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## No charges to be filed against deputy in officer-involved shooting

### Suspect charged

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Late Wednesday morning, 6th Judicial District Attorney Christian Champagne reported that no criminal charges will be filed against the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) deputy who discharged her firearm and hit a suspect during a Jan. 4 incident.

"We conducted our review under our statutory requirements and have concluded there will be no criminal charges against Deputy Hayleigh Brown for the shooting incident that occurred on Jan. 4, 2023," Cham-

pagne said.

Sheriff Mike Le Roux also confirmed Wednesday there were no findings of wrongdoing related to the incident in an internal investigation.

"I want to acknowledge the process and the strain that an incident like this takes on our deputies, the office and most definitely the community," Le Roux said. "We have been working with our deputies through the entire process to ensure that they have the resources and support not only for themselves, but for their families, as well as to positively reintegrate them back to their daily operations."

According to a Jan. 4 press release

■ See Shooting A8

## Police report active death investigation

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Local authorities are investigating the death of a Pagosa Springs man and are asking anyone who had contact with him in the 24 hours prior to his being found to contact Detective Boyd Neagle with the Pagosa Springs Police Department.

The man was identified as Robert Ochoa, 59.

According to a Jan. 28 press re-

lease, Pagosa Springs police officers and Pagosa Springs Medical Center EMS personnel were dispatched to an unconscious male in the 400-block alley of San Juan Street at approximately 7:15 a.m. on Jan. 28.

"Lifesaving attempts to revive the male were unsuccessful. The male was pronounced deceased on scene," the press release states.

It adds, "Due to this being classi-

■ See Death A8

## Town, plaintiffs agree to conditions following short-term rental case

By Derek Kutzer  
Staff Writer

The legal saga of the voter-imposed short-term rental (STR) fee and charter amendment came to a close on Jan. 24, when Sixth Judicial District Judge Jeffrey Wilson granted a joint motion — on behalf of the defendant (the town) and 13 plaintiffs — for approval of stipulation and dismissal.

The ballot question seeking to implement the fee asked voters if they wanted to amend the town's home rule charter so that the town could collect fees of \$150 per bedroom per month on STRs, with the collected fees going toward workforce housing initiatives.

The ballot initiative narrowly passed in the town's April 2022 elec-

■ See STR A8

## Water district raises rates

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors approved increases in rates at its Jan. 30 meeting.

According to PAWSD District Manager Justin Ramsey, the rate changes took effect immediately upon approval.

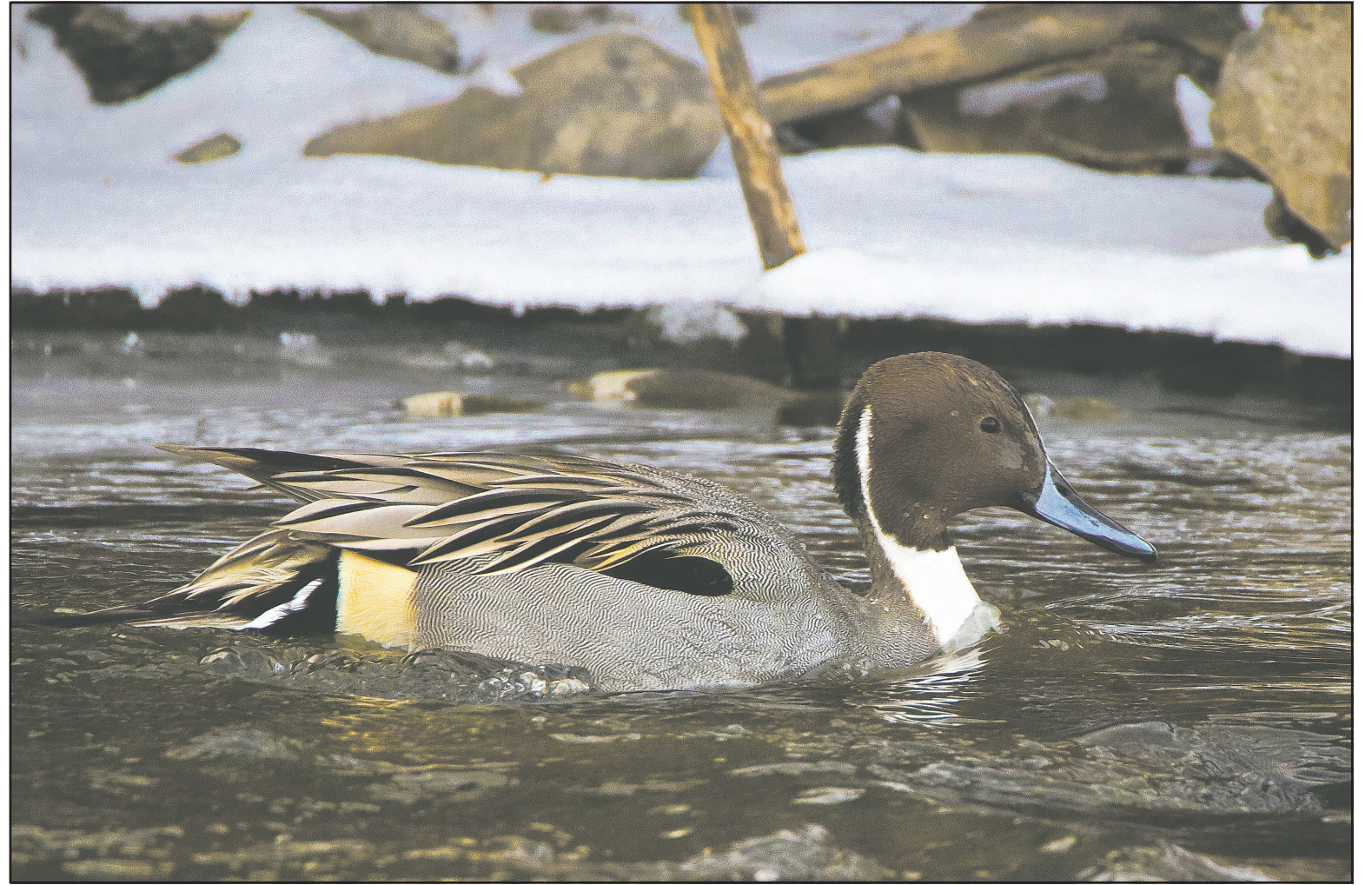
According to the board packet for the meeting and as explained by

PAWSD Director of Business Services Aaron Burns, the rate increases include a 6 percent increase in water rates and a 2.5 percent increase in wastewater rates.

With these changes, according to agenda documentation, the monthly service charge for water will rise from \$29.66 to \$31.44 per equivalent unit (EU).

The volume charge per 1,000

■ See Water A8



Northern pintail duck.

Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

## Audubon Rockies reflects on Christmas Bird Count

By Keith Bruno  
Audubon Rockies

Participants for the 123rd Christmas Bird Count (CBC), conducted on Dec. 17, 2022, logged 4,432 total observed birds, spanning across 68 species.

Further, 76 total participants logged some 31 miles on foot, 29 hours at feeders and 447 miles by car as they scoured a 15-mile diameter circle with the center point being the transfer station along County Road 500.

Area lakes largely froze over in the weeks leading up to the CBC and, thus, our waterfowl diversity and total numbers were less than historical averages. That said, and despite detecting more than 500

fewer total birds than in the 122nd CBC, this year's count marked our highest species count in 12 years.

Interesting and rarer observations included a yellow-bellied sapsucker, northern pintail and northern pygmy owl. Three additional species were seen during the count week (spanning three days prior/after the count day) including a Williamson's sapsucker, Virginia rail and a very late migratory group of sandhill cranes. These species cannot be counted toward count day, but simply reflect a presence or absence in the area across the count week.

The five most commonly seen species included American crow (637), dark-eyed junco (362), black-billed magpie (356), pygmy

nuthatch (283) and house sparrow (278). Another high count to mention is the 18 bald eagles detected on count day.

Local CBC participants gathered on Zoom recently to share their stories, reflections and pictures from the day. One commonly expressed sentiment was that the best part of the CBC is sharing the experience with others. Whether it be discovering a new "lifer" bird or sharing a bird you've seen many times with

someone new to that bird, the magic is often an equivalent.

Birding can be infectious, and working together for the purpose of painting a species list of our avian neighbors each winter is a group effort. The CBC tradition originated nationally in 1900. Weminuche Audubon and Audubon Rockies would like to thank this year's CBC participants for their commitment and time providing vital local information on bird population health.





Yellow-bellied sapsucker.

Photo courtesy Charles Martinez



Northern pygmy owl.

Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

	
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## Town finalizes child care funding application

By Derek Kutzer  
Staff Writer

The issue of early childhood care and education is a high priority for the Pagosa Springs Town Council.

In its 2023 budget, for example, it carved out a line item in the amount of \$150,000 to fund various child care centers and in-home providers in the area.

But the issue of how to allocate this money and how to make potential applicants aware of the council's top priorities on the matter have been part of an ongoing discussion and debate since the money was first allocated as a budget priority.

For example, at the council's Jan. 3 meeting, the conversation traveled "in a few circles," as Mayor Shari Pierce said, and the council ultimately decided to push the conversation to a future date, which the council set as a Jan. 26 work session.

However, while the council could not agree on any specifics for the funding allocation at its Jan. 3 meeting, it did establish its two main priorities for awarding the funding: the creation of new child care slots and the retention of existing slots.

On Jan. 26, the council met at its work session to hammer out the details of bringing these priorities to fruition. Four of the seven council members — Mat deGraaf, Jeff Posey, Gary Williams and

Pierce — participated in the session.

Complicating the matter, however, were two other pots of money — \$100,000 allocated in the town's budget to fund service organizations and a \$437,500 line item in the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board's budget for infrastructure.

Town Manager Andrea Phillips noted that, during earlier budget preparations, the council decided to reserve the pot of service organization money for "non-early child care and education organizations."

However, she explained that the council could consider opening up some of this money to

■ See Application A8



# Opinion

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### OUR VIEW

## Educating or shaming?

A Monday evening post on the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) Facebook page garnered numerous responses on the social media platform.

That post reads: "In response to ongoing community requests regarding information on criminal activity in the County, Archuleta County Sheriff's Office will be publishing new intakes to our Detention Facility each week."

"Each intake will include a booking photo, name, date, charge information, arresting agency, and bond amount."

"More detailed information is already publicly available on the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office website under Intakes and Releases."

Many viewed the posting of 12 photos of people with booking information, charges, arresting agency and bond information as public humiliation for naming and shaming.

The arrests posted included those from the United States Marshals Service, Colorado State Patrol, Pagosa Springs Police Department and ACSO.

One person compared the post to The Blotter in this newspaper. The difference between The Blotter and the Facebook post is that The SUN does not print the names of those charged in The Blotter. You'll only find names printed of those who have already been found guilty in court.

Years ago, The SUN changed the practice of printing people's names who were charged and not yet convicted in The Blotter. It did not strike us as a fair practice.

You will see names of suspects printed in higher profile news stories such as the recent officer-involved shooting incident. The SUN will also print names when there is danger to the public or when law enforcement is searching for an individual.

We sat down with Sheriff Mike Le Roux on Tuesday. He explained that his goal with the Facebook post was to provide transparency, information and education at the request of the public.

He noted that the information from the post is a summary of information that already exists on the county's website through JailTracker, and he had had multiple requests to make the information, which is a public record, more readily available and more easily accessible.

"One of the purposes behind doing it like this is because I feel like in this county, particularly Facebook as a social media platform, is by far, other than the newspaper, the most extensively used

notification platform. ... It's widely used and widely accessed by more people than anything else," he explained.

Le Roux explained that the public should be aware of the types of crimes and trends occurring in the community, who is involved in those crimes and what action is taking place by law enforcement. He also pointed out that other law enforcement agencies utilize the same practice of posting jail intakes on Facebook.

"Whether we post it or we don't, there is always going to be an element of dissatisfaction with what we do," he acknowledged.

"What's the right answer? The right answer right now is for me to make people in this community aware of the crimes that are going on. ... We are not the last piece of the judicial process," Le Roux said. "We are not deciding on the bond information, the bond amounts and, after that, they are still going to court. This is a part in the due process."

The post did educate and open people's eyes, with one person commenting: "Wow 10k bond for traffic violations but PR bond for domestic violence and animal cruelty?"

One person commented: "\$1 bond for cruelty to animals? That's pathetic." Another person commented: "Certainly that must be a misprint! If not then shame on that Judge!"

The ACSO responded: "That is the correct bond amount, not a typo."

Le Roux explained to The SUN that the sheriff's office has no control over the bond amounts that are set.

Krista Milburn's comment on the post stood out to us: "Maybe I will be the only person who feels this way or says something; Maybe I am misunderstanding and maybe my empathetic side is getting the best of me, but really? Is this really necessary? Public shaming of people over things that they've been 'charged' with, and not even convicted of? I could see if the were at large or as I mentioned, convicted, but this is brutal ruining of a person's reputation in a small town like ours. And I will say this as a victim of one of these people up above who I have a permanent restraining order against for good reason. This just seems unnecessary and dehumanizing."

Another person commented, "The way I see it. If you didn't do the crime you wouldn't be on this page!"

Theresa Taylor Shepherd questioned: "Why? It's so demeaning, and they are already publicly known if someone

WANTS to know. How many children will go to school on Fridays feeling ashamed of a family member (father or mother). It's hard enough to be a child in school with all the other pressures they are put under. Arrests are not convictions."

Mike Hayward wrote: "Not Cool! Facebook is NOT the place to post this information. The information is/has been available from other sources than FB! Give these individuals their day in court without influencing/biasing/tainting any potential jury members."

We agree with Sydney Aragon's statement that "you can literally find all of this information on the county website. If people are that interested they can look it up themselves."

Some people thanked the department for posting the information.

However, West Davies pleaded: "Please don't publish these photos."

California's Danville SanRamon reported in 2021 that a new state law "prevents law enforcement agencies from posting mugshots of people arrested for nonviolent crimes on social media platforms."

Evan Low, the bill's author, "described as an alarming trend where police and sheriff's departments were posting mugshots in order to 'shame' suspects, with no real public safety purpose behind the postings."

"These photos are posted before formal charges have even been filed against the suspect, and Low argued that the coerced photos — often at a moment of crisis, embarrassment and despair — affixes guilt to the person before they have gone through due process."

"These mug shots are often unflattering and do nothing to warn the public of an ongoing public safety threat, as the suspect is already in custody at the time of posting. Instead, their purpose is to shame and ridicule."

The California law has exceptions noted in the article: "Along with violent crimes, police can post mugshots on social media if the suspect is a fugitive or an imminent threat to public safety, or if the photo could help locate and detain the suspect."

Le Roux added that the department is not opposed to "refining or reviewing" the Facebook posting process, noting both pros and cons to the practice.

We believe that Nancy McGrath Rea summed it up well: "Time will tell if public humiliation solves the problems within our community. I think not ..."

Terri Lynn Oldham House

### LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

## 100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
February 2, 1923

One motorcycle, two truck and eleven auto licenses were issued by County Clerk Johnson during the month of January.

Sunday morning was the coldest we have experienced this winter, the thermometer registering 32 degrees below zero.

The Knights of Pythias hall at Chromo was completely destroyed by fire early Sunday morning. A dance had been held there the night before which extended into the early hours of the morning, and it is presumed that the fire originated from one of two stoves in which a fire was left burning when the dance was ended. The fire was not discovered until the building was about half destroyed, and there are no fire-fighting means in the neighborhood. The loss is quite a heavy one to the K.P. lodge of Chromo, as there was no insurance.

## 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
February 6, 1948

Pagosa Springs will have chlorinated drinking water and probably by this weekend.

Roy Wassman, district sanitarian, told members of the town board Tuesday night that water must be chlorinated at once. He had completed a checkup of the drinking water supply at numerous points throughout the town and found a degree of contamination which called for immediate action.

Assured by the town board of passage for their recommended fire ordinance, citizens heard H.A. Patterson promise the organization of a volunteer fire department here within the next two weeks. Patterson spoke for a group at the town board meeting Monday night.

Model ordinances were considered by the board at the meeting and one was drawn up as proposed. Board members and the Mayor asked that the volunteer department be organized before the ordinance can be adopted.

Under provisions of the model ordinance, the volunteers would name their own fire chief, rather than have the chief an appointee under the town board. The volunteers would be unpaid. Board members and the Mayor asked that the volunteer department be organized before the ordinance can be adopted.

## 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
February 1, 1973

Three inches of new snow fell on Wolf Creek Pass last weekend, bringing the total fall for January to an even nine feet, or 108 inches. More snow has fallen there this week and is not included in the above total. Total snowfall is approaching 500 inches for the season and snowplowers still have several weeks ahead when heavy snow can be expected.

About 100 skiers from the Dallas area were here in a group last weekend to ski at Wolf Creek Pass. Among those skiing were Dave Edwards and Mike Ditka, both of the Dallas Cowboys, and Ben Pinnell. The three men are in the group that is buying a major interest in the ski area where extensive expansion is planned. This is the third such group to visit here this season and two more large groups are now scheduled for later in the season. In addition, there have been numerous small groups. Local snowmobilers visited with the skiers and took some on night rides through the snow.

## 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
February 5, 1998

The Archuleta County Sheriff's Department has instituted revised patrol procedures for the Pagosa Lakes subdivisions following the voluntary resignation of reserve deputy law enforcement commissions by four members of the Pagosa Lakes Department of Public Safety on Jan. 28.

The resignations occurred during a meeting of members of the DPS with two representatives of the sheriff's department. The deputies were sent to the DPS to advise the Level III reserve deputies of changes concerning supervision of the reserves' law enforcement activities by Sheriff Tom Richards.

"They voluntarily handed in their cards, with no explanation," said Richards of the reserves' actions. "I was very concerned they voluntarily handed in their commissions. Never, at any time, were any of them in jeopardy of losing those commissions. We were simply attempting to stay in accord with the Colorado statutes."

## WHADDYA THINK?

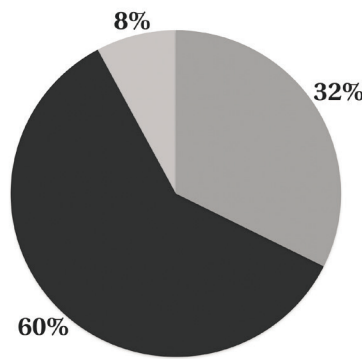
Should the county hire a consultant to stand up a health department?

