challenges of life. We will share tools that can help you recognize your own inner guidance, and ways to access it daily, in every moment. To find other in-person discussions and online events offered by the Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs, visit <https://www.meetup.com/pagosa-springs-spiritual-experiences-group/>. For more information, call (970) 903-5516.

Monday, Jan. 23

Medicare Mondays. For anyone who needs help navigating Medicare plans, fraud concerns and/or troubleshooting issues that they may be having. By appointment only. Please call our Medicare line at (970) 264-0501, ext. 4. Someone will return phone messages within 24 hours.

Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

Bridge. 1 p.m., Senior Center. Come alone or bring a partner.

Cottage Foods Online Certification. 1-5 p.m. Hosted by CSU Extension. Visit <https://archuleta.extension.colostate.edu/> or <https://www.facebook.com/CSUARCHCTY> and <https://www.facebook.com/ArchuletaCounty4H> to register.

Children's Spanish Class. 3:15-4:15 p.m., Sisson Library. A children's Spanish class for ages 6-11. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Tuesday, Jan. 24

Pagosa Springs Stitches. 10 a.m.-noon, Community United Method-

ist Church, 434 Lewis St. Bring your current stitching project and a snack/drink if you wish and enjoy the fellowship of other stitchers. Open to all.

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Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. 10 a.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Veterans and family members are invited to share experiences with vets of all ages. Find out about the latest in vets benefits, vets news and community-focused events. We welcome your participation in fundraisers to benefit fellow vets. You served once, join us in continuing that service. Contact (970) 880-8387 for more details.

Pagosa Duplicate Bridge. 12:30 p.m., PLPOA clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Duplicate players new and experienced are welcome. We are now members of the Durango Bridge Club and play ACBL-sanctioned games with computer-dealt hands for maximum review options. Please email names of playing pair to pagosaduplicate@gmail.com or call (970) 946-6454 for more information.

Bridge. 1 p.m., Senior Center. Come alone or bring a partner.

Mahjong. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Pickleball. 1:30-4 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

Dungeons and Dragons. 3:45-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 4th-12th grades. Join the adventure. Registration required. Call (970) 264-2209 for more in-

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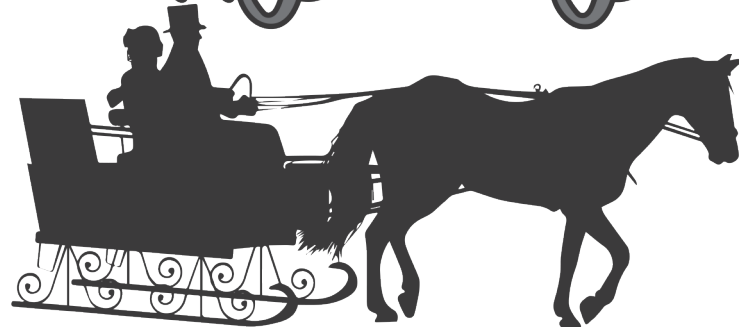
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Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Beginner lessons, 8:30-

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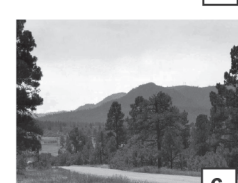
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Family Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for great stories, fun songs, and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. All ages. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Elementary Tutoring. 3:30-4:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Build essential skills in core subjects. Registration required. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Pipe and Drum Lessons. 5:15-5:45, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Jim Dorian and Paul Elliot, both experienced Scottish bagpipers, are happy to teach the art of piping free of charge. Contact Jim Dorian at (970) 749-2129 for more information.

Thursday, Jan. 26

Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Note: Until further notice, takeout will be available across the street from the Parish Hall at the Methodist Church. Serving grilled hamburgers, chips and dessert to go. In addition, frozen prepared meals, meat and other staples are available for those in need. Masks and social distancing are required.

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Pagosa Springs Varsity Boys' Wrestling. 6 p.m. Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Montezuma-Cortez.

