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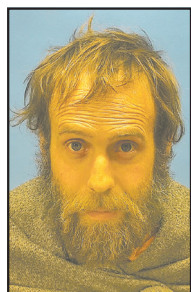
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## Suspect named in officer-involved shooting incident

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) has identified the suspect in a Jan. 4 officer-involved shooting incident as Tyler James Intermaggio, 37, of Pagosa Springs.



Intermaggio

provided information to the District Attorney's Office for review and consideration of charges which may include Criminal Attempt 1st Degree Murder of a Peace Officer."

The potential charges stem from a Jan. 4 incident that remains under investigation.

According to the agency, Intermaggio was booked into the Archuleta County Detention Center on Jan. 18.

The announcement further states, "Agency Investigators have

According to a Jan. 4 press release from the ACSO, at approximately 1:50 a.m. on Jan. 4, two ACSO deputies responded to a call

■ See Suspect A8

## Water district targets 11,000 acre-foot size for reservoir

By Derek Kutzer  
Staff Writer

At its Jan. 23 special meeting, the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) voted to formalize its decision on the size of a proposed reservoir northeast of town in an area known as Dry Gulch Valley at 11,000 acre-feet.

The reservoir would be a joint project between SJWCD and the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) called the San

Juan River Headwaters Project.

In 2008, SJWCD and PAWSD collaborated on the purchase of the property, also known as Running Iron Ranch, with the goal to eventually build a water storage facility on the parcel of land, which is more than 600 acres.

The proposed reservoir would be an "off-channel" water storage facility being fed by a pre-existing agricultural ditch, Park Ditch,

■ See Reservoir A8

## Health department advisory committee discussed

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

At its Jan. 24 work session, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) further discussed the formation of an advisory committee for the creation of a county health department and the process of creating the department.

Commissioner Veronica Medina opened the discussion by outlin-

ing certain potential next steps in developing a health department, including potentially forming an internal board composed of the county manager, county attorney, and human resources and finance to give direction to the volunteer health department advisory committee.

Medina noted that this commit-

■ See Health A8

## Charter school board approves staff bonuses

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

On Jan. 17, the Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) Board of Directors approved an amended budget that includes a 6 percent bonus for school staff and the addition of a facilities management/

custodial position.

Board treasurer Julie Simmons and School Director Angela Reali-Crossland presented the amended budget during a work session prior to that day's regular meeting.

In beginning her presentation of

■ See Bonuses A8



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## Winter fun

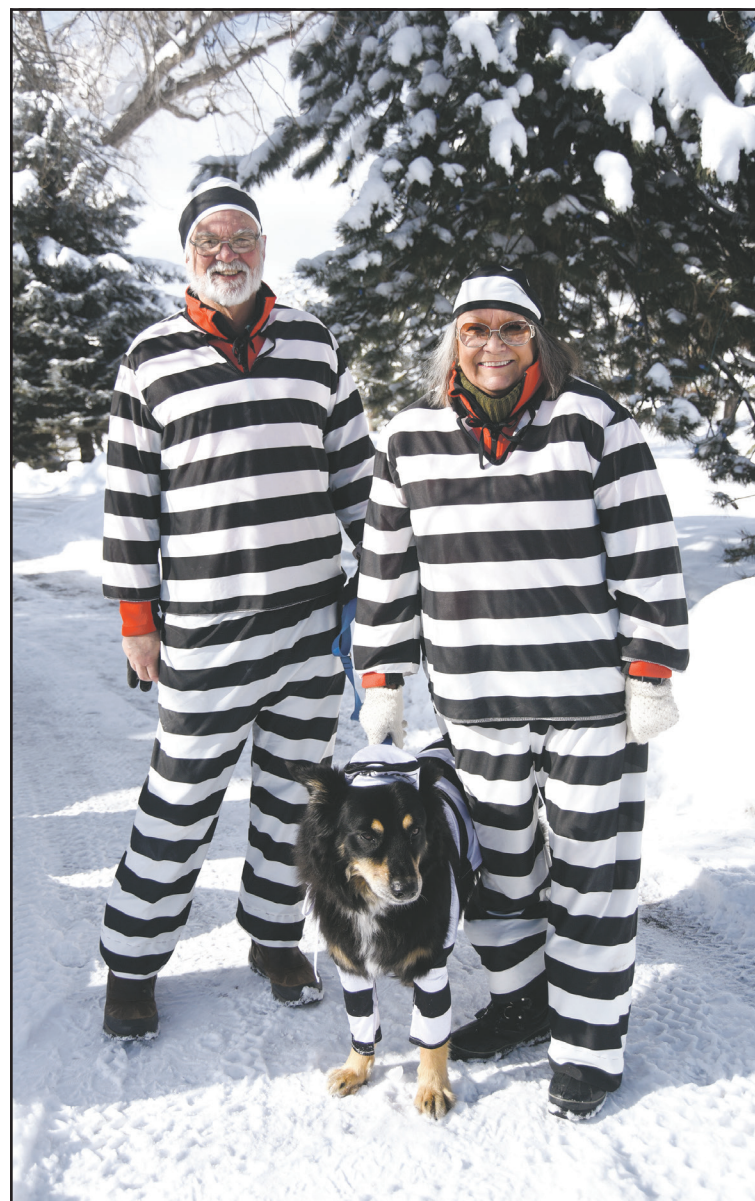
While last weekend's WinterFest festivities didn't include the traditional hot air balloon ascensions due to weather, several other events kept spectators and those involved busy. The weekend included Sledz on Rez, Penguin Plunge, skijor, Nordic skiing and Barkus Parade (where costumes were encouraged).



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## OUR VIEW

### Jackson Mountain Landscape Project

Next Thursday, a public open house is planned pertaining to the Jackson Mountain Landscape Project.

The open house is set for Feb. 2 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd., in the South Conference Room.

We're not too certain that room has adequate space for people who are upset with the thought of a gravel pit on Jackson Mountain.

This in-person open house will be an opportunity for the public to "ask questions, look at maps and talk with the Forest Service resource specialists about the project," according to a news release.

The proposed project area is located in Archuleta County, about 5 miles northeast of Pagosa Springs and north of the San Juan River Village subdivision, and consists of 11,703 acres.

The website for the project notes that, "With input from partners, the public and the International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA), the Forest Service reviewed a catalog of trail options and selected a subset of trails that would provide sustainable trail experiences, offering trails for a variety of skill sets that do not exist on the Pagosa Ranger District. This includes approximately 40 miles of mountain bike and mixed-use trail options offering varying levels of difficulty."

It also notes that an increase of mountain biking in the project area on "non-system and user-created trails that were not established with a careful design can lead to trail erosion and water drainage issues as well as negative impacts to wildlife."

Additional parking areas, trailheads, toilets and signage are being considered as part of the project.

Fuels reduction and other vegetation management plans, which include tree harvests, thinning, mowing and mastication, aim to help improve forest health and help to safely manage fires in the area. The project also aims to regenerate

aspen stands, which are currently in decline.

The majority of the complaints start when you mention the words gravel pit.

According to the Forest Service, "Archuleta County has expressed interest in opening a non-commercial gravel pit in the Jackson Mountain area. This gravel pit would provide a local source of material for use on county and Forest Service roads. The proposed gravel pit will be analyzed in the same Environmental Assessment as the other projects being proposed, but a separate (sic) decision will likely be written for the gravel pit. Effects of a potential gravel pit will be taken into consideration when addressing safety, recreation, and resource protection for the Jackson Mountain landscape area."

Nearby homeowners have written letters and started a website in an effort to "Stop the Pit." One of their biggest concerns is that the pit is less than 2,000 feet from their homes in San Juan River Village.

Those neighbors previously shared concerns about their water tower and public access into their neighborhoods due to other aspects of the project. Additional traffic on those neighborhood streets was also a concern.

The Forest Service is currently accepting public comment on the project, with plans to have a final decision approved and signed by the Forest Service this fall.

We sympathize with the concerns of the property owners. We also agree that we need a reliable source of gravel in Archuleta County; however, this will not be a source of gravel for the general public. Is the Jackson Mountain location our best option?

We encourage you to attend the open house and learn more about the proposed project. After you attend, be sure to submit your public comment.

This is your opportunity to get involved and be heard on all aspects of the project.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
January 26, 1923

A new dance hall and moving picture house combined is being built at Arboles by McGee and Wyatt at that place.

A snowstorm, which began Wednesday afternoon and is still in progress, has favored us with about fifteen inches of new snow at this writing. We understand that but little snow has fallen on Cumbres hill and that train service will not be interfered with.

Archuleta county with 102 miles of state highways, will receive \$3,611.87 from the state as its share of the one-cent state gasoline tax for the year 1922.

Dr. A.J. Nossaman and son Dixie left Tuesday for Arboles on a business and pleasure trip, returning home last evening.

We now have on our hands the human(?) who thinks it his duty to dispose of the canine pets of this city by the .22 route. Result: wounded and suffering dogs.

We received a report last evening that 22 inches of new snow had fallen on Yellowjacket divide.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
January 30, 1948

Ben K. Lynch, Pagosa Springs businessman, has been named chairman of the annual Red Cross drive for funds, to start March 1 it was announced following an organization meeting for the campaign held Friday night.

It was announced that Archuleta County's goal this year will be \$500. A percentage of 70.4 per cent over the quota raised in the county will remain here for the use of the local Red Cross, it was stated.

Mr. Lynch will organize the county into districts, chairmen to be announced later.

Amos Padilla, Pagosa Springs boxer, dropped a tough decision in the Denver Golden Gloves matches Tuesday night to Melvin Nelson, seasoned amateur. After a three-count knockdown, Padilla returned to slug it out so furiously that when judges gave Nelson the nod, the crowd booted.

Announcement is being made this week through the advertising columns of The Sun of the first showing of the 1948 Chevrolet by the Hughes Chevrolet.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
January 25, 1973

Snowplowing crews on Wolf Creek Pass were out and at it again this past week. New snowfall totaled 16 inches and it contained .49 inches of meltwater. The snow — not a great amount for Wolf Creek — posed no special problems for the snow plow operators and roads were maintained in excellent condition.

This storm brings the total snowfall for January to date to 105 inches. This compares with 38 inches for the entire month of January last year. Total fall for the season to date is 465 inches and this almost guarantees that the fall this winter will be in excess of 500 inches, and may possibly get to 600 inches.

The Pagosa Sno-Goer sponsored race meet and rally last weekend was well attended, had exciting races, and was acclaimed as a successful event by those in attendance. More than 250 out of area spectators were present and approximately 60 drivers competed in the races. All times were fast, there were no accidents where anyone was injured, and the race courses were in excellent condition.

### 25 years ago

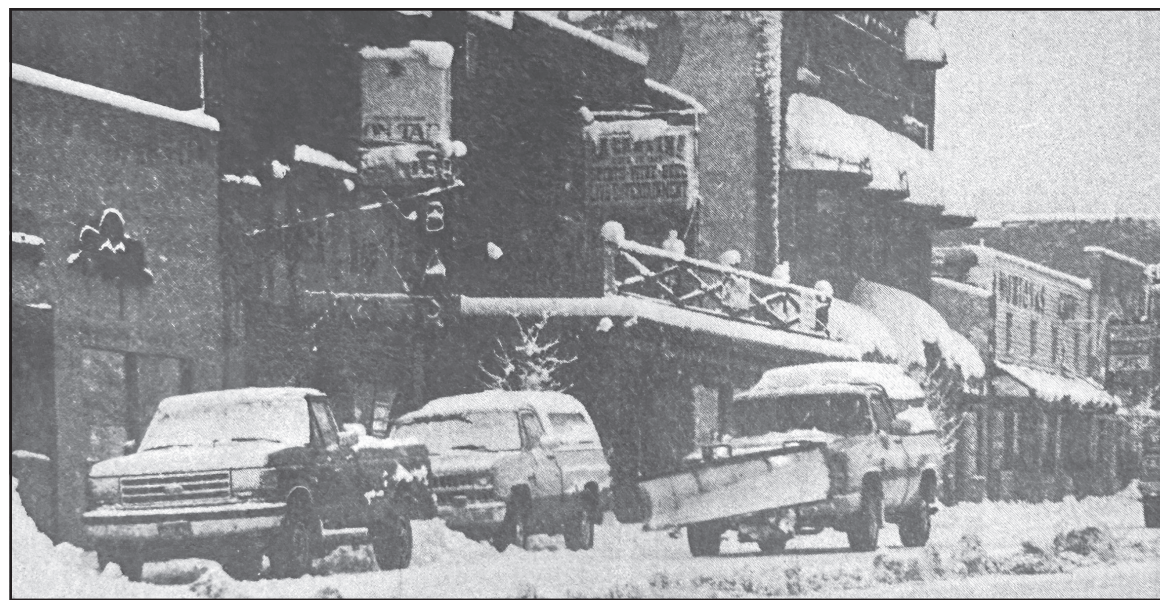
Taken from SUN files of  
January 29, 1998

Sheriff Tom Richards announced Monday that he is seeking re-election to a third term. "Serving another term will allow me to accomplish the goals I wanted to attain when I started and to complete the modernization of the department," he said.

A former trooper with the Colorado State Patrol, Richards' law enforcement career started in 1956 in Silverton. During his 31 years as a highway patrolman, Richards served as former Gov. John Love's personal bodyguard and earned badge "No. 1" with the department.

Regarding his two terms as county sheriff, Richards said, "Much has been accomplished. All of the units within the department have been vastly improved and are operating efficiently." He said the sheriff department's primary thrust of the patrol and investigative sections has been the detection and prevention of major crimes within the county, including white collar theft and fraud.

## LOOKING BACK



Taken from  
The Pagosa Springs  
SUN files  
from Feb. 10, 1994

Local schools, Wolf Creek Pass and some local businesses were closed Tuesday when a seasonal snow storm moved into the area. Thanks to the efforts of town, county and state snowplow operators, the schools and businesses returned to normal operations Wednesday morning, and the Pass was reopened around 7:30 p.m. last night.

## WHADDYA THINK?

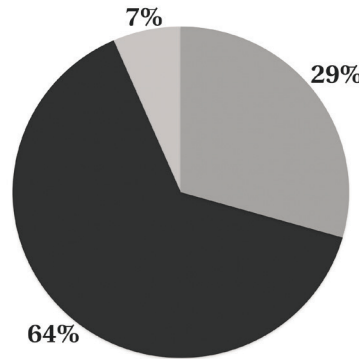
Should a gravel mine be included in the plan for Jackson Mountain?

Poll results (153 votes)

Yes. — 29 percent

No. — 64 percent

I don't know. — 7 percent



Vote this week online:  
Should the county hire a consultant to stand up a health department?  
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## Gravel mine: 'Incompatible'

Dear Editor:  
Imagine hiking along Jackson Mountain Road on a beautiful summer day hoping to enjoy the breathtaking scenery, abundant wildlife, and fresh mountain air. As you take the first bend, along comes a 25,000 pound gravel truck barreling down the mountain - Totally Incompatible.

Imagine taking your family for a summer outing on their new mountain bikes along the newly improved bike trails on Jackson Mountain and you start to inhale the crystalline silica dust from the gravel mine right next to the trails - Totally Incompatible.

Imagine working the late shift and coming home to your peaceful mountain community for a day of rest before your next shift starts and hearing the noise all day long from the rock crusher that is less than 1900 feet from your home - Totally incompatible.

Will our elected County Com-

missioners and the Forest Service do the right thing and find a more compatible site for the desperately needed gravel needs of the county? Five alternative sites have been researched and provided to our elected officials. Alternative sites that do not destroy a residential mountain community and pristine mountain trails. Will they listen? Make sure they do - show up at the Forest Service in-person meeting on Feb 2, 2023, 5-7PM at the Ross Aragon Community Center to let your voice be heard. Go to the website: <https://www.stopthejacksonmtnpit.com> and sign the petition.  
JW Hanks

## Public health and the county

Dear Editor:  
This is in response to a front page story in The Sun on 1-19-23 and a story on page A5 of that same date. Both are about concerns regarding reestablishing a state-mandated new Board for the new version of the San Juan Basin Public Health Dept.

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners were instrumental in ending a long standing agreement with La Plata County to maintain this organization, with very little, if any public support.

Now it appears that there are very few qualified volunteers stepping up to serve on that board. This is probably to be expected after the treatment of the previous organization and its board by the Archuleta BOCC. The board is, by definition, an advisory group and the Archuleta BOCC saw it as an adversarial relationship.

My reading of the above-mentioned articles in The Sun gives me some hope that the two veterans on the Archuleta BOCC, who are largely responsible for this mess, may listen to the new member of the BOCC, Veronica Medina. She was not part of the fiasco that will end the SHBPH and appears to have well-informed, good intentions on recruiting the board members needed to reestablish it.

The last thing we want is a Public Health organization run by our county commissioners.  
Ron Hardeman

## Appeal of decision

Dear Editor:  
Our appeal of the decision of the Design Review Board to approve the sketch of the project in the 200 block of Pagosa Street was early in the process, because we believe it's important to address issues while the project can still make adjustments without having to tear up detailed plans. LUDC 2.3.2, Applicant Holds Neighborhood Meeting, recommends having a neighborhood meeting, and perhaps a neighborhood meeting would have helped the applicants see that there is a lot of concern about the size of their proposed project.  
We want to see the applicant's

lots developed in line with the vision the community laid out in the guiding documents. It is a nice design, and would fit well within the requirements of other overlay districts, but not the East Village Overlay District. We look forward to seeing a reworked design with the proper set back, and a smaller mass and scale, as laid out in Chapter 6 of the LUDC.

Kathy Keyes

## STR task force: 'Dark path ... smokybackrooms'

Dear Editor:  
The Archuleta County Vacation Rental Task Force must be immediately disbanded and its work product to date be made public.

To say I was shocked to read the secrecy surrounding the task force in last week's paper is a dramatic understatement. Public policy must always be made in public light. This is why we have laws requiring open meetings and open records for public entities in this state.

The stated purpose of this anonymity is "to further open discussion", however, closed meetings among nameless, faceless participants is exactly the opposite of open discussion.

I served as a Trustee and Planning Commissioner for the Town of Erie, near Denver, for over 10 years. We instituted numerous committees for various issues during that time and it was never, ever even suggested that the public wouldn't be invited, be kept apprised of our progress, and even televised on our local TV to ensure we had broad input and public buy-in. Archuleta County will have none of that if they continue down this dark path with the current committee.

While it is possible this secret committee is legal, it certainly is not right, and is disrespectful to the citizens of Archuleta County. Regardless of the outcome of their deliberations, no person in the county should accept their final work product.

A new, public committee should be formed consisting of people who love vacation rentals, those who hate them, professional property managers, real estate profession-

als, non-resident property owners, business owners, professional staff from the county, and other stakeholders. A professional mediator should facilitate the meetings and keep them moving forward to a productive end. Make the meetings in a public location, allow webcam/zoom participation and report regular progress updates to the public. If you can't take the heat of making your opinion publicly known then by all means sit on the sidelines, but don't hide behind anonymity in the smoky backrooms of Archuleta County - save that for the folks in Washington DC.  
Greg McCallum

## 'He is happy'

Dear Editor:  
In my Father's House

Little ones absolutely adored my dear "Bob-Bob", their grandfather. He was able to "be" like them, making faces, laughing, etc. During our first big family get-together following his death, one of our little 4-year-old Great Grands walked over to me and in a very straight forward way, asked: "Where is your husband". What to say to one so young? However, I was thankful for my morning prayers in which I ask God to please give me guidance throughout the day and he gave me the following answer which seemed to be satisfactory to that little 4-year-old:

"Darling, when we are born, God gives us a body to live in, but after we have lived for many, many years as my husband did, our bodies begin to wear out and can no longer take care of us, so God sends Jesus to take us home to live with him. So, that is where my husband is and he is happy."