Poll results (102 votes)

Yes. — 32 percent

No. — 60 percent

I don't know. — 8 percent



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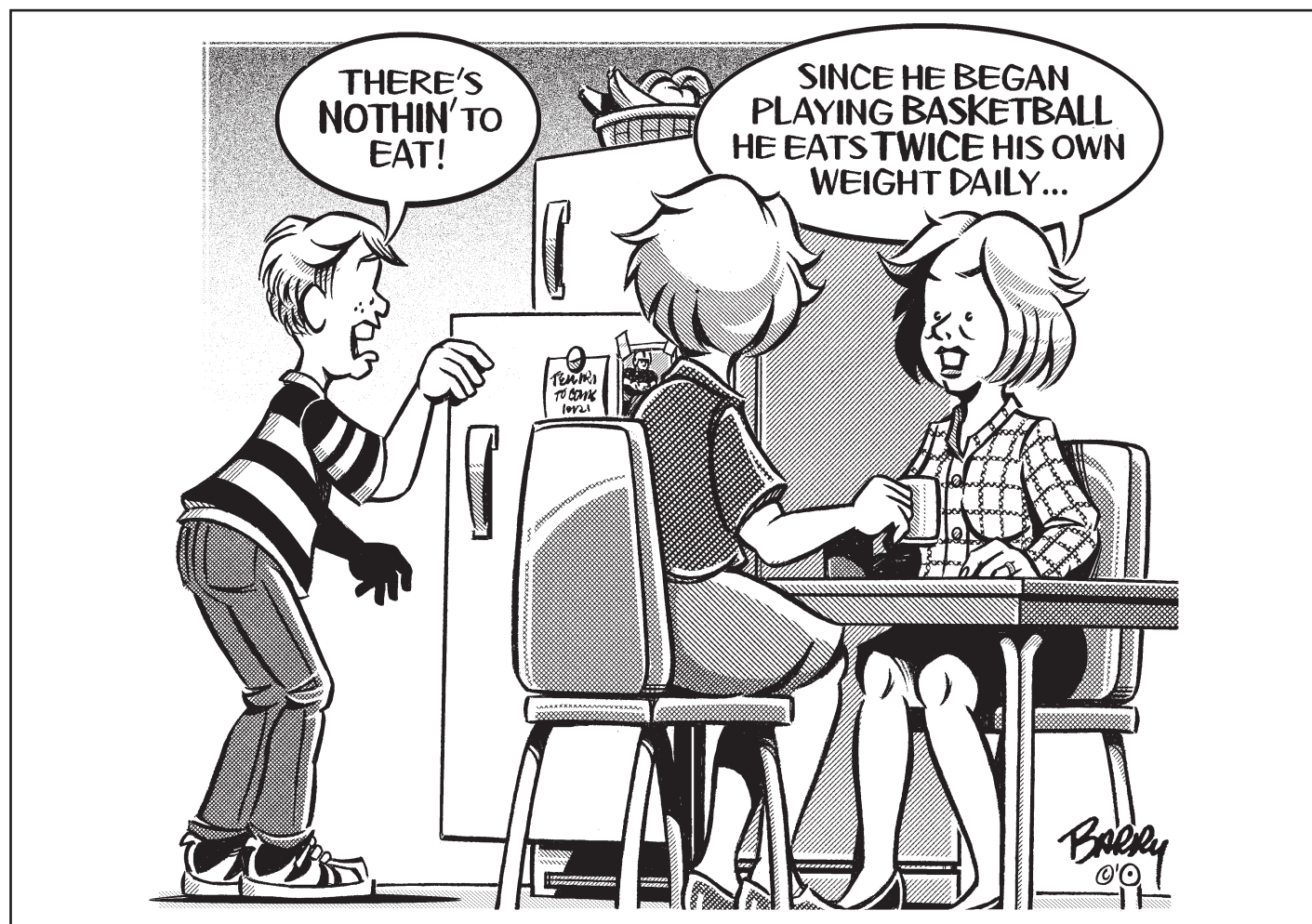
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1/30	38	19	-	-	-

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## 'Logical decision'

Dear Editor:  
The dictionary defines "illogical" as "not reasonable, wise, or practical." This term is appropriate to use when referring to the location of the proposed Jackson Mtn. Gravel Pit.

It isn't reasonable, wise or practical to place a gravel pit 2000 ft. from a neighborhood with over 200 homes, and near a newly proposed, expanded and improved biking trail system, where people will be daily recreating.

I'm sure you have seen the valid concerns and objections that have been raised by nearby residents of San Juan River Village, and the community-at-large in regard to the negative impacts that the gravel pit will create to our environment. One of those concerns regards the air quality. Environmental studies have shown that there will be silicon-laced dust created and dispersed into the air surrounding the gravel pit, negatively impacting the health and well-being of anyone who breathes the toxic dust cloud.

This dust will also end up settling on everything around the area including people, plants, animals, homes, vehicles, rivers, etc...

Air quality greatly concerns me personally as I have had a long history of immune and respiratory challenges, and I am certain that breathing this dust will negatively impact my health and make breathing even more challenging. I have been a homeowner of San Juan River Village since 2015, and we retired here 2 years ago to enjoy the clean mountain air and countless outdoor recreation opportunities offered in Pagosa Springs.

I do understand the need for local gravel to repair our roads, but I urge everyone involved in the decision-making process for the location of a gravel pit for our county to give careful thought and consideration to all of the concerns that have been brought before you. There are 5 alternate sites that have been proposed that would limit the negative impact to the health and well-being of our community, and I hope and pray that a logical decision will be made to choose one of those.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lisa Baker

## 'Strong objection'

Dear Editor:  
I'm writing in to offer my strong objection to the gravel pit off Jackson Mountain near the San Juan River Village. Our house is there and I believe the forest service is being irresponsible putting a mining operation so close to families and homes. That stretch of the highway has always felt precarious with people turning into our neighborhood while everyone else wants to drive at 65 miles an hour. And knowing that we are going to have to potentially navigate 20+ large trucks carrying thousands of pounds of rock daily, makes that part of the highway even more stressful and possibly dangerous.

Putting a mining operation between town and our ski mountain is foolish, the amount of recreational traffic on that stretch of road is too high to add to it all those large truck loads. We are also looking forward to having the new biking system added to Jackson, so again the community will have recreational reasons to be up Jackson and do not need the traffic nightmare of dozens of trucks per day wearing out the roads going up the mountain. Families and mountain bikers come up to these parts to enjoy the serenity of the South San Juans, not to be inundated with noise pollution, trucks, rock crushing and dangerous driving conditions.

If the Forest Service is allowed to do this mining at this location it will hurt our neighborhood, it will be dangerous for diving in and out of our neighborhood, it will hurt the people of Pagosa who come up to Jackson mountain and Wolf Creek for recreation, all the while knowing there are other locations

able to suit the needs of gravel mining in places much less apt for causing potential harm.

Please help our voices be heard in opposing this mining operation. Remember the in-person comment meeting on Feb. 2, 2023, 5PM - 7PM at the Ross Aragon Community Center. And visit us online at <https://www.stopthejacksonmntnpit.com/>

Travis and Elizabeth Bryant

## Oppose the pit

Dear Editor:  
I am in favor of the trail system development and the fuel and vegetation management on Jackson Mountain. I am vehemently opposed to the proposed gravel pit.

I can't believe that the forest service is considering putting a gravel mining operation within 2000 feet of our subdivision, San Juan River Village. Imagine yourself living here and having to listen to the rocks being crushed all day. The noise in this valley travels a long way. Not to mention the dust that will be created from this operation and the trucks hauling it out. If you are going to build a trail system for the public, why put a mining operation in the middle of it? People riding their bike, driving to the trailhead to bike, or hiking will have to share the road with up to 50 dump truck runs a day. If I am enjoying the peace and quiet on the trails on Jackson Mountain, I don't want to listen to the gravel mine, inhale the dust, or avoid the dump trucks.

Please consider one of the alternative locations that will not impact the residents of San Juan River Village and the public using the new trail system.

Julene Campbell

## Cherish Jackson Mountain

Dear Editor:  
My family has been living on the shoulders of Jackson Mountain for close to 20 years now. One of the top reasons for moving here was the incredible access we have had to the "Jackson Mountain Landscape," a gem here in the upper San Juan River watershed. This area is a great example of an ex-urb pocket wilderness, a place we have come to consider sacred for its near-

wilderness quality ecosystem. This is a place that should be cherished and enjoyed by our community for its natural beauty, not a location for an unsightly, noisy and dangerous gravel pit and processing facility.

The "Jackson Mountain Landscape Project" (website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61809>) proposed by the Forest Service has four components, a mountain bike trail system, other recreational facility improvements, vegetation treatment plan, and the gravel pit. While the first three components have provoked some controversy within our community, the most glaring problem with the proposal is the gravel pit. This is a horrible idea that runs completely crosswise with the aspiration of cultivating a more accessible and well-managed recreational asset for the Pagosa Springs community.

The need for gravel to maintain the many miles of unpaved county and forest service roads is not debatable. The idea of plopping such a facility in the middle of such a rich and wild landscape with its incredible recreational and natural value is problematic for a few reasons. First of all, the movement of the heavy trucks on the Jackson Mountain Road will pose a safety concern for hikers, hunters, horse packers, and gravel bikers moving up and down the road to access trailheads and campsites. The dust and roadway crowding posed by the trucks will render the road and adjacent recreational facilities into a dusty, noisy, and dangerous mess. The proposed rock crushing operations, along with the heavy truck traffic, will also pose a downwind air quality hazard when the diurnal downslope breezes move air into the San Juan River Village residential area. Finally, the noise and visual pollution posed by the operation will significantly degrade the recreational and natural beauty values of the landscape, especially in the Laughlin Park area.

Now is the time for us to speak up and let the Forest Service know that awful resource planning decisions will be noticed and resisted. Our local USFS office has a tough job and deserves our respect for inviting public input at this time. On Thursday February 02 they will be

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# Goals & Accomplishments

## Archuleta School District 50 Jt.

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.

### Bob Lynch, President of the Board of Education



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

One of the major accomplishments of the local school district was to continue progress toward normal school schedules and instruction. While the pandemic is in the rear-view mirror, the after-effects linger. Achievement and growth gaps are common throughout the country and our district has experienced the same. Our teachers, students and parents are in the process of re-energizing our efforts to make the most of the wonderful learning experience school should provide and begin

closing these gaps.

At the beginning of 2022 the board faced its own specific challenges and came out stronger. The board had two open positions and received several qualified applicants. Amanda Schick and Butch Mackey were selected from among the applicants to fill the open spots and they have quickly become valuable board members and represent the diversity of our community. I hope that more members of the community will consider running for a seat on the board when openings arise.

In February the board was faced with an unexpected resignation and the need to fill the Superintendent position. Our board quickly mobilized a nation-wide search and filled the position by the end of the school year. Rick Holt is our new Superintendent, and he has shown himself to be the right leader at the right time who will serve our district well for years to come.

#### What are your three top goals for 2023?

After hiring Mr. Holt, the board held a goal-setting session in August

of 2022. The goals that were set will be our North Star for the next year and longer.

The goals we set are: 1) Retain and Recruit highly talented staff, 2) Increase Student Outcomes, 3) Improve staff and student well-being. Other major projects are: 1) Evaluate All District Facilities, 2) Develop A Comprehensive Career and Technical Education Plan.

The career and technical education track has become increasingly important. We all know college is not for everyone, and we can help students start on a career path when they learn the beginnings of specific trades and professions while in high school. Build Pagosa is a local organization that has partnered with the district to help realize the full potential of a Career and Technical Education track. I would encourage everyone to learn more about Build Pagosa and contribute to the successful development of this program.

#### What is your action plan to meet your goals?

Mr. Holt collaborated with his team to build detailed action plans for each goal and project. We review progress toward these goals at each public meeting, and we encourage the public to attend or tune in via zoom to see the work in progress. In the spring of 2023, the board will begin working on a longer-term plan that will determine when we will offer the voters of our county the opportunity to renew the mill levy override that was passed a few years ago to make district salaries more competitive. We will also begin developing a long-term plan for improving or replacing some of our aging facilities. There is nothing inherently wrong with older buildings, but when the cost to maintain a building grows beyond the cost to replace the building, wise decisions must be made. Some of our facilities have reached this critical point.

I believe that 2023 will be a year of amazing learning experiences for our local students. I hope everyone in our community can find a way to support our students, teachers, and the leaders of our schools. In many ways, a community is only as good as its schools, and everyone can play a role in their success.

### Rick Holt, Superintendent for Archuleta School District 50 Jt.



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

Transitioning into the role of superintendent this year has been an honor and a pleasure. The first six months of the 2022-23 school year has been driven by the desire to get students in classrooms, engaged in high quality learning activities and experiencing the joys of spending time with peers and caring adults. For me this has meant spending time with building leaders observing student learning, limiting the number of new initiatives for teachers, and helping create and maintain the working conditions that allow all staff to keep the focus on the outcomes our students

deserve. Three of our accomplishments that allowed this to happen were establishing clear strategic initiatives with the board of education, developing personal and working relationships with community and staff, and allowing schools to focus on what they do best, creating safe and healthy learning environments.

#### What are your three top goals for 2023?

Our top priorities for 2023 will remain the same. Ensure that the students in our community have access to the academic and social emotional support they need to become highly productive citizens. While the district strategic initiatives address additional areas there are three initiatives that will take higher priority. 1) Increase Student Outcomes: Ensure all schools implement execution plans supporting the increased use of high yield instructional practices and curricula aligned to grade level standards across all subgroups. 2) Staff and Student Well Being: Create and implement a plan to provide a system of supports for students and staff. 3) Comprehensive Career and Technical Education

Plan: Develop multiple pathways for students to demonstrate college and career readiness that result in industry certificates. Strategic initiative updates including specific actions taken, progress towards outcomes, and opportunities for additional input and questions are provided monthly at school board meetings.

#### What is your action plan to meet your goals?

Detailed action plans for district strategic initiatives can be found on the Archuleta School District planning dashboard. In general the theory of action for the majority of our initiatives is one of continuous improvement. It begins by engaging those individuals closest to the improvement opportunity to deepen our understanding through both qualitative and quantitative data analysis. It is important to recognize that the feelings and perceptions individuals have and the actual outcomes are essential in gaining clarity. Next we prioritize improvement opportunities selecting those with the greatest impact on strategic outcomes. This keeps the focus on the highest leverage opportunities that have the greatest potential for increased performance without getting distracted by one off or unique opportunities that can detract from strategic priorities. With understanding and alignment in place we establish outcomes and success criteria to achieve clarity and agreements on what we want to accomplish. Clearly articulated goals and outcomes allow us to develop and execute on the action plans needed to move us from where we are to where we want to be. Throughout the process we recognize that communication is critical and that we must regularly monitor and report back on our progress.

We know continuous improvement is not a linear process, but one that is riddled with starts and stops, mistakes and missed opportunities, as well as long and short term wins. Ultimately improvement is a human process and by its very nature not perfect. The process requires us to trust each other, to believe that we are all in this together and that the ultimate goal, happy and successful students, is worth it. I trust the dedicated staff and community partners in the Archuleta School District and I believe that we are all in this together.

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hosting an "In Person Open House" at the Ross Aragon Community Center from 5:00 - 7:00. This will be a great chance to check in with them and provide some input. Public comments may also be submitted on the website provided above. For more information please check out the website for "Stop the Jackson Mountain Pit" at: <https://www.stopthejacksonmtnpit.com/>.

Scott Robbins

### 'Anything goes'

Dear Editor:  
I found myself humming the old Cole porter song "Anything Goes" this week while reading about the committee assignments the Freedom Caucus exacted from McCarthy in exchange for giving him the gavel. In a press release while referring to the contentious vote Boebert stated "We changed the way the government will be funded. We changed the ways committees will be formed." This is apparent now, the right-wing House Freedom Caucus are seeing the first dividends from the deal they struck with House Speaker Kevin McCarthy. These junior members bullied their way into plum committee posts leapfrogging over more senior Republicans with more experience. Sadly it appears there will be little legislation going on but plenty of investigations regardless of how far-fetched and pointless, since there needs to be plenty of talking points and outrage to post to social

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# Obituaries

## Donald Henderson Bartlett Sr.

Donald Henderson Bartlett Sr., beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, passed away on Jan. 10, at the age of 93 at the Army Residence Community, San Antonio, Texas.



Donald was born Dec. 23, 1929, in Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii, the son of Col. Laurence Wood Bartlett and Helen Davids Bartlett. He is survived by his beloved wife of 59 years, Helen York Bartlett; two sons, Donald Jr. (Carole), and Gregory (Christy); five grandchildren, Bradley, Jason, Colin, Austin and Melissa; and two great grandchildren, Scarlett and Grant. He is preceded in death by his sister, Elizabeth (Betty) Caramanico, and Laurence (Larry) Bartlett Jr.

Don attended Thomas Jefferson High School in Richmond, Va., 1945-46 and graduated from Washington and Lee High School in 1947. He attended New Mexico A&M 1947-1948 in Las Cruces, N.M., and Texas Western College in El Paso, Texas, 1948-1951. Don Sr. was an "Army brat" and a devoted patriot his entire life. Early in life,

he was a member of the Boy Scouts, sold war bonds and served as an assistant air warden. He received his commission from the ROTC and entered the Army in 1951. He served in the Korean and Vietnam wars, earning three Bronze Star Medals, a Meritorious Service Medal, three Army Commendation Medals, the Expeditionary Medal, and a Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm. He retired from the Army as a lieutenant colonel on Nov. 2, 1972.

After his military retirement, he was an entrepreneur in real estate, started Lube N Go with his brother Larry, and later started EZ Living RV Center in El Paso, Texas. He enjoyed retirement life with his wife, Helen, in Pagosa Springs, Colo., and later at the Army Residence Community in San Antonio, Texas.

Don spent 23 years as a volunteer adult scout, during which time he was awarded the Silver Beaver Award and served as chairman of the Mesa Verde District, Colo. He was also knighted as a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus. Don started the first Patriotic Committee at the Army Residence Community. Almost to his last day, every day, he put out the flag and saluted it, and later retired it for the day. Don was a faithful and dedicated Catholic Christian and was a member of the Betty Cheever Memorial Chapel of the Army Residence Community in San Antonio, Texas.

His committal service is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 8, at Fort Bliss National Cemetery in El Paso,

Texas. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Meals on Wheels San Antonio or to the American Cancer Society.

## Kendra Anne Hogue

Kendra Anne Hogue was born Oct. 5, 1972, in Alamosa, Colo. She left this beautiful earth Jan. 18 in Atwood, Colo., at the age of 50.