Friday, Jan. 27

Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

Gaming. 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Enjoy video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Saturday, Jan. 28

LEGO Club. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For kids 6-12 years old. We have the LEGO bricks, all you need to bring is your imagination. Contact the library at (970) 264-2209 for further information.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Girls' Basketball. 2:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Centauri.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Boys' Basketball. 4 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Centauri.

Monday, Jan. 30

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 (Matthew 25: 35,36)

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New research from the Carnegie Mellon University shows that older adults who volunteer for a least 200 hours per year decrease their risk of hypertension by 40 percent. The specific type of volunteer activity was not a factor-only the amount of time spent volunteering led to increased protection from hypertension. High blood pressure is a major contributor to cardiovascular disease, the leading cause of death in the United States. Volunteering is a simple activity that benefits others while reducing your risk of disease.

According to the 2013 Health and Volunteering Study conducted by Minnesota-based United Health Group, doing good for others is good for you. Researchers found that 76% of volunteers reported feeling physically healthier, 78% reported lower stress levels, 80% felt more in control of the personal health, and 94% said volunteering improved their mood. Better yet, the benefits of volunteering were experienced by members of any age group, regardless of chronic health conditions.

This research shouldn't surprise us. Scripture reminds us *“we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do”* (Ephesians 2:10).

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Rise Above Violence's next Healing Circle workshop set for Jan. 26

By Stefanie Little
Rise Above Violence

Happy new year from Rise Above Violence. We hope this new year brings you health, happiness and wholeness. We are continuing our work full speed into 2023 with monthly Healing Circles, with the goal in mind of offering these mini-workshops as ways to introduce trauma survivors to different healing modalities.

This month, the workshop is on Thursday, Jan. 26, from noon to 1 p.m. at the PMAB + Movement studio, and the offering this month is with Betty Jo Greenlee called "You Are Not Your Guilt." Greenlee is a former victim of emotional abuse who needlessly carried the embarrassment and shame of two toxic marriages that ended in divorce. Now Greenlee is a victorious survivor who uses everything she learned

climbing out of her pain to help others. Her mission is to help 1 million women discover what lights them up so they can start living and give back by 2025.

This workshop will be full of transformation and growth. Described as "3 steps to loving yourself," in our time together you will be inspired to take the steps to love yourself first and discover why this is so vital. Are you sick of the negative feelings that flood in you when you take time for yourself? Do you find yourself asking for permission to do what you want? Do you feel irritated watching others enjoy life while you're stuck with obligations? Come join us and learn how we as trauma survivors can break through.

Healing from trauma is different for everyone, so we encourage you to come sit with us, try something new and see what kind of healing and

growth can come from it. If you have any questions, feel free to call PMAB at (970) 903-9278, and you can also register for this free class online at <https://www.pagosamassageand-bodywork.com/workshops1.html>.

Our February workshop will take place on the third Thursday (instead of the usual fourth), Feb. 16, from noon to 1 p.m., where we will be led through some techniques in self-hypnosis. Follow PMAB + Movement and Rise Above Violence online for more information as we get closer.

These healing workshops are just one way that Rise works with the community to support victims and survivors. Advocates at Rise also offer safety planning, emotional support, help victims navigate the legal system and much more. Research shows that supportive services that are trauma informed are the best way to get to those who have experienced domestic violence on the path to healing.

Rise Above Violence is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides 24-hour support and advocacy services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault or other forms of violence, serving around 400 victims each year. Rise also works to eliminate violence through education for youth and our community. All programs and services are free and confidential, including emergency prevention education and empowerment programs. Visit www.riseaboveviolence.org for more information or call (970) 264-9075 to talk to an advocate today.

The lead dog sets the pace

By Dr. Michael J. Marx
PREVIEW Columnist

My name is Nugget and I'm a sled dog. The lead dogs set the pace when they hear the musher call.

"Up, up!" means speed up.

"Easy, easy!" means trot, don't run.

"Whoa, whoa!" means stop.