That little 4-year-old then answered, "Oh". It appeared that my answer satisfied him and of course, it was the truth.  
Blessings to all.

Patty Tillerson

## 'Deviation from the codes'

Dear Editor:  
I am writing in support of the objections of Kirsten Skeehan and Kathy Keyes of the Pagosa Baking Company and Sarah and Robert Nemeth, property owners on Lewis ■ See Letters A4

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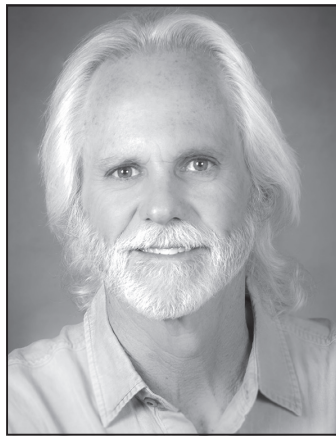
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# Goals & Accomplishments

## Pagosa Springs Medical Center, Upper San Juan Health Service District

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. Their answers will be printed in The SUN over the coming weeks. Answers are printed as received and are not edited.

### Matt Mees, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Upper San Juan Health Service District



#### What are your three biggest accomplishments of 2022?

In 2022, Pagosa Springs Medical Center made several acquisitions that will assure patients in Pagosa Springs have access to exceptional care now and in the future. PSMC acquired an adjacent building and property to allow for future expansion of services, 3D mammography equipment and a new state-of-the-art MRI.

In 2022, the Board of Directors of PSMC made the strategic decision to acquire the adjacent property and building to allow PSMC to complete the hospital campus and have space for further expansion. The Pagosa Springs community continues to grow, so PSMC must continue to have ways to grow its outpatient, hospital and EMS/ambulance services.

PSMC's new radiology equipment greatly enhanced the care and services we offer at PSMC. In January 2022, PSMC started offering radiology exams in PSMC's new MRI. The MRI has a larger bore which makes the imaging process more comfortable for patients and it also accommodates larger patients. At the end of 2022, PSMC installed new 3D mammography equipment which was funded by charitable donors in our community. Given that one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime, this 3D mammography equipment will save lives through early detection.

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

In 2023, PSMC has many goals including: (1) completing the oxygen generation project that will allow PSMC to stop relying solely on bottled oxygen for inpatient care; (2) strategically expanding services to ensure the stability of PSMC; and (3) adjusting to continually changing conditions for supplies, staffing and governmental regulations. The Board of PSMC provides strategic direction and oversight to a terrific staff who are dedicated to meeting goals set by the Board — all while caring for patients in a thoughtful and efficient manner.

### Dr. Rhonda Webb, CEO, Pagosa Springs Medical Center



#### What are your three biggest accomplishments of 2022?

In 2022, Pagosa Springs Medical Center continued to advance patient care available to the community. PSMC elevated its Radiology services with the addition of 3D mammography and a new MRI, expanded its Orthopedic-Sports program, and expanded an Interventional Pain Management service line.

Through the support of generous donors in the community, PSMC purchased 3D Mammography equipment. The 3D Mammography technology allows doctors to examine tissue layer by layer and view fine details that may be hidden, in traditional 2D imaging, by surrounding tissue. The availability of this technology is a significant benefit to patients as PSMC doctors are able to screen for breast cancer with greater accuracy. In addition, PSMC went live with its new MRI which offers some of the best imaging available in Colorado.

To meet community demand for orthopedic care, PSMC hired Dr. David Eisenhauer to join PSMC's orthopedic and sports medicine team. Dr. Eisenhauer is board-certified in orthopedics with subspecialties in hand, elbow and shoulder, including elbow and shoulder replacement. Dr. Eisenhauer is an excellent counterpart to Dr. Bill Webb, PSMC's long-standing orthopedic surgeon, who continues to perform total hip and knee replacements, as well as all aspects of general orthopedics.

PSMC's certified nurse anesthetists obtained additional training and certifications so that in 2022, they were able to expand interventional pain management services for our patients. Minimally invasive pain management helps relieve or reduce pain and can greatly improve a patient's quality of life.

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

In 2023, among PSMC's operational goals are: (1) implementing team-based care with our family medicine providers to improve patient access to care and efficiency; (2) addressing healthcare staffing shortages; and (3) expanding our Emergency Medical Services to three-full-time ambulances. PSMC staff work collaboratively on action plans to achieve goals and, in addition, remain dedicated to delivering excellent care to our community.

## Letters

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Street, about the proposed project at 232 Pagosa Street. While I think it's positive to see a business on that property, the particular size and design of the building is incongruous in that setting. To me it appears to loom over the neighboring buildings and has the feeling of a structure in the Denver downtown business corridor.

I agree with Kathy Keyes' point about the concern of losing community character and identity in her letter to the editor of January 12, 2023. If the Downtown Master Plan for The East Village (between 3rd and 1st Street) prescribes a residential feel and traditional residential structures in layout and building design, I don't see how the proposed project meets those criteria.

I attended the Town Council meeting of December 15, 2022 and heard the presentation by Robert Nemeth about the appeal. He was very clear on his 9 points of the Land Use Development Code that concern the proposed project, including Four-sided design, Architectural style, and Building massing and form. With a career as an architect and engineer, I respect his interpretation of the Codes. Kathy Keyes' presentation also described the deviation from the codes. Her discussion of those items, such as the insufficient setback, were valid points to me. You can find the Town Council agenda packet and the meeting minutes at: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingInformation.aspx?Org=Cal&Id=905>

I reiterate Kirsten Skeehan's question in her letter to the editor of January 19, 2023, to the Planning Division of the Town of Pagosa Springs Community Development Department in their work with the project developers: "Will they be negotiating from a point of weakness because their recommendations were ignored previously?" She states the important question: "Will

Town allow staff to do their job and enforce both the letter and intent of the land use development code?"  
Joan Y. Ward

#### Biggest accomplishments

Dear Editor:  
Seriously?

Recently, the staff of the Pagosa Sun asked representatives of publicly funded agencies of Archuleta County, "what were your three

biggest accomplishments of 2022." The answers received were supposedly not edited when received. Two of the three commissioners related standard politically correct responses, rather like the centerline on a highway. However, I was utterly stunned to read two of the three responses provided by Commissioner Ronnie Maez. He cited his three biggest accomplishments for the year 2022 as follows:

1. We established a better system to pay our county employees a bet-

ter 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).

His first response was a pay raise. His second was improved insurance benefits for (county) employees. For his third big accomplishment, he at least had the

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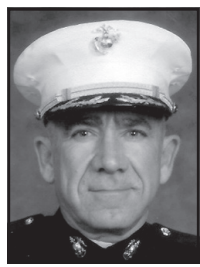
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# Obituaries

## Robert E. Dobbins

Maj. Robert Eugene Dobbins (retired), 89, passed away Jan. 13 surrounded by his loving family at the Palmetto Patriot Home in Gaffney, S.C. A native of Fletcher, Okla., he was the son of the late M.E. and Grace L. Dobbins. He served his country for 30 years in the United States Navy, United States Army and finally retiring from the United States Marine Corps. He later retired as a sergeant from the Lewisville, Texas, Police Department. He moved to Pagosa Springs, Colo., to build his dream home. In later years, he had to leave his beloved Pagosa Springs, moving to South Carolina to live in the Palmetto Patriot Veteran's Home near his son. In his younger years, he loved fishing and camping. Robert was a true patriot and loved his family, his country and his Catholic faith.



Surviving are his son, Patrick Dobbins (Catherine), of Greer, S.C., and daughters Deborah Swanson (John), of Cameron, N.C., and Dyan Sheets (Terry), of Scio, Ore.; one brother, James Dobbins (Wanda), of Bowling Green, Ky.; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

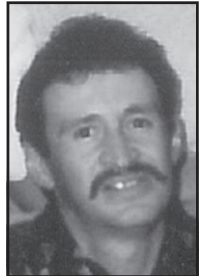
A graveside service with full military honors will be held on Monday, Jan. 30, at 1 p.m. at MJ Dolly Copper Veterans Cemetery, Anderson, S.C., conducted by Father Jose Gabriel Cruz.

Memorials may be made to Palmetto Patriot Home, 120 Hamp-

shire Drive, Gaffney, SC 29341. Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com).

## Seve Medina

Seve Medina, 60, second son, third child out of eight children of Gilbert and Susie Medina, passed into eternal rest Dec. 20, 2022 at his mother's home, where he resided and for 21 years lived with as protector and knightly hero to and of our/his mother, who hospice poisoned with morphine and passed away Oct. 16, 2021, his/our father passing in 1991, his/our brother Tommy in 1983 and his/our brother, David, in 2013.



He was father to Matthew Medina (Kim Knippa) and Shaneal (Carrie Short).

In our youth, the three above-mentioned younger brothers were my constant charges, entreating to be taken to the river for yet another cooling dip. In appreciation of going again, they would jump high with comical forked leg splits, dropping to the ground for fast push-ups, then posing their skinny arms into muscle poses and presenting their young boy ribs (abs).

Severo apart was our definitive jungle boy out in our homes jungle-like bosky terrain, running around in knee-high boots, belted canvas dungarees and grandpa's WPA helmet that upon starting kindergarten at the school bus stop would bellow out that he wished he were a cow so that he didn't have to

go to school. That if in a careless moment of my keeping a careful eye on him would, rolling off my out-stretched arms, run fast back home and there was no time to go retrieve him. That at, and from the 1968 kindergarten buildings set sideways to the tall brick school building downtown, he would, according to his teacher, Mrs. Decker, who shortened his name to Seve, relay his many jungle adventures centered around a black puma-like cat he called his "gat" — gato. Also relaying that at school, Seve listening for the distinct sound Dad's behemoth red Chevy pickup truck made, with Mom as a new driver driving it, taking Lewis Street for going to the post office and hearing it, would bail out of class, sprinting quickly high over the concrete embankments out front, dashing to the corner of Staners and catching the truck at the stop sign, bailing in and would get to go home.

Seve, growing into a private tranquil man that liked to walk with the animals, talk to the animals, leaving behind only quiet-desolation journals, his well-thumbed brown leather New Testament under his pillow, but most surprising of all, as I in idle reflection stroked his still-black hair, spying only now, his white roots grow in! Hah! And upon his dresser a taped-shut box of lady Clairol!

Once owned a pet cockatiel. It became suddenly sick, spontaneously spewing out long streams of water. Treated with antibiotic, he was sent home to die, the vet saying that in the wild, male birds even though sick, will hide their sickness, standing stoic to the very end, but by discovery time, it is too late for their recovery.

Love and miss you, brother. His son Matthew plans a service in the spring and his ashes laid to rest "atop the mountain."

## David Lesley Smith

David Lesley Smith passed away early in the morning of Jan. 15. He was born Feb. 19, 1936, near Pagosa Springs, Colo., to Clifford Oren Smith and Jeannetta Mendel Coleman. He was born in a little house owned by the Cordova family just past the stockyards that were located about a mile south of the middle of town (very near the

hill behind the current high school and the radio station). He was the youngest of six children.



David lived nearly all of his life in Pagosa, only leaving a few times to find work as a young man. He worked for CDOT two different times, the first time from about 1961 till 1967. He and his young family lived for a time on Wolf Creek at Highway Camp that is now the upper run-away ramp for trucks that have lost their brakes coming off the mountain. The second time, he worked for several years (through most of the '80s and '90s) as an extra plowing snow on the pass. In 1967, he bought a ready-mix plant from Milt Wiley that was located on Snowball Road (2nd Street) and named it Pagosa Ready Mix. He provided concrete for the original elementary school, the current Forest Service building, the original Pagosa Lodge and restaurant, the original Eaton sales office and many other area buildings and homes. He sold the ready-mix business in the early '70s and worked at the sawmill before buying a backhoe. He spent the next 30-plus years running his backhoe and other equipment. From about 2008 until 2020, you could find him at Bob's LP filling propane bottles and helping the girls in the office when he finally retired due to ongoing health problems.

David married Donnie Avery on Jan. 26, 1959. They had two children and raised Donnie's niece. He was preceded in rest by his parents, sisters Alicia and Rose, and brother MO, his wife Donnie, and grandson James Daniel Shrum. Surviving him are his brother, Richard, of Durango, Colo.; sister Esther, of Wilmington, Mass.; daughter Debbie (Clay) Fultz, of Pagosa Springs; son Donald, of Pagosa Springs; and niece Carol Redmon, of Ozark, Ark.; granddaughters Amber (Jed) Bailey, of Bayfield, Colo.; Malinda (Keegan) Burnett, of Pagosa Springs; and Carrie Shrum, of Arkansas; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and services are pending at a later date.

## Cards of Thanks

### Gustafson

What a wonderful gift I received for my going away party at Vets for Vets on Jan. 10. Thank you Mary Jo, my daughter, Diane, Nancy Ford and the WHIPS ladies and Rick with the group of veterans. There was much laughter and memories by all. I am looking forward to my upcoming move to Homelake Veteran's Assisted Living in Monte Vista and many new experiences. Please come visit me there.

Much love from Ron Gustafson, Mr. Pagosa

### Niece

My deepest thanks to the Pagosa Fire Department who responded when my carbon monoxide alarm went off and blew the gas out of my home. Also thanks to Robbie and Steve Schwartz for bringing their space heater, and to Gordon and Don at PBS Heating for promptly fixing the problem.

Nita Niece

## Letters

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common sense to be proud of paving sections of three roads. Based on his first two achievements, it would be easy to imagine he may reside near one of the improved highways. What a combination of self-serving, governmentally directed, unwitting responses from someone being paid to serve the

county's public and not their own organization. I am not against pay raises or insurance benefits for employees, but where are the priorities here? Think about it, fellow Pagosa residents. He considers the above items his three biggest accomplishments for the 2022 year. Unbelievable.

Russ Widener

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# Main Street Advisory Board holds first public meeting since gaining candidate status, discusses bylaws

By Derek Kutzer  
Staff Writer

On Jan. 12, the Pagosa Springs Main Street Advisory Board held its first public meeting since becoming an official candidate member of the Colorado Main Street Program.

Being an official member will unlock available resources, such as mini-grants and scholarships, according to the program's coordinator Kathleen McFadden.

The town program will also need to build a website and come up with an official name and logo to help market the program, according to McFadden.

At the meeting, one of the agenda items was for the board to hammer out the details of its governing bylaws.

McFadden presented a "rough draft" to the board for its consideration and, hereafter, the meeting turned to the board's collective editing of the bylaws document.

McFadden will make the board's suggested changes before the board's next meeting, where it will vote on whether or not to adopt the finalized bylaws.

Article 2, Section 1 of the draft document lays out the main purposes of the town program. It includes four items in its statements of purpose:

- To improve and revitalize the physical and economic condition of Pagosa Springs' downtown area.
- To disseminate information on and promote interest in the preservation, history, culture, architecture and public use of the downtown area.
- To hold meetings, seminars and other activities that foster the preservation of the downtown area, enhancing the understanding and appreciation of its history, culture and architecture.
- To collaborate and partner with other entities that are engaged in similar purposes.

However, board president Rick Holter suggested that this section needed more "spark."

His fellow board members expressed agreement, ultimately deciding to add a broader mission

statement with a more energetic vision as a fifth point of purpose under this section.

Moving forward, several of the board members noted that the program, as an entity spearheaded as an appendage of the Pagosa Springs Town Council, should be clearer about this in the bylaws and suggested adding various points in the document to show the town's authority over the program. It was indicated that sections about funding, electing board members and even the dissolution of the program itself will be edited by McFadden to more clearly spell this out.

One issue that was still open to the board's discussion and input was the question about the geographic boundary of the program. This will ultimately be delineated in Article 4: Program Geographic Area of the bylaws document.

Some on the board indicated interest in creating a broader geographic area that would include Pagosa Street from its intersection with U.S. 84 all the way to 14th Street, which would include Motel SOCO and The Sage restaurant within its boundaries. Others wanted a tighter map, concentrating on the Historic Business District, East Village and East End, as well as Hot Springs Boulevard up to The Springs Resort, the so-called downtown core.

While the boundary question was not determined at the meeting, it was stressed by McFadden that, whatever the board decides, it does not have to be the final word on a boundary.

For example, she explained that the statewide program allows local programs to add districts or areas into the program at later dates, which leaves open the future possibility of the geographic expansion of the Main Street program.

At an onboarding training session attended by McFadden on Jan. 4, she explained that the state program representatives suggested starting smaller so that the town can concentrate on its strengths and "not spread itself too thin."

However, once the program gets up and running and proves suc-

cessful, it can always add areas to its map later on, she said.

It's much easier to add than to subtract from the program, according to McFadden.

Whatever the boundary line the board chooses, it will be working on a 3-D map as a visual component for the local program's website.

Board member Rosanna Dufour explained that she has experience with ArcGIS StoryMaps, and board member Cindy Schultz noted that she can utilize software programs that she has access to at her other role as town planning manager to create an interactive map showing businesses, recreation areas and other downtown interest points.

Another item in the governing bylaws that the board changed at the meeting was that the minimum number of board members shall be only seven members, rather than the nine stated in the original draft. The maximum number of board members will remain at 11 members.

Board secretary Barbara Swindlehurst also recommended adding an attendance policy for participating board members under Article 5, Section 2. After some discussion, it was decided that the board could terminate a board member for missing three consecutive meetings if the absences could be considered "unexcused."

The last item to be discussed, and the issue that garnered the most debate, was the issue of conflicts of interest, Article 13 of the bylaws.

The rough draft of the bylaws states: "All Board members shall disclose at all times any and all conflicts of interest. If any Board member has a material financial interest in, is employed by, or has a close family member in a position of power over an entity associated with any formal agreement being discussed or voted upon, that Board member shall notice such conflict of interest to the Board and recuse themselves from all discussions and votes."

However, since the majority of the board comes from the business community, some worried that

this could become cumbersome to constantly navigate.

Holter suggested that if a board member must recuse themselves from a particular discussion when there's a potential conflict of interest, the board may miss out on valuable information about that particular topic.

"I think the fear is, though, that if you have a powerful passionate board member who is arguing for something, then that can be seen as undue influence before the vote is taken, even if they leave when the vote is taken," board member Jeff Posey said.

Holter suggested, "What if we said, recused themselves from 'all decision making,' instead of the draft language of 'all discussion and votes?'"

Posey agreed. But, Posey also said, "There's another way to handle it, and that's ad hoc," which means "to disclose your conflict of interest" to the board "and then we vote on it."

He said, "We can say, OK, I think you can participate in this without causing any problems, so we'll let you stay in by a majority vote, or a majority vote that says 'the board is uncomfortable with this particular member participating.' [T]hat's one way to handle it, ad hoc."

Dufour said, "It's hard, because you're dealing with a small town. A lot of people are going to be involved and have an interest in a lot of different things, you know. There's only so many people to hire to do certain things."

Agreeing, Posey said, "It's a tough thing. I don't know. Anybody have any thoughts?"

Dufour recommended that the board look into some other Main Street programs in the state to see what they have done on this issue.

McFadden noted that she will bring some examples of this to the next meeting.

"I will do some investigating," she said.

The next public meeting will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs Visitor Center conference room.

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# Fire district asks for help clearing snow around hydrants

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The third year of the Pagosa Fire Protection District's Adopt a Fire Hydrant program is ongoing, according to Fire Chief Randy Larson.

According to Larson, the program asks residents to shovel a 3-foot circle around a fire hydrant in their area and a path to the road to assist the district in keeping hydrants accessible in case of structure fires.

Participants can then take a picture of the hydrant and post it on the Pagosa Fire Facebook page or email it to pio@pagosafire.com.