In 1986, Kendra moved to Pagosa Springs to be with her father, whom she adored. She graduated from Pagosa Springs High School in 1990. In her early 20s, Kendra acquired a nursing degree and stayed in the profession for more than two decades. She also obtained her bachelor's degree in business.

Kendra was fun-loving, smart, pretty, a loyal friend and an awesome daughter. Her smile and laughter brightened up every room that she walked into. She had great pride in her sons Trevor, Tylor and Tegan Renken.

Although Kendra left here in her early 20s, she left her heart in Pagosa.

She loved her family and friends in Ptown and visited as often as she could. She always shared she was

going to move back some day.

Preceding her in passing was infant son, Kaleb Troy Renken; her father, Paul Hogue; and her mother, Linda Pettengill. Other family members missing Kendra are stepmother Shellie Hogue; sister Krista (Jason) Cowan; nephews and nieces Micah Madson, Kali (Brody) Bloom, Christopher, Stai-sha and Jadin Cowan. Also, many uncles, aunts and cousins.

Kendra's wishes were to be cremated and her ashes scattered in Pagosa Springs. A celebration will be held in the spring.

## Patricia Gay (Pacheco) Maestas

March 17, 1960-Jan. 6, 2023

Patsy was born in Montrose, Colo., to Carolina and Frank Pacheco.

She is preceded in death by her father, Frank Pacheco, brother Dale Pacheco and sister Allison Pacheco.

She is survived by her sons, Eli Lucero (Annette) and Eric Lucero (Corrine); mother Carol Pacheco; brothers Max Pacheco and Dino Pacheco; sisters Sharon Pacheco, Karen Romero, Mardel Gallegos and Theresa Lucero; and her grandchildren, aunts, uncles, several nieces, nephews and cousins.

A rosary will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary on Thursday, Feb. 9, 6 p.m. Mass will be held at JPPI Friday, Feb. 10, at 10 a.m. with burial at Hill Top Cemetery and luncheon at the Narthex at JPPI.

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media. Yes even old George Santos got a couple assignments secure in the fact that the Republican majority's gutting of the Ethics office will be to his favor. Yup the Cole Porter tune rings true,"But now, God knows, anything goes."

Pam Rule  
Montrose, Colo.

## 'Gone forever'

Dear Editor:  
I have been enjoying Jackson Mountain for 25 years, since 1998. We have hiked trails with the previous generation, and we have enjoyed breakfasts and fish fries in the meadow with them and other friends. My wife and I have explored the mountain and we have gotten lost more than once. I have enjoyed photographing sunrises and sunsets alone in areas seen by few. My children and I have hiked it's trails and had wonderful times just being in God's beauty. And now I have been given the opportunity

to share it with my grandchildren. Teaching, exploring and just having fun in a place that is out our back door. It has been a special place for my family, past and present. And I am sure many people in the Pagosa Springs area have just as many, if not more special memories of this beautiful mountain that is so close to home.

But a flash these opportunities can be taken away forever by the US Forest Service and County Commissioners who have decided to include a gravel mine and stone crushing operation in the "Jackson Mountain Project". Other components of this project include approximately 40 miles of mountain bike trails, reconstructing the Turkey Creek Trailhead along with continued logging or "fuel treatment". I'm ok with sharing the mountain with more residents and visitors, but when it comes to the destruction of the mountain, the noise, the dust, the dump trucks every 24 minutes from May to November I cannot sit by and see something I love be destroyed forever.

This mine will change how Jackson Mountain will be experienced by my family and everyone else in the community forever. It will no longer be a place of beauty, peace, relaxation and a place to be renewed. Instead, it will be a commercial development along with all its negative effects of noise,

dust, pollution and a concern over safety. Those who have enjoyed camping, hunting, and day hiking will lose these opportunities. Even for those who will enjoy the future mountain bike trails they will have to deal with the safety concerns (25,000 lb dump trucks) and health risks (dust and crystalline silica) from the mine. This mine affects not only the residents of San Juan Mountain River Village, but it affects the community. We will all lose Jackson Mountain.

The Forest Service has allowed public comment on their proposal, so with this opportunity we must all let our voices be heard. I hope and pray they will listen. Please consid-

er attending the meeting on Feb 2, 2023 at 5:00pm at the Ross Aragon Community Center to let the USFS hear your opinions. You can also let your objection to the gravel mine be known at the USFS official comment / objection website: <https://cara.fs2c.usda.gov/Public/CommentInput?Project=61809>. And you can sign the petition at: <https://www.stopthejacksonmntpnt.com/>.

This is our opportunity to voice our concerns. If we don't we will lose something precious, and it will be gone forever. Please join us in stopping this potential destruction of a beautiful mountain we all love.  
Brian Willhoite

## Birth



Richard and Hope (Weber) Whitaker welcomed their son, Lukas Gabriel, on Dec. 13, 2022, in Okinawa, Japan. He weighed 4 pounds, 11 ounces.

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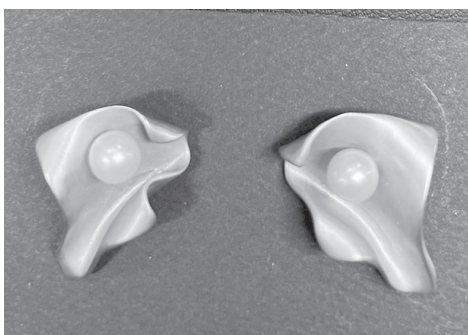
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# Business

## Chamber meeting to include Community Conversation and Community Awards

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
Pagosa Springs Area  
Chamber of Commerce

There is still one week left to purchase your tickets for the Chamber's annual meeting which includes a Community Conversation component and the Community Awards reception and celebration.

The event will be held at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse and begins at 4 p.m. The agenda for the Community Conversation includes representatives from Archuleta County, the Town of Pagosa Springs and the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC).

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, 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. How do these

programs or enhancements affect your business and our community as a whole? 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 Community Conversation part of the annual meeting will last until about 5:30 p.m.

Following the Community Conversation, we will roll into the Community Awards, where we will honor the Non-Profit, Small Business, Volunteer and Citizen of the Year for 2022. All the nominees are really winners. This means that people in this community value the work and participation of our busi-

nesses, 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 will also be available at the door. This event is open to all, not just Chamber members. The topics presented are timely and important to our community at large. Come out and be informed and be present to thank those who do so much for our community.

## County unemployment declines in December 2022

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

According to a Jan. 20 press release from the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Archuleta County's unemployment rate dropped from 3.0 percent in November 2022 to 2.8 percent in December 2022.

The county unemployment rate has generally decreased over the past year.

From November to December 2022, Archuleta County's labor force shrank from 7,116 to 6,958.

For the month of December 2022, there were 6,765 individuals employed in Archuleta County, according to the press release. This figure is down from November 2022's report of 6,900 individuals employed in Archuleta County.

County-level unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

According to the press release, the county with the highest unemployment rate for September was Huerfano County at 6.1 percent, followed by Las Animas County at 4.6 and Fremont County at 4.4.

Next are Pueblo County at 4.3 percent, then Costilla County

and Rio Grande County, both at 4 percent.

The state's unemployment rate decreased from 3.5 percent to 3.3 percent between November 2022 and December 2022.

The state's labor force dropped from 3,251,900 in November 2022 to 3,244,700 in December 2022.

The press release notes, "Colorado's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased two-tenths of a percentage point in December to 3.3 percent. The number of unemployed individuals dropped by 6,700 over the same time period to 106,700. Colorado's unemployment rate has ranged between 3.3 and 3.6 percent since April. The national unemployment rate declined by one-tenth of a percentage point to 3.5 percent, which translates to approximately 5.7 million unemployed."

Employers in Colorado added 8,600 nonfarm payroll jobs from November 2022 to December 2022, bringing the total number of jobs in Colorado to 2,911,500.

Nonfarm payroll jobs measure the number of workers excluding farmers.

The private sector added 8,000

nonfarm payroll jobs, while the government sector gained 600 jobs.

The press release notes that, over the past 32 months, Colorado has added 466,400 nonfarm payroll jobs, compared to losses totaling 374,500 in March and April 2020.

"That translates to a job recovery rate of 124.5 percent, which exceeds the U.S. rate of 105.6 percent," it states.

The press release also states that, "Since May 2020, Colorado's private sector has grown by 458,500 jobs, compared to declines of 358,800 in early 2020. That translates to a job recovery rate of 127.8 percent and outpaces the U.S. rate of 108.0 percent."

The private-industry sectors with significant job gains in December 2022 included:

- Professional and business services at about 5,000.
- Leisure and hospitality at about 4,400.
- Other services at about 1,700.
- Manufacturing at about 1,200.

The industries with significant over-the-month declines included:

- Educational and health services at about 2,600.
- Financial activities at about

1,100.

"Since December 2021, nonfarm payroll jobs have increased 104,700, with the private sector growing by 94,800 and government adding 9,900 jobs," the press release notes.

Since December 2021, the largest private-sector job gains include:

- Professional and business services at about 31,900.
- Leisure and hospitality at about 20,300.
- Educational and health services at about 13,300.

Since December 2021, financial activities jobs have declined by about 3,400.

According to the press release, "Over the year, the average workweek for all Colorado employees on private nonfarm payrolls decreased from 33.1 to 32.9 hours, while average hourly earnings grew from \$33.36 to \$35.52, two dollars and seventy cents more than the national average hourly earnings of \$32.82."

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## County discusses funding, land deed for Wings

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

At its Jan. 17 work session, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) discussed the potential use of tourism funds for Wings Early Childhood Center as well as the possibility of deeding a property currently owned by the county to Wings.

Commissioner Warren Brown explained that he had been approached and asked if funding for Wings would be something the county would consider as a potential use for its tourism revenues.

Brown explained that he "not made a commitment either way" and that he had reached out to the Pagosa Springs tourism director to discover their thoughts on the matter but had not fully received an answer yet.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez commented that he is on the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board and he did not see how funding Wings could be "justified as ... an expenditure of the tourism funding."

He explained that the funding was set up to attract more tourism and he did not see how funding Wings would do this unless a "vague and gray" alternative was used such as "justifying that we're allowing more services for people

with kids that serve in the tourist community."

"That's reaching out there," he noted, adding that having additional child care for people working in the tourism industry could be a benefit because it would allow them to contribute more to tourism.

County Manager Derek Woodman stated that the discussion began because the Town of Pagosa Springs allocated \$150,000 from its general fund for early childhood and Wings is planning to apply for the full amount to contribute to its expansion, although Seeds of Learning is also planning to apply for funding.

He explained that the tourism board funds are distributed through a regular application process and "apparently there is language in there that it could be used for supporting infrastructure for early childhood development."

Woodman added that the applications are made to the tourism board, which then makes a recommendation to the BoCC and the Pagosa Springs Town Council, which must approve the expenditures.

Brown noted he was "torn" on the issue, questioning what would happen if the funds were allocated away from directly supporting tourism and the tourist numbers start to drop.

Maez commented that the tourism board would be discussing the issue and making a decision, and he would support the decision the board made.

County Attorney Todd Weaver highlighted that the BoCC would have to pass a resolution which would go to the voters to use county lodging tax revenues for something other than promoting tourism.

Weaver also explained that the law allows for the usage of lodging tax revenues for "capital expenditures for housing and child care for tourism related workforce," but the county's "hands are tied" as a change would require a resolution and a voter approval, which would not occur before 2024.

The BoCC then discussed the potential deeding of a property to Wings with Archuleta County Education Center Board of Directors member David Smith, who began by stating that getting more workers into the workforce by expanding child care is the linkage between early child care and tourism.

He explained that the expansion of Wings would create 26 new slots, potentially allowing 26 parents to enter the workforce.

He also mentioned that expanding child care also creates the pos-

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# County discusses 2021 shortfall in commissioners' salaries

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) discussed shortfalls in the payment of the county commissioners in 2021 at its Jan. 17 work session.

County Manager Derek Woodman explained that, as the Finance and Human Resources departments were preparing the new salaries for elected officials and researching how this had been done in the past, they discovered that commissioners Ronnie Maez and Warren Brown were paid less than their statutorily mandated salaries of \$77,884 for 2021.

Maez was paid \$77,398, \$486 short, while Brown was paid \$72,962, \$4,922 short.

Maez questioned how the money was missed.

Woodman stated that he had "no idea."

Brown indicated that he had been told by the Finance Department that he would not be paid for part of the month of January "because that's the way we've always done it."

Maez commented that the commissioners were not sworn in until the second week of January and for the first two weeks the commissioners were "not sworn into the job."

Woodman stated that this is "not what the law says."

County Attorney Todd Weaver explained that the law requires a commissioner to be paid a certain amount annually even if their term begins after the first of the year.

Weaver added that the commissioners have the option to forgo a portion of their salary.

Woodman explained that, in the case of Commissioner Veronica Medina, who had just been elected to the BoCC, she would be paid her entire salary for the year across 25 pay periods since the

first pay period of the year had already passed.

"The bottom line is it says, 'This is what your salary is for the calendar year annual salary,' and that's not what was happening," Woodman said.

He added that he believed the disparity was lower for Maez since he had been re-elected and was being paid his prior rate of pay during the first section of January while Brown was newly elected and thus was not being paid.

**"It kind of irritates me that here we are because if I stand up for myself I'm going to be the bad guy. If I don't stand up for myself then ... I am agreeing that this is the way that we should operate, and I don't think that's the way things are being done today, but I think that historically we have had some practices that have made me scratch my head."**

**Commissioner Warren Brown**

Maez asked if previous commissioners had been treated the same, which Woodman indicated is "possible."

Maez stated, "My whole thing is, you know, I mean Warren's got a different consideration than I do,

but I'm not gonna hold him to it. I mean, I didn't catch it, I didn't miss it. I'm gonna forgo the \$486."

Woodman and Weaver both indicated that Maez could legally do this, although Weaver noted he would have to "double check."

"My bad if I didn't catch it either," Maez added. "My bad if I didn't check it lawfully. I haven't missed that \$486 now, so I'm not gonna miss it later. And, ... frankly, the county could use it more than I could right now. ... After this long of a time it just doesn't seem good for me to take it."

Maez noted that he would not hold "any less respect" for Brown if he decides to take the money due to the higher amount Brown was shorted by.

Brown stated, "At the risk of being the bad guy, when this came to my attention I remember specifically having the conversation with Mr. Wall, who was the county manager at that time, and Finance and being told you're going to be paid a half a month because this is what we do."

"And I have to tell you it kind of stuck in my craw at the time because my previous employment with the county I know of pay practices that were not consistent with what I knew to be elsewhere, specifically with grant funds for particular projects and that the end employee not receiving full compensation and, I tell ya, it really kinda ticks me off that we have to, seemed to have just decided what we're going to do and this is what you're going to get. Not necessarily what the law says, but just out of historical practice."

"And that is a concern. If the law says this is what is paid, I think this is what should be paid. If it's not, then it's not. I'm probably not going to go to the poorhouse because of not taking that payment, but the fact is, that should have been something that the administration

in this building made sure that I received because that was the lawful compensation. Not because of what I think. Not because of what I need or don't need. But, if that's what it reads, that's what it should be."

Maez stated that he was not arguing this and Brown said he was "not trying to argue."

Brown continued, "It kind of irritates me that here we are because if I stand up for myself I'm going to be the bad guy. If I don't stand up for myself then ... I am agreeing that this is the way that we should operate, and I don't think that's the way things are being done today, but I think that historically we have had some practices that have made me scratch my head."

Maez noted that the county manager works for the commissioners and the Finance Department works for the county manager, adding that Brown "should have brought it up in a work session at the point in time when you were told you weren't eligible for that."

Maez noted that Brown was a new commissioner at the time, adding, "I understand that."

He also reiterated that he would have no less respect for Brown for taking the payment and would reconsider the situation himself if his shortfall had been as large as Brown's.

Medina noted that, as a new county commissioner, she had taken at face value information that county staff told her and would not have thought to question the information.

Weaver then interjected, noting that, upon reviewing state statute further, he had discerned that the elected official's salary could not be decreased unless the county official chose to receive 50 percent of their designated salary.

Maez and Brown agreed that the issue is more about the principle of the law than the dollar amount and Maez noted that the job of county commissioner is not "easy."

Weaver continued, indicating that Maez would be required to take the \$486.

"So, there you go; the law requires you to take it," Weaver concluded.

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# Wings

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sibility for tourists to have places to host their children while staying in town.

Brown noted that the reason he placed this discussion on the agenda is because he knew Wings is asking for funding from the town and county and he is wanting to deed the property the county is currently leasing to Wings with an "actual dollar value" as part of fulfilling that request.

He added that the BoCC could potentially use the land as an in-kind transfer with a monetary addition to fulfill the remainder of the request.

Brown stated that, although the lease cost is low, this would make Wings "essentially whole" by giving them ownership of the leased property and preventing Wings from having to worry about the lease ending in the future.

Maez asked how the county had acquired the property and if there

are any restrictions on it.

Weaver commented that the property is oddly shaped and part of it is in the airport fence, which cannot be given away.

Thus, he indicated, the county would have to survey and subdivide the property prior to the transfer.

Weaver also stated that he is unsure how the county initially acquired the property.

Smith noted that Wings has no plans to build on the property and that there is an electrical right of way on the property that would prevent construction, although Wings had installed a playground on the parcel that would cost \$40,000 to replace.

He added that, if Wings lost the lease, which he thought unlikely, it would also create difficulties for Wings licensing as the school needs that land to meet space requirements for the number of children enrolled at the school.

Maez stated that his concern was if there are any commitments tied to the property that could cause legal problems for the county if it is deeded to Wings.

Brown suggested that additional legal research should be done before the deeding of the property is brought to the board.

Maez reiterated that the potential for restrictions on the property are his "biggest hangup," noting, "It's a piece of property we don't use. It's not going to be futurely viable for ... the county."

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# Application

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child care providers, since some on the council had expressed that the \$150,000 “might not be enough” to fund child care in the area.

Phillips also added that the tourism board “has been getting requests” from Wings Early Childhood Center seeking funding from the tourism board’s infrastructure line item for its planned expansion project.

At the tourism board’s Jan. 24 meeting, it was revealed that Wings has requested \$200,000 from this line item, and the organization has also requested \$150,000 from the town’s pot of money, according to the work session agenda packet.

At the work session, Pierce said, “The thing that bothers me is when Wings came to us first, they asked for a certain thing, and then they came and asked for something different later, and then their last ask was for something different. So, where is that going?”

“Is it because their project is changing? Or that they saw a different amount of money in the budget and that’s why they asked for more? I don’t know why they are doing that or where they are going. And I don’t want to pick on them, but I’ve seen the ask change.”