The musher puts two dogs in the front row, sometimes three, sometimes one. They are responsible for setting the pace. A gang

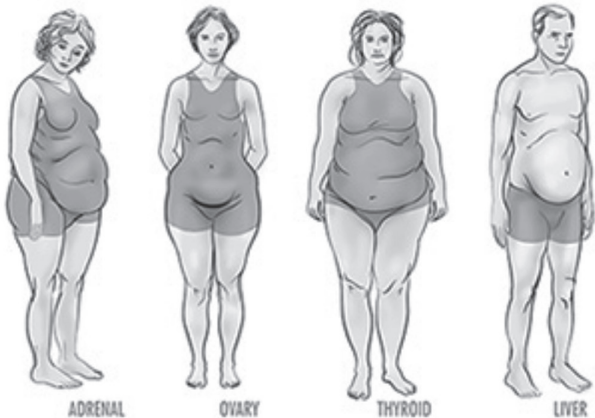
The Writers' Circle

line connects us. If we tried to run faster than the leaders, there would be a big mess. A ball-up. The dog behind us gets his feet in our faces. The tug lines get wrapped around

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Spiritual Experiences Group to discuss how to recognize and act on your inner guidance

By Lynnie Sutton
Spiritual Experiences Group
of Pagosa Springs

You are welcome to come and discover what others have learned as they face the ongoing challenges of life. We will share tools that can help you hear your own inner guidance and ways to access it daily, in every moment.

• How do you recognize the voice of your own inner guidance?

• What are some of the tools you use to navigate daily challenges?
• Once you've chosen your next step, how do you act on it?

“Often, people are afraid to follow their inner guidance. It sounds like such a foolish thing to do, especially if they have to face other people and explain why they are doing what they are doing. One of the very strong pressures in life is the social consciousness: What will people

think? What will people say?” — Harold Klemp, “ECK Wisdom on Inner Guidance.”

The Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs meets at 1 p.m. at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. There is never a charge for this discussion, sponsored by Eckankar as a community service; it is open to people of all faiths and beliefs. For more information about Eckankar, visit eckankar.org.

New Thought topic: ‘Enhance Your Life With the Five Sacred Elements’

By Shayla McClure
New Thought Center for
Inspirational Living

The Jan. 22 Sunday service at 11 a.m. will be with Dr. Elaine Harding: “Enhance Your Life With the Five Sacred Elements.”

“The five elements demonstrate how all aspects of human health, [like] diet, movement, and emotions, are interconnected with nature and our environment.” — Teresa Biggs, DOM.

Upcoming events

SpiritHeart Band practice is Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. We welcome musicians and singers to join SpiritHeart band. Please text Bruce at (970) 507-0739 for band information.

Thursday, Jan. 19: “Into Your Genius” with Bob Proctor and Mary Morrissey: Six-week study group with White Eagle. Learn how to activate parts of your mind that are unused to higher capacities — intuition, the will, imagination, memory, perception and reason.

Class can be attended at the New Thought Center or by phone. Contact (970) 510-0309 for more information.

Jan. 28, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Spirit Day with Shayla White Eagle.

Jan. 29, 1 p.m. “Ignite Your Life” group meeting with Harding.

Feb. 11, 5 to 7:30 p.m.: Valentine Brave Hearts dinner and music. Call (970) 309-6067 for reservations. Tickets are \$20.

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About us

The New Thought Center promotes philosophies similar to Centers for Spiritual Living and Agape Centers. We honor all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the divine. The vision of the New Thought Center is to empower possibility through revelation of spiritual truth, and to enhance our members’ life experience through self-empowerment, inner peace and being part of an inclusive community. Our mission is to create a world that works for everyone through awareness of a higher power. We are the “Good Vibe Tribe” that practices Science of Mind principles of positive thinking.

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That character will steal your heart as he or she battles fear, pride, greed or some other flaw. That person will make you mad and glad at the same time. Do you remember JR Ewing? He was a mess, but the show wouldn't have been as successful without him. The Lorimar Productions produced the CBS TV series "Dallas" and it ran from 1978 to 1991. We couldn't help but wait to see what JR was up to next.

I can hear one of my favorite lines from JR: "Well, Mama, wouldn't that tear the rag off the bush." His creator and writers knew his character so well, he successfully carried the story.