Larson explained that residents are unlikely to damage a hydrant when using a snow shovel but should be careful if using a snow-

blower near a hydrant as it could both damage the hydrant and snowblower.

He added that most hydrants in the area include a flag attachment to increase their visibility in deep snow and that, if the flag attachment is missing, a resident can notify the district so it can replace the flag.

Larson noted that there are more than 2,000 hydrants in the area and "There's no way in the world we can go out and clear all of them. ... We've got a four-person crew on every day, ... so it's kind of hard to keep up with them."

He added that the PFPD's vehicles carry approximately 1,000 gallons of water, which lasts less than five minutes in a structure fire.

Larson commented that if the

department has to spend 10 minutes digging out a hydrant, "we're way behind the curve."

Larson explained that hydrants covered by snow can have water get into their caps during the freeze-thaw cycle, making them difficult to open.

"That's kind of our goal is to just get as many hydrants available as we can and where we can find them and ... just for the community to take a little pride and responsibility in protecting themselves and their neighbors from a catastrophic fire," Larson stated.

The chief indicated that the department has already received "10 or 12" submissions from the program this year.

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# Conservation program available for landowners

By Cynthia Purcell  
San Juan Conservation District

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Blanco and Navajo basins. This is a community-driven process to understand local water supply needs and information gaps. As a result of this inventory, landowners within the project areas will be given higher priority to receive funding to implement irrigation system improvements.

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# Maez appointed BoCC chair, commissioners approve resolution for county reclassification

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) selected a new chair and vice chair, and approved a resolution for the reclassification of the county at its Jan. 17 meeting.

The appointment of board leadership began with County Manager Derek Woodman explaining that the BoCC is required to reorganize and select a chair and a vice chair, who serves as the chair in the absence of the chair.

Commissioner Warren Brown stated that, as the previous vice chair, it would be his "honor" to represent the BoCC as the chair.

Brown, who was chairing the meeting prior to the reorganization, then called for a motion for the reorganization of the BoCC.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez motioned to appoint himself as the chair, which was seconded by Commissioner Veronica Medina.

The motion then passed with Maez and Medina voting for Maez's appointment and Brown voting against.

Maez then called for a motion for the appointment of a vice chair.

Medina motioned to appoint Brown vice chair and Maez seconded.

However, Brown declined the nomination, and then Maez moved to appoint Medina as vice chair, which was seconded by Brown.

The motion for Medina's ap-

pointment passed unanimously.

The BoCC also passed a resolution requesting the adjustment of the county's category for fixing the salaries of county elected officials.

The resolution requests that the county's classification be changed from III-B to III-A, which, as discussed at the Jan. 3 BoCC work session, would result in county officials having salaries 30 percent above the baseline for Category III counties instead of the 20 percent above the baseline that county elected officials currently receive under the III-B classification.

Woodman explained that any increase would not be effective until the beginning of the next term of office for each elected position.

Brown commented that he feels it is important that the county is "classified appropriately," noting that none of the current commissioners would realize these salary increases.

Maez added that the change would also bring the other county elected officials "up to speed" as they had previously been "held back" by the classification.

The board then unanimously approved the resolution.

In a later interview, Woodman explained that six counties, including Archuleta County, are requesting reclassification and that the requests will be passed along to the lobbying organization Colorado Counties Inc., which is working with a member of the Colorado Legislature interested in sponsor-

ing a bill to reclassify the counties.

He indicated that this bill will likely be taken up in this legislative session and that the change would potentially occur by summer.

## BoCC board appointments

The BoCC also made appointments to a range of boards and local organizations at the meeting.

This included appointing Woodman to the Airport Advisory Commission, Maez to the Archuleta County Housing Authority, Medina to Archuleta Seniors Inc., Maez to the San Juan Area Agency on Aging and Mary Jo Coulehan as the primary representative to Club 20 with County Attorney Todd Weaver being the alternate.

The board further appointed Brown to the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation with Woodman as an alternate, Maez to the Community Marijuana Offset Impact Fund, Medina to the Council of Governments, Maez to Growing Water Smart with Development Director Pamela Flowers as an alternate, Weaver to the Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado with Medina as an alternate, and Medina and Brown acting as "co-chairs" for the San Juan Basin Public Health Board of Health.

In a Jan. 24 work session, Medina clarified she was referring to the board for county's new health department that will be formed.

Additionally, the board appointed Medina to the San Juan

Headwaters Forest Health Partnership, Colorado State University Extension Director Robin Young to the Southwest Basins Roundtable, Maez to the Southwest Opioids Response District with Woodman as an alternate, Woodman to the Southwest Transportation Planning Region with Maez as an alternate, J.R. Ford to the Southwest Water Conservation Board, Maez to the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board and Assessor Johanna Tully-Elliott to the Pagosa Springs Urban Renewal Authority.

In response to a question from Maez noting that both Brown and Medina had indicated interest in serving on the Airport Advisory Commission and questioning why Woodman had been appointed, Woodman explained that the Airport Advisory Commission bylaws required that, since the BoCC appoints the members of committee, the county representative to it be the county manager.

In response to a question from Medina, Woodman clarified that the Colorado Workforce board had been removed from the list of boards due to having only met a single time and being largely defunct at present and that staff had been unable to immediately find information on the Strategic Priorities Expenditure Advisory Board and was not recommending an appointment to the board until further information is collected.

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# Nominations open for eight local district elections

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

Nominations are open for a variety of local district elections, including the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PPFD) and the Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD).

## PPFD

The PPFD election will be held on May 2 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. and will involve the election of two directors for four-year terms.

Self-nomination and acceptance forms are available from Designated Election Official (DEO) Tomi Bliss and must be filed with her by 5 p.m. on Feb. 24.

Bliss can be reached at 165 N. Pagosa Blvd. or by email at tbliss@pagosafire.com.

Applications for absentee ballots must be submitted to Bliss by April 25.

## Los Pinos

### Fire Protection District

The Los Pinos Fire Protection District is also holding an election on May 2 between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. where three directors will be elected for four-year terms.

Self-nomination and acceptance forms must be submitted to DEO Rebecca Flinders by Feb. 24 and are available from her.

The office of the DEO is located at 275 Browning Ave. in Ignacio and is open between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The DEO can be reached by phone at (970) 563-9501.

An affidavit of intent to be a write-in candidate forms must be submitted to the DEO by Feb. 27, and applications for absentee ballots must be submitted by April 25.

## USJHSD

The USJHSD is holding an elec-

tion on May 2 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. to elect three directors for four-year terms.

Self-nomination and acceptance forms are available from and must be submitted to DEO Heather Thomas by Feb. 24, and affidavit of intent to be a write-in candidate forms must be submitted by Feb. 27.

Thomas can be reached at 95 S. Pagosa Blvd., by phone at (970) 507-3815 and by email at DEO@psmedicalcenter.org.

Applications for absentee ballots must be submitted to the DEO by April 25.

## Metro districts

Five local metro districts are also holding elections on May 2 from 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

### Piedra Park Metropolitan Improvement District

The Piedra Park Metropolitan Improvement District is electing two directors for four-year terms and three directors for two-year terms.

Self-nomination and acceptance forms must be submitted to DEO Edna Marquez by Feb. 24, and affidavit of intent to be a write-in candidate forms must be submitted to Marquez by Feb. 27.

Marquez can be reached at 55 Milton Lane in Arboles, by phone at (970) 883-5445 or by email at piedrapark@yahoo.com.

Self-nomination forms can be acquired at 55 Milton Lane.

Applications for absentee ballots must be submitted to the DEO by April 25.

### Aspen Springs Metro District

The Aspen Springs Metro District is electing three directors to serve for three-year terms.

Self-nomination and acceptance forms must be submitted to the DEO by 3 p.m. Feb. 24, and affidavit

of intent to be a write-in candidate forms must be submitted by 3 p.m. Feb. 27.

Such forms can be obtained from the DEO or on aspenspringsmetro.org.

The DEO may be contacted by mail at P.O. Box 488, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, by phone at (970) 731-5656 or by email at info@aspenspringsmetro.org.

Applications for absentee ballots must be submitted by 3 p.m. on April 2.

### Alpha Rockridge Metropolitan District

The Alpha Rockridge Metropolitan District is electing two directors to serve for three-year terms.

Self-nomination and acceptance forms must be submitted to DEO Gary Lansdale by Feb. 24, and affidavit of intent to be a write-in candidate forms must be submitted to Lansdale by Feb. 27.

Self-nomination forms can be obtained on alpharockridgeroad-district.com.

Lansdale can be contacted by mail at P.O. Box 5637, Pagosa Springs CO, 81147 or by phone at (505) 486-1437.

### San Juan River Village Metropolitan District

The San Juan River Village Metropolitan District is electing three directors for four-year terms and two directors for two-year terms.

Self-nomination and acceptance forms are available from and must be submitted to DEO Cynthia Purcell by Feb. 24, and affidavit of intent to be a write-in candidate forms must be submitted by Feb. 27.

Purcell can be contacted by mail at P.O. Box 5551 Pagosa Springs Colorado, 81147, by phone at (970) 946-8385 and by email at cynthia@sanjuanrivervillage.com.

# Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

## Thursday, Jan. 26

**Pagosa Springs Town Council work session.** 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosaspings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

## Monday, Jan. 30

**Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District regular board meeting.** 5 p.m., administrative offices,

100 Lyn Ave. Join Zoom meeting: [www.zoom.us](https://www.zoom.us/j/84774286969), meeting ID: 847 7428 6969, passcode: 886372.

## Tuesday, Jan. 31

**Archuleta School District Board of Education special meeting.** 5 p.m., Zoom. For information on joining the Zoom meeting, visit <https://go.boarddocs.com/co/asdco/Board.nsf/Public#>.

## Wednesday, Feb. 1

**Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation board meeting.** 5-6:30 p.m., Ross Ara-

gon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. Join Zoom meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83552743149?pwd=ZORXeJNjQXo0TkNzmlYM0h4UHB5QT09>.

## Monday, Feb. 6

**Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation quarterly membership meeting.** 8-8:30 a.m., Tennyson Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85715913302?pwd=d2IDVWM1LORBT1A4Q2lnYWhybRtQT09>.

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# Sports

## SWIM

# Lady Pirates take fifth at Gunnison Cowboy Invite

By **Randi Pierce**  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate swim team finished fifth at the seven-team Gunnison Cowboy Invite on Friday, Jan. 20.

Gunnison took first at the invite with 492 points — 126 more than Durango, who came in second. The Lady Pirates ended the day with 259 points.

"I think we did well, especially considering we only got to practice 2 times last week due to the snow days!" coach Heather Miller wrote in an email to The SUN.

Miller wrote that the team worked on freestyle technique last week prior to the meet, noting, "for many it helped but for some we need to do a bit more work to lengthen out their strokes."

A pair of Lady Pirate teams took part in the 200-meter medley relay at the event.

The team of Lynelle Bartz, Karis Blackman, Emma Gantt and Ivanna Erne finished fourth with a time of two minutes, 9.46 seconds, earning 30 points for the team.

Miller wrote the team cut another two seconds from its time "after dropping quite a bit of time the week before in Grand Junction."

The team of Ariel Slead, Leah Blackman, Evelyn Rose and Kali Jury finished in 2:37.97, placing them seventh and earning 12 points for the Lady Pirates.

In the 200-meter freestyle, Erne finished seventh with a time of

2:30.33, garnering 12 points for the team.

Baylee Rollins followed in 16th with a time of 3:07.53, earning one point.

Eleven Lady Pirates took part in the 50-meter freestyle: Rose finished eighth in 29.92 seconds to earn 11 points, Gantt finished 10th in 30:65 seconds to earn seven points, Jury finished 22nd with a time of 32.32 seconds, Dharma Adams finished 26th in 32.72 seconds, Cadence Pair finished 31st in 35.93 seconds, Marlowe Hedgecock followed in 32nd in 37.96 seconds, Leah Blackman finished 33rd in 38.34 seconds, Gemma Slingerland finished 34th in 41.42 seconds, Bella Gutierrez finished 37th in 42.58 seconds, Slead finished 38th in 43.54 seconds and Charlie Gutierrez finished 39th with a time of 44.16 seconds.

Erne finished second in the 100-meter fly, earning 17 points for the team.

Six Pirates took part in the 100-meter free, with Bartz finishing 11th with a time of 1:08.22 to earn six points. Karis Blackman finished 22nd with a time of 1:16.32. Pair finished 30th in 1:22.63, followed by Rollins in 31st with a time of 1:26.58, Slingerland in 32nd with a time of 1:32.50 and Bella Gutierrez in 33rd with a time of 1:40.97.

Gantt earned second in the 500-meter freestyle, garnering 17 points for the team, with a time of 7:06.98.

"Emma Gantt was one of our standout performances, dropping

nearly 20 seconds in the 500 free," Miller wrote.

Three Pagosa teams took part in the 200-meter freestyle relay.

The team of Bartz, Jury, Rose and Erne finished fourth with a time of 1:59.74, earning 30 points.

The team of Karis Blackman, Pair, Hedgecock and Adams finished 10th and earned 14 points with a time of 2:18.89.

The team of Rollins, Slingerland, Leah Blackman and Bella Gutierrez finished 13th with a time of 2:44.07, earning eight points.

Erne took seventh in the 100-meter backstroke, finishing with a time of 1:26.64 and earning 12 points. Slead finished 11th and earned six points with a time of 1:36.90. Charlie Gutierrez finished 15th and earned two points with a time of 2:08.14.

Six Lady Pirates competed in the 100-meter breaststroke, with Bartz finishing fourth with a time of 1:22.96, which earned 15 points.

Bartz is now a few seconds away from the state qualification time for the event, according to Miller.

Karis Blackman finished 10th in the event and earned seven points with a time of 1:35.20. Leah Blackman finished 17th in 1:35.20. Adams finished 19th with a time of 1:28.82, followed by Hedgecock in 20th with a time of 1:40.64. Jury finished 22nd in 1:49.22.

Two Pirate teams competed in the 400-meter freestyle relay.

The team of Adams, Rollins, Pair and Gantt finished fifth and earned 28 points with a time of 5:21.93.



Photo courtesy Heather Miller

Lady Pirate Emma Gantt works through the fly turn on the 200-meter medley relay at the Gunnison Cowboy Invite on Jan. 20. The relay team took fourth in the event.

The team of Bailee Shallenberger, Bella Gutierrez, Charlie Gutierrez and Slingerland finished seventh with a time of 6:42.90, earning 24 points.

This week, according to Miller,

the team will continue to work on freestyle technique and work on building speed ahead of a pair of meets in Alamosa.

On Friday, Jan. 27, the team will face off against the Sargent Farm-

ers in a dual that begins at 4 p.m. in Alamosa.

On Saturday, Jan. 28, the team will take part in a meet with Sargent and others. That meet is slated to begin at 11 a.m.

## BASKETBALL



Blake Laner fights for a shot against Bayfield on Jan. 21. Laner had 23 points and 19 rebounds in the win.

SUN photo/Randi Pierce

# No. 4 Pirates improve to 11-2 on season

By **Randi Pierce**  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate basketball team picked up two more wins over the last week to improve to 11-2 on the season and 2-1 in the 3A/4A Intermountain League (IML), which puts them third in the league.

The team continues to be in the top five in Colorado 4A boys' basketball according to the Ratings Percentage Index (RPI), sitting fourth as of Wednesday.

The Pirates faced off against the 3A Bayfield Wolverines in a league contest on Saturday, Jan. 21, in Pagosa.

The Pirates held Bayfield to two points in the game's opening quarter while scoring 18.

Each team scored 12 in the second, giving the Pirates a 30-14 lead at halftime.

The Wolverines cut into Pagosa's lead in the third by besting the Pirates 15-11 to make the score 41-29 in favor of the Pirates.

Pagosa outscored Bayfield 14-13 in the fourth.

The Pirates won 55-42.

"We played well in the first quarter," coach Wes Lewis said Wednesday, adding, "I thought we let up a little bit with our defensive intensity."

The team also suffered a loss in the second when Aaron Aucoin suffered an injury that took him out of the game.

"We obviously lost Aaron Aucoin in the second quarter, which is a big blow to us," he said.

He noted the team also played good defense in the first quarter, but wasn't great after that.

"We had some individuals who played pretty well, but as a team I didn't think we were very good, and after the first quarter," Lewis added.

Blake Laner had a double-double on the night, leading the team with 23 points and 19 rebounds. He also had five blocks and a steal.

Gunner Dozier and Kayson Shahan each had 10 points, with six of Dozier's points coming on fourth-quarter free throws and Shahan logging a pair of 3-pointers. Dozier also had two assists and a steal. Shahan also had a double-double with 10 rebounds, as well as two assists and a steal.

Chase Harper, Seth Aucoin and Aaron Aucoin each had four points. Harper also had four assists, and Aaron Aucoin had one rebound and

a block prior to his injury.

Colt Lewis had one rebound, three assists and a steal.

Nate Kinsley had one rebound. The team made 12 of 27 attempted free throws and turned the ball over 17 times.

On Tuesday, the Pirates took on the 3A Gunnison Cowboys.

By the end of the first, Pagosa held a one-point lead, 16-15, and by halftime led 34-22.

**"The biggest game on your schedule is your next game, so right now we've got to worry about and concentrate on Cortez and what they try to do and, in the meantime, try to fix some of our problems along the way."**

**Coach Wes Lewis**

The Pirates held the Cowboys to four points in the third while scoring 10 to hold a 44-26 lead heading into the game's final quarter.

The Cowboys bested the Pirates 19-12 in the fourth, leaving Pagosa with a 56-45 win.

Wes Lewis indicated the team did not correct its issues from the previous game.

"We're not playing very well right now, and we've got to get some things figured out and get it corrected," he said.

He acknowledged some of that stemmed from being without Colt Lewis for several games and, shortly after his return, losing Aaron Aucoin.

"I think that's a big deal," he said, adding, "I think we should still be playing better, but that has had a hand in it. There's a lot of factors that are going into it, and it's my job to get it figured out and get it corrected and get it turned around."

Shahan picked up 18 points, six rebounds, an assist and a block.

Laner added 17 to the scoreboard. He also had eight rebounds, an assist, a block and four steals.

Dozier's 14-point effort included

four 3-pointers. Dozier also had a rebound and six assists.

Harper had three points, a rebound, three assists, a block and a pair of steals in the game.

Colt Lewis had two points, three rebounds and two assists.

Kinsley had a rebound, three assists, a block and two steals.

Seth Aucoin had a rebound, an assist and a steal.

The team made nine of 15 attempted free throws and turned the ball over 12 times.

The game against Alamosa originally scheduled for Jan. 20 was canceled due to inclement weather and has been rescheduled for Jan. 31.

With the rescheduled game, the Pirates will face three league opponents over the next week.

On Friday, Jan. 27, the Pirates will head to Cortez for a 7 p.m. matchup with the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers.

The Panthers are 5-6 on the season and 1-2 in league play, which puts them fourth in the IML.

The Panthers are the No. 26 team in the 3A RPI standings.

At 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28, the Pirates will face the Centauri Falcons in Pagosa.

The Falcons are the No. 4 team in the 3A RPI standings with an 11-2 overall record. They sit second in the IML with a 3-1 league mark.

The Pirates lost to the Falcons 43-38 on Jan. 13 in La Jara.

Then, on Tuesday, the Pirates will welcome the Mean Moose to town.

Alamosa is the No. 3 team in the 3A RPI standings and sits atop the IML. The Mean Moose are 11-1 on the season and 3-0 in league action.

"The biggest game on your schedule is your next game, so right now we've got to worry about and concentrate on Cortez and what they try to do and, in the meantime, try to fix some of our problems along the way. And, yeah, it's rapid fire, there's a lot of games in a short amount of time," he said. "We've just got to clean up some things and get some fire lit under us again and hopefully we can right the ship."