For its part, the tourism board expressed uncertainty at its last meeting about whether child care is

an initiative within its purview, since its focus is tourism.

On this front, the board will hold a Feb. 2 work session to discuss “defining tourism-related infrastructure” as well as a discussion on its “funding criteria,” according to Jennifer Green, Executive Director of Visit Pagosa Springs.

Williams, who serves on the tourism board, suggested that he thought the county’s portion of the tourism money was a “no go” anyways, since part of the board’s infrastructure money comes from the county, which means it would require the county’s approval to use infrastructure dollars for child care expansion.

He said that he talked to County Commissioner Ronnie Maez, who’s also on the tourism board, and that, based on this conversation, he thinks there is a general feeling among the county commissioners that the Wings request for tourism money is not “tourist-related.”

With these issues swirling around, the council tried to stay focused on the task at hand, to determine the application criteria for child care funding requests.

Pierce said, “Let’s just don’t even talk about tourism. That’s their pot ... We’re just only talking about the \$150,000 that we put in and how are we going to” allocate that money.

Phillips also sought to get the work session back on track, remind-

ing the council that funding requests from both Wings and Seeds of Learning have already come in to the town staff “before we have even decided as a council what the application criteria” will look like.

At this point, she presented a draft copy of the funding application. The draft stated that the main criteria points that the town would be looking for when it considers allocating funding to child care providers would be as follows:

- Expansion or addition of new early child care and education slots.
- Retention of existing slots.
- Support of organizations aiding families in the local workforce.
- Organizations or centers that have found other ways to be self-sufficient in their funding model.
- Organizations demonstrating sustainability in provision of early child care and education services.

The draft also asked applicants to distinguish whether they’re a child care center, an in-home daycare or some other type of child care provider, while also asking for a mission statement, a brief narrative describing the organization and the amount of funding requested.

For the council members in attendance, these items were all uncontroversial and will remain in the final application language.

However, there was lengthier debate about the section in the draft

asking the applicants to answer clarifying questions, which would be answered “in a separate attachment.”

Here, the original draft included six questions, but the final draft will have only five, striking one question and simplifying or clarifying the others.

After some deliberation, the final application will include the following questions:

- Describe your organization/center. How many children are currently served on a daily basis? What ages are accepted? What is the current capacity and how many are on your wait list? What is the teacher/caregiver-to-child ratio? Include any other relevant information about your center/organization’s operations.
- What is the purpose of the requested funds? How and when will the funds be expended?
- What other sources of funding do you have and/or are seeking?
- Has your organization been awarded funds in the past five years

# Shooting

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from the ACSO, at approximately 1:50 a.m. on Jan. 4, two ACSO deputies responded to a call for service in Aspen Springs Unit 6 “involving a disturbance between two male subjects.”

According to the press release, “During the incident, one of the male subjects deployed a firearm and attempted to discharge the firearm at an ACSO Deputy. The second Deputy discharged their duty weapon at the male subject, neutralizing the immediate threat.”

It further notes that deputies “provided lifesaving support immediately after the incident until medics arrived.”

“The incident was non-fatal, and the suspect was transported to hospital for treatment,” it notes.

According to the press release, the ACSO’s Officer-Involved Shootings and Death Policy was invoked “to ensure that the incident is investigated in a thorough, fair and impartial manner” and the “6th Judicial District Critical Incident Team was activated immediately to conduct an

independent criminal investigation of the incident.”

The press release outlined that the ACSO would also conduct an administrative investigation of the incident, with both deputies involved placed on administrative leave for the duration of the investigation “per protocol and Sheriff’s Office Policy and Operating Procedure.”

On Wednesday, Le Roux noted that the deputies were brought back in an administrative capacity last week, which is the first stage of the reintegration.

Le Roux added that after the final determination by the judicial district, the deputies will go back to “relatively normal operations,” but added they will be evaluated and monitored.

Le Roux called the outcome the best possible given the circumstances, with no fatalities, and indicated that the incident, like others, will be used to help refine policy and procedure moving forward.

Champagne explained an abbreviated analysis of the review will be posted to the district website.

day care that asks for 500 bucks, I don’t need them here, but if Wings is asking for \$75,000, then I think, yeah, they need to be here.”

It was clarified that this would only be “in case there’s questions,” Phillips said. Child care providers seeking funding will not be giving formal presentations.

Phillips also said, “So, I’m assuming, in terms of pots of money,” between the \$150,000 for early child care and education and the \$100,000 for service organizations, that “you are just gonna save that for the discussion that will happen on the 23rd, right?”

Williams sought clarification about whether one organization could ask for chunks out of both pots of money.

It was decided that they’d need to choose between one or the other.

Pierce said, “I think they ask one time and include everything in here, and then we make our decision on what we are going to fund.”  
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He explained it will be abbreviated due to the office’s duty to protect the suspect’s right to a fair trial.

## Suspect charged

On Thursday, Jan. 26, a suspect in the case, Tyler James Intermaggio, 37, of Pagosa Springs, was charged with criminal attempt to commit murder in the first degree, a second-degree felony.

The complaint filed alleges that Intermaggio engaged “in conduct constituting a substantial step toward the commission of murder in the first degree, Tyler James Intermaggio unlawfully and feloniously, under circumstances evidencing an attitude of universal malice manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life generally, knowingly engaged in conduct which created a grave risk of death to a person, and thereby attempted to cause the death of William Lucero.”

According to the ACSO, Intermaggio was booked into the Archuleta County Detention Center on Jan. 18.  
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# Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

## Thursday, Feb. 2

**Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board retreat.** 8 a.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

**Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Board meeting.** 9:30 a.m., Archuleta County Sheriff’s Office conference room. For more information, see <http://www.archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

**Combined Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting.** 5:30 p.m. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

## 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=d2IDVWM1L0RBt1A4Q2InYWhybJRTQT09>.

## Tuesday, Feb. 7

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session.** 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, com-

missioners’ meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners meeting.** 1:30 p.m. Archuleta County administration building, commissioners’ meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

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

**Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District special board meeting.** 5 p.m. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

## Wednesday, Feb. 8

**Archuleta County Fair Board meeting.** 6 p.m., CSU Extension office, 344 U.S. 84.

## Thursday, Feb. 9

**Main Street monthly board meeting.** 4 p.m., Pagosa Springs Visitor Center meeting room, 105 Hot Springs Blvd. Join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89821999924?pwd=ZzIKSjYlL1BkZmRzRUpZcUkxUkx5Zz09>

**Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District regular board meeting.** 5 p.m., 100 Lyn Ave.

## Tuesday, Feb. 14

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

**Pagosa Fire Protection District Board of Directors meeting.** 5:30 p.m. Administration Office: 165 N. Pagosa Blvd.

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

# Water

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gallons for between 2,001 and 8,000 gallons of usage will rise from \$5.32 to \$5.64, while the volume charge per 1,000 gallons for between 8,001 and 20,000 gallons of usage will increase from \$10.65 to \$11.29.

The volume charge per 1,000 gallons for more than 20,001 gallons of usage will increase from \$13.37 to \$14.17.

The water fill station charge per 1,000 gallons will increase from \$11.49 to \$12.18, while the water availability of service and wastewater availability of service fees remain the same at \$14.30 and \$12.50 respectively.

According to the documentation, the wastewater monthly service charge will rise from \$32 to \$32.80.

Prior to unanimously approving the rate changes, the board held a public hearing on the issue where it received no public comments concerning the altered rates.

The board also approved chang-

es to other non-rate fees and charges, including an increase in water connection fees for a standard 3/4-inch meter from \$1,800 to \$2,235 and an increase in standard 4-inch wastewater connection fees from \$400 to \$515.

As documented in the agenda, system capital investment fees for water increased from \$5,196 to \$5,353 and system capital investment fees for wastewater increased from \$1,145 to \$1,179.

Equity buy-in fees for water decreased from \$4,752 to \$4,546 per EU and equity buy-in fees for wastewater decreased from \$3,812 to \$3,574 per EU.

The agenda notes that the buy-in fees decreased due to no current “major asset capitalizations” and ongoing depreciation.

However, as PAWSD board member Glenn Walsh commented, this decrease is likely to be temporary in what Walsh likened to the decrease in water levels that precedes a tsunami.

## PAWSD election

In other news, the PAWSD board also passed a resolution setting the district’s next election to occur between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on May 2.

According to the resolution, three directors will be elected for four-year terms and two directors will be elected for two-year terms.

Ramsey highlighted in an interview that five seats being open on the board at once is an unusual situation and is driven by a combination of resignations from the board last year and a change by the state shifting PAWSD elections from even years to odd years.

Self-nomination and acceptance forms are available at the offices of Designated Election Official Renee Lewis at 100 Lyn Ave. and must be filed with Lewis by Feb. 24.

The election will occur exclusively through mail ballots, which must be returned to 100 Lyn Ave. by the date of the election.

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# STR

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tion, but afterward, in July 2022, 13 plaintiffs (Clinton Alley, Monica Alley, Blackhead Properties LLC, Melissa Buckley, Escapa LLC, Gregg Fitts, John Grey, Kristin Grey, JLS-FUN LLC, Peter Macomber, Nicole Buckley, Olivia Modern and Aaron Moore) filed a complaint in court challenging the voter-imposed fee and charter amendment.

After a July 11, 2022, hearing on the complaint, Wilson filed an order granting preliminary injunction on the Town of Pagosa Springs’ enforcement of the ordinance. Ultimately, on Jan. 2, Wilson granted the plaintiffs a summary judgment in the case, ruling that both the voter-imposed STR fees and the charter amendment were invalid and unenforceable.

# Death

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fied as an unattended death the police department is currently investigating the cause and nature of the death.”

There are no public safety risks associated with this investigation,

The town had the option to appeal the decision, but at its Jan. 19 meeting, the Pagosa Springs Town Council approved the first reading of Ordinance 992, which would officially repeal the STR fee should the council approve it, upon second reading.

On Jan. 23, the town entered into the joint motion with the plaintiffs in district court. In the joint motion, one of the agreed to stipulations is to waive the town’s right to appeal the ruling.

The town also agrees:

- That the charter amendment is invalid and of no legal effect, promising to add a notation in the town charter identifying the invalidity of the amendment.
- That the STR fees are invalid and of no legal effect, and the town agrees

to adopt an ordinance revoking the STR fees and regulations.

• To refund all fees collected under the STR regulations within 60 days of this stipulation.

• To pay the plaintiffs’ attorney fees and costs in the amount of \$10,000.

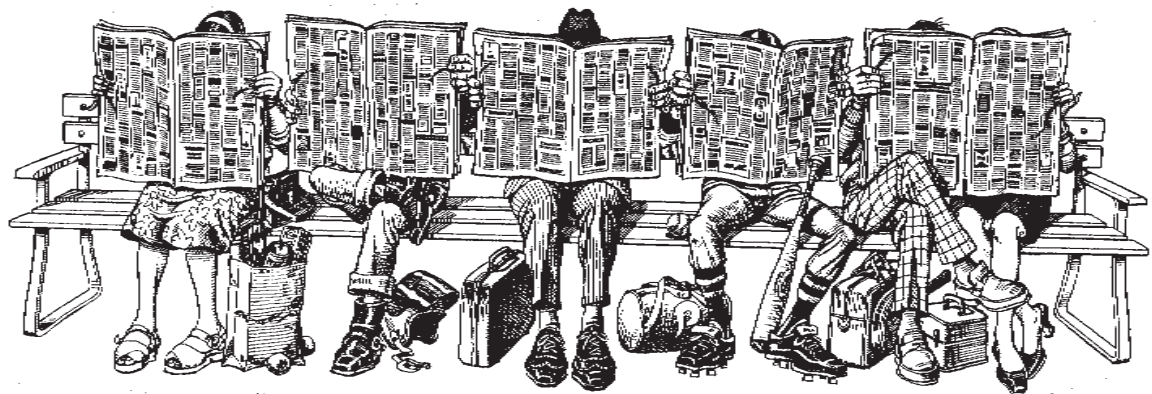
Paul Kosnik, attorney for the plaintiffs, and Town Attorney Clayton Buchner filed the joint motion on Jan. 23, with Wilson granting the motion the following day, on Jan. 24, approving the agreed-to stipulations in the motion.

The order “resolves all claims, charges, complaints, orders or grievances the parties have or may have against each other,” effectively ending the case, but also legally binding the town to the agreed-upon conditions in the motion.

is still under investigation, the department is not expecting it will be deemed foul play.

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## County discusses application for opioid settlement infrastructure funds

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

At its Jan. 17 work session, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners discussed a potential funding opportunity related to the Southwest Opioid Response District (SWORD) with Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado Economic Development Project Manager Heather Otter.

Otter explained to the board that the SWORD council is a group of regional stakeholders who will guide the spending of funds connected to an opioid settlement.

She explained that one subset of the funding, which will constitute 10 percent of the total funding received, is funding for improving or building infrastructure to address opioid issues in the community.

She explained that there is an opportunity for a participating government to become the applicant and fiscal agent for the funds.

Otter stated that there will be a three-year period with two rounds of applications per year for the funds.

She added that, in the first year, awards will prioritize "brick-and-mortar projects," although she recommended that the idea of brick and mortar "not be taken too literally."

Otter noted that La Plata County is the fiscal agent for the "general bucket of funds," but that she wanted to discuss with Archuleta County the possibility of it being the applicant and fiscal agent for the infrastructure funding.

Commissioner Warren Brown asked how much infrastructure funding might be available.

Otter explained that the funding

available in the first year would be about \$5 million statewide across both rounds, \$1.1 million per round in the second year and \$1.5 million per round in the third year, although this could change depending on the settlements and court decisions.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez asked Otter if La Plata County could be the fiscal agent for the infrastructure funding, which she confirmed.

He then asked if bringing the funding to Archuleta County and making it available through the grant funding, which Otter affirmed.

"That was my primary objective right there," Maez said.

Otter commented that the members of the SWORD council had done substantial planning work prior to its formation and that there is a "regional goal" to create a long-lasting project to assist with opioid treatment in the area.

She noted that having Archuleta County apply for the infrastructure funding would support the regional objectives of the council.

Maez stated it is important that Archuleta County and La Plata County work together on opioid funding.

Otter highlighted that La Plata County suggested the possibility of using the DeNier Center, located near the La Plata County Detention Center, for whatever projects are recommended by the feasibility study currently being undertaken by SWORD.

Maez noted that the counties should keep their options open so that projects can move forward efficiently.

Otter then discussed the application dates, noting that the first

application period for 2023 had passed and the second will open in March and close in April.

She added that the feasibility study will not be completed until the end of May or mid-June.

She noted that applying for the second 2023 round would not be impossible, but would require additional "creativity" in justifying acquiring the funding before the feasibility study is complete.

Otter added that applications for the first round of 2024 funding will open in August and close in September.

Otter stated that she would like to discuss applying for and determining the applicant for the infrastructure funding at SWORD's February meeting, with a vote occurring by March at the latest.

Otter and Maez agreed that they desire to keep the process moving forward, and Maez commented that the BoCC could vote on being the applicant and fiscal agent for the infrastructure funding at its Feb. 7 meeting.

Otter indicated that having this decision before the February SWORD meeting would be helpful.

Commissioner Veronica Medina questioned if La Plata County is interested in or going to put in an application.

Otter explained that they could, but the SWORD council had decided to avoid having individual county applications to keep the regional focus and avoid competition between counties.

Brown questioned where the funding would be focused in the region.

Otter explained that this would be partially determined by the feasibility study, with the possibil-

ity being that the funds could be focused on renovating the DeNier Center or on creating recovery housing at an undetermined location in the region.

Maez expressed support for the possibility of locating a project in La Plata County due to its central location in the region.

Medina questioned what the point of Archuleta County being the fiscal agent would be if the infrastructure created is located in La Plata County.

Maez responded that Archuleta County residents would have access to this resource.

Otter added that the funds might be distributed across multiple projects, such as part of the funding being devoted to the renovation of the DeNier Center and another portion being spent on recovery housing in Pagosa Springs.

She also commented that having a treatment facility located in the region would significantly reduce the distances that residents would have to travel for treatment compared to the current situation no matter which community the facility is located in.

Otter stated that the infrastructure funding could also be used as match funding for other grants, such as those offered by the Behavioral Health Administration, which she noted is another attractive element of the funds.

Medina questioned if the funding could be used for programs through the health department the county is developing.

Otter noted that it could be possible assuming the funds are addressing opioid issues or connected problems.

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### Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

- Jan. 23 — Warrant arrest, Harman Park Drive.
- Jan. 23 — Information only, Harman Park Drive.
- Jan. 23 — Littering of public or private property, trespass warning, Talisman Drive/Park Avenue.
- Jan. 24 — Domestic violence, theft-motor vehicle parts/accessories from vehicle, Doc Adams Road.
- Jan. 24 — Littering, Oakwood Circle.
- Jan. 25 — Vicious dog with injury, Pebble Circle.
- Jan. 25 — Domestic violence, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Nutria Circle.
- Jan. 25 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, criminal mischief, Easy Street.

Jan. 25 — Under investigation, no location listed.

Jan. 26 — Dog at large (first offense no injury), Canyon Circle.

Jan. 28 — Information only, Seminole Drive.

Jan. 29 — Violation of restraining order, Hilltop Drive.

Jan. 29 — Third-degree assault, Navajo Court.

### Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

- Jan. 21 — Theft, San Juan Street.
  - Jan. 24 — Owner/custodian allowed animal to run at large, Mesa Drive.
  - Jan. 25 — Possession of drug paraphernalia, warrant arrest, 1st Street/Pagosa Street.
  - Jan. 25 — Unauthorized use of financial transaction device, gathering identity information by deception, Bienvenido Circle.
  - Jan. 27 — Drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, failed to drive in single lane (weaving), U.S. 160/Pinon Causeway.
- Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Anthony D. Edwards**  
No report.
- Archuleta County Court: Judge**

### Justin P. Fay

- Jan. 25 — Davontae J. Jones, improper mountain driving, fines and costs — \$149.50.
- Jan. 25 — Matthew Carl Dinetta, fishing without a license, fines and costs — \$180.50.
- Jan. 25 — Hunter Mack Thedford, wildlife-violation of rule/reg, fines and costs — \$221.50.
- Jan. 25 — Eddie J. Burk, careless driving, fines and costs — \$238.50.
- Jan. 25 — Mliss Arnold, theft-less than \$300, fines and costs — \$191.50.
- Jan. 25 — Rose M. Krajnik, speeding 5-9 over limit, fines and costs — \$127.50.
- Jan. 25 — David M. Di Pietro, fail obey traffic control device, fines and costs — \$137.50.
- Jan. 25 — Daniel Bruce Swearing, obedience to official traffic control device, fines and costs — \$170.
- Jan. 25 — Chris Robsion, speeding 1-4 over, fines and costs — \$120.
- Jan. 25 — Ronald William Merz, speeding 1-4 over, fines and costs — \$120.
- Jan. 25 — Billy Joe McPherson, speeding 1-4 over, fines and costs — \$120.