God made us in our mother's wombs and will receive us at the end of our days, done or undone. It's whom we get to be. Wow! I love it. In your story, you're not a supporting actor, you are the main character and you'll make the role successful or not.

There's a lot of influence throughout one's life. There is

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trouble and heartbreak, too. But, it's what's inside of us that will spur us on to be whom we are meant to be and come to a satisfying end.

How many times have we said, "I am so glad I get to be me?" Probably, too few times and far between. We spend our whole lives opposing ourselves by condemning who we are. We even think someone else has a more charmed and exciting life. It's because we don't understand how God made us and the story He wants to live through us.

God says He doesn't ask anything from us unless he gives it to us. It's human nature to spend time finding fault with our shortcomings and what we lack. All those things make us who we are.

I woke up this morning thinking, I've done a lot of apologizing for the wrong things I've said and done. I finally understand why God made me the way He did.

My Sweet Al and I watched a documentary on David Foster, one of the greatest music producers of our time. He made great talent greater, but lacked in the family department.

His name is associated with Josh Groban, Michael Buble, Whitney Houston and Andrea Bocelli. Each one praised him because he made them better in their craft. He caused them to soar to the top of their industry while his kids from several marriages were going to therapy.

The thing that struck me the most was what happened to Chicago, the rock band he made great, but without them paying a price. The band needed someone to help them out of a slump. They hired Foster, then a young genius who was difficult to work with. There was only one way: Foster's way.

Chicago had a certain sound. Foster changed the sound, but not without a fight. The band made it big, thanks to Foster, but they were not satisfied when they lost who they were.

In an interview, Peter Cetera, lead vocalist and bassist of Chicago, said even though Foster turned

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Lane

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their music into a million-dollar business and raised their fame, they lost being Chicago.

He said, "We lost the sound of Chicago. We didn't sound like us."

I told my daughter about the Chicago band's story.

She said, "That's interesting. I just watched an interview with Lindsey Vonn, the American alpine skier who won four women's World Cup overall championships."

Vonn had instructors who wanted to change how she skied to make her go faster. At a very young age, Vonn had an old instructor who said she skied fast enough for her age and how she was built. In his years of coaching, the old wise man knew something the young didn't know. He told them not to change Vonn. That's how she was made.

I talked to a successful businessman who said after 20 years of being someone else, climbing the corporate ladder and finding him-

self at the top, he paid the price. He became someone he wasn't. The power people insisted he became who they wanted him to be. He said, being in Pagosa, he is finally himself. In a plaid flannel shirt, he is comfortable in his own skin. He said, "I don't have to prove myself. I don't have to play anybody's game. I like being me."

All three of these stories had great success by the world standard. The Chicago band regrettably changed and is still talking about it today. The young skier didn't change and listened to an old pro. The businessman came back to who he was intended to be and satisfied. Even the fictional character JR was designed for the story in the creator's mind.

A footnote in The Passion Bible, taken from 11 Timothy 2:10, reads: "Paul calls those as the chosen ones in Christ. The Greek word for 'chosen' is embedded within the word logos. God's chosen ones have been chosen by the word of God

to become a living word sent from his mouth to reveal the message of their destiny."

God has spoken us into existence as He formed us in our mothers' wombs. By His word, we become a living word sent from His mouth to reveal our destiny. We don't dare tamper with who God says we are. If so, we will play a different part, but it will be less satisfying.

The world will oppose us as to who they think we are and what God intended for us. If we listen to them, we will oppose our own souls. Only when we discover truth will we discover ourselves again. He knows how He fit us into His story, and how we are to play the part.

Final brushstroke: This freckle-faced little blonde girl from Manassa, Colo., with creative DNA and big ideas is who I am. I realized how I fit into my character and am satisfied with me. I finally can say, "When God chose the part, I got to play me."

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Circle

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our legs. The dog in front of us sits on your head. It's no fun. I've been there many times.