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## BASKETBALL

# Lady Pirates pick up pair of wins, sit second in league

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate basketball team sailed to a 49-point win over the Bayfield Wolverines on Saturday, Jan. 21, and a nine-point win over the Gunnison Cowboys on Tuesday, Jan. 24.

With the wins, the Lady Pirates improve to 3-10 on the season. They sit second in the 3A/4A Intermountain League (IML) with a 2-1 record and moved up to the No. 26 spot in the 4A Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) standings.

"I think ... finally we got the consistent part," coach Sarah Osborn said Tuesday. "I'm getting seven girls in the books scoring consistently and it's all pretty spread out, so that makes it tough to guard for other teams."

The Lady Pirates built a double-digit lead early in the game against Bayfield, leading 19-6 at the end of the first quarter and 36-10 at halftime.

The team picked up another 21 points in the third while limiting Bayfield to four and held the Wolverines scoreless in the fourth while scoring six to round out the 63-14 victory.

"Bayfield, they should have come out and beat them and they've worked on a lot of things. We've worked on our press, and they got those steals. They got confident to do that," Osborn said, adding the Pirates rebounded really well and didn't give the Wolverines any second-chance shots. "And I think our defense is just taking it up a notch to give us more opportunities on offense."

Chantelle Caldwell had 17 points on the night, as well as four rebounds, an assist and three steals.

Elizabeth Carrier tallied 15 points, four rebounds, four assists and eight steals.

Karsyn Shahan picked up nine points, all on 3-pointers, and had two rebounds, four assists and three steals.

Daveyann Snarr and Annie O'Donnell each logged eight points. Snarr also had two rebounds, three assists and a steal. O'Donnell had seven rebounds, a steal and a block.

Kylie Ketchum had four points, a rebound, two assists, four steals and two blocks.

Lexi Campbell had two points and two rebounds. Vida Maes had a rebound and four assists. Amber Snarr had two steals and Cassie Brunson had a steal and a block.

The Lady Pirates made six of 12 attempted free throws. The team turned the ball over six times.

On Tuesday, the Lady Pirates welcomed Gunnison to town for a nonleague matchup.

The teams were even at 8-8 each after the first quarter.

"We came out pretty slow first quarter," Osborn said. "I think that was kind of a waste of eight minutes."

The coach added the team didn't come out offensively strong or defensively strong, but picked it up after that.

Pagosa then went on to outscore the Cowboys in the remaining three quarters — 14-10, 14-10 and 14-13, respectively — to log the 50-41 win.

"They played well being in foul trouble," Osborn said, adding the subs did their part to keep the starters on the bench without letting the game drop any.

She also noted the team, for the first time this season, logged transi-



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Lady Pirate Chantelle Caldwell puts up a shot in the team's 63-14 win over Bayfield. Caldwell led the team with 17 points in the game.

tion points in the game.

"We've been missing that part of our game, for sure," she said.

Carrier scored 16 in the game, which included a 3-pointer, and had one rebound, five assists and two steals.

O'Donnell picked up 10 points, six rebounds and an assist.

Shahan had nine points, which included a 3-pointer. She also had four assists and four steals.

Osborn highlighted the assists by Carrier and Shahan in the game.

"As my two point guards, that's really good because they're getting their share of shots, but they're also now creating for their teammates, which is huge," she said.

Caldwell had six points and five rebounds.

Ketchum put up five points, and had four rebounds, two assists, two steals and a block.

Daveyann Snarr and Brunson each had two points. Snarr also

pulled down three rebounds.

Amber Snarr logged a steal. Pagosa made four of eight free-throw attempts. The team turned the ball over 10 times.

"I think definitely our subs are a lot more confident now," Osborn said, highlighting Daveyann Snarr, Brunson and Amber Snarr. "That part has finally come along where I feel comfortable subbing and the game isn't dropping any."

The game against Alamosa originally scheduled for Jan. 20 was canceled due to inclement weather and has been rescheduled for Jan. 31.

That means Lady Pirates will face three league opponents over the next week, beginning with a Friday game in Cortez.

The Pirates will face off against the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers at 5:30 p.m. on Friday.

The Panthers are 3-6 on the season and 1-2 in the IML, placing

them fifth.

They are the No. 36 team in the 3A RPI standings.

On Saturday, the Lady Pirates will welcome the Centauri Falcons to town for an afternoon matchup that is set to begin at 2:30 p.m.

The Falcons are the No. 5 team in the 3A RPI standings and sit atop the IML with a 4-0 league record and 11-2 overall mark.

Pagosa previously fell to Centauri 40-28 in La Jara on Jan. 13.

Then, on Tuesday, the Pirates will face the Alamosa Mean Moose, who are seventh in the 4A RPI standings and third in the IML with a 9-4 overall record and 1-1 league mark.

The game is set to begin at 5:30 p.m.

Osborn indicated the team will have few practices coming up due to the game schedule.

"But, the nice thing is, scouting ■ See Ladies A12

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## WRESTLING

# Pirates win two of three duals, bring record to 7-1

By **Josh Pike**  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate wrestling team won two of its three duals this weekend, bringing the team to a 7-1 record overall in duals this season.

The Pirates defeated Bayfield on Jan. 20 before being defeated by Centauri and beating Buena Vista on Jan. 21.

The Pirates' first dual was against Bayfield in Bayfield on Jan. 20, which Pagosa won 57-24.

Pagosa scored 12 points in forfeits in the 215-pound and 190-pound weight classes and won eight of the remaining 12 matches.

Coach Dan Janowsky commented that the dual had gone "very well," noting that Bayfield is "always capable" of being competitive and that he is pleased with how the Pirates wrestled.

He added that he felt the team "showed very well" in the closely contested "swing matches" that determined the overall outcome of the dual.

The dual began at the 215-pound weight class, with the first contested match occurring in the 285-pound weight class, where Antonio Quesada was pinned in 38 seconds, scoring six points for Bayfield.

Anthony Manzaneres in the 106-pound weight class then

pinned his opponent in two minutes, 31 seconds, scoring six points for the Pirates.

According to Janowsky, Manzaneres continues to improve and develop confidence, triumphing in a "solid win" over an opponent he has beaten before, but where Janowsky believed there was the potential for an upset.

At 113 pounds, Gabe Ramirez pinned his opponent in 2:48, scoring another six points.

The coach highlighted Ramirez's "come-from-behind" win where he was trailing early before making some "good moves and good decisions" to end with a pin.

He added that Ramirez is a freshman who is slowly transitioning into the varsity lineup.

Michael Thomas, in the 120-pound weight class, was pinned in 2:35, giving up six points to Bayfield.

Colton Lucero, in the 126-pound weight class, gained a pin in 1:31, scoring six points.

At 132 pounds, Luke Tressler scored six points by pinning his opponent in 1:15.

Wyatt Hoover, in the 138-pound weight class, was pinned in four minutes, giving Bayfield six points.

Jacob Miller, in the 144-pound weight class, pinned his opponent in 1:42, scoring six points for the Pirates.

Janowsky explained that Miller

had been defeated by his opponent previously and had a "nice bounce back" from the previous week's Mel Smith Invitational.

Chandler Mazur, in the 150-pound weight class, achieved a pin in 2:49, scoring six points.

At 157 pounds, Derek Carter won in a 5-2 decision, scoring three points.

The coach stated that Carter is "really starting to figure it out" in terms of determining his strengths and wrestling to them, and that he triumphed in a "tight" match.

Harley Armijo, in the 165-pound weight class, was pinned by his opponent in 1:51, scoring six points for Bayfield.

Heath Fulbright, in the 175-pound weight class, pinned his opponent in 2:30, scoring six points for Pagosa.

At the Randy and Naomi Keys Duals event in La Jara the next day, the Pirates first faced — and were defeated 39-35 by — the Centauri Falcons.

Pagosa scored 12 points in forfeits in the dual, in the 215-pound and 285-pound weight classes, while Centauri scored six points off a forfeit in the 120-pound weight class.

Pagosa won four of the remaining 11 matches.

Janowsky noted that Centauri has a "good lineup" and has outperformed Pagosa at recent tourna-

ments, making the Falcons "fairly heavily favored."

He stated that the dual came down to one match in terms of points, which he suggested was an indicator that Pagosa has a "good team."

The dual began in the 120-pound weight class and the first contested match was in the 126-pound weight class, where Lucero was beaten in a 6-2 decision, scoring three points for Centauri.

Tressler pinned his opponent in 5:02, scoring six points.

The coach noted that Tressler wrestled well at both events, although he is currently experiencing a knee problem that is limiting his wrestling in certain ways.

Hoover was defeated in a 15-4 major decision, giving up four points to the Falcons.

Miller was defeated in a 16-0 technical fall, scoring five points for Centauri.

Mazur defeated his opponent in a 15-0 technical fall, scoring five points for Pagosa.

Carter achieved a pin in 4:46, scoring six points for the Pirates.

Armijo was pinned in 2:40, scoring six points for Centauri.

Fulbright was defeated in a 7-0 decision, scoring three points for Centauri.

Janowsky commented that Fulbright is "expecting more" than his results at the duals and will be

"working hard to make that happen."

Connor Kelly, in the 190-pound weight class, pinned his opponent in 1:26, scoring six points for Pagosa.

Janowsky noted that Kelly had a "good day" and put in his best performance to date this season, which he called "very, very encouraging."

Manzaneres was pinned in 3:59, giving Centauri six points.

Ramirez was pinned in 52 seconds, giving Centauri six more points to conclude the dual.

Later that day, the Pirates faced and defeated the Buena Vista Demons 48-31.

The Pirates scored 12 points in forfeits in the 144-pound and 175-pound weight classes, while the Demons scored six points with a forfeit in the 120-pound weight class.

Pagosa won five of the remaining 11 matches.

The dual opened in the 126-pound weight class, where Lucero was defeated in a 12-0 major decision, scoring four points for Buena Vista.

The coach stated that Lucero competed against two wrestlers with previous state placements in the duals with Centauri and Buena Vista.

Tressler pinned his opponent, scoring six points for Pagosa.

Hoover was defeated in an 11-7 decision, scoring three points for the Demons.

Mazur pinned his opponent, while Tucker Haines, in the 157-pound weight class, was pinned, scoring the Pirates and Demons each six points.

Armijo and Kelly both pinned their opponents, scoring 12 points for the Pirates.

Chris Rafferty, in the 215-pound weight class, and Quesada were both pinned, scoring 12 points for the Demons.

Manzaneres and Ramirez both pinned their opponents to end the dual, scoring 12 points.

The Pirates will next compete in a dual against Montezuma-Cortez at home at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 26.

Janowsky explained that this dual will be the team's second Intermountain League dual of the season and, if the team wins, they will advance to the league championship dual.

He commented that the team is "looking forward" to the dual and noted that Montezuma-Cortez will likely have difficulties in the dual due to having openings in their lineup, although he noted that the Pirates are more focused on winning individual battles than on the team score.

The Pirates will then compete in the Butch Melton Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 28, which he noted will involve a large number of matches for each wrestler due to the bracketing of the tournament.

Janowsky explained that the team had had a lighter practice schedule over the previous two weeks due to finals week and snow, but will be focusing on improving the physical aspects of its wrestling, such as conditioning, pace and aggression, in the coming weeks.

"It's going to be one of those periods where we ... get tired and we work through our tiredness and we push ourselves a little bit," Janowsky said. "It's one of those pushes ... that you have to have from time to time during the year. ... We're looking to peak, so we're gonna expend a lot of energy over the next two weeks and then we can kind of taper back after that."

As of Jan. 20, Tressler is ranked fourth in the 3A 132-pound weight class and Lucero is ranked third in the 3A 126-pound weight class by On the Mat, which is the ranking system used by the Colorado High School Activities Association.

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## UNIFIED BOWLING



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Two members of Pagosa Springs High School's Unified bowling team were recently honored for their work for the fall season. Left, Samuel Kelley was named to the all-state first team. Carson Pilgrim was named to the second team.

## Wolf Creek reports fun race results

By **Shelley Raymond**  
Wolf Creek Ski Area

Wolf Creek Ski Area hosted its second fun race for the season on Sunday, Jan. 8. The modified grand slalom course was held on Lower Charisma with a groomed base of fresh snow. The race brought with it a turnout of 52 racers, with racers traveling from as far away as Chile, Florida and Arkansas.

The overall winner for the day was Corbin Horrocks, of South Fork, with the fastest time of 27.68 seconds. Dan Hultgren, of St. Petersburg, Fla., came in a very close second with a time of 27.89. Third place went to Nolan Kay, of Pagosa Springs, with his equally impressive time of 28.12 seconds.

The ladies' race also had an outstanding showing, with most of

the race times coming in under 45 seconds. Lydia Mundd, of Pagosa Springs, came in first place to finish at 35.08 seconds. Allison Barrett, of Lakewood, Colo., took second with her time of 39.00 seconds, and third place went to Tatyana Strickland, of Waco, Texas, with a race time of 39.39.

Ellie White placed first in the Girls 6-8 with a time of 44.34.

In the Girls 9-11, Lydia Mundd placed first with a time of 35.08 and Katelynn Fricky placed third with a time of 49.23.

Rylan Zoden placed first in the Boys 9-11 with a time of 30.58, Aiden Zoden placed second with a time of 33.84, and Jaycob Carden placed third with a time of 37.50.

In the Boys 15-27, Isaiah Godrich placed second with a time of 37.86 and James Burke placed

third with a time of 45.79.

Nolan Kay placed first in the Boys 18-20 with a time of 28.12.

In the Men 41-50, Matt Lewis placed third with a time of 32.52.

Eric Bloom placed first in the Men 61-70, with a time of 39.35.

## Ladies

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wise, we know what we're going into," she said. "We've gotta know that they're playing their best against Centauri and we can practice a lot of things coming out against Cortez. And we still have to come ready to play against Cortez, but it'll be a nice kind of warm up."

She noted the upcoming games will be tough, but good.

## RECREATION NEWS

# Youth volleyball leagues open for registration

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.



Photo courtesy Eric Smith

The Continental Divide Freeride team had an impressive showing at the first annual Wolf Creek IFSA competition. The team fielded nine skiers and snowboarders on a competition at Alberta Peak. Local Logan Lamoreaux placed first in U12 snowboard. Ryder King and Eric Smith placed second and third, respectively, in 12-14 snowboarding. They are pictured with coach Tony Madrid.



**Triple Impact Student-Athlete of the Week**  
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**Comments from coaches Darcy DeGuise and Heather Miller:** "While new to the team this year and fairly new to the sport of swimming, Bailee has not only fit in with our crew of graceful water nymphs, but has also excelled in her own athletic prowess and leadership abilities. In practice Bailee never gives up even when a particular swim set is daunting or difficult. She maintains a positive attitude while encouraging the other swimmers in her lane to do the same. She stays focused

throughout practices and always strives to learn something new that she can integrate into her stroke work. Bailee exhibits a friendly attitude to all her teammates, which is why everyone feels comfortable and accepted when they are near her. At our most recent swim meet, Bailee took on the leadership role for her relay — gathering the swimmers well ahead of their event and preparing them for the race. She is certainly making our team and the sport better because of her dedication to swimming and to her teammates."



# Play hard, Pirates!

# Outdoors



Photo courtesy Matt Martin

Racers for the 4km ready at the starting line during the Red Ryder BB Gun Biathlon hosted by the Pagosa Nordic Club on Saturday, Jan. 21.

## Upper San Juan Search and Rescue seeks volunteers to serve our community

By Laura Brooks  
Upper San Juan Search and Rescue

All year long, a group of dedicated, local volunteers is called out to help people who are lost or injured in the back country. Trained volunteers with the Upper San Juan Search and Rescue respond to lost person reports, injuries and emergency situations — often in challenging conditions.

Once a year in February, the group seeks new volunteers with the skills, time and fitness to join the group and serve their community. If you've ever thought about becoming a recruit, now is the time to apply.

The 2023 application period will open in February. Applications are accepted once a year from Feb. 1

through Feb. 28. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age and willing to submit to a background check.

Once your background check is successfully completed, you will be evaluated for physical fitness to take part in searches which occur in rough mountainous terrain, day or night, and in all types of weather. Mental qualifications involve the ability to cope with finding a critically injured or deceased victim.

The group will interview all accepted applicants by March 31.

Before being accepted as a member, you must undergo training in outdoor rope-based actions, patient assessment, care and packaging, navigation skills, and knot-tying knowledge. Victim evacuations, searches, technical

rescues, rappelling and climbing are strenuous, sometimes hazardous activities. The group provides training to new members to help mitigate risks and improve mission success.

Once accepted, new members should obtain CPR training and certification within one year, continue with their training, and be willing to use their phone for navigation apps and Active 911 alerts.

Volunteers are expected to stay in good physical condition and know when they are unable to perform because of sickness or other obligations. It is each member's responsibility to obtain competent instruction, choose quality equipment and use adequate safety precautions. The main goal of search and rescue is always to per-

form a successful rescue on every mission. There is no "glory" in a mountain rescue. Although there may be great personal satisfaction, participation in a mission involves long periods of waiting, followed by long periods of very hard and disagreeable work.

Volunteering for search and rescue can be extremely rewarding by allowing you to sharpen your skills and serve with a professional group in challenging conditions.

If you would like to apply for membership, please visit the Upper San Juan Search and Rescue website at <https://www.usjsar.org> and fill out the application.

Upper San Juan Search and Rescue is a branch of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office.

## Mountain Landscape Project open house set for Feb. 2

### Trail system, gravel pit and more proposed for Jackson Mountain area

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The San Juan National Forest's Pagosa Ranger District will hold an in-person public open house on Feb. 2 to provide an opportunity for the public to learn about several proposed projects in the Jackson Mountain area northeast of Pagosa Springs.

The open house will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Ross Aragon Community Center, located at 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

The open house will provide the public opportunities to ask questions, look at maps and talk with Forest Service resource specialists about the project, according to a press release.

It adds the open house is optional and is not the only way to provide comments to the San Juan National Forest.

#### Proposed projects

The press release explains the proposed project area is northeast of Pagosa Springs and north of the San Juan River Village subdivision in Archuleta County.

"The Forest Service is looking at projects in this area because Jackson Mountain is a hub of activity, with multiple forms of recreation and active vegetation treatments pointing to a need for a broadscale, landscape-level analysis to address future management goals and activities," it states.

The press release explains proposed activities include:

- The creation of a "sustainably designed" trail system with up to 40 miles of mountain bike and multiuse trail options and the reconstruction and expansion of the existing Turkey Creek Trailhead.

- Additional parking areas, trailheads, toilets and signage are being considered along the Jackson Mountain Road (Forest Service Road 037).

- Fuels reduction and vegetation management activities being considered include thinning, mowing, mastication and tree harvests. These activities are intended to help improve forest health and resiliency, reduce fuels and regenerate aspen stands currently in decline.

- Archuleta County has expressed interest in opening a noncommercial gravel pit in the Jackson Mountain area to provide a local source of material for use on county and Forest Service roads.

An Interactive StoryMap showing the location of the proposed trail system, areas being considered for fuels and vegetation management, and the proposed gravel pit, is available at <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/6501abb8bc454f9685f6d65803d>.

b78c5. Maps and other information are also available on the project website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61809>.

#### Comments accepted until Feb. 23

The press release notes that electronic comments are preferred and can be submitted via an online comment form on the project website. It can be found under the "Get Connected" heading on the right-hand side of the page and click on "Comment/Object on Project."