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Jan. 25 — Shawn V. Hudler, speeding 10-19 over limit, driving under restraint, fines and costs — \$349.50.

Jan. 25 — Timothy Scott Cochran, speeding 1-4 over, fines and costs — \$120.

Jan. 25 — Charley Amos Benally, driver's license-driving without, signal lamp violation, fines and costs — \$129.50.

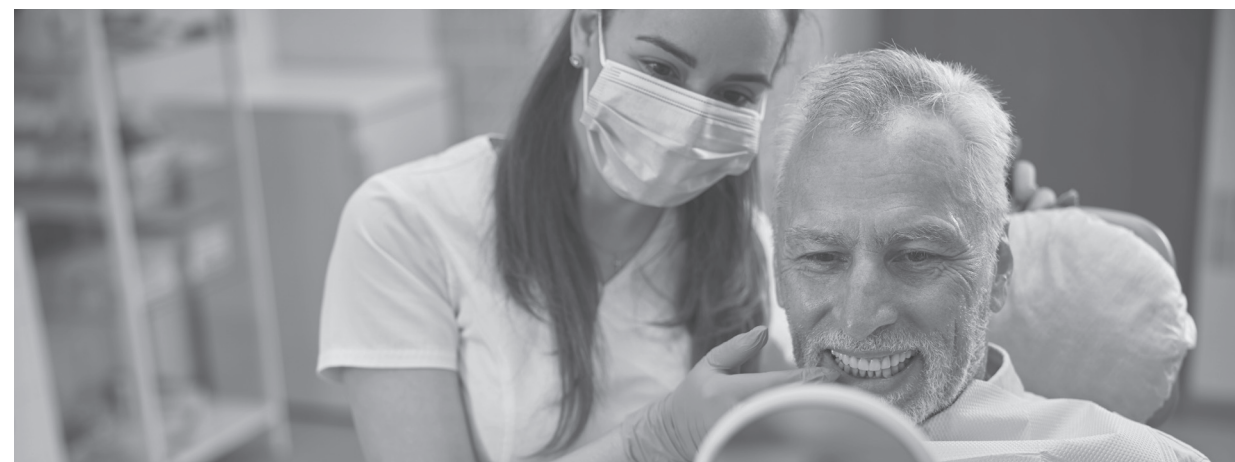
Jan. 25 — Frank E. Stegmaier, registration-unregistered vehicle, driver's license-driving without, fines and costs — \$207.50.

Jan. 26 — Gordon C. Smith, speeding 1-4 over, fines and costs — \$85.

**6th Judicial District Court: Judge Justin P. Fay**  
No report.

**6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson**

Jan. 30 — Cassandra D. Shacklett, driving under the influence-with 3+ priors, four years probation updated sentence, 56 hours community service, 90 days electronic surveillance, fines and costs — \$3,954.50.



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# Sports

## SWIM

### Ivanna Erne qualifies for state in two more events

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate swimmer Ivanna Erne added two more state qualifications to her list last week in Alamosa.

Erne qualified in both the 100-meter butterfly and 100-meter freestyle, giving her three state-qualifying times on the season.

"With how close she has been to the 100 free and 100 fly qualification times we knew there was a good chance she would qualify this weekend," coach Heather Miller wrote in an email to The SUN. "What was surprising was how much time she dropped in both events, she dropped 1.48 seconds in the 100 free and 1.70 seconds in the 100 fly, which is a pretty big improvement at her level."

The Lady Pirates competed in a pair of meets in Alamosa last week, the first being a dual with the Sargent Farmers on Jan. 27.

Sargent defeated the Pirates 102-68 in the dual.

At the dual, the 200-meter medley relay team of Ariel Sleat, Karis Blackman, Emma Gantt and Dharma Adams placed second and earned two points for the Pirates. The team finished in two minutes, 26.38 seconds.

The team of Lynelle Bartz, Leah Blackman, Baylee Rollins and Marlowe Hedgecock finished third and earned two points with a time of 2:33.85.

The team of Bella Gutierrez, Gemma Slingerland, Bailee Shallenberger and Charlie Gutierrez finished fifth with a time of 3:27.48.

In the 200-meter freestyle, Erne finished first and earned six points with a time of 2:24.23. Asia Gorman finished fifth with a time of 2:59.08, earning one point. Kali Jury finished sixth in 3:01.64.

In the 200-meter individual medley, Bartz finished second with a time of 2:51.22, earning four points. Gantt finished third and earned three points, finishing in 3:06.47. Karis Blackman finished fifth and earned one point with a time of 3:16.47.

Adams finished first in the 50-meter freestyle with a time of 32.61 seconds, earning six points. Leah Blackman finished fourth with a time of 37.52 seconds, earning two points. Shallenberger followed in fifth with a time of 42.83 seconds, earning one point.

Erne took first in the 100 fly and earned six points with a time of 1:08.95, which qualified her for state. Rollins finished in 1:41.05, placing her fifth and earning one point. Jury followed in sixth with a time of 1:46.65.

In the 100 freestyle, Gantt finished second and earned four points with a time of 1:10.79. Charlie Gutierrez finished fifth with a time of 1:45.70, earning one point.

Miller points out in her email Gantt dropped more than five seconds in her 100 freestyle.

In the 500-meter freestyle, Gor-



Photo courtesy Heather Miller

Lady Pirate Ivanna Erne swims en route to a state-qualifying time and a first-place finish in the 100-meter butterfly Friday, Jan. 27 in Alamosa.

man placed fourth with a time of 8:10.78, earning two points. Adams finished fifth with a time of 8:22.11, earning one point. Slingerland finished sixth in 9:11.64.

"Gemma Slingerland swam the 500 free as a first year swimmer," Miller wrote. "[T]his is a very rare event for a first year swimmer to do... she is a BEAST!"

In the 200-meter freestyle relay, the team of Bartz, Jury, Gantt and Erne finished second with a time of 2:04.01, earning four points.

The team of Karis Blackman, Hedgecock, Rollins and Leah Blackman finished fourth with a time of 2:25.34.

Bartz took first in the 100-meter backstroke with a time of 1:14.15, earning six points. Sleat took fifth and earned one point with a time of 1:38.04. Shallenberger finished sixth with a time of 1:45.36.

Karis Blackman finished second in the 100-meter breaststroke with a time of 1:29.84, earning four points. Leah Blackman followed in third with a time of 1:36.26 to earn three points. Hedgecock finished fifth and earned one point with a time of 1:39.08.

In the 400-meter freestyle relay, Pagosa's team of Jury, Gorman, Adams and Erne finished second in 5:05.40, earning four points.

The team of Slingerland, Shallenberger, Charlie Gutierrez and Rollins finished fifth with a time of 6:30.01.

The following day, the team took part in the Sargent Invite, where they placed fourth out of five teams with 76 points. Durango finished first with 161.5 points.

The 200 medley relay team of

Bartz, Karis Blackman, Gantt and Erne finished second and earned 14 points with a time of 2:13.00.

The team of Sleat, Adams, Gorman and Jury finished seventh with a time of 2:41.71, earning four points for the Lady Pirates.

In the 200 freestyle, Hedgecock finished 10th in 3:04.47 and Leah Blackman finished 11th with a time of 3:19.69.

Miller highlights both 200 freestyle performances and the drops in time for the swimmers, writing, "Marlowe dropped 7.5 seconds and Leah dropped 22.99 seconds."

In the 200 individual medley, Cadence Pair finished fifth with a time of 3:33.54, earning four points.

Erne took third in the 50 freestyle with a time of 27.34 seconds, earning six points. Jury finished in 14th with a time of 31.90 seconds. Slingerland finished 26th in 37.79 seconds. Rollins followed in 27th with a time of 39.31 seconds. Shallenberger finished 28th in 41.51 seconds, and Sleat finished 29th with a time of 44.42 seconds.

Bartz finished third in the 100 fly with a time of 1:20.67, earning six points for her team.

Erne finished first in the 100 freestyle with a state-qualifying time of 1:00.34, earning nine points. Jury finished 10th with a time of 1:17.77. Slingerland finished 17th in 1:27.82.

Karis Blackman finished seventh in the 500 freestyle with a time of 8:31.79, earning two points. Pair followed in eighth with a time of 8:53.95, earning one point.

Three teams participated in the 200 freestyle and scored points for the Lady Pirates.

The team of Bartz, Jury, Gantt and Erne finished second with a time of 1:59.70, earning 14 points.

The team of Pair, Hedgecock, Karis Blackman and Adams finished sixth in 2:20.20, earning six points.

The team of Rollins, Slingerland, Leah Blackman and Gorman finished eighth and earned two points with a time of 2:28.95.

Five Lady Pirates competed in the 100 backstroke: Gorman finished eighth and earned one point with a time of 1:34.72. Sleat finished 10th in 1:37.60. Hedgecock finished 13th in 1:42.84. Shallenberger finished 14th with a time of 1:47.26 and Leah Blackman finished 15th with a time of 1:48.27.

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## BASKETBALL

# Lady Pirates move up in statewide standings

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate basketball team moved up in the 4A Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) standings over the last week, despite going 1-2 in the week's games.

RPI is one of the tools used to help determine postseason seeding, with the Lady Pirates moving from 26th on Jan. 24 to 25th as of Feb. 1.

The Lady Pirates played two of the state's top teams over the last week, with the Centauri Falcons the No. 4 team in the 3A RPI standings and third in the coaches' poll. The Alamosa Mean Moose were the No. 6 team in the 4A RPI standings as of Feb. 1 and were sixth in the 4A coaches' poll.

Before taking on the Falcons and the Mean Moose, the Lady Pirates first traveled to Cortez on Friday, Jan. 27, to take on the 4A Montezuma-Cortez Panthers in a league matchup.

The Lady Pirates jumped to an early lead in the game, scoring 15 in the first quarter while limiting the Panthers to four. Pagosa allowed only two points in the second while picking up another 15, giving them a 30-6 lead at halftime.

The second half, however, was a different story, with the Panthers outscoring the Pirates in both quarters.

The Panthers bested the Lady Pirates 17-14 in the third and 21-7 in the fourth, leaving the Pirates with a 51-44 win.

Coach Sarah Osborn said the team had a "great first half."

She added the team "came out strong" and did everything it was supposed to.

"I think we just got a little too comfortable, me included. I think I could have coached a much better game," she said.

She added the team looked good offensively, defensively and in transition in the first half, then got in panic mode and the Lady Pirates stopped trusting each other and doing what they were supposed to.

"But, they still pulled it out, came out with the win, which is good," she said.

The team also lost starter Elizabeth Currier to injury late in the game.

Currier picked up 18 points, which included a pair of 3-pointers. She also had a rebound, an assist, three steals and a block.

Chantelle Caldwell had 12 points, nine rebounds, an assist, a steal and a block.

Annie O'Donnell tallied nine points, three steals and a block.

Karsyn Shahan logged seven points, four rebounds, an assist, four steals and a block.

Kylie Ketchum had three points, four rebounds, an assist and a steal.

Daveyann Snarr scored two points, and had a rebound, four assists and a steal.

Cassie Brunson contributed a rebound and a steal.

On Saturday, the Lady Pirates welcomed the Falcons to town for an afternoon league game.

Osborn noted the team met before the game to talk about adjustments following Currier's injury.

"The girls stepped up into the role perfectly," Osborn said. "I thought they came out looking really good."

The Lady Pirates outscored the Falcons 14-7 in the first quarter.

Centauri bested the Pirates 10-5 in the second, leaving Pagosa with a 19-17 halftime lead.

The Falcons scored 15 to the Pirate's 10 in the third, giving the visitors a 32-29 lead heading into the final quarter.

Centauri ultimately outscored Pagosa 11-10 in a back-and-forth fourth quarter to log a 43-39 win.

"The difference of the game is foul trouble," Osborn said. Two Lady Pirates fouled out.

Osborn noted the team talked late in the game about not giving up 3-pointers, but a Falcon post player put up a big shot for the visitors.

She noted the Pirates "missed a couple little bunnies at the end that could have been the difference."

She added the Lady Pirates also didn't capitalize on free throws early on, calling it a "game changer."

She also noted Daveyann Snarr stepped into the starting role well and Shahan stepped into the point



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

**Lady Pirate Karsyn Shahan looks to put up a shot against the Centauri Falcons on Saturday, Jan. 28. Shahan led the team with 14 points in the game, which included a pair of 3-pointers.**

guard role well.

"I thought they filled it really well, they looked really good out there," she said.

Shahan led the team with 14 points in the game, which included a pair of 3-pointers. She also had four rebounds, an assist, a steal and a block.

Caldwell had eight points, two rebounds and a steal.

O'Donnell and Ketchum each scored six. O'Donnell also had six rebounds, one assist and one steal. Ketchum had four assists and one steal.

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Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs High School

**Lady Pirate Vida Maes scrambles for the ball during the team's win over the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers on Jan. 27.**

Daveyann Snarr had five points, two rebounds, three assists and a steal.

Amber Snarr had five rebounds, and Brunson had three.

The Lady Pirates made 11 of 21 attempted free throws. The team turned the ball over 13 times.

Then, on Tuesday, the Lady Pirates took on the Mean Moose at home in a game that was originally scheduled for Jan. 20.

The Mean Moose led 9-6 at the end of the first and 23-10 at the half.

The Lady Pirates battled back in the third, outscoring the Mean

Moose 10-4 to cut Alamosa's lead to seven, 27-20.

Each team picked up eight points in the game's final quarter, leaving Alamosa with a 35-28 win.

In an email to The SUN, Osborn wrote the Pirates "missed some big opportunities late in the [fourth] quarter which would have helped put the Mean Moose away."

She added, "We came out slow against Alamosa and it took us until half time to really come out and play our game. We ended up fighting back, but it is really hard to beat a good team when you don't play all four quarters. We had focused on their press and I thought my team did a great job executing our press break and got easy layups when we did break it. They passed well through the press and were able to see the whole floor. We were able to get Alamosa out of their press quickly, which was one of our goals for last night. I thought our defense in the fourth quarter was great and we executed our press very well. We got steals when we pressed, but we need to be more disciplined when we get steals to go score."

Daveyann Snarr led the team with seven points on the night, which included a pair of 3-pointers. She also had three rebounds, two assists and three steals.

O'Donnell had six points, five rebounds and a steal.

Ketchum and Shahan each tallied five points. Ketchum also had a pair of steals. Shahan logged three rebounds, three assists, two steals and a block.

Caldwell had three points, nine rebounds, a steal and a block.

Brunson had two points and two rebounds.

The team made nine of 19 attempted free throws and turned the ball over 18 times.

Pagosa is now third in the 3A/4A Intermountain League (IML) with a 3-3 league record and 4-12 overall mark.

The Falcons lead the league with a perfect 6-0 league record and 13-2 overall record. Alamosa follows in second with a 4-1 league mark and a 12-4 overall record.

The Lady Pirates will continue league action Friday and Saturday before facing the Mancos Bluejays in a nonleague game Tuesday.

On Friday, Feb. 3, the Lady Pirates will head to Ignacio to take on the 3A Bobcats at 6 p.m.

The Bobcats are fifth in the IML with a 1-3 league record. They are 7-6 overall on the season.

The Pirates previously defeated the Bobcats 49-41 on Jan. 13.

On Saturday, Feb. 4, the team will head to Alamosa for a 5:30 p.m. rematch against the Mean Moose.

On Tuesday, the Lady Pirates will take on the Bluejays in a 6 p.m. home game.

Mancos is 9-3 on the season and sits at the No. 19 team in the 2A RPI standings.

"Moving forward this week we need to focus on executing our half court offense better, and putting teams away when given the opportunities," Osborn wrote.

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# WRESTLING

## Pirates win Cortez dual, take sixth at Butch Melton Invitational

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate wrestling team won its dual at home against Montezuma-Cortez on Jan. 26 before taking sixth place with four top-four finishes at the Butch Melton Invitational on Jan. 28.

Pagosa won the dual 72-12, receiving 42 points in forfeits in the 106-pound, 113-pound, 126-pound, 132-pound, 144-pound, 150-pound and 285-pound weight classes, and winning five of seven contested matches.

Coach Dan Janowsky highlighted that, although the match was uneven due to the number of forfeits by Cortez, the matches that did occur were highly competitive and the coaching staff was “very pleased” with the performance of the Pirates.

“I am pleased we did not take them for granted,” he added. “We went out and wrestled well, I thought, and built on the things we’re trying to build on.”

The dual began with the 113-pound weight class, with the first contested match occurring at 120 pounds, where Michael Thomas was pinned in three minutes, 47 seconds, scoring six points for Cortez.

Wyatt Hoover, in the 138-pound weight class, was then pinned in 3:11, scoring six more points for Cortez.

Chandler Mazur, in the 157-pound weight class, pinned his opponent in 2:38, scoring six points.

Derek Carter, in the 165-pound weight class, also obtained a pin in 3:03, scoring six more points.

Heath Fulbright, in the 175-pound weight class, gained a pin in 3:45, and Connor Kelly pinned his opponent in 2:20, together scoring 12 points for Pagosa.

At 215 pounds, Jesus Serratos concluded the dual with a pin in 53 seconds, scoring Pagosa a final six points.

### Butch Melton Invitational

The Pirates placed sixth out of 17 teams in Butch Melton Invitational in Ignacio on Jan. 28, scoring 90 points.

Janowsky explained that the tournament is scored differently than the line bracket structure used in many other tournaments, with the initial matches in a weight class being organized into a pool in a round-robin format where no wrestlers could be eliminated.

He added that the size of the pool varied depending on the weight class, and the winners of each pool were placed into a bracket to determine placements.



Pagosa wrestler Chandler Mazur grapples with his opponent during the Pirates’ dual with Montezuma-Cortez on Jan. 26. Mazur won the match with a pin, contributing to the Pirate’s 72-12 victory.

This system alters the scoring of the meet, Janowsky noted, as wrestlers do not score advancement points and can only earn bonus points for superiority during matches and through high placements.

He commented that “the format is designed to maximize the number of matches a wrestler gets.”