I run in the middle of the pack next to Poke, my sister. Understanding commands is not my job. The leaders do that. We run at the speed the musher wants. If the whole team runs too fast, the driver stands on the brakes. In fact, that's what happens most of the time. Left to our own devices we would run, run, run. We would run as hard as we could until someone keels over.

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Catching the obvious clue

By Daris Howard
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Caleb was a friendly teenager. But, the one thing that seemed to set him apart from other boys his age was that he got hints girls gave that other boys didn't get.

Face it, girls often say and do things that go past most boys. Girls have a way of saying things they feel are obvious that boys would call hints, yet boys don't even catch the hint part. The sad thing is that as boys become men and girls become women, nothing changes.

My wife and I are as good of an example of this as any couple. One day, after a long program, we were on our way home when she asked, "Would you like some ice cream?"

"Not really," I replied, continuing to drive home. When we got home, I couldn't understand why she was upset with me. At this point, the women reading this are saying, "Well, duh." The men are asking, "Why was she upset?"

When I finally got her to tell me, she said, "I told you I wanted to stop and get ice cream."

"No, you didn't," I replied. "You asked me if I wanted ice cream, and I didn't."

"Well, it's the same thing," she replied.

Right now, all the women are probably saying, "Of course it's the same." The men are all saying, "It isn't the same thing at all."

The point is, men are all wondering why women don't say what they mean, and women are all wondering why men can't catch the obvious.

Now, back to Caleb. Caleb was different because he was sharp enough that he got these hints. He especially started seeing them in conversations between men and women after he became a grocery store checker.

A good example of this was a newly married couple. The woman put a few items like shampoo, conditioner and kitchen items on the checkout stand. She had gone to get those while her husband grabbed some food for them to eat for the New Year's celebration.

The man set some delicious wine on the checkout that he said was to toast the new year.

"That is my favorite wine," the woman said. "Do you want a chaser to go with that?"

The man shook his head. "Not really."

He set some chips up on the checkout, and his wife said, "Don't you think those would go well with some salsa?"

"No," the man said. "I don't like salsa."

The man set some crackers up on the checkout, and his wife said, "I'm glad you got those. They are my favorite crackers. What's good is eating a cheese ball with them."

"I've never tried a cheese ball," the man replied.

This same process went on for the rest of the things he put on the counter as Caleb rang them up. After Caleb scanned the last item, he could see that the lady was silently fuming. Yet the man didn't have a clue that he had done anything wrong.

Caleb looked at the man and said, "Buddy, can I give you some advice?"

The man shrugged. "Whatever."
"When your wife is asking you if you want a chaser, if you'd like a cheese ball, or need salsa, she's really saying she wants those things."

The man laughed. "Seriously?" He then turned to look at his wife and finally saw her expression that said she had the desire to maim him. Instantly, his smile disappeared. "Honey, is that right?" he asked.

"Well, duh," she replied.
"Why didn't you tell me that before we got everything rung up?" he asked. "We could have bought them."

He then handed Caleb a credit card, which turned out not to be a credit card, but was a picture of a previous girlfriend. When Caleb flipped it over and saw what it was, he returned it. The man and woman both saw it at the same time. Her expression changed to one of intended murder.

"You know," Caleb said to him, "I think you should take time to go get the other things. And while you're at

it, you might want to visit aisles two and five."

"What's on aisles two and five?" the man asked.

"Flowers and chocolates," Caleb replied.