For more information about this proposal, please contact the following:

- Recreation — Paul Blackman, (970) 264-1505 or [paul.blackman@usda.gov](mailto:paul.blackman@usda.gov).
- Veg/fuels management — Adam Tlachac, (970) 264-1513 or [adam.tlachac@usda.gov](mailto:adam.tlachac@usda.gov).
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## Changes to distribution of big game hunting licenses considered

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is considering changes to policies and regulations that direct the distribution of big game hunting licenses in Colorado.

To help inform this process, CPW is looking for input from residents and nonresidents interested in big game hunting in Colorado. Visit <https://engagecpw.org/big-game-license-distribution>.

CPW is encouraging the public to complete this comment form and share their thoughts on the current big game license distribution process. The comment form will be open through Feb. 20.

Results from this comment form will be shared with the CPW Commission to inform its decision-making process on big game li-

cense distribution.

Changes that are being considered include:

- A preference point banking system.
- Averaging group applicant preference points.
- Updating the high-demand hunt code split from 80 percent to residents and 20 percent to nonresidents to 90 percent for residents and 10 percent for nonresidents.
- An across-the-board license allocation of 75 percent to residents and 25 percent to nonresidents.

These topics under consideration were requested by the CPW Commission. The results of the comment form will be discussed with the commission at its March 15-16 meeting.

Changes that have already been made include:

In November 2022, the CPW Commission approved an update to big game license allocation. The three-year preference point average that is used to determine high-demand hunt codes that are allocated 80 percent to residents and 20 percent to nonresidents was updated such that CPW will use the most recent three years (with a one-year lag).

The commission decided to retain the six preference point threshold used to determine high-demand hunt codes, which added about 1,200 deer and elk hunt codes to the 80/20 allocation of high-demand hunts. This change will be effective for the 2023 big game hunting season.

Why is CPW evaluating big game license distribution now? Due to the complexity of the subject as

well as on-going interest from stakeholders, the CPW Commission requested that license distribution be reviewed separately from the upcoming Big Game Season Structure. Members of the Colorado General Assembly also showed interest in making changes.

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# Winter travel changes likely in Rio Grande National Forest

By **Reuben Schafir**  
Durango Herald

A management plan for winter recreation activities may be coming to Wolf Creek Pass and the surrounding forest lands as the result of a lawsuit filed by environmentalists and advocacy groups representing the interests of human-powered backcountry recreationalists.

"If we don't limit snowmobile access, we're going to compromise other uses and wildlife habitat," said San Juan Citizens Alliance (SJCA) Public Lands Program Manager John Rader.

San Luis Valley Ecosystems Council, SJCA, The Wilderness Society, WildEarth Guardians and Rocky Mountain Wild joined forces in November 2021 when they filed a lawsuit against the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and the forest supervisor of the Rio Grande National Forest (RGNF). Their complaint cites inadequate protections for the endangered Uncompahgre fritillary butterfly and the Canada lynx, as well as increasing instances and potential for conflict between motorized and nonmotorized users.

Now, it appears the parties are close to a settlement.

The lawsuit sets its crosshairs on the 2020 revised forest management plan for the RGNF. According to a brief filed in August, the plaintiffs allege that in creating the plan, the forest's managers failed to comply with a 2012 rule by "failing to include plan components for winter recreation," and because "plan components ... do not contribute to the recovery of the (Uncompahgre fritillary butterfly)."

They also allege that the USFS violated the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) by failing to "take the requisite hard look at the effects" of the plan on the lynx and butterfly.

The argument is predicated upon the allegation that the USFS failed to follow the proper procedural requirements and fulfill its legal planning obligation. Although a plan to manage winter travel has been required since 2015, the forest still does not have any such plan. The plaintiffs' intention is to ensure adequate protection for the two endangered species and reduce the potential for inter-user conflict.

## Procedural and legal background

Much of the contention in this case stems from the lack of action with respect to a 2005 regulation known as the Travel Management Rule. It requires that forest managers designate which roads and areas are open to motorized use and states that areas are closed to motorized use unless otherwise stated.

A 2015 lawsuit reversed a previous exemption for snowmobiles, decreeing that over-snow vehicles are subject to the rule and that forests must create winter travel management plans.

Under the 1976 National Forest Management Act and the 2012 planning rule developed as a statutory requirement of that law, national forests are legally obligated to create forest management plans every 15 years. Such plans outline where certain use types may occur in a national forest.

Although the 2012 planning rule does not specifically mandate that travel management planning be a part of the forest management plan, the former must be in compliance with the latter.

It is for this reason, according to RGNF spokesman Gregg Goodland, that the forest opted to postpone developing a plan to manage winter travel until the forest management plan was complete.

"Early in the land management planning process, the forest indicated that Travel Management Planning would be conducted subsequent to revising the Land Management Plan," Goodland said in a statement emailed to The Durango Herald. "The intent was to direct focus on revising the forest plan which has many complexities and iterations, and then focus our efforts on travel management planning."

## Protection of endangered species

The lawsuit alleges that the most recent revision of the RGNF's forest management plan, adopted in 2020, failed to incorporate the most recent science and failed to consider alternatives to protect the lynx.

The endangered forest carnivore has unique paws that allow it to easily travel over uncompacted snow. Compacted snow, the result of snowmobiles, among other factors, can allow other predators to access lynx habitat, creating new competition for food. The plaintiff's petition cites instances in which the USFS relied on old data regarding the intensity of snowmobile usage as well as the impact of the spruce beetle on lynx habitat.

Wolf Creek Pass is a critical linkage area for the lynx, and the plaintiffs have proposed a 22,300-acre expansion of the special management area on the pass.

"A special management area does not mean it's closed to access," Rader said, "just that it is managed with special recognition of the lynx. The intention is to avoid habitat fragmentation."

The habitat of the Uncompahgre fritillary butterfly is restricted to isolated alpine habitats in the San Juan Mountains and is imperiled by humans over-collecting the species, off-trail use and climate change, among other factors.

The plaintiffs allege that the forest plan violated NEPA when it failed to provide specific plans to aid in the recovery of the species.

Although the USFS does not comment on pending litigation, the agency denied any violation of federal law in its response to the lawsuit.

## Avoiding user conflict

Arguably the more contentious element of litigation is the restrictions on motorized winter recreation that could follow from a potential settlement.

A handful of organizations stepped up as intervenor defendants in the case, including the Colorado Snowmobile Association and the Trails Preservation Alliance. These organizations, representing the interests of motorized backcountry users, hope to avoid further restrictions to the land.

Rader, representatives of the Winter Wildlands Alliance (WWA) and

other interested parties, including Wolf Creek Ski Area CEO Davey Pitcher, have called on forest supervisors of the Rio Grande and San Juan national forests to restrict snowmobile access.

Although agency officials have said the process would begin following the finalization of the forest management plan, Rader said they had drawn the process out too much.

"They need to be doing this yesterday," Rader said. "They have a legal responsibility to be doing it yesterday, and it's supposed to be a proactive policy and right now they are reacting to existing conflicts."

In a letter sent to forest supervisors in September, Pitcher, Rader and WWA Policy Director Hilary Eisen said that "the ski area's existing permit boundary is continually infringed upon by very aggressive over snow vehicle users, raising serious concerns about the safety of WCSA guests."

In an interview with the Herald, Pitcher said the motorized incursions have occurred over the last 15 years, although last year was exceptionally bad; incursions occurred almost daily for several weeks.

"Our position with all of this is to try to work with the snowmobile community, the Forest Service and the conservation groups and come up with some solutions that are amenable to everybody," Pitcher said.

Parties pushing for the hasty implementation of a winter travel plan say that conflict between motorized and nonmotorized users is on the rise, but remains low enough in intensity that all parties are acting in good faith.

But, they say, those conditions are changing.

"The technology has changed so radically in the last 10 to 15 years; these new machines can almost go anywhere, so they do," said Michael Whiting, Colorado policy manager at WWA. "That becomes a problem for the other 95 percent of the users of the forest."

Although nobody stated an interest in excluding motorized users, Whiting and Rader both note that motorized access must be balanced against impacts. Newer, more capable snowmobiles and the surging popularity of timbersleds — dirt bike-like vehicles with a ski in the front and a track in the back — are behind the growing impact of motorized users.

But Scott Jones, executive director of the Colorado Snowmobile Association, does not entirely agree with this characterization. He said snow conditions are much more a determining factor of where motorized vehicles can go.

"I don't see that technology being the game changer that some want it to be in terms of discussions," he said.

He, too, recognizes motorized user infringing on the ski area boundary as an issue and, like Whiting and Rader, wants to work with the forest managers to solve the problem.

However, Jones does not see widespread restriction as necessary or warranted.

"There's piles of opportunity for solitude and nonmotorized opportunities and that kind of stuff — it's all over in that (Wolf Creek Pass) neck of the woods in the wilderness," he

said. "Some of it's very difficult to get to, but solitude is something other than public land — that's usually private land."

Judi Perez, a strategic planner with the RGNF, said she is unsure when the planning process for a travel management plan will start, but that it is in the works.

She and Rader both said there has been discussion of conducting planning at a regional level so that winter travel restrictions can be consistent in transboundary zones, such as Wolf Creek Pass, which abuts both the San Juan and Rio Grande national forests.

She said the process will be driven by public input, something Whiting and Rader are already working to

## See Changes A15

# Public Notices

DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO

09 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.  
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO  
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: CAPITAL VENTURES, INC.  
You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court. If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.  
Dated: January 12, 2023  
Published in The Pagosa Sun, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, First Publication: January 19, 2023. Last Publication: February 16, 2023. Published January 19, 26, February 2, 9 and 16, 2023 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.  
Attorney or Party Without Party: Todd A. Weaver, Reg. No. 31708 P.O. Box 1507 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
Fax Number: Withheld Pursuant to Rule 6(e) Email: TWeaver@ArchuletaCounty.org

DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO  
CIVIL ACTION NO. 2022CV030038  
DIVISION NO. MG  
INITIAL COMBINED NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND RIGHT TO CURE AND REDEEM  
Plaintiff, Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association v. Defendants, DONALD DEEN BOOTH; ANITAT BOOTH  
SHERIFF SALE 2022-11  
This is to advise you that a Sheriff sale proceeding has been commenced through the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office pursuant to a Court Order and Decree dated October 7, 2022, and C.R.S. 38-38-101 et seq., by Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, the current holder of a real property recorded on September 5, 2019 at Rec. No. 21905036, in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The judicial foreclosure is based on a default under the Declaration of Restrictions Pagosa, recorded on June 24, 1970 at Reception No. 73297 in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The Declaration and notices, as recorded, establish a lien for the benefit of Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, WHICH LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS.  
Description of property to be foreclosed:  
Regarding: Lot 343 and 344 Pagosa Trails. According to the office plat of record in the Office of the County Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.  
Also known as: 54 Landau Dr, Pagosa Springs CO 81147  
NOTICE OF SALE  
You and each of you are hereby notified that a Sheriff's Sale of the referenced property is to be conducted by the Civil Division of the Sheriff's Office of Archuleta County, Colorado at 10:00 a.m., on the 22nd day of March 2023, at 85 Harman Park Dr., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; phone number 970-264-8434. At which sale, the above-described real property and improvements thereon will be sold to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of purchase, as provided by law.  
Plaintiff makes no warranty relating to title, possession, or quiet enjoyment in and to said real property in connection with this sale.  
PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.  
First Publication: January 26, 2023  
Last Publication: February 23, 2023  
Published in Pagosa Sun  
The name and address of the attorney representing the holder of the evidence of the debt is as follows:  
ORTEN CAVANAGH HOLMES & HUNT, LLC  
1445 Market Street, Suite 350  
Denver, CO 80202  
DATED This 5th day of January, 2023.  
Rich Valdez, Sheriff  
Archuleta County, Colorado  
By: /s/ Lorena Medina, Office Manager  
Published January 26, February 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2023 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS (NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF) §1-13.5-501, 1-13.5-1102(3), 32-1-905(2), C.R.S. TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and, particularly, to the electors of the Los Pinos Fire Protection District of La Plata & Archuleta Counties, Colorado.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on the 2nd day of May 2023, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, 3 directors will be elected to serve 4-year terms. Eligible electors of the Los Pinos Fire Protection District interested in serving on the board of directors may obtain a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form from the District Designated Election Official (DEO): Rebecca Flinders at the Los Pinos Fire Protection District at 275 Browning Ave. Ignacio, Colorado, 81137 (970) 563-9050.  
The Office of the DEO is open on the following days: Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
The deadline to submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance is close of business on **February 24, 2023** (not less than 67 days before the election).  
Affidavit of Intent to Be a Write-In-Candidate forms must be submitted to the office of the designated election official by the close of business on **Monday, February 27, 2023** (the sixty-fourth day before the election).  
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, an application for an absentee ballot shall be filed with the designated election official no later than the close of business on **Tuesday, April 25, 2023**. Los Pinos Fire Protection District  
Rebecca Flinders  
DEO  
Published January 26, 2023 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on the 2nd day of May, 2023, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, three (3) directors will be elected to serve 4-year terms.  
Eligible electors of the Upper San Juan Health Service District interested in serving on the board of directors may obtain a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form from the District Designated Election Official (DEO): Heather Thomas  
(Designated Election Official)  
95 S. Pagosa Blvd.  
(DEO Address)  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
(DEO Address)  
(970) 507-3815  
(DEO Telephone)  
DEO@psmedicalcenter.org  
(DEO email)  
The Office of the DEO is open on the following days: Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
The deadline to submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance is close of business 4:30 p.m. on February 24, 2023 (not less than 67 days before the election).  
Affidavit of Intent to Be a Write-In-Candidate forms must be submitted to the office of the designated election official by the close of business on **Monday, February 27, 2023** (the sixty-fourth day before the election).  
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, an application for an absentee ballot shall be filed with the designated election official no later than the close of business on **Tuesday** preceding the election, **April 25, 2023**.  
UPPER SAN JUAN HEALTH SERVICE DISTRICT  
By: /s/ Heather Thomas  
Designated Election Official Signature  
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DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO  
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION  
DATE FILED: December 16, 2022 12:00 PM  
Case No. 2022DR29  
In re the Marriage of:  
JIMMY DEE ELEDGE, Petitioner  
and  
MICHELLE MONTOYA-ELLEDGE, Respondent  
Action for Dissolution of Marriage  
TO THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENT MICHELLE MONTOYA-ELLEDGE: A copy of the Petition and Summons may be obtained from the Clerk of this Court during regular business hours. Default judgment may be entered against Respondent, if Respondent fails to appear or file a response within thirty-five days after date of Publication.  
/s/ Debbie Tully  
Clerk of the District Court  
Archuleta County  
109 Harman Park Dr/PO Box 148  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
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NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE  
AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED  
To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:  
Demetri Martinez  
P O BOX 97  
CHROMO, CO 81128  
Dora Jaramillo  
C/O LEO JARAMILLO  
25250 RIVERSIDE AVE  
WARRENVILLE, ID 60555  
Josefita Valdez, now deceased  
C/O MARCIA RUBILDA GARCIA  
ENGLWOOD, FL 34223  
PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81147  
Demetri Martinez, now deceased  
C/O BEVERLY JEAN MARTINEZ  
2544 RIO VISTA WAY  
FARMINGTON, NM 87401  
Joe Eloy Martinez, now deceased  
C/O MURRAY ARNOLD MARTINEZ  
1780 POINSETTA AVE  
ENGLWOOD, FL 34223  
Demetri Martinez, now deceased  
C/O MARKIE LEROY MARTINEZ  
3861 COUNTY ROAD 391 # 3861  
CHROMO, CO 81128  
John O. Martinez  
C/O ANETTE MCINNIS

4410 COUNTY ROAD 359  
CHROMO, CO 81128  
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 Mark Shannon the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
The W1/2SW1/4 of Section 1, Township 32 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M. and the N1/2NE1/4 of Section 11, Township 32 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M. and the N1/2NW1/4 of Section 12, Township 32 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M., all in Archuleta County, Colorado.  
LESS AND EXCEPT those Parcels in the N1/2NE1/4 of Section 11, Township 32 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M. and the N1/2NW1/4 of Section 12, Township 32 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M., Archuleta County, Colorado, being designated as Parcel 1, Parcel 2, and Parcel 3 as set forth and shown on the Survey recorded July 22, 1985 as Reception No. 132566.  
ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT that Tract of land in the N1/2NW1/4 of Section 12, Township 32 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M., Archuleta County, Colorado, being more particularly described in Quitclaim Deeds recorded September 7, 1999 as Reception Nos. 99008961, 99008962, 99008963, 99008964, and 99008965.  
Account Number: R017099  
Schedule Number: 615101300081  
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2019-04768  
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Mark Shannon.  
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 Demetri Martinez, now deceased and Josefita Valdez, now deceased and Dora Jaramillo and Delina Martinez and Joe Eloy Martinez, now deceased and John O. Martinez for said year 2018.  
That said Mark Shannon on the 12th day of December 2022, the present holder of said certificate (who) has a deed to said property.  
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to Mark Shannon on the 24th day of May 2023, unless the same has been redeemed.  
Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.  
Witness my hand this 3rd day of January 2023  
/s/ Elsa P White  
Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado  
Published January 26, February 2 and 9, 2023 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

DISTRICT COURT, Archuleta County, STATE OF COLORADO  
CIVIL ACTION NO. 2022CV030038  
DIVISION NO. MG  
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Plaintiff, Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association v. Defendants, DONALD DEEN BOOTH; ANITAT BOOTH  
SHERIFF SALE 2022-11  
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Description of property to be foreclosed:  
Regarding: Lot 343 and 344 Pagosa Trails. According to the office plat of record in the Office of the County Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.  
Also known as: 54 Landau Dr, Pagosa Springs CO 81147  
NOTICE OF SALE  
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Plaintiff makes no warranty relating to title, possession, or quiet enjoyment in and to said real property in connection with this sale.  
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The name and address of the attorney representing the holder of the evidence of the debt is as follows:  
ORTEN CAVANAGH HOLMES & HUNT, LLC  
1445 Market Street, Suite 350  
Denver, CO 80202  
DATED This 5th day of January, 2023.  
Rich Valdez, Sheriff  
Archuleta County, Colorado  
By: /s/ Lorena Medina, Office Manager  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on the 2nd day of May 2023, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, 3 directors will be elected to serve 4-year terms. Eligible electors of the Los Pinos Fire Protection District interested in serving on the board of directors may obtain a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form from the District Designated Election Official (DEO): Rebecca Flinders at the Los Pinos Fire Protection District at 275 Browning Ave. Ignacio, Colorado, 81137 (970) 563-9050.  
The Office of the DEO is open on the following days: Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, an application for an absentee ballot shall be filed with the designated election official no later than the close of business on **Tuesday, April 25, 2023**. Los Pinos Fire Protection District  
Rebecca Flinders  
DEO  
Published January 26, 2023 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a regular election will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, two (2) directors will be elected to serve 4-year terms.  
Self-Nomination and Acceptance forms are available from Tomi Bliss, the Designated Election Official for the District, at 165 North Pagosa Boulevard, Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147 or email address tbliss@pagosafire.com. Self-Nomination and Acceptance forms may be filed with the Designated Election Official for the District at the above email address not less than 67 days prior to the election (Friday, February 24, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.).  
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be filed with the Designated Election Official of the District at the above address during normal business hours, until the close of business on the Tuesday immediately preceding the election (Tuesday, April 25, 2023). All absentee ballots must be returned to the Designated Election Official by 7:00 p.m. on election day.  
PAGOSA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
By: /s/ Tomi Bliss, Designated Election Official  
Published in: Pagosa Springs Sun  
Published on January 26, 2023  
Published January 26, 2023 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on the 2nd day of May, 2023, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, 2 directors will be elected to serve 4-year terms and 3 directors will be elected to serve 2-year terms. Eligible electors of the Piedra Park Metropolitan Improvement District interested in serving on the board of directors may obtain a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form from the District Designated Election Official (DEO): Edna Marquez  
55 Milton Lane  
Arboles, CO, 81121  
970-883-5445  
piedrapark@yahoo.com  
Self-Nomination Forms can be picked up at the Water Plant address above.  
The deadline to submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance is close of business on February 24, 2023. Affidavit of Intent to Be a Write-In-Candidate forms must be submitted to the office of the designated election official by the close of business on **Monday, February 27, 2023** (the sixty-fourth day before the election).  
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, an application for an absentee ballot shall be filed with the designated election official no later than the close of business on **Tuesday** preceding the election, **April 25, 2023**.  
Designated Election Official Signature  
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April 25, 2023.  
San Juan River Village Metropolitan District  
Cynthia Purcell - Designated Election Official Signature  
Published January 26, 2023 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