The coach noted that the team only had “half a lineup” for the tournament due to injuries and other issues, “but we kept our focus on the matches that were being wrestled and the guys that were wrestling. Didn’t worry too much about the team score.”

Anthony Manzanares, in the 106-pound weight class, went 2-3, being pinned in the first round before scoring pins in the second and third rounds.

He was then defeated in a 15-5 major decision in the consolation bracket before being defeated in a 9-1 major decision in the third-place match, taking fourth place.

Colton Lucero, in the 126-pound weight class, went 4-1, scoring pins in his first- and second-round matches and an 11-1 major decision win in the third round.

He was bested in an 11-5 decision in the first championship round before triumphing in the second with a 6-5 sudden victory win to take second place.

Janowsky stated that Lucero, as a freshman, has been wrestling “really, really well” while also facing “high-level guys” more consistently than any other Pagosa wrestler.

“He’s dealing with it really well and he’s winning against some good opponents,” the coach stated. “He does take some lumps, which is something you gotta do when you’re on the way up.”

Hoover went 2-2, scoring a pin in the first round and receiving a bye in the second before losing the third in a 5-4 decision.

He was pinned in the consolation bracket before achieving a pin in the seventh-place match to take seventh place.

Jacob Miller, in the 144-pound weight class, went 2-3, scoring a pin in round one and a victory by injury default in round two before being pinned in round three.

Miller was pinned in the consolation bracket and the seventh-place match to take eighth place.

Mazur went 5-0, pinning his opponents in the first three rounds and also achieving pins in the fifth round and first-place matches to take first place.

Janowsky noted that Mazur “wrestled well” and that “he is probably ... one of the most striking improved wrestlers that I’ve coached.”

Janowsky elaborated that Mazur had made one of the largest improvements between his junior and senior year that he has seen.

Harley Armijo, in the 165-pound weight class, went 3-2, being pinned in the first round, winning by a 13-2 major decision in the second and being pinned in the third round.

Armijo then pinned his opponents in the consolation bracket and the fifth-place match to take

fifth place.

Fulbright went 4-1, gaining a pin in the first round and a 5-4 decision win in the second before being pinned in the third round.

He then won the first consolation round with a 16-6 major decision and won the third with an 11-5 decision.

The coach stated that Fulbright is improving on finding his “go-to shots and finishes” as well as expanding the margins for his victories.

Connor Kelly, competing in the 215-pound weight class, went 4-1, gaining pins in the first three rounds before achieving another pin the fifth round and being pinned in the first place match to take second place.

Janowsky explained that Kelly is showing “a lot of progress” and is beginning to “find his strategy” and improving his ability to use his

■ See Wrestling A13

This Summons is issued pursuant to Rule 4(g), Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure. Published January 19, 26, February 2, 9 and 16, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

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  
Published January 19, 26, February 2, 9 and 16, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

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:

Delfin Martinez  
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C/O LEO JARAMILLO  
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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., 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 Demetrio Martinez, now deceased and Josefita Valdez, now deceased and Dora Jaramillo and Delfin 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 made request upon the Treasurer of said County for 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  
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; ANITA 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 lien recorded on September 5, 2019 at Rec. No. 2190526 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  
Lorena Medina, Office Manager  
Published January 26, February 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION  
CRS 38-38-103 FORECLOSURE  
SALE NO. 2022-010  
To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:  
On November 29, 2022, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.  
Original Grantor(s) Deandria Lisa Saltzman  
Original Beneficiary(ies) MJB Trust

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt MJB Trust  
Date of Deed of Trust February 20, 2019  
County of Recording Archuleta  
Recording Date of Deed of Trust February 21, 2019  
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 2190147  
Original Principal Amount \$202,400.00  
Outstanding Principal Balance \$191,352.64  
Pursuant to CRS 38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.  
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. Tracts 14 and 15, Alpine Lakes Ranch - Elk Ridge Unit #1, according to the map thereof, filed August 9, 1996 as Reception No. 1996005791, in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado. Also known by street and number as: 1112 S Blak Bear Place, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.  
NOTICE OF SALE  
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.  
THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 03/30/2023, at the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office at 449 San Juan St. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

First Publication 2/2/2023  
Last Publication 2/23/2023  
Name of Publication: Pagosa Springs Sun  
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;  
DATE: 11/29/2022  
Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado  
By: Elsa P. White, Public Trustee  
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:  
Eggleston Kosnik, LLC 160 E. 12th Street, Ste 7, Durango, CO 81301 (970) 403-1580  
Attorney File # Saltzman  
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.  
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DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO  
109 Harman Park Drive  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
Plaintiff: The Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County, CO  
Defendants: Canadian Crafts, Inc., Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District, Archuleta County Public Trustee, and all Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest in the Subject Matter of this Action.  
Case Number 2022CV030010  
Attorney or Party Without Party:  
Todd A. Weaver, Reg. No. 31708  
P.O. Box 1507  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
Phone Number (970) 264-8321  
Fax Number: Withheld Pursuant to Rule  
E: TWeaver@ArchuletaCounty.org  
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO  
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: CANADIAN CRAFTS, 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.  
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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS  
(NOTICE BY PUBLICATION)  
§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 Piedra Park Metropolitan Improvement District of Archuleta County, 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, 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  
Arbodes, CO, 81121  
970-865-5340  
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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FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING February 21, 2023  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to CRS 30-28-116 that the Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County, Colorado, will hold a public hearing to consider revising the County Land Use Regulations. The language proposed to be adopted is available for review at the County Development Services Department 970-264-1390 and on the County Website. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioner's Meeting Room at 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, at which time all interested parties will be heard. Written comments may also be submitted to the Archuleta County Board of Commissioners, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, at or prior to said public hearing.  
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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR LOMA LINDA METROPOLITAN DISTRICT  
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and particularly to the electors of the Loma Linda Metropolitan District of Archuleta County, Colorado.  
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 7:00p.m. At that time, three (3) directors will be elected to serve a four-year term.  
Self-Nomination and Acceptance forms are available from Matthew Fischer, the Designated Election Official for the District, at 858 San Juan Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado (Telephone: 970-264-9335; Email: emfischer1987@gmail.com or lomalandamd@gmail.com. Self-Nomination and Acceptance forms must be filed with the Designated Election Official for the District at the above address by February 23, 2023.  
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be filed with the Designated Election Official of the District at the above address between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., until the close of business on the Tuesday immediately preceding the election (Tuesday, April 25, 2023).  
LOMA LINDA METROPOLITAN DISTRICT  
By: /s/ Matthew Fischer  
Matthew Fischer  
Designated Election Official  
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Public Notice of Sealed Bid Auction  
The Town of Pagosa Springs announces the sale of the following commercial cooking appliances: 1) Blodgett Stacked Convection Oven; 2) Dynamic Cooking System Griddle; 3) Dynamic Cooking System 6 Burner Gas Range with Oven; and 4) Dynamic Cooking System Deep Fryer. All appliances are approximately 20 years old and are being sold as is. Information and bidding forms can be obtained at Town Hall or by emailing surplus@pagosaprisings.co.gov. Bids must be delivered to the Town Hall no later than 2:00 pm on Thursday, February 9, 2023.  
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DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO  
109 Harman Park Drive  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
Plaintiff: The Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County, CO  
Defendants: Capital Ventures Inc., Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District, Archuleta County Public Trustee, and all Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest in the Subject Matter of this Action.  
Case Number 2022CV030072  
Attorney or Party Without Party:  
Todd A. Weaver, Reg. No. 31708  
P.O. Box 1507  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
Phone Number (970) 264-8321  
Fax Number: Withheld Pursuant to Rule  
Email: TWeaver@ArchuletaCounty.org  
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.  
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DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA, STATE OF COLORADO  
Archuleta County District Court  
109 Harman Park Dr.  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
970-264-5932  
Case No.: 2022CV030079  
Division: 1  
Crm:  
Plaintiff: CROWLEY RANCH RESERVE OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., a Colorado nonprofit corporation v.  
Defendants: FLOYD SEITZINGER; DEBRA SEITZINGER  
Attorneys for Plaintiff:  
Orten Cavanagh Holmes & Hunt, LLC  
Hal R. Kyles, #23891  
1445 Market Street, Suite 350  
Denver, CO 80202  
Phone Number: (720) 221-9780  
Matter ID #3115.0003

**SUMMONS [BY PUBLICATION]**  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:  
You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 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.  
This is an action of foreclosure pursuant to Rule 105, C.R.C.P. to the real property situate in Chromo, Colorado more particularly described as Crowley Ranch Res 4 Lot: D-12 CRR 4 Twn: 32N Rng: 1E, County of Archuleta, State of Colorado.  
Dated: January 9, 2023.  
ORTEN CAVANAGH HOLMES & HUNT, LLC  
By: /s/ Hal R. Kyles  
Hal R. Kyles, #23891  
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## BASKETBALL

# No. 4 Pirates pick up pair of league wins, fall to Alamosa

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate basketball team went 2-1 in league action over the last week, leaving them with a 13-3 overall record and as the No. 3 team in Colorado 4A boys' basketball.

The Pirates sit second in the 3A/4A Intermountain League (IML) behind the Alamosa Mean Moose, who are 6-0 in the league and 14-1 on the season.

The Mean Moose are also ahead of the Pirates in the 4A Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) standings, where they're the No. 2 team.

The Pirates picked up wins against Montezuma-Cortez and Centauri last week, but fell to the Mean Moose on Tuesday evening.

The Pirates first traveled to Cortez to take on the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers on Jan. 27 and returned home with a 44-39 win.

The Pirates battled back in the affair after being down 14-7 at the end of the first and 28-20 at halftime.

Pagosa held the Panthers to single-digit scoring in each of the final two quarters, besting the Panthers 13-2 in the third and 11-9 in the fourth to pick up the come-from-behind win.

"We started slow," coach Wes Lewis said. "We got in early foul trouble, they hit some shots, we got down, we climbed out of a hole. We went down again right at the end of the first half and were down about eight at the close of the half."

Lewis noted the team "really played well" in the third quarter, especially defensively.

"Cortez is a lot better than their record indicated," Wes Lewis said. "They're pretty quick, they're pretty athletic, they shoot a lot of 3s, they're good at getting to the rim, so we were ... fortunate to get the win. Did not play our best, but played good enough to get the win."

Blake Laner led the team in scoring in Cortez with 17 points. He logged a double-double with 15 rebounds, and had three assists, three steals and four blocks.

Gunner Dozier had six points, which included a 3-pointer, and had a rebound and a steal.

A trio of Pirates scored five points: Seth Aucoin, Nate Kinsley and Colt Lewis, with Aucoin and Kinsley each landing a 3-pointer. Aucoin also had three rebounds, Kinsley had three rebounds, an assist, three steals and three blocks. Colt Lewis had two rebounds, three assists and two steals.

Kayson Shahan tallied four points, five rebounds, an assist, a steal and a block.

The team made 11 of its 18 free-throw attempts.



Pirate Colt Lewis puts up a shot in last week's 60-41 win over the Centauri Falcons. Lewis has 12 points, including three 3-pointers, and had three rebounds, five assists and a steal in the game.

SUN photo/Randi Pierce

The Pirates turned the ball over 12 times.

The Panthers are fourth in the league with a 2-3 record in IML action and are 6-7 on the season.

As of Feb. 1, they were the No. 22 team in the 3A RPI standings.

On Saturday afternoon, the Pirates faced off against the Centauri Falcons.

After losing to the Falcons earlier in the month, the Pirates defeated them 60-41 Saturday.

Each team scored 11 in the first quarter, but the Pirates took a 10-point lead by halftime, 29-19.

The Pirates outscored the Falcons 12-9 in the third and 19-13 in the fourth to secure the win.

"We played really well. I thought we were really good defensively," the coach said. "All the kids were on the same page, hitting on all cylinders, communication was great, effort was good, stayed out of foul trouble — you know, a lot of things were good on that side. We shot the ball really well from the 3 line, from the two-point field goal and also from the free-throw line, so we did a nice job offensively with

sharing the basketball and making the extra pass, guys knocking some shots down, and just did a really nice job offensively."

Laner picked up another double-double against the Falcons with 17 points and 13 rebounds. He also had two assists and a block.

Shahan logged 14 points, two rebounds and an assist.

Colt Lewis put up 12 points, including three 3-pointers, and had three rebounds, five assists and a steal.

Dozier contributed six points and an assist.

Aucoin logged five points, which included a 3-pointer, and had a rebound and a steal.

Chase Harper had four points, which included a 3-pointer, and had a rebound and three assists.

Kinsley tallied two points, a rebound, two assists and a block.

Pagosa made 11 of 18 attempted free throws and turned the ball over 12 times.

The Falcons are third in the IML standings with a 4-2 league record and 12-3 overall record. They sit as the No. 5 team in the 3A RPI

standings.

On Tuesday evening, the Pirates faced the Mean Moose in a game that was originally set to be played on Jan. 20.

Alamosa jumped out to a 21-6 lead by the end of the first quarter.

"We really hurt ourselves at the beginning of the game," the coach said. "Our first three possessions were turnovers. They hit some shots in the early going. You know, you look up, you're down 7-0. We played a really sorry first quarter."

He noted the team played better in the second.

By halftime, the Pirates had cut Alamosa's lead to 10, 32-22.

They also played better in the third, he highlighted, and were "right back in it."

By the end of the third, the Pirates were down 38-34.

The Pirates were able to pull within two points during the fourth.

"We had the ball twice with a chance to tie it and we just, we missed some easy ones in those two possessions and missed a couple of bunnies to tie it. That's really disappointing," he said.

Alamosa then hit two consecutive 3-pointers to pull away again.

"In the last three minutes we just didn't get much done offensively and they hit some shots and hit some free throws," he said.

Alamosa ultimately won 57-41.

"I was not very happy with our defense," Wes Lewis said. "I thought our help defense on dribble drive, we had some kids we were wanting to help off of and our mind was just working slow, we weren't reacting and helping off the right kids at the right time. ... I didn't think we did a very good job blocking people out."

He added that Alamosa shot "very, very well" in the game, hitting contested 3-pointers.

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

"Hopefully the guys will bounce back and be ready to take on Ignacio ... and then it's a short turnaround and we'll see Alamosa again," the coach said.

On Friday, the Pirates will travel to Ignacio to take on the Bobcats at 7:30 p.m.

Ignacio is sixth in the IML with an 0-5 league record and 3-10 overall record. The Bobcats are the No. 31 team in the 3A RPI standings.

The Pirates previously defeated the Bobcats 56-32 on Jan. 19.

Wes Lewis noted that both teams were down a starter on Jan. 19 and both teams have those players back.

On Saturday, Feb. 4, the Pirates will head to Alamosa to again face the Mean Moose, who are the No. 10 team in the 4A coaches' poll. [randi@pagosasun.com](mailto:randi@pagosasun.com)

## Wrestling

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"go-to holds" as well eliminating "impulsive mistakes that have hampered him throughout the season."

Antonio Quesada, at 285 pounds, was pinned in the first two rounds before pinning his opponent in the third.

As of Jan. 30, Tressler was ranked fourth in the 3A 132-pound weight class and Lucero was 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, stay-

ing even with last week's rankings. The Pirates will compete next in the Intermountain League championship dual against Alamosa at home on Feb. 2 to end the regular season.

Junior varsity competition will begin at 5 p.m., with the varsity dual following, around 6 p.m.

"Alamosa ... is a very strong opponent," Janowsky commented. "They will have the best dual meet lineup of anyone we've faced, and they have one of the better tournament lineups as well. ... They're

kinda unique in the way they wrestle, so there'll be some things that we've been working on all year long in preparation for them because they're also a regional opponent."

The coach added that the tournament will hinge on the Pirates being able to keep matches in favorable positions for them and keeping the Alamosa wrestlers away from their favored holds, which he noted will be a "tall order" with some of Alamosa's grapplers.

Janowsky stated that the Pirates will be defending their league title,

having defeated Alamosa the last two years, including an upset victory last year, which he predicted will make Alamosa "want to even the score."

"It will be a lot of fun," he added. "The excitement's going to be great. ... We just want to close out of season with a good dual. Doesn't mean we have to win. As I tell our guys ... you can lose and still give yourself and your team some momentum depending on how you conduct yourself out there."

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## RECREATION NEWS

## Register now for youth volleyball leagues

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.

## Ski area announces Fun Race results

By Shelley Raymond  
Wolf Creek Ski Area

Wolf Creek Ski Area hosted its third Fun Race for the season on Sunday, Jan. 22.

The modified grand slalom course was held on Lower Charisma with a groomed course. The race brought with it a turnout of 63 racers, with racers traveling in from Oklahoma, North Carolina and Arizona.

The overall winner for the day was once again Corbin Horrocks, of South Fork, with the fastest time of 25.29 seconds — a nearly two-second improvement from his last winning race on Jan. 8. David Sciole, of South Fork, came in second with a time of 26.95. Third place went to Land Matthes, of Sandia Peak, N.M., with a time of 27.24 seconds.

The ladies' race also had outstanding results, particularly in the 50-plus groups, with all race times coming in sub-50 seconds. Julie Church, of Pinetop, Ariz., finished at 32.33 to take the fast-

est time of the ladies' race. Sandy Sharp, of Fountain Hills, Ariz., took second place with her time of 32.75 seconds, and third place went to Elizabeth Kunz, of Pagosa Springs, with a race time of 33.53.

In the Girls 6-8, Ellie White placed first with a time of 40 seconds.

Kina Garcia-Chavez placed first in the Girls 18-20 with a time of 35.53.

Kunz placed first in the Women 51-60 with a time of 33.53.

Jacob Haynes placed first in the Men 31-35 with a time of 27.73.

In the Men 41-50, Chad Thomas placed third with a time of 27.97.

Greg Schultz placed second in the Men 51-60 with a time of 32.07.

Aiden Soden placed first in the Boys 6-8 with a time of 30.68.

In the Boys 9-11, Rylen Soden placed first with a time of 28.24.

Cedar Liverett placed second in the Boys 15-17 with a time of 27.77.

Ralph Maccarone placed second in the Men 61-70 with a time of 29.72.



Photo courtesy Pagosa Peak Open School

Pagosa Peak Open School kindergartners Judy and Ellie present on the weather during their celebration of learning on Jan. 27. "Through these studies, our students practiced using vocabulary connected to the types of weather, the four components of weather and various instruments that can measure the temperature, precipitation, wind or air pressure," kindergarten advisor Maggie Saunders explained.