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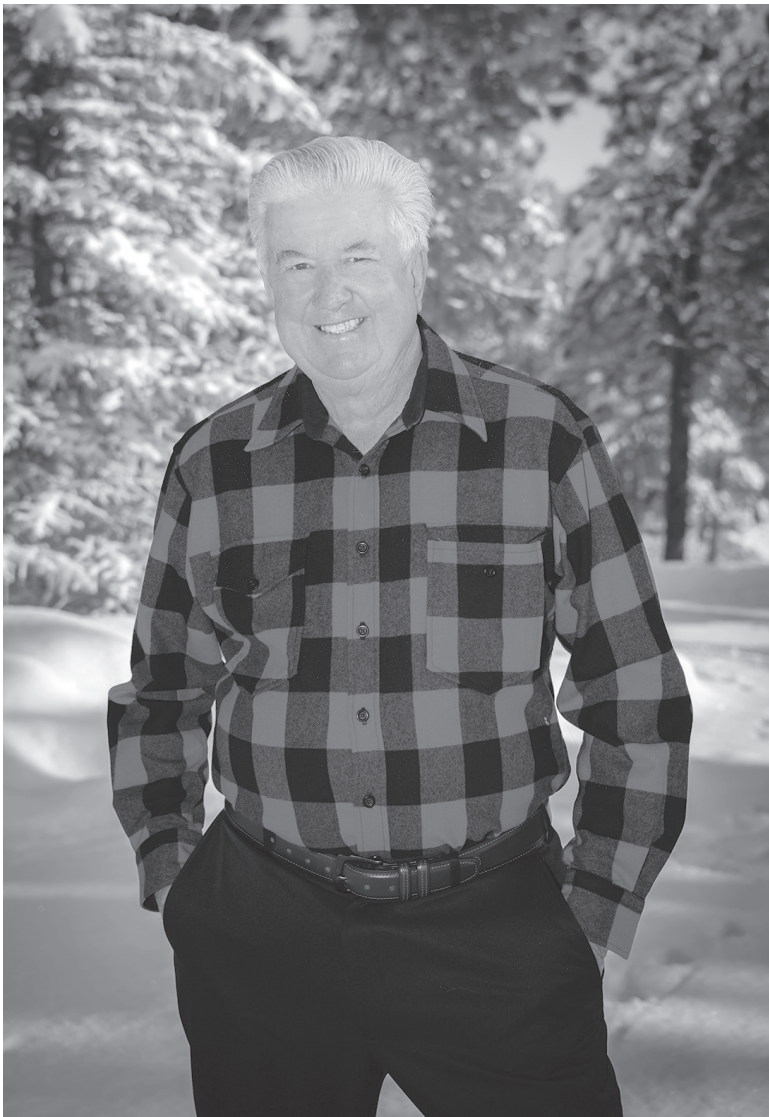
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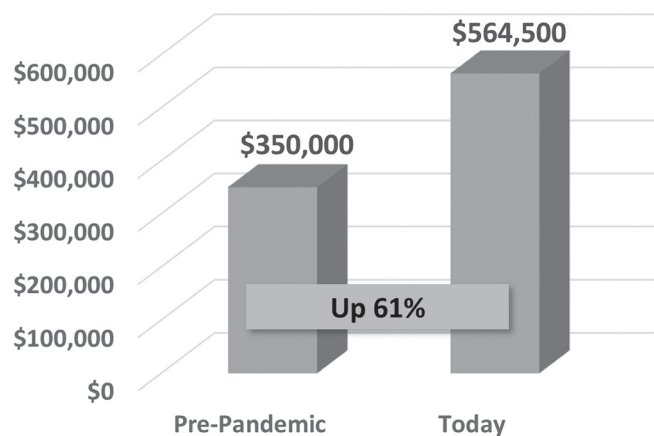
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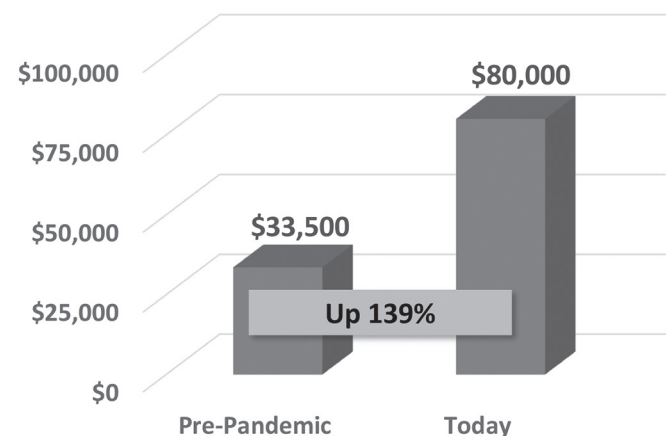
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