## PUBLIC NOTICE AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Pagosa Springs plans to submit a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to the State of Colorado, Department of Local Affairs. CDBG funds are intended to provide decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities, principally for low and moderate-income persons through rehabilitation and preservation, economic job development, and public facilities improvements. The application being considered would request \$ 600,000 toward the construction of a community career technical facility located at 800 South 8th Street for Build Pagosa Inc. It is estimated that approximately 52% of the funds would benefit low and moderate-income persons. Permanent involuntary displacement of neighborhood persons or businesses is not anticipated. Should it later become necessary to consider such displacement alternatives will be examined to minimize the displacement. If no feasible alternatives exist, required/reasonable benefits will be provided to those displaced to mitigate adverse effects and hardships. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) during these hearings should notify Town Clerk, April Hessemann at Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd., Pagosa Springs, Colorado a minimum of 3 days in advance so that appropriate aids can be made available.  
A public hearing will be held at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at the Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd., Pagosa Springs, Colorado to obtain citizen views and to respond to proposals and questions related to:  
• The proposed CDBG application for this project; and  
• Community development and educational opportunities;  
• The performance of the Town of Pagosa Springs and sub-recipient, Build Pagosa Inc., in carrying out its community development responsibilities.  
A copy of the application(s) as submitted to the State will be available for public review at Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd., Pagosa Springs, Colorado and Build Pagosa Inc., 390 Boulder Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado  
Written comments are also welcome and must be received by 12:00 pm on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, hand delivered to Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd., Pagosa Springs, Colorado, or posted to Town Hall PO Box 1859 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 or emailed to ahesmann@pagosaspings.co.gov.  
Oral and written comments will be considered in deciding whether to submit an application for the proposed project. Written summary information will be available at Town Hall on February 8, 2023, until the submission date of any CDBG application(s) the Town of Pagosa Springs intends to submit to the State.  
Information and records regarding the Town of Pagosa Springs's proposed and past use of CDBG funds are available at Town Hall 551 Hot Springs Blvd. Pagosa Springs, Colorado during regular office hours.  
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# Community holds wonderful WinterFest

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
Pagosa Springs Area  
Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber is preparing for its annual meeting and Community Awards celebration to be held on Wednesday, Feb. 8, at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse. The event will start at 4 p.m. with a Community Conversation to include the town, county and Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC) agencies.

Derek Woodman, county manager, will be there to give new information on the county's short-term rental task force and potential guidelines.

James Dickhoff, Community Development director for the Town of Pagosa Springs, will be on hand to discuss upcoming downtown plans such as the Rumbaugh Creek bridge restoration, public arts program, 1st Street bridge and more.

Kat McFadden, Main Street coordinator and PSCDC administrator, will be at the conversation to speak about the new Main Street designation and program for Pagosa Springs.

All these topics concern our business community. It is important that we find out from the sources what new projects and guidelines will be unveiled in 2023, and how they affect your business and our community as a whole. These community conversations as part of the Chamber's annual meeting were started in 2022 to much success and positive feedback. It is important that our community hear from the sources about new programs and guidelines and be in an environment to learn and ask questions.

The first part of the annual meeting, which is the Community Conversation, begins at 4 p.m. and will last until about 5:30 p.m., and will include the presentations and time for Q&A.

Following the Community Conversation, there will be an awards component celebrating the 2022 Citizen, Volunteer, Small Business and Non-Profit of the Year. All the nominees are really winners. This means that people in this community value the work and participation of our businesses, nonprofits and individuals working to grow and enhance this community's way of life. There will be delicious hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, networking and, of course, the awards.

Tickets are only \$25 for a late afternoon and evening of knowledge and celebrations. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.pagosachamber.com](http://www.pagosachamber.com) on the home page under "More in the News." Tickets are also available at the door. This event is open to all, not just Chamber members. Come out and be informed and be present to thank those who do so much for our community.

## WinterFest recap

We had some highs and lows with WinterFest this year. The high, of course, was that we had more than 17 pilots come to Pagosa

Springs to fly their hot air balloons. The low is that we were not able to fly either Saturday or Sunday mornings. We tried and even delayed the launch time; however, with the low cloud cover and light snow on both mornings, the pilots were not able to launch. They did enjoy the rest of the events happening that weekend, which included the Barkus Parade, the Penguin Plunge, the Sledz on Rez, the cross-country ski events and skijoring.

The Penguin Plunge, with teams from the Humane Society, DUST2 and Special Olympics, raised over \$7,500 for this community. The organization raising the most money was the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs. Another noteworthy tidbit is that plunger Patrick White celebrated his seventh plunge in the river for the Humane Society, now holding the record for plunges at the Penguin Plunge.

The Sledz on Rez, hosted by Build Pagosa, had a lively crowd as sleds raced down the hill on the fresh and abundant snow. The crowd was entertained by fast times and a few good crashes — with no one being hurt.

The Riverwalk was lined with animals (mostly dogs) on Saturday morning as the Barkus Parade made its winter trek showing off costumes and beautiful breeds. This fun event gave the downtown spectators a lot of laughs and entertainment. A few of those dogs are also up for adoption through Rugby's Rescue.

The Pagosa Nordic Club hosted its events, with the Cross-Country Ski Clinic full of new enthusiasts and the BB Gun Biathlon garnering some great times and winners for the various age and ability categories. In the 16km race, Josh Kurz took first place in the men's division while Gina Basse took winning honors in the female division. Xavier Ritterman won the youth division and, in the 4km, Mallory St. Pierre and Duke Swenson took the first-place honors.

Two days of skijoring with fast times and lots of novice participants assured us that this event will only continue to grow in popularity. The skill in which these skiers must maneuver the course while tightening and loosening the slack on the ropes that are pulled with gives a whole new level of admiration for the riders and the skiers/boarders that participate in this event.

Our thanks go out to all the sponsors for the various events: lodgers, businesses, individuals, organizations, emergency services, the fire department, media and all of the volunteers. None of these events can occur without the community support. In addition, this weekend is made up of many components with organizations holding their own event, yet banding together to offer a number of festivities for the locals and visitors. We appreciate everyone's hard work and community support. We certainly had the snow this year making it a wonderful WinterFest 2023.

# Changes

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provide by collecting user data. "This was always the next step for us," Perez said. "... We may have gotten there a little bit sooner because of the litigation ... but it was always the next step."

Although Rader feels the plan was not a priority for the forest, he, Whitling and Pitcher all espoused the

belief that all parties can arrive at a mutually satisfactory solution.

"Hopefully, there's a map of areas you can go that are fun and appropriate and aren't going to have conflicts with other users and wildlife," Rader said. "Hopefully, it will be an asset to the snowmobile community as well."

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# Town moves toward repealing voter-approved workforce housing fee

By Derek Kutzer  
Staff Writer

On Jan. 19, the Pagosa Springs Town Council considered the first reading of Ordinance 992, which, if approved upon second reading, will repeal the workforce housing fee imposed on short-term rentals (STRs).

The fee was initiated through a citizen-driven referendum, which narrowly passed in the town's April 2022 election.

The voter-approved fee, which imposed a \$150 per-bedroom, per-month fee on STRs that would support workforce housing, was later challenged in court and was ultimately ruled invalid by Sixth Judicial District Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson.

As a result of the ruling, the town council had three options: It could agree with the ruling and therefore vote to approve Ordinance 992, which would repeal the workforce housing fee in accordance with the court's decision; it could vote to amend the first reading of the ordinance; or, it could let the voter-approved fee stand, which would require challenging the district court's ruling through the appeals

court process.

Town Attorney Clay Buchner walked the council through the legal history of the case, but thereafter much of the discussion took place within an executive session, not open to the public.

Buchner told the council that "there are some issues outstanding, regarding opposing council attorney's fees, and some of the language that the judge chose to use in the order ... that, I think it would be more appropriate in an executive session, because it does involve strategic negotiation and legal advice that would better given in a private setting."

After the council emerged from the executive session, Buchner advised the council against taking the appeal route, saying, "The likelihood of the success of such an appeal is very low."

He said that district court's two-pronged decision — that the citizen-initiative was an administrative action rather than a constitutionally allowable legislative one, and that it was a tax, not a fee, and therefore is in violation of the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights — would be "very challenging arguments to

overcome on appeal."

Buchner further stated that in an appeals court the burden of proof is entirely on the appellant (the town), while also citing the costs of going down this road.

"I do not recommend an appeal, and I recommend that you pass this first reading of Ordinance 992," he said.

When opened to public comment, audience member Bill Hudson said, "The voters have spoken and have told you how they feel about workforce housing and the ability of the STR industry to help support workforce housing ... And now that you have the Root Policy study, I look forward to future decisions that support what the voters wanted."

After discussion ceased, a motion was made, and seconded, to approve the first reading of Ordinance 992, repealing the voter-approved workforce housing fee. The motion passed unanimously.

The ordinance also needs to pass through a second reading before it becomes officially adopted.

Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained that the second reading will be on the Feb. 2 meeting agenda and if approved, it will officially repeal the fee.

However, this is not necessarily the end of the road for a potential housing fee to be attached to STRs.

Earlier in the meeting, some on the council saw the lawsuit and the court's ultimate invalidation of the fee as an opportunity to deliver for those who wanted STR fees to support workforce housing, yet on more legally sustainable grounds than the citizen initiative.

"The petitioners brought this to the voters due to the town council's inaction to do anything on that front, and regardless of the results of the lawsuit now, I think this is worth the town discussing bringing it [STR fees] back, in ordinance form, to see if we have the political willpower to do it this time around," council member Matt DeGuise said.

Council member Gary Williams agreed, saying, "I would second what Matt just said," since the town now has a "nexus study" for an STR fee that would be adequate to cover "implementation costs of workforce housing ... I'd very much be in favor of doing something."

"This is a major red flag for voters," council member Jeff Posey said. "I mean, voters clearly wanted something to happen, but the thing they put their faith in was incredibly flawed. The authors ... were unwilling or unable to work hard enough on it to make it legally defensible ... We wasted a lot of taxpayer dollars on something that ultimately failed."

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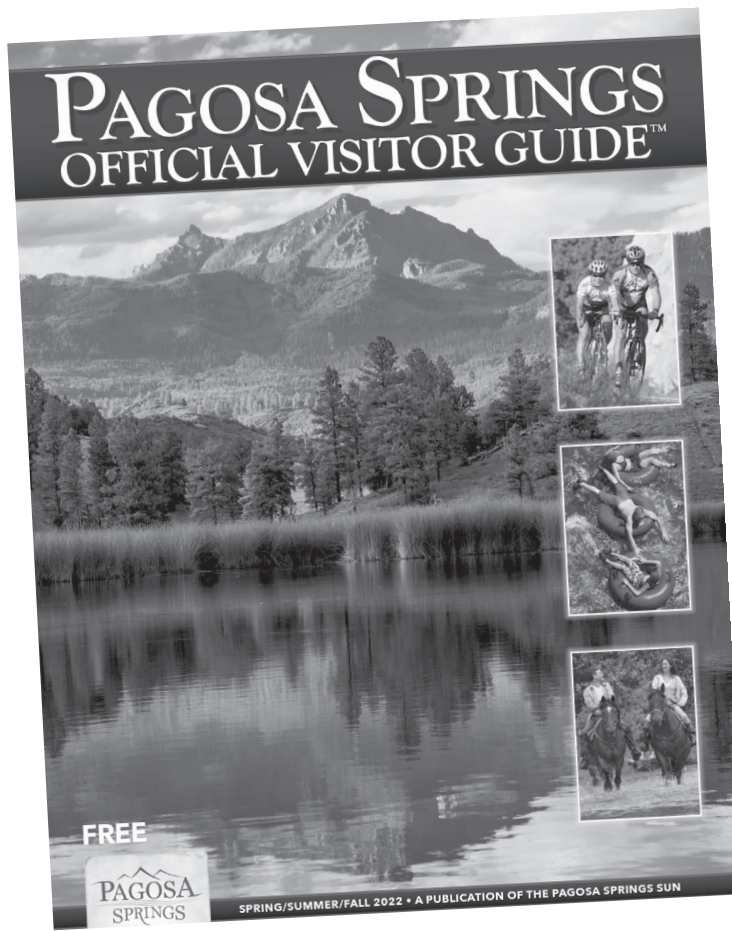
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# WinterFest Fun



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Folks braved the cold for a little downtown winter fun during last weekend's WinterFest activities, both to participate and to cheer on those participating in the Sledz on Rez homemade sled race, Penguin Plunge fundraiser and Barkus Parade.



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# Two major free San Juan Basin Public Health events on tap at library

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Staff from San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) will be hosting two free events at your library that are of vital importance to you, your family and our community.

On Wednesday, Feb. 1, from 1 to 2 p.m., a SJBPH representative will discuss the dangers of radon gas in homes and businesses, take your questions, and distribute free radon test kits. January is the best time to test for the cancer-causing gas because levels are highest when windows and doors are closed.

The kits are preaddressed, so once you've finished the test you can just seal it up and drop it in the mail. You'll get your results via email or mail from the lab that made the tests. The geology of southwest Colorado leads to an increased risk of radon gas here, so this is an important topic for us to understand. In fact, radon exposure is the leading cause of lung cancer, even in people who have never smoked.

Then on Tuesday, Feb. 7, from 3 p.m., SJBPH staff will be on hand to give you copies of its community health assessment and help you fill it out. This is a 15-minute anonymous survey to gather input and opinions from Archuleta and La Plata county residents on your major health priorities and needs.

## Library News

Since both counties are now in the process of forming new individual public health departments to launch Jan. 1, 2024, your input will be vital to setting their priorities as they set up their services.

If the Feb. 7 date does not work for you, an alternative is for you to come to the library to fill out the survey online or pick it up on paper and return it to the library or SJBPH when you have completed it.

These two events are the beginning of a series of monthly outreach sessions hosted by SJBPH at your library. March will feature a Nurse-Family Partnership discussion on March 7.

### Events calendar

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:

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- Saturdays, your library is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Special teen and tween event

Teens and tweens will want to mark your calendars for next Friday, Feb. 3, for our first-ever free Teen and Tween Takeover of the library from 2 to 4 p.m. During that time, our conversational computers will be reserved only for users aged 9-19.

### Save the date for Friends book sale

On Feb. 11, the Friends of the Library will host a Cabin Fever Book Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at your library. This is a great opportunity for you to find new treasures at bargain prices to keep you company this winter.

■ See Library on next page

## Live Performers

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- Saturday**  
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Ron and Susan, 5 p.m.
- Tuesday**  
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Joel Racheff, 5 p.m.
- Wednesday**  
The Den: Karaoke, 8 p.m.

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## Save the date for library fundraiser

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If you want to decorate a table for this prestigious event, please call Cindi Galabota, library foundation director, at (970) 264-2209.

## Gaming tomorrow

Enjoy free all-ages video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 27, from 3 to 4 p.m.

## LEGO Club on Saturday

Kids aged 6 and up are invited to bring your imaginations — LEGOs are provided — on Saturday, Jan. 28, from 11 a.m. to noon for the free LEGO Club. LEGO challenges also are posted on Facebook if you can't make it to the library.

## Virtual Dungeons and Dragons

Next Thursday, Feb. 2, from 4 to 6 p.m., join our online Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults on Discord. Registration is required because space is limited. Contact Josie@pagosalibrary.org to join.

## More online author talks

On Tuesday, Jan. 31, at noon, we'll meet with Randall Munroe, creator of "XKCD: What If," a web-comic 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 or smartphone with Internet access. You will have an opportunity to ask questions of the authors.

The author talks continue next month with three more sessions in February.

On Thursday, Feb. 9, at 5 p.m., we'll hear from Lena Harper, author of "Back in a Spell," part of the Witches of Thistle Grove fantasy romance series.

Feb. 16 at 11 a.m. showcases Grace M. Cho, author of "Tastes Like War," a Korean American daughter's exploration of food and family history in order to understand her mother's schizophrenia.

At 2 p.m. on Feb. 28, we'll interact with Sadeqa Johnson, award-winning author of "The House of Eve." Johnson has written four novels and is the recipient of the National Book Club Award, the Phillis Wheatley Award and the USA Best Book Award for best fiction.

## 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

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Curtains Up Pagosa

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February Follies, your local talent competition.

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 **See Follies on next page**

## Library

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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.

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### Spanish-edition books

"El Gran Gatsby" ("The Great Gatsby") by F. Scott Fitzgerald is the classic novel set in the days of prohibition in the 1920s. "El Visitante" ("The Outsider") by Stephen King is the horror thriller that became an HBO mini-series.

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### Quotable quote

"I believe my longevity has de-

pended a great deal on the amount of laughter I have had in my life." — Norman Lear, age 100 years; American writer, producer and director of scores of TV series, most notably "All in the Family," "Sanford and Son" and "The Jeffersons."

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# Eggscuse me? Egg prices hit record highs

By Gail Ellis and Robin Young  
PREVIEW Columnists

Record-high egg prices are making headlines right now, but when can consumers expect some relief? Oklahoma State University (OSU) Extension specialists say several factors are to blame for the significant price spike, and the sticker shock is expected to continue through the first quarter of 2023.

“At this time in 2021, eggs were \$1.47 a dozen, in 2022 they were \$1.93 a dozen and today we’re still at \$4 a dozen,” said Rodney Holcomb, OSU Extension specialist in food economics. “The line chart just goes straight up.”

Data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture shows egg prices typically jump during the holiday season, and the cost of eggs has historically increased during times of economic strain such as the recession in 2008 and

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the spread of COVID in 2020. However, today’s record prices reflect the nationwide impact of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) and a booming demand for egg consumption.

“In the food research I did 30 years ago as a grad student, eggs were always the lower-cost animal protein option,” Holcomb said. “They were a good protein source that was available, cheap and easy to fix. Over the past couple of years, as the price of beef, turkey, bacon and chicken skyrocketed, people chose to eat more eggs.”

In states where HPAI decimated commercial poultry flocks in

2022, the demand for laying hens outpaced egg supplies. Holcomb said it takes time to rebuild those operations.

“The price of chicken also went up last year because of avian influenza, but the rebound is faster for broilers,” he said. “It only takes about six weeks to go from a hatched chick to a broiler that’s ready for market. With laying hens, it takes months for them to grow to sexual maturity, start laying eggs and provide a consistent supply at peak production.”

The worldwide phenomenon of egg consumption also relies heavily on the fact that eggs are an essential ingredient in many prepared foods. While eggs are more budget-friendly than beef, pork, turkey or chicken, the rapid climb of egg demand in 2022 does not run parallel to a price hike in other markets.

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# Follies

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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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Oakley poses with his dogdominium at Wolf Creek Ski Area. Lift operator Scott Bradford built the structure for the popular pup.

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Derrell Peel, OSU Extension livestock marketing specialist, said retail beef prices are 2.4 percent lower than they were a year ago and have remained steady for the past 15 months.