Photo courtesy Pagosa Peak Open School

Kindergartners Zaiden, Elijah and Zachary from Pagosa Peak Open School present to parents and staff during the class' weather project celebration on Jan. 27. Students chose sports to study and then shared how the weather affected the sports. In addition to studying weather patterns and learning more about sports, students worked on informational writing through this project, recording how air pressure, wind and moisture affect the weather.

## Celebrations

### Ivory Carpenter, Andy Foster and Jack Foster

Three exceptional undergraduates from Pagosa Springs have been named to the dean's list at

the University of Colorado Boulder's College of Arts and Sciences, including Ivory Carpenter, Andy Foster and Jack Foster.

To be included on this list — which includes a notation on their transcript and a letter from the dean — students must com-

plete at least 12 credit hours of CU Boulder coursework in a semester and earn a term GPA of 3.750 or better.

### Christian Kay

Eastern Oregon University named Christian Kay, who is study-

ing business, agriculture entrepreneurship, to the dean's list for the 2022 fall term.

Qualifying students achieve and maintain a GPA of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale while completing a minimum of 12 hours of graded coursework.

## Wolf Creek Challenge Series race results announced

By Angelica Leslie  
Wolf Creek Ski Team

On Saturday, Jan. 28, the Wolf Creek Ski Team hosted the Wolf Creek Challenge Series Giant Slalom Race, which had a record turnout of 89 racers. Teams from Silverton, Lake City and Santa Fe, along with local and visiting skiers, snowboarders and telemark skiers, participated in the fundraising event for the Wolf Creek Ski Team. It was a cold, snowy whirlwind of fun.

Here are the results:

Under 6 Boys: First, Miles Hough 3:38.27.

Under 6 Girls: Val Anderson.

Boys 7-10: Lucas Barcz, 2:04.27; Caleb Noll, 2:09.72; Theo Kranker, 2:11.31.

Girls 7-10: Kate Barney, 2:10.72; Betsy Barney, 2:15.05; Merick Halterman, 2:19.12.

Boys 11-13: Isaac Hanto, 2:05.29; Joseph Tubbs, 2:25.34; Ward Halterman, 2:19.40.

Girls 11-13: Isabelle Ratcliff (fastest female overall), 1:53.46; Elsha

Ofubhaigh, 2:10.73; Zoe Robinson, 2:12.42.

Boys 14-18: Corbin Horrocks (fastest male overall), 1:42.30; Van Halterman, 1:59.95; Cian Odubhaigh, 2:04.04.

Girls 14-18: Ava Renner, 1:57.49; Amelia Edwards, 2:20.27.

Women's 19-35: Natalie Platt, 1:57.48.

Men 36-59: Dan Hultgren, 1:42.31; Mike Barney, 1:52.06; Kevin Braun, 1:58.06.

Women 36-59: Sallie Barney, 2:01.88; Dayna Kranker, 2:33.71; Holly Sheperd, 2:46.49.

Men 60+: Harvey Monroe, 2:12.83; Frank Lee, 2:29.47; Paul Parks, 2:50.77.

Women 60+: Randi Young, 2:22.82; Tele 19-35: Jaden McNeese, 2:10.73.

Tele 36+: Steven Mead, 2:10.73; Natalie Lloyd, 2:48.20; Nico Foster, 2:38.24.

Junior Snowboard: Finn Renner, 2:41.58.

Snowboard 36+: Paul Ratcliff, 2:25.73; Airen Renner, 2:46.05.

## Gun and bow group achieves tax-exempt status

By Chris Boyd  
Wolf Creek Gun And Bow Association

The Wolf Creek Gun And Bow Association (WCGBA) recently received notification from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) officially designating it as a public charity entity.

The IRS letter to the WCGBA states, "We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522."

The letter further states, "Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)."

This designation will allow donors to potentially claim a tax deduction for their donation to WCGBA, whether the donation be in the form of cash, land, items or in-kind services. It is hoped that this will encourage community members to donate toward the association's primary goal

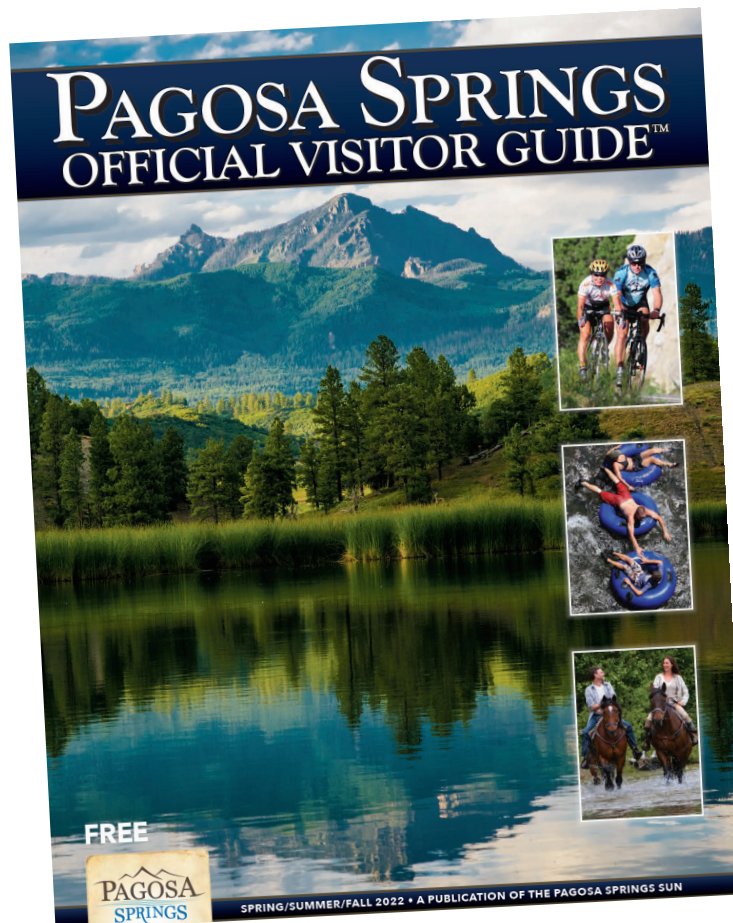
of developing a firearms training facility (dedicated shooting range) to be located at a yet-determined property in Archuleta County.

The WCGBA is working diligently to identify land in the Pagosa area to provide a safe and enjoyable environment in order to promote the responsible use, training and education for shooting disciplines. An emphasis on youth education and overall safe handling of firearms is at the core of the organization.

Last year, the WCGBA hosted its inaugural shooting competition. Due to lack of a current range in Archuleta County, the match was held at the Rio Grande Sportsman's Club in Del Norte. In October 2022, the WCGBA conducted a basic handgun safety course. Other events sponsored by the WCGBA have included a class on situational awareness, trip to the NRA Whittington Center and forest cleanup.

In 2023, we are planning a second marksmanship competition, additional training opportunities and social events.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in making a donation, or in learning more about the WCGBA, please visit [www.wolfcreekgunandbow.org](http://www.wolfcreekgunandbow.org).



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## San Juan Stargazers to meet Thursday, Feb. 2

By Joan Mieritz  
San Juan Stargazers

The San Juan Stargazers are in the two-month process of switching our regular monthly meetings from the fourth Thursday of each month to the first Thursday of each month due to the fact that there is a full moon at the beginning of each month this year.

That means that for about 10 days, people cannot use telescopes, so we might as well have our educational meetings when there is a full moon and then use our telescopes later in the month.

The San Juan Stargazers held an important meeting in January, going over plans for this summer's Night Sky Programs including telescopes. A great deal was accomplished, but many people were not able to attend.

So, we will have a repeat of that meeting on Thursday, Feb. 2, starting with our social hour at 6 p.m. Bring a snack if possible. The educational meeting is from 7 to 8:30 p.m. sharp.

I hope that you will be there to get the important scheduling and educational information. We have a first draft of the schedule for the 2023 Chimney Rock Night Sky Programs.

If you have succeeded in finding the green comet, C/2022 E3 (ZTF), come to this meeting and share your experience.

We also will be brainstorming to improve our communication so everyone will know when every meeting and star party is being held.

There are two 2023 Space Mysteries calendars available for purchase at \$15. Call (303) 995-2888 if interested.

Our club can grow and improve with each new member, but then everyone needs to attend and contribute. People are working each month to make our meetings interesting and valuable. We need you to be there to receive our hard work and to contribute the part that only you can do. See you on Thursday at 6 p.m.

## New Knowledge Bowl series debuts for teens and tweens next Thursday

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

A new ongoing event called Knowledge Bowl debuts next Thursday, Feb. 9, from 4 to 5 p.m. for teens.

Participants will form teams of up to six people to compete against each other by answering questions that cover a range of topics from math to spelling to pop culture.

This free event is a fun way to test your wit, trivia and teamwork skills as you compete against other



students.

Knowledge Bowl will run every second and fourth Thursday for the remainder of the school year and be moderated by Josie, your library's teen librarian. It is open to students in the fourth through

eighth grades, or ages 11-14. Registration is not required for this free event.

Josie points out that Knowledge Bowl has a place in local history because it originated in Durango back in 1976.

### 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.

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## Live Performers



### Friday

The Springs Resort lodge atrium: San Juan Mountain Boys, 5 p.m.

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## Flu season protocols

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

Library hours:

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

## Save the date for Friends book sale

On Saturday, 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.

## Save the date for library fundraiser

We hope you will note April 15 on your calendar for the second annual Library Affair fundraiser for our building campaign to expand and renovate your library. This elegant event will feature a silent auction of different table settings designed by some of Pagosa's most creative artists.

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

## Special teen and tween event tomorrow

Teens and tweens will want to join us tomorrow, 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.

## Gaming tomorrow

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

## Makerspace on Saturday

Kids, tweens and teens are invited to a free Makerspace session on Saturday, Feb. 4, from 11 a.m. to noon, when we'll provide the materials so you can build, design and create.

## SJBPH community health event

Next Tuesday, Feb. 7, from 1 to 3

p.m., San Juan Basin Public Health (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 County and La Plata County residents on your major health priorities and needs.

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.

This event is the beginning of a series of monthly outreach

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sessions hosted by SJBPH at your library. March will feature a Nurse-Family Partnership discussion on March 7.

## Dungeons and Dragons

Next Tuesday, Feb. 7, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., join our in-person Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults. Registration is required because space is limited. Contact Josie@pagosalibrary.org to join.

## More online author talks

There will be three talks this month in 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.

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.

Thursday, 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.

On Feb. 28, at 2 p.m., we'll interact with Sadeqa Johnson, award-winning author of "The House of Eve." Johnson has written four nov-

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

## Family storytimes

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

## ESL classes

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

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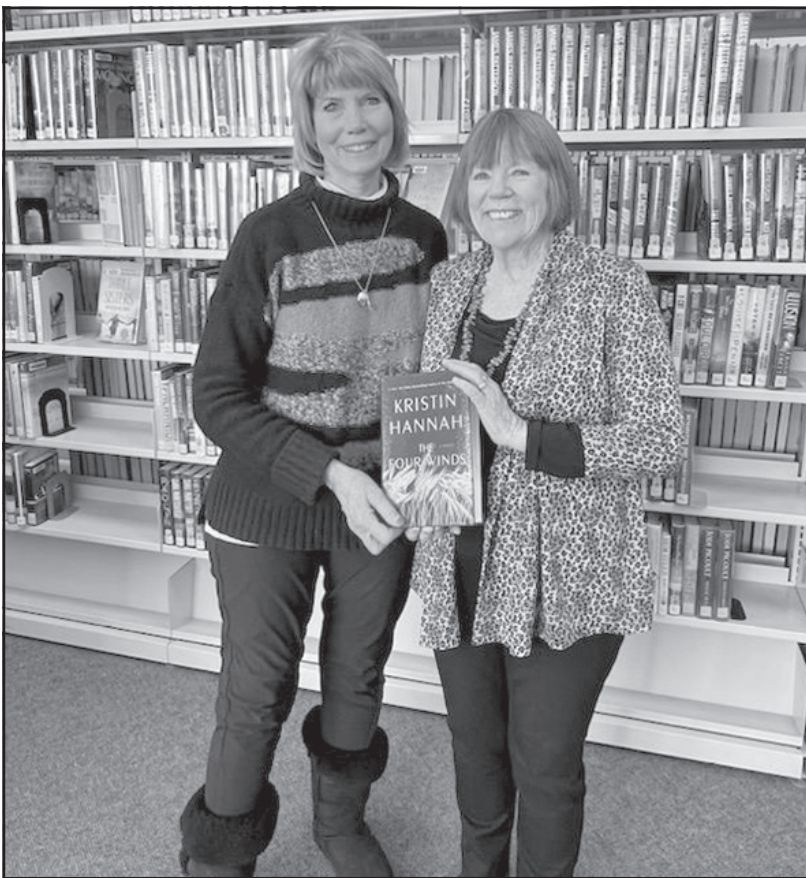


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Congratulations to Friends of the Library member Tanice Ramsperger, who was the first winner of the Friends' new monthly book give away. This program is especially for Friends of the Library members. To learn more about Friends of the Library, contact Cindi Galabota at cindi@pagosalibrary.org.

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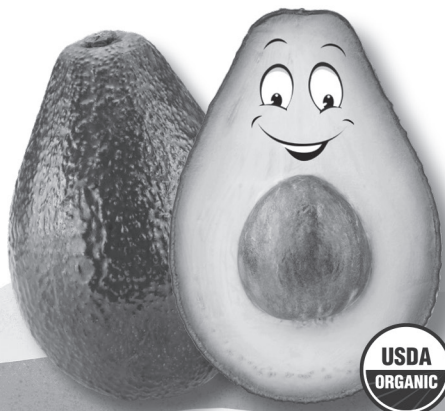
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**PALS/GED adult education**

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**Tech Time**

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

**Writing challenge**

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

**Downloadable books**

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the cloudLibrary app, answer a few simple questions, select AspenCat Union Catalog for the name of your library, then enter your library card number and four-digit PIN. You are now ready to browse, borrow and read e-books and audiobooks using cloudLibrary. Library staff are happy to help you set up your device if you need assistance.

**Nonfiction**

"The Happiness Year" by Tara Ward helps you explore different ways to discover happiness throughout the year. "A Few Days Full of Trouble" by the Rev. Wheeler Parker Jr., the last surviving witness to the lynching of Emmett Till, and Christopher Benson provides a first-person perspective and new investigative information on this civil rights tragedy.

**Novels**

"A Thousand Roads Home" by Carmel Harrington is the story of two extraordinary homeless people in Ireland. "Blue Moon Haven" by Janet Dailey features a broken family healing in a rural small town in this latest book in the author's New Americana series.

**Donations**

Many thanks to Sheila and Patrick McKenzie for their generous

monetary donation, and to Joanne Ferko and Carole Howard for their materials donations.

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

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"Every right decision I've ever made came from listening to my gut. Every wrong decision was a result of me dismissing the small, still voice within me. Your life speaks to you in whispers — that little nudge saying, 'Hmm, something doesn't feel right.'" — Oprah, talk show host, TV producer, actress, author and philanthropist.

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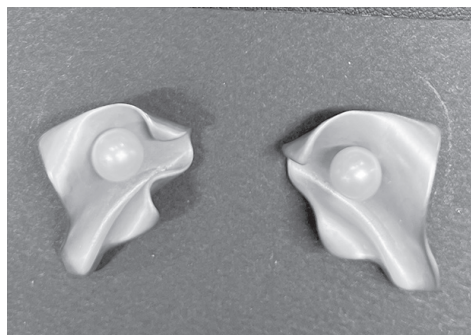
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# Senior Center seeking volunteer coordinator for growing dome program

By **Rose Chavez**  
PREVIEW Columnist

The Pagosa Senior Center is looking for volunteers to assist with our new growing dome program.

These individual(s) will be responsible for helping to coordinate volunteer opportunities at the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership Community Garden Dome on a twice-monthly basis. The program is new and will partner with other growing dome participants for group activities and opportunities.

For more information and to pick up an application, please visit the Senior Center at 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

## Public meeting for Older Americans Act programs and services Feb. 7

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 coming 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.

## Senior News

- 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.

## Senior Conversations: aging in place

Join us Feb. 27 at 9:30 a.m. for the first in a series of Senior Conversations with local Bill Salmansohn.

He will lead the group through a mindfulness exercise and discussion of various topics pertaining to aging in place in Archuleta County. Explore and discover for yourself answers to your questions and concerns. The first group will be Feb. 27, and subsequent groups will be March 6, 13 and 20.

## 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 canceling 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.

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## Bridge

The longest-played bridge game in Archuleta County takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1 p.m. We have eliminated Monday bridge due to lack of consistent participation and will be replacing it with different programming.

Bridge is a four-player card game with partners sitting opposite each other around a table. It is a trick-taking card game using a standard 52-card deck. Come alone or bring a partner.

## Engaging pictures

Engaging pictures are needed from seniors and their families who live, work and play their best lives in Archuleta County. We are

looking for pictures that convey people's active lifestyles, families, culture and more. We would like to use these pictures in our grant applications, on social media and our website. Please email all pictures to [rosa@psseniors.org](mailto:rosa@psseniors.org) or feel free to drop them off.

## Community Cafe menu

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.

Monday, Feb. 6 — Chicken curry with jasmine rice, roasted cauliflower, garden salad, chai pudding and milk.

Tuesday Feb. 7 — Giant stuffed portabella mushroom with cous-cous, naan bread, garden salad, chocolate eclair and milk.

Wednesday, Feb. 8 — Singapore coffee-barbecue pork rib with rice, sauteed squash, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Thursday, Feb. 9 — Beef pot roast with potatoes, carrots, butternut squash, garden salad, cherry crisp 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 Unitarian Universalist Fellowship to hear about Taoism

By Joan Ward  
Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Please join us on Sunday, Feb. 5, at 10:30 a.m., in person or on Zoom for an introduction to Taosim by Bob LeCour.

This was rescheduled from Jan. 15, when the service was canceled due to weather conditions.

Learn about a simple yet powerful set of ideas based on nature that describes a way of living that's balanced, moral and spiritual. Legend tells us that the Tao Te Ching was authored by Lao-Tzu, a prophet who was the keeper of the imperial archives in the city of Luo Wang about 2,500 years ago. Lao-Tzu

decided to leave this region due to political turmoil, but he recorded the essence of his teachings before he left. The Tao Te Ching's 81 verses outline this life philosophy.

In the talk, LeCour will share how these teachings have had an influence on him personally.

LeCour is a member of the fellowship and local resident who has studied spiritual sources for over 40 years. He has multiple degrees in science and technology. He finds that the lifestyle in Pagosa supports his spiritual growth with its emphasis on the natural world.