“There is no doubt of some substitution of eggs for other proteins, although I don’t believe it to be a major factor,” Peel said. “Eggs are well established as a breakfast item and are complementary for meats like sausage and bacon. Higher egg prices are more likely due to supply issues than those that are demand driven. In 2022, 44.4 million layer chickens were depopulated because of avian influenza. I expect that is the major driver of higher egg prices.”

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## ATTENTION Pagosa Area Artists

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# Public meeting for Older Americans Act Programs and Services set for Feb. 7

By Rose Chavez  
PREVIEW Columnist

Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI), also known as the Pagosa Senior Center, will be hosting a public meeting Thursday, Feb. 7, starting at 2 p.m. at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. for the Older Americans Act programs and services that are primarily funded through the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging.

Stakeholders from the community are invited, including those 60 and above in addition to their family caregivers age 18 and older.

Planning issues that will be discussed include: Meals on Wheels,



meal sites, transportation, snow shoveling, home repair, legal assistance, ombudsman support, low vision, tech classes, dental assistance, Medicare, Medicaid, counseling options, information referral assistance, fall prevention, support groups, caregiver services and community education resources. Light refreshments will

be provided.

## VITA tax volunteers to assist with senior tax returns Feb 25

VITA tax volunteers will be com-

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Holcomb said inflation across the board will influence the 2023 egg price outlook because the egg industry's new normal is yet to be determined. Higher fuel, feed and fertilizer costs as well as additional avian influenza outbreaks could potentially increase prices.

Holcomb suggested he hopes for a steady decline, but said prices are going to be higher than expected through the second quarter of this year.

"It's still a relatively inexpensive protein source, but you'd have to get back down to the \$2.50 to \$3 range per dozen just to be somewhere in the same category as an inflation-adjusted normal price relative to every other food product," he said.

Gail Ellis works for OSU Extension.

## Upcoming classes

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

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 to 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

Visit us on the Web at <https://archuleta.extension.colostate.edu/> or like us on Facebook and get more information: <https://www.facebook.com/CSUARCHCTY> and <https://www.facebook.com/ArchuletaCounty4H>.



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# Senior

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ing to the 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 to 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. 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 shovel snow for seniors

With the influx of all the recent winter weather, there is a growing need to support senior citizens with snow shoveling services. To that end, the Senior Center is recruiting community volunteers to assist seniors in need during the remainder of the winter months. If you are interested and capable, please contact us at (970) 264-2167.

## 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 for health promotion and disease prevention.

## 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 information, 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.

## Community Cafe menu

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.

Monday, Jan. 30 — Cod piccata, glazed carrots, garden salad, fruit, German chocolate cake and milk.

Tuesday Jan. 31 — Pork chops with sauteed apples, sweet potatoes, dinner roll, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, Feb. 1 — Chicken and mushroom crepes, lemon asparagus with toasted almonds, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Thursday, Feb. 2 — Vegetable lasagna with garlic bread, fresh berries, carrot cake, garden salad and milk.

Friday, Feb. 3 — Frito pie with cheese, coleslaw, cornbread, peach cobbler, garden salad and milk.

## Grab-N-Go meals

Grab-N-Go meal reservations and cancellations are required. Please call or text by 9 a.m. the

morning of the day you want to pick up a meal. A suggested donation of \$10 helps to sustain our program. No one will be turned away for their inability to donate. For ages 59 and younger, the cost is \$10.50. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to make a reservation.

## Meals on Wheels

We deliver fresh Meals on Wheels five days a week (and provide frozen Meals on Wheels for weekends) to homebound Archuleta County residents. Call or text us at (970) 264-2167.

## Requesting donations

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## Pagosa Bible Church announces marriage course

By Dave Stene  
Pagosa Bible Church

Are you looking for some practical support to strengthen your relationship? Would you like to find a way to deepen and enrich your marriage? Could your relationship use some help? Then come to the Marriage Course.

The Marriage Course is for couples who are seeking to strengthen their relationship. Some couples do the course to intentionally invest in their relationship, while others are looking to address more specific

challenges. Either way, the course offers essential tools and practical ideas to help you build a relationship that lasts a lifetime.

The Marriage Course is based on Christian principles, but designed for all couples with or without a church background.

The course is set up like a date night, one evening a week for seven weeks. Each couple sits at a table for two in a room with other couples. You will enjoy a great dessert and watch a video presentation on a topic that will help to strengthen and enhance your marriage. You

will also have time to discuss issues that are raised with your partner. All the conversations are private and the setting is structured to provide a safe environment in which to talk.

The Marriage Course starts this Friday, Jan. 27, and runs for seven weeks at Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Each session goes from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost for the course is \$20 per couple and child care is provided. If you would like to register or have any questions, email [darren@pagosabiblechurch.org](mailto:darren@pagosabiblechurch.org).

## New Thought topic: ‘Creating a Year of Miracles — Living a Divine Life’

By Shayla McClure  
New Thought Center for  
Inspirational Living

The Jan. 29 Sunday service at 11 a.m. will be with Shayla McClure, spiritual director: “Creating a Year of Miracles — Living a Divine Life.”

“When there is light in the soul, there is beauty in the person. When there is beauty in the person, there is harmony in the house. When there is harmony in the house, there is order in the nation. When there is order in the nation, there is peace in the world” — Marci Shimoff, “Happy for No Reason: 7 Steps to Being Happy from the Inside Out.”

### 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.

Every other Thursday in January at 10 a.m.: “Into Your Genius,” a Bob Proctor and Mary Morrissey six-week study group with Shayla 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.

Saturday, Jan. 28, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.: A Spirit Day with White Eagle. Call to book your time. For more information, contact (970) 510-0309.

Jan. 29, 1 p.m.: Ignite Your Life group meeting with Dr. Elaine Harding.

Feb. 10, 2 to 4 p.m.: Heartfelt chocolate making class with Jenelle Syverson.

Feb 11, 5 to 7:30 p.m.: Valentine BraveHearts celebration benefit

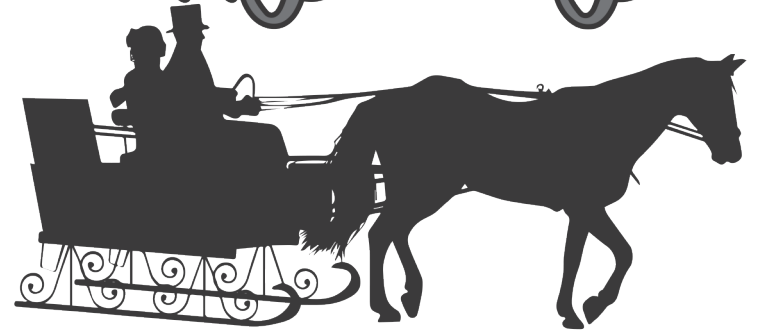
dinner and music, 5 to 7:30 p.m. Contact (970) 309-6067 for reservations. Tickets are \$20.

March 11, 5 to 7:30 p.m.: Academy Awards red carpet evening benefit. There will be a silent auction, appetizers and cash bar. Tickets are on sale for \$25.

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

## 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.

**Rise Above Violence: Healing Circle.** Noon-1 p.m., PMAB Studio, 140 Country Center Drive. The Healing Circle is a monthly group designed for women who have experienced interpersonal violence, including domestic violence, sexual assault and child sexual or physical abuse to learn new ways of healing. Classes are free of charge and are for trauma survivors only. Confidentiality will be upheld and required of all participants. No disclosures are required or necessary to attend. For more information, call Ashley Wilson at (970) 264-1129, ext. 4.

**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.

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

**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

**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.

**Line Dancing.** 9:30-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. If you have not attended before, please call Beverly at (970) 264-2064 for more information.

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

## Tuesday, Jan. 31

**Pagosa Springs Stitchers.** 10 a.m.-noon, Community United Methodist 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.

**Tech Time.** 10 a.m.-noon, 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

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# The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

## ACROSS

- 1 Docket entry
- 5 Twin crystal
- 10 Chaplin prop
- 14 Bank offering
- 15 Hankered (for)
- 16 Forest ox
- 17 Cross to bear
- 18 Complimentary
- 20 Fashion bigwig
- 22 Small opening
- 23 Fit of fever
- 24 \_\_\_ of roses
- 26 Enormity
- 29 Cartoon coyote's supplier
- 33 Poetic homage
- 34 Straight
- 36 Plumber's job
- 37 Compensation
- 39 Parish residence
- 41 Medicinal herb
- 42 Type of funds
- 44 Tree trickling
- 45 Tripod trio
- 46 Speak for
- 48 Consumed
- 51 Charles and Bradbury
- 52 Overdo the diet
- 55 "Sara" singers
- 59 Las Vegas event
- 61 Scene attempt
- 62 Beheaded Boleyn
- 63 Minimal bottom
- 64 \_\_\_ and anon
- 65 Abacus piece
- 66 Have a hunch
- 67 Butcher's stock

## DOWN

- 1 Knucklehead
- 2 Top-notch
- 3 Dachshund, slangily
- 4 Naval officer rank
- 5 Personal charm

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- 6 "Care" anagram
- 7 Hepburn/Grant film of 1963
- 8 Book end?
- 9 Something drawn out
- 10 Eye affliction
- 11 Soon, to a poet
- 12 Part of speech
- 13 Word before chair or street
- 19 Lyrical Gershwin
- 21 Cunning
- 25 Destroy
- 26 Fable finale
- 27 "Easy on Me" singer
- 28 Hesitant
- 30 Narrow escape
- 31 Baio co-star
- 32 Pharaoh's land
- 35 Set up differently
- 38 Sign on a table
- 40 Weather word
- 43 Headache cause
- 47 Part of DOS
- 49 Envelope abbr.
- 50 Scout shelters
- 52 Wound remnant
- 53 Voice mail prompt
- 54 Palindromic name
- 56 Heaps
- 57 Furniture giant
- 58 Flippant
- 60 Bite-bullet link

### Answers to Previous Crossword:

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accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**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.

**WHIPS (Women Helping in Pagosa Springs) Meeting.** 11:30 a.m. at The Den Sports Bar and Grill. We will be wishing Ron Gustafson our blessings on his upcoming move to Monte Vista. All adult women are welcome. RSVPs are needed by Sunday, Jan. 29, to (970) 946-1895.

**Online Author Talks: Randall Munroe.** Noon. We will gather virtually with Randall Munroe, creator of "XKCD: What If," a webcomic of romance, sarcasm, math and language. Virtual series featuring New York Times bestselling authors and thought-leaders giving live,

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**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](mailto:pagosaduplicate@gmail.com) or call (970) 946-6454 for more information.

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

**Art Class: Wreaths.** 1:15 p.m., Senior Center. No reservations required, but space is limited, so be sure to be there on time. 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.

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

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

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

**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.

**Wednesday, Feb. 1**

**Pickleball.** 8-11:30 a.m., Community

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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.

**Radon Discussion.** 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. A San Juan Basin Public Health representative will discuss the dangers of radon gas in homes and businesses, take questions, and distribute free radon test kits.

**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.

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**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 language 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.

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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 pine siskin.**

**These birds are gregarious year-round, traveling in flocks to locate food, feeding and roosting together, and building nests near each other. Members are in constant contact with their "bzzzzt!" calls that keep the flock unified. If one shows up at your thistle feeder, several others are sure to follow.**

**This small, brown-streaked bird shows yellow patches in its wings and dark, notched tail, and has a slender, pointed bill. It is a resident bird in our area. As their name suggests, these birds extract the seeds of conifers but also eat a wide variety of other small seeds, including those of alder, grasses, rabbitbrush, weeds including thistle plants, and small insects and spiders. Their small size allows them to forage on tips of branches and stems, often upside down, to locate food unavailable to heavier birds.**

**Birds employ diverse strategies to eat in winter. Some migrate, either thousands of miles, only a few miles downslope, or distances in between, for a reliable winter food source. Some hide food in the fall, behind tree bark or buried in the ground, to serve as winter food stores. Many switch sources and eat what is currently available. Others like the pine siskin are nomadic in their search for food.**

**Several small finches like this one who live in the boreal forests of Canada and Alaska are tied to trees that don't produce seeds every year. When cone crops are poor, they head south in large movements called irruptions in search of food, to the delight of birdwatchers who live outside their normal range. Birds which feed in close proximity at feeders can readily spread disease to each other and finches are especially vulnerable. Regular disinfection of feeders helps to keep birds healthy.**

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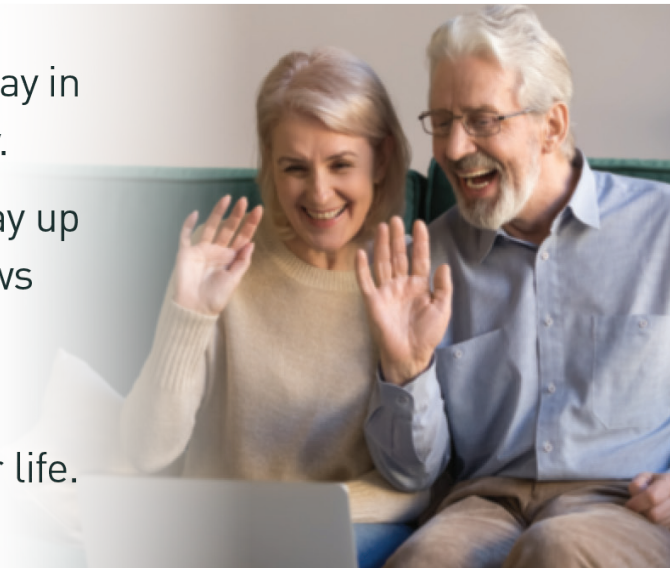
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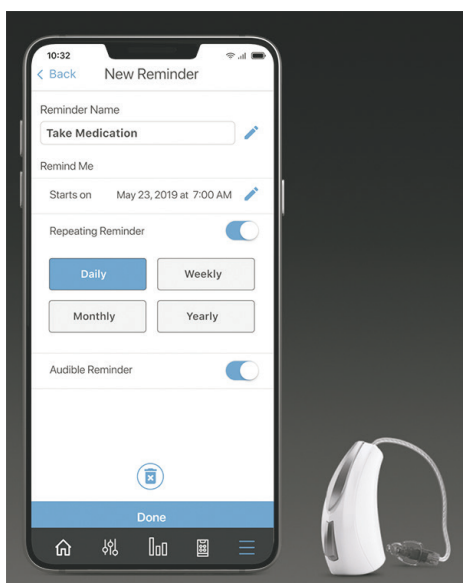
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**San Juan Outdoor Club Monthly Meeting.** 6 p.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Doug Coombs will present photos from his month-long travels through Brazil last summer. The travel included national parks, botanical gardens, Amazonia rainforest in the dry season, savannahs, Rio de Janeiro, a cruise on the Rio Negro and other tributaries of the Amazon, and more. Social time starts at 6 p.m. with light refreshments. The public is welcome. For more information, email sanjuanoutdoorclub@gmail.com.

**Pagosa Springs Varsity Boys' Wrestling.** 6 p.m. Pagosa Springs High School. League championship duals.

**Friday, Feb. 3**

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

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**Teen and Tween Takeover.** 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Take over the library. Our conversational computers will be reserved for users ages 9-19. Come play with us. 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.

**Saturday, Feb. 4**

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

**Monday, Feb. 6**

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**Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network Meeting.** 8-11 a.m., Grace in Pagosa, 1044 Park Ave. Christian writers' weekly meeting. For more information, contact Kanaka Parea at (970) 946-5869.

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

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Copco No. 1 Unit, one of four dams slated for removal on the Klamath River.

# What a long, strange trip to kill four dams

By Rocky Barker  
PREVIEW Columnist

Finally, after a 50-year effort, four massive dams on the Klamath River in northern California and Oregon will start coming down this July.

For the Yurok, Karuk, Hoopa, Shasta and Klamath tribes living along this river since time immemorial, there's much to celebrate. They have long fought for the lives of the salmon that are harmed by these dams and for their right to fish for them.

Even PacifiCorp, which marketed the electricity of the four hydroelectric-producing dams, will also have something to cheer about. PacifiCorp, which is owned by billionaire Warren Buffett, won't have pricey fish ladders to install and its share of the cost of dam removal has been passed to rate-payers in both states.

Environmentalists are also hailing this latest victory for river renewal, based on the Electric Consumers Protection Act of 1986. The law ordered operators of most federal dams to provide passages for fish so they could swim upstream to spawn.

For California and Oregon officials, along with farmers and others who had reached an agreement as far back in 2008, the dam removals signal that this long and emotional fight is finally over. And why has there been a settlement after all this time? A short answer is the growing reality of the West's increasing aridity.

In 2001, yet another dry year in

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the upper Klamath, farmers woke up to find their headgates for irrigation water locked. It was done to preserve flows for endangered salmon, but for outraged farmers it meant their crops were ruined and they lost anywhere from \$27 million to \$47 million. Death threats followed, along with shootings and even a farmers' cavalry charge.

The newly elected Bush administration reacted by making sure the farmers got their water, though this triggered one of the largest salmon die-offs in history. The Klamath tribes were infuriated.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission started tackling the issue in 2007 by ordering PacifiCorp to install fish ladders on its four fish-killing dams. After electric rates soared 1,000 percent, that left everybody mad and set the stage for a deal.

In a turnaround for the Bush administration, a pact was almost

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# 'I am not a fan of Jesus'

By Stan F. Counsell  
PREVIEW Columnist

## A Matter of Faith

Imagine a large and boisterous Sunday afternoon parade marching through downtown with drums beating loudly, clowns holding brightly colored balloons, marchers waving at the onlookers and a band playing glorious God-honoring music. It would get our attention, right? We would probably huddle up at the curb and cheer them on; after all, everybody loves a parade.

But, what if the parade's people chanted, "I am not a fan of Jesus," and even carried signs displaying that same perceived in-your-face statement? Wouldn't that cause a myriad of responses? Many would be horrified, their jaws dropping, eyes bulging, with steam spewing from their ears. Others, not wishing a confrontation, would pretend they didn't hear or see something so "disturbing." Still, some parade route liners would venture a hearty, "Me, too," and join the parade.

Such a strong proclamation would most certainly shred some of the peace and serenity of this mountain paradise, the air immediately electrified. But, wait, the marchers are some local church leaders and parishioners. This just can't be. Is this the end of the world, people quitting on Jesus? Actually, it's not.

A closer look shows the marchers are more in line with God's word than many, seeing the Lord for what He truly is and who they, His followers, are. It's all about our relationship with Jesus. Are we His fans or His followers?

As God said in Genesis 2:18, "It is not good that man should be alone." The operative Hebrew word for "not good" is the word "not." It is translated as "never." Almighty God, the creator of humankind, said it is never good to be alone.

We weren't created to be an island, a lone wolf or a solitary tree in the midst of nowhere. We were created to have a solid and worthy relationship first with God, then with family and others. Even having pets is a delightful blessing and comfort when feeling alone.

But, sometimes a "fork in the road" can present itself in a relationship. Someone might have a problem trusting others due to past hurts. There can be different life goals, education, age, cultures and maturity levels that become

difficult to ignore. It's as if pebbles start mounting inside our sandals; we can ignore that lone little one for a season but, when more gather, the discomfort can't be ignored.

Relationships can be that way: a great start, but then small difficulties grow over time and friendships become threatened — the proverbial fork in the road, decision time. Jesus encountered this "fork" many times when He walked the earth.

In John 6:66-69, Jesus was delivering some difficult teachings about Himself and many of His followers left, no longer willing to follow Him. Jesus turned to the Twelve and said, "Do you want to leave me too?" The disciples, uneasy at such hard teachings, counted the cost and chose to remain His followers.

Just what is the difference between a fan or follower of Jesus? Some of the following is gleaned from the book "Not A Fan" by Kyle Idleman, a teaching pastor in Louisville, Ky.

In Luke 9:57-62, three different people approached Jesus about

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## Writers

■ continued from previous page reached in 2008, when Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne, who had stubbornly opposed breaching dams, persuaded Oregon Democratic Gov. Ted Kulongoski and Republican California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to reach an agreement.

The deal had something for everyone: The Klamath tribes, with senior water rights, subordinated those rights for a large grant to purchase land. The federal government paid half the cost of removing the dams and the state of California paid the other half.

Then a stumbling block intruded: Powerful Republicans opposed dam removal and the legislation that would have put the agreement into effect.

But negotiations continued, this time without the federal government picking up any of the costs. As 2022 ended, California Gov. Gavin Newsom joined Oregon Gov. Kate Brown, PacifiCorp, the tribes and others to celebrate the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's approval of the dams coming down.

When they hold the big celebration this summer as the dams crumple, I hope people remember the courageous role of Kemp-

thorne, who broke the impasse over the dams back in 2008.

When the very first American dam was destroyed in 1999, I was in Augusta, Maine, to help celebrate. After the Edwards Dam was breached, the Kennebec River ran free for the first time since the novelist Nathaniel Hawthorne walked its banks 160 years before. On the south side of the river stood residents whose ancestors worked in the mills the dam had powered. Many were crying. It reminded me that change is never easy.

And in 2012, I celebrated with others when the first of two dams on western Washington's Elwha River was breached. In both places, and as is true for most of the 1,200 dams that have been removed since then, rivers have quickly returned to life.

I look forward to seeing that same amazing burst of renewal after the four lower Snake River dams finally come down.

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# Quick and easy ways to give your kitchen a new look

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Kitchens are often described as the busiest rooms in a home. Kitchens are where meals are prepared and tend to be go-to gathering spots on holiday get-togethers and during other events when homeowners host family and friends.

With so much time spent in the kitchen, it's easy to see how homeowners might grow a little bored by these rooms. The cost of a kitchen remodel won't be cheap, as the home improvement resource Angi.com notes that the typical cost of such a project in the United States is between \$13,000 and \$38,000. Angi.com estimates even indicate that a high-end remodel could cost homeowners as much as \$61,000. That's beyond many homeowners' budgets.

But the good news is that there are many quick and easy, not to mention less expensive, ways to give a kitchen a new look:

- Repaint and restyle the cabinets. Cabinet space is an undeniably precious commodity in a kitchen, especially as more and more homeowners embrace their inner chef and cook more com-

plicated meals at home. After all, the more expansive a home chef's culinary repertoire, the more space that person needs to store all the tools of the cooking trade. A full cabinet replacement is unnecessary if the cabinets are still functional and not overcrowded, so repainting them can be a great way to give the kitchen a new look while keeping costs reasonable. During the painting project, homeowners can install new cabinet knobs and/or drawer pulls to freshen up the style of the cabinets even further.

- Install under-cabinet lighting. Another inexpensive way to give a kitchen a new look is to install under-cabinet lighting. Under-cabinet lighting serves both an aesthetic and practical purpose. From a purely aesthetic standpoint, under-cabinet lighting can make a kitchen feel more warm and keep the kitchen illuminated when meals aren't being prepared and homeowners don't want to have their overhead lights on but still want to be able to navigate the kitchen safely. During meal prep, under-cabinet lighting can illuminate counters so it's easier to chop, peel and perform other prep tasks.

- Replace existing backsplash.

Replacing backsplash is another simple, inexpensive and effective way to give a kitchen a new feel. Homeowners can opt for something neutral that won't upset their existing decor or go with a more bold backsplash that immediately draws the attention of anyone who enters the room. This simple job can be done by the average do-it-yourselfer and the cost of new backsplash won't break the bank.

- Replace existing seating. Whether you have an island countertop with bar stools or a breakfast nook with cushioned seats, replacing the seating is a budget-friendly job that can create a new look when entering the room. Countertop bar stools come in many styles, so giving this area of the kitchen a new feel can be as simple as shifting from classic, high-back stools to more modern swivel stools with a chrome base. For the breakfast nook, replacing a light-colored bench cushion with a bolder alternative can instantly transform the look of the space.

Kitchen remodels can break the bank, but there's a host of budget-friendly ways for cost-conscious homeowners to revitalize these popular spaces in their homes.

## Faith

■ continued from previous page following Him. Unfortunately, all three had, to them, commitment issues of varying sorts. They "knew" Jesus would give them leave. But Jesus, seeing through their smoke of excuses, didn't.

These three made themselves but fans of Jesus. A fan will cheer you on, admire you, even be willing to commit some time to helping you. They will, in essence, be saying, "I will love you forever, today."

A fan wants to wear a cross. A follower wants to bear the cross. A fan has no problem receiving a small touch from God. A follower wants a complete renovation. A fan can enthusiastically admire the cause of Christ. But a follower will deny themselves, take up their cross and follow Jesus.

Furthermore, a fan is interested in looking their best for show. A follower wants to be their best in service to Christ. A fan will greatly value their personal comfort zone. A follower will consider the cause of Christ their true comfort zone. A fan keeps their eye on their watch. A follower keeps their eye on Jesus Christ — the Word that became flesh and dwelt among us.

Finally, a fan considers it an option to find a biblically healthy Christian church to attend sparingly when it suits them. A follower will seek, find and strongly commit

to such a church — hook, line and sinker.

When we come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, a spiritual fork in the road appears before us. We made our choice for Him, but of what value is that choice? Is that value one of ease because we have our life to live? Or, do we feel the burden of the apostle Paul when he wrote in Philippians 1:21, "For me, living is for Jesus Christ. But,

when I die, there will be great gain."

Our daily walk with God will be littered with forks. God will always call out to us, "Choose life!" (Deuteronomy 30:19). Will we? One choice will be of ease, the other one of service. Will we listen to ourselves or Jesus Christ — be a fan or a follower?

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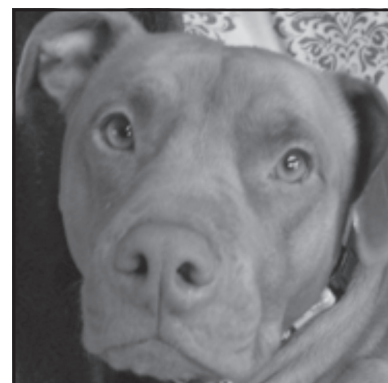
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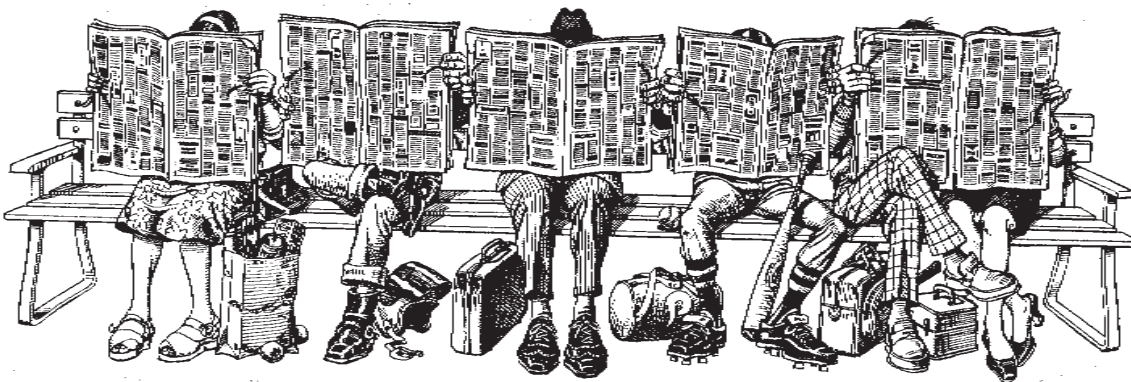


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**CNA CLASS STARTING SOON.** Full-time positions available. Alternating weekends off. Competitive wages and benefit package. Apply at Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr., Pagosa.

**MAINTENANCE PERSON NEEDED** for Lakeview Estates Apartments. Must have experience and own tools. \$20 per hour. Apply in person, 857 N. Pagosa Blvd. or send resume to [mountainsiderhonda@gmail.com](mailto:mountainsiderhonda@gmail.com).

**THE TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS** is seeking to hire a Finance Specialist in our Administration Division. The individual selected for this position is responsible for performing a variety of routine and complex financial, record keeping, and administrative functions to support the operation of the Office of the Town Clerk. This is a full-time position with benefits. For more information on the position and to apply, go to the Town's website at [www.pagosasprings.co.gov](http://www.pagosasprings.co.gov) and select Employment.

**PHYSICAL THERAPY TECH-** Rocky Mountain Physical Therapy has an opening for a full-time Physical Therapy Tech. We are looking for a dependable, energetic multitasker who will enjoy helping people recover from surgeries, injuries, accidents and other health issues to join our team. No prior experience necessary. We offer competitive pay and benefits including paid holidays, paid sick leave, 401k plan, and a profit-sharing program. Please submit resume to RMPT, 35 Mary Fisher Circle or email to [rockymountainpt@yahoo.com](mailto:rockymountainpt@yahoo.com).

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**KITCHEN HELP, MORNING AND** afternoon shifts. No experience necessary. Flexible schedule and competitive wages. Apply in person, Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr., Pagosa Springs. EOE.

**HELP WANTED**

**PART-TIME POSITION FOR SNOWPLOWING/** snow removal. Must have valid Colorado license and transportation. Pay based on experience and knowledge. Call (970)946-2061, Eric.

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**HUMANE SOCIETY OF PAGOSA SPRINGS** Animal Shelter Kennel Attendant. Full time available, may include some weekend work. Job requires cross-training in all aspects of the shelter operation, including working with animals and the public. Must adhere to shelter procedures to maintain animal health and safety. Previous animal care experience helpful but not mandatory. Must be a team player. Reliable transportation, and background check required. Perks: Employee discount on all thrift store purchase. Pick up application and apply in person at the Humane Society Animal Shelter, 465 Cloman Blvd.

**DO YOU HAVE THE WILLINGNESS AND DESIRE TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY?** Help us plan and make the 72nd Archuleta County Fair bigger and better! We are looking for additional Fair Board Members. Applications can be picked up at the CSU Extension building or on our website at [archuletacountyfair.com](http://archuletacountyfair.com). For any further information please contact us at [archuletacountyfair@gmail.com](mailto:archuletacountyfair@gmail.com) and we will get back to you.

**CDOT IS HIRING.** Colorado Department of Transportation is hiring temporary highway maintenance specialists in Archuleta County. Temporary positions are 9 months or less; salary is \$23/ hour; Colorado Class A or B Commercial Drivers License is required. CDOT is an EEO employer. Apply at: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/colorado>.

**COLORADO ROCK & DIRT EXCAVATION** is seeking to hire equipment operators and laborers to join our team. Competitive pay and PTO. Please forward your resume to [coloradorockdirt@gmail.com](mailto:coloradorockdirt@gmail.com) or contact the office at (970)264-3478.

**AUTO CAD DRAFTSMAN** with residential experience. Part-time hours which could grow into full time. We have all equipment needed. Pay negotiable. You can work remotely from home (if you have your own equipment). Or you can work in our office. Please contact (970)731-3071 for more information.

**PHOTOGRAPHER WANTED.** Powder Portraits at Wolf Creek Ski Area is looking to hire outgoing individuals who love the mountain! \$17-\$20 an hour depending on experience plus commission and a season pass. Please call (970)880-1553 to set up an interview.

**HELP WANTED PART-TIME** or full-time, at Pagosa Bar and Silver Dollar Liquor Store. Must be able to work weekends and nights. Apply at Silver Dollar Liquor Store.

**PAGOSA LIQUOR IS HIRING** a full-time cashier. Please come and apply in person at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

**DEDICATED CLEANERS, UP TO \$17/** hour. Must be detail oriented, trustworthy, reliable and committed. Text Pagosa Sparkles, LLC, (970)946-6446.

**NORTH PAGOSA MARATHON** is hiring a full-time cashier and a full-time deli cook. Deli hours are Monday thru Friday, 5a.m.-1p.m. Please come apply in person at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

**HELP WANTED****CUSTOMER SERVICE/SALES**

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- Stocking
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**ROOF LABORER NEEDED** with some construction experience. Will train. \$20-\$25/ hour to start. (970)749-0830.

**PONDEROSA LUMBER IS SEEKING** a person for a yard associate/ driver position. Lumber experience and/or CDL license is a plus, but not necessary. Duties may include delivering loads to job sites, as well as helping customers in the yard, loading/ unloading trucks and providing inventory support. We offer competitive wages based on experience and a benefit package that includes Holiday Pay, Paid Time Off, 401(k) and Medical/ Dental insurance for full-time employees. Please apply in person at 2435 Eagle Drive in Pagosa Springs.

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**JONES MECHANICAL. EXPERIENCE PREFERRED** but will train right person. Excellent opportunity to learn the HVAC trade. (970)731-3046.

**THE TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS** is seeking to hire a Recreation Supervisor in our Parks & Recreation Division. The individual selected for this position plans, organizes and supervises staff and operations of the recreation programs. Emphasis in participation and instruction including athletic classes, arts and crafts, camps and related programs for children, youth, and adult participants. This is a full-time position with benefits. For more information on the position and to apply, go to the Town's website at [www.pagosasprings.co.gov](http://www.pagosasprings.co.gov) and select Employment.

**DISABLED MALE DESIRES RELIABLE** caregiver for personal care, homemaking, health maintenance. Part time or full time. \$16-\$20 per hour. Nonsmoker. Spanish speaking welcome. Bienvenida de habla Hispana. (970)903-7585.

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**MOUNTAIN SPIRITS IS SEEKING** customer service associates. Must be available nights and weekends. We offer \$16 p/h to start, accrued vacation/ personal time, performance-based bonuses twice a year, and employee discounts. Please apply in person.

**HYGIENIST WANTED:** The team at Pagosa Smiles is blessed to have family oriented hours with weekends and holidays off, great pay, 401K and bonuses in a beautiful facility. Colorado dental hygiene license required. Email resume to [PagosaSmiles@yahoo.com](mailto:PagosaSmiles@yahoo.com).

**PATIENT CARE COORDINATOR** (part time, three days/ week). Generous starting pay with opportunities for pay increases and professional certification. Email resume and cover message to [careers@hursthearing.com](mailto:careers@hursthearing.com).

## YARD SALES

**ESTATE SALE. ALL WEATHER.** Friday and Saturday, 9a.m. sharp. King and queen bedroom sets, leather couches, desk, linens, kitchen items, lots of decor, tools, kayaks, paddle boards and more. Piedra to Aspenglow, left onto Butte Dr., to #12 Monument. Most items 1/2 price Saturday. Sale by The Organizers.

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**BEAUTIFUL OFF GRID** mountain home for rent. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, fully furnished. Private driveway, no pets, Unit 6. \$1,000/ month. (970)769-7798.

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**ROOMMATE WANTED. CLEAN CUT** senior male PGA Golf professional relocating to Pagosa and would like to rent a room long term. Tommy Brown (512)809-8220.

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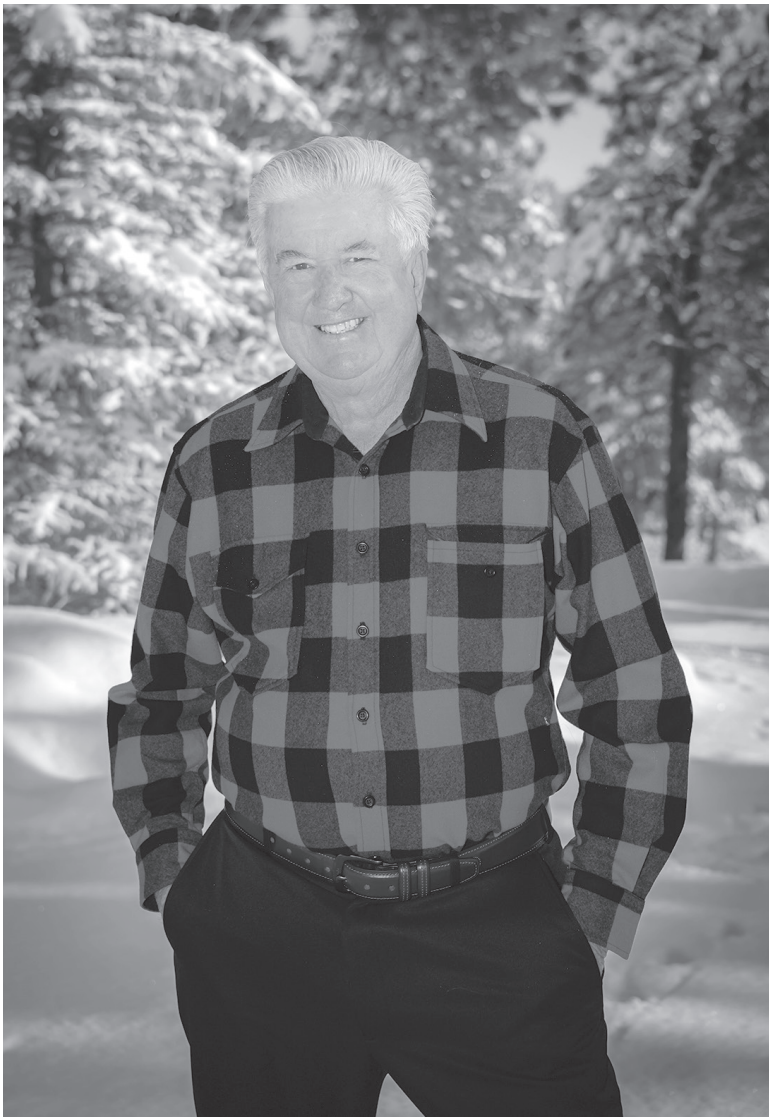


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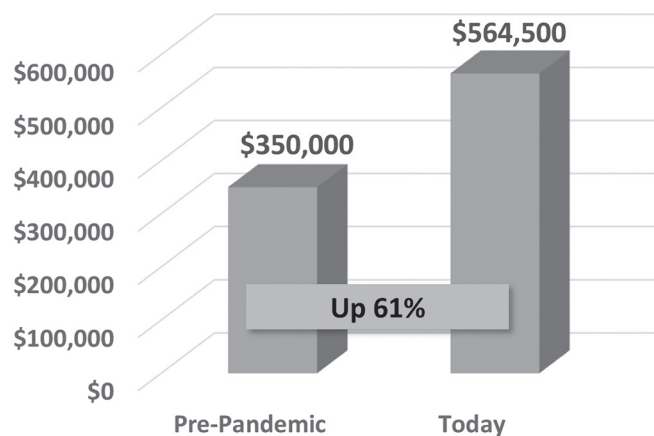
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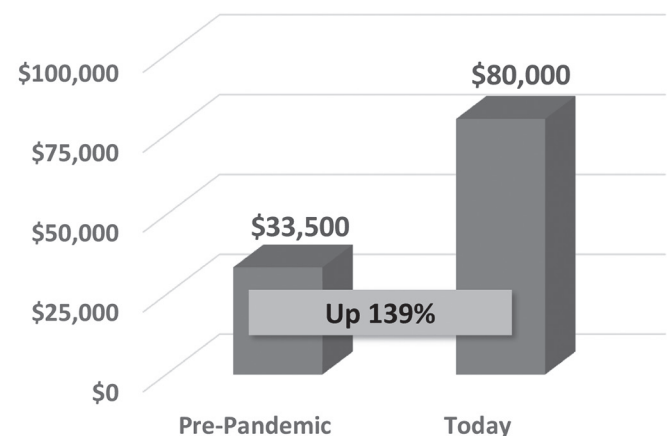
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