To join the Zoom meeting, visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8991941305>. The meeting ID

is 899 194 1305. To call in, call (346) 248-7799.

Depending on the current COVID recommendations, please be prepared to wear a well-fitting mask, if deemed necessary, while in the building. Social distancing will be encouraged and, to that end, the maximum capacity of the fellowship has been reduced to 25, a very good reason for arriving a few minutes early.

Our fellowship offers each individual support in our unique spiritual path and an opportunity to participate in positive social and environmental action. We welcome diversity and invite everyone to share in our faith community.

Find us in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., on the north side facing the mountains. For more information about the fellowship, our services and meditation group, please see the website [www.pagosauu.org](http://www.pagosauu.org). If the service will be canceled due to weather conditions, it will be announced on the homepage by 8:30 a.m. on Sunday.

## New Thought topic: 'Walking Fearwards to Achieve Your Highest Calling'

By Shayla McClure  
New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

The Feb. 5 Sunday service at 11 a.m. will be with Shayla McClure, spiritual director: "Walking Fearwards to Achieve Your Highest Calling."

"You block your dream when you allow your fear to grow bigger than your faith." — Mary Manin Morrissey.

### 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.

Feb. 2 and every other Thursday at 1 p.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.

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

Feb. 11, 5 to 7:30 p.m.: Celebration of the Heart benefit dinner and

music. Contact (970) 309-6067 for reservations. Tickets are \$25, \$40 for couples.

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

### About us

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

We welcome local talents to share gifts, aptitudes and knowledge. Participate, learn or contribute your insights, beliefs, knowledge and skills.

New Thought events are held at 3505 W. U.S. 160, on the second floor of Pagosa Lodge (elevator available).



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## Spiritual Experiences Group to discuss ‘Spiritual Tools to Unlock Your Dreams, Talents and Spiritual Potential’

By **Laurah Brock Young**  
Spiritual Experiences Group  
of Pagosa Springs

Potential always makes me think of the future — possibilities, talent, prospects and yet-to-be-realized goals. It can also include our spiritual life. There is a strong connection between how we view our spiritual potential and how our dreams and goals manifest.

There are many tools avail-

able that can help us realize our dreams. Join the Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs for a whole-hearted discussion called “Spiritual Tools to Unlock Your Dreams, Talents and Spiritual Potential.”

Our topics will include tools that can enhance your life journey and new ways to develop your talents and potential. We will explore possible ways to make your dreams a reality, all from a spiritual

perspective.

The discussion is free and open to people of all faiths and beliefs. It will be held at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse, 230-A Port Ave., on Sunday, Feb. 12. It will begin at 1 p.m.

To find other in-person discussions and online events offered by the Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs, visit <https://www.facebook.com/Eckankar-in-Colorado-104663979586166>.

## Countywide Women’s Bible Study announces new study

By **Stan Counsell**  
Countywide Women’s Bible Study

The Countywide Women’s Bible Study is back for ladies of every age.

A hard snow just can’t keep good women down, huh? There’s something about thirsting for a greater understanding of God’s Word, and it’s fun to learn, that motivates women even through a difficult storm.

Yes, the Countywide Women’s Bible Study is again going full-speed ahead. The new and exciting topic of discussion is “The Book of Joshua.” Just who was Joshua and what did God do to sharpen his

leadership skills? Moses had to deal with rebellions, grumblings, and flesh-driven accusations by his stubborn and disgruntled Hebrew followers. Without the Lord, how could Moses have carried on in leading God’s people for 40 painful years in the wilderness?

Before his death, Moses prayerfully chose a new leader for the Hebrew people, a godly and loyal man named Joshua. Joshua was but one of only two men that were with Moses from Egypt onward. He witnessed all the pains and struggles that Moses had to endure. Yet, Joshua remained a faithful follower of the Lord and Moses’ leadership.

What molded Joshua into the man that stands today as a delightful, powerful and loyal example for us as we endeavor to walk with God?

For every question we might have, the Book of Joshua has profoundly clear answers presented by the study’s moderator, ‘Bert (Roberta) Counsell, a women’s pastor for more than 30 years. She holds an active ordination with a worldwide Christian evangelical organization encompassing more than 4,400 churches in over 116 nations.

Counsell has always believed that learning God’s Word should

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# Bird of the Week



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

In legend and literature, there is disagreement regarding the symbolism of the raven. Is it ominous and mysterious, a trickster, or the creator of the world, responsible for fire and light? However, when the discussion turns to intelligence, there is no disagreement that the raven is among the smartest of all birds.

Ravens have been observed at an unattended ice-fishing hole pulling in fishing line to eat the hooked fish. They will act in pairs to raid a nest, with one luring the adult away while the other sneaks in to capture an egg or nestling. Since their bills aren't tough enough to penetrate the hide, ravens will lead wolves to a carcass to perform this task so they can eat the insides.

At times predators and at others scavengers, their ability to eat almost anything has contributed to making them one of the most widespread birds of the northern hemisphere. They are found in almost any habitat type, from the desert to the arctic, thriving both in wild spaces and among people.

Like others in the corvid family of birds, the common raven can mimic the calls of other birds and be taught to imitate human words. Up to 100 vocalizations with different meanings are recognized.

It takes a little practice to confidently distinguish between the all black raven and its crow cousin. Generally ravens are larger, their voices deeper, their bills longer and thicker, and their throat feathers shaggy. While crows are often seen in flocks, ravens are typically alone or in pairs. In flight, ravens tend to soar with a wedge-shaped tail while crows do a lot of flapping with a straight tail.

In our most recent area Christmas Bird Count, while both were numerous, crows outnumbered ravens in a ratio close to 4-to-1.

For information on events, visit [www.weminucheadubon.org](http://www.weminucheadubon.org) and [www.facebook.com/weminucheadubon/](https://www.facebook.com/weminucheadubon/).

## Study

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be fun and enlightening for the inquisitive minds, those seeking to know and experience a greater depth in their relationship with the Lord. This study isn't presented in a stoic or somber "spiritual" atmosphere. The ladies enjoy learning, laughing, knowing God's love and making strong bonds with each other. Questions and feedback are an expected constant that all enjoy.

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## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 Host's request
- 5 Freshwater catch
- 10 Advance, slangily
- 14 Whitish gemstone
- 15 Awaken
- 16 Pricing word
- 17 Yellowfin, e.g.
- 18 What a teacher takes
- 20 Life-and-death
- 22 Nitwit
- 23 Now and then
- 25 "\_\_\_ you nuts?"
- 26 Dickensian cry
- 28 Heads off
- 30 Chilled
- 32 "Yadda, yadda, yadda"
- 33 Congregation's cry
- 37 Ring-shaped
- 40 Part of a heartbeat
- 42 Latest fad
- 43 Cork sound
- 45 Contract specifics
- 46 Pull apart
- 50 Pub crawler
- 51 Rapper Lil \_\_\_ X
- 54 Get through
- 56 Gum-yielding tree
- 58 Tolerates
- 61 Dictatorial
- 63 Good-for-nothing
- 64 Nursery item
- 65 Historic period
- 66 Drop-off spot
- 67 Kitchen items
- 68 Slow on the uptake
- 69 Appear (to be)

### DOWN

- 1 School military org.
- 2 Prompt

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- 3 Fading away
- 4 "The Republic" author
- 5 Skipper's pursuer
- 6 Do a tire job
- 7 Last longer than
- 8 Type of tax
- 9 Inclination
- 10 Stitched line
- 11 Bamboo lover
- 12 Come to pass
- 13 Kind of song or park
- 19 Furniture covering?
- 21 Motivate
- 24 Big Apple team
- 26 Wild swine
- 27 Tolstoy heroine
- 29 Appease fully
- 31 Stage prompts
- 34 Dots-and-dashes system
- 35 "Blondie" boy
- 36 Arboreal abode
- 38 Faced the judge
- 39 Equine color
- 41 Locomotive power
- 44 Robert of "The Music Man"
- 47 Large-scale
- 48 Storage spots
- 49 Throat soother
- 51 Civil rights org.
- 52 Honda's luxury line
- 53 Gown material
- 55 Canterbury stories
- 57 Corn cores
- 59 Bigger than big
- 60 Petunia part
- 62 Donkey Kong, for one

### Answers to Previous Crossword:

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# Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College to present International Guitar Night XXIII

By Denise Leslie  
Fort Lewis College

The 23rd anniversary North American Tour of International Guitar Night will return to the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College on Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 7:30 p.m.

The evening brings together the world's foremost acoustic guitarists, who perform their latest original compositions and exchange musical ideas in a public concert setting. Performing on the Concert Hall stage will be Finnish guitarist Olli Soikkeli, Soloist and chamber musician Stephanie Jones, Flamenco master Jesus Guerrero from Spain, and Canada's traditional jazz guitarist and vocalist Jocelyn Gould.

Soikkeli was born in Nurmes, Finland in 1991 and is now based in New York City. He started playing guitar at age of 12. After a few years of playing, Soikkeli was introduced to the music of great Django Reinhardt, and Gypsy jazz has been his main focus ever since. Soon Soikkeli was playing in jazz clubs and festivals all around Finland. After touring all around Europe with musicians such as Paulus Schäfer and Arnoud Van Den Berg, Soikkeli decided to move to New York City in 2014. Soikkeli has played legendary venues such as Birdland Jazz Club, Blue Note and the Lincoln Center.

Jones is an active soloist and chamber musician who is currently based in Germany. She recently finished her master's and is currently studying a konzertexamen in classical guitar performance with Thomas Müller-Pering at the prestigious University of Music Franz Liszt. Jones won first prize in both the Uppsala International Guitar Festival Competition and the Hannabach Guitar Competition. She was also a finalist in the Deutscher Gitarrenpries and the Salzburg International Guitar Festival. In 2014, through the Fine Music Network National Competition, Jones was awarded the Young Virtuoso of the Year. In 2012, she competed in the prestigious Adelaide International Classical Guitar Competition and subsequently won second prize.

Guerrero was born in 1985 in San Fernando (Cadiz), Spain. He started playing guitar at the age of 11 under the tutelage of master teacher José Luis Balao. Guerrero's natural virtuosity with the instrument and his musical creativity have led him to be one of the most sought-after figures of the current flamenco scene, performing with his trio, in duet with his wife Alba Carmona, and assisting many of

the great singers, including Nina Pastori and Miguel Poveda, with their records and live shows. Guerrero graduated in teaching with a specialty in musical education at the University of Cádiz. He won the Premio Flamenco Hoy 2014 for Best Guitar Accompaniment. He has been the musical composer of numerous dance shows for artists like Merche Esmeralda "Last Stop"; Molina choro "Notice, Bayles Gypsy"; David Coria "Spiral"; Ana Morales "ReciclArte" and "De-Heeled Sandal"; Eduardo Guerrero "Alley of Sins"; Andrés Peña "A Fuego Lento," "Órdago To The Big" and "The Air That Brings Me"; and Joaquín Grilo "Belmonte."

Gould is a Canadian jazz guitarist. Passionate about the tradition of jazz guitar, she cites Grant Green, Kenny Burrell, Wes Montgomery and Joe Pass as primary influences of the instrument. Originally from Winnipeg, Canada, Jocelyn holds a Bachelor of Jazz Studies from University of Manitoba and a Master of Music in Jazz Studies from Michigan State University. Originally from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Gould's passion for music began very young. Both of her parents played guitar throughout her youth, and Gould learned piano and voice at a young age with her father, who was an elementary school music

teacher. After completing high school, Gould initially studied science before switching into the faculty of music at University of Manitoba to pursue a jazz studies degree on guitar. During her time at the University of Manitoba, she studied with guitarist Larry Roy, drummer Quincy Davis and saxophonist Jon Gordon.

Tickets are \$50, \$40 and \$30, and are available online at [www.durangoconcerts.com](http://www.durangoconcerts.com) or by phone, Monday through Friday from noon until 5 p.m., at (970) 247-7657. Posted ticket prices include applicable service charges. All sales are final.

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# ‘Don’t move, you’ll blow us all to hell’

By James R. Van Liere  
PREVIEW Columnist

After completing basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., I spent two weeks on leave in Kalamazoo, Mich., visiting relatives and friends, and it was now time to return to Fort Leonard Wood for specialty training.

Upon arriving at Fort Leonard Wood, I was informed that my duffel bag had been lost in transit, so all I had was a small carry-on suitcase with a change of underwear, a civilian shirt and pants, shaving gear and toothbrush. I was lucky to be wearing my Class A uniform, so I had no trouble getting back on the base. Unfortunately, I had purchased at my own expense a set of fatigues in order to continue my training.

Before I went on leave, I was told that I would be transferred to Fort Belvoir, Va., for further training as a combat engineer. However, upon my return to Fort Leonard Wood, I was informed that Fort Belvoir was filled to capacity and that I would remain at Fort Leonard Wood and be enrolled in an OJT (on-the-job training) program as a surveyor. I was quite disappointed at hearing this, but as it turned out, this was a pretty good deal.

Four of us out of our 60-man training platoon were assigned to a headquarters company attached to a division while the remaining 56 men were sent to signal school. They had to march 1 mile to and from school every day while a sergeant picked the four of us up every day in his own car and drove us to work. Our place of training and work was clear across the fort and it would have taken a half day to march there. I must admit, we had it pretty nice because we didn't have to attend formal classes every day in a hot and stuffy old barracks. Nor did we have to march back to our barracks for lunch and then back to class and then back to our barracks at the end of the day. We had lunch at the division mess hall and the cooks, for some reason, took a special liking to us, so they were always offering us another steak or more strawberry shortcake.

Besides the four of us, there were nine regular Army men plus Sgt. Batson, who was the section leader for the surveyors. The assistant leader was Sgt. Sproul, who gave us a ride to and from work every day. Basically, our work consisted of doing the surveying for the fort by laying out new roads, training fields, even football fields, making small topographical maps and doing other small, miscellaneous surveying projects. We were

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quite lucky in another way because on our way out to our project for the day, Sgt. Sproul would stop at the post bakery, where he had a friend who was a baker. Sgt. Sproul would run in and get us a huge flat chocolate cake, lemon cake or some apple or cherry pies to take to the field. When it came to taking a break, we ate like kings, especially when we had six apple pies for 12 guys.

We had a few adventures while working out in the field. One day, we had to survey across a river and I was “volunteered” to wade the river with a stadia rod (a graduated wooden rod marked in feet and tenths of feet that was used to measure vertical distances by looking through an alidade, transit or level).

Because the river was about mid-thigh deep and I wanted to stay as dry as possible, I donned a pair of hip boots and waded into the river. Because this was early in our training, Sgt. Batson came out to the site to oversee our work. To ensure that I was holding the rod correctly and in the right places, he also donned a set of hip boots and came out to where I was standing. In the meantime, to avoid standing in deep water, I had found this nice 18-inch diameter by 6- or 8-inch high object to stand on. When he came out and stood next to me, he could see that I was quite a bit higher than he was and he asked me what I was standing on. I told him that I didn't know, but it was nice and flat on top. He looked down, turned pale as a sheet and yelled “don't move, you'll blow us all to hell.”

It turns out I was standing on a land mine. He quickly waded back to shore and radioed in for a couple of demolition specialists to come out to the site as quickly as possible. Eventually, while I stood out in the river on that darn land mine too afraid to move so much as to scratch my nose, two men showed up after about 20 or 30 minutes. Luckily, I still had the stadia rod to hold on to, which helped considerably to keep me steady and not move. After getting outfitted in all their protective gear, the two men finally waded into the river to assess the situation. One of the men had on a swimming mask of sorts and ducked down into the water to

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# The haircut and the shoe polish

By Daris Howard  
Special to The PREVIEW

Vince and Mary were excited to get married and start their life together. They were very much in love and had lots of dreams for their future. But as plans usually work out, reality set in with the hard work of college and trying to make ends meet, and their dreams seemed far away.

The semester had barely started when they sat down together to review their budget. Both of them were going to school, and both were working part-time jobs. But the money always ran out before the month did.

“Well,” Vince said as they analyzed their income, “we don’t have any way of increasing our income. The only thing left is to find ways to cut back on our expenses.”

“We’ve cut just about everything we can,” Mary said. “What else is there?”

“I don’t want to give up our dates altogether,” Vince replied. “But maybe, instead of eating out, we can just go for ice cream.”

Mary nodded. “As long as we can spend some time together, it will be OK.”

“Maybe there are things we usually pay for that we could do ourselves to save money,” Vince said.

“Like what?” Mary asked.

As they considered ideas, Vince

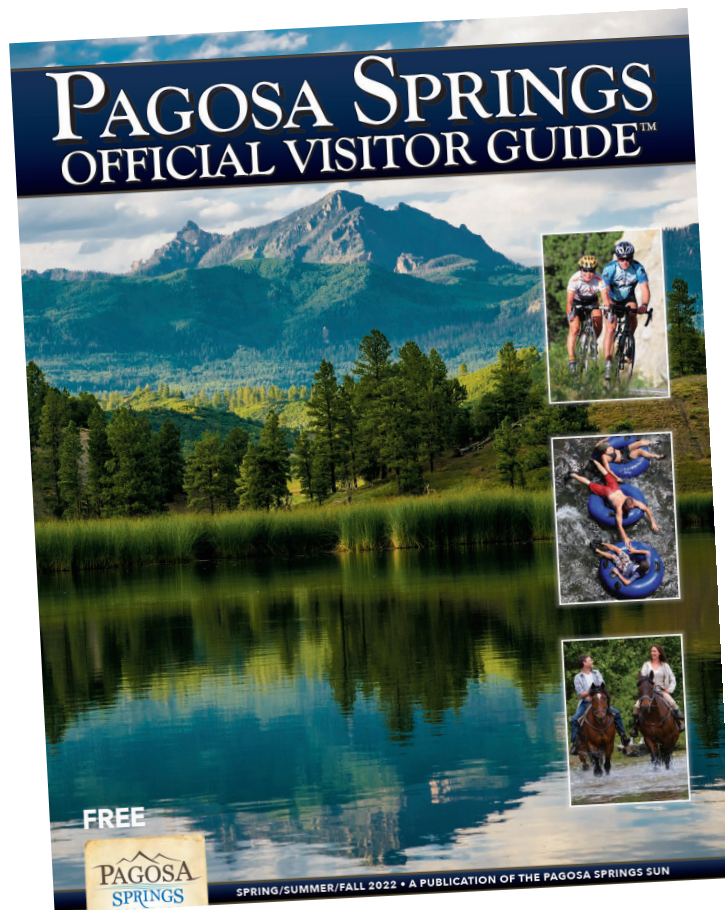
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take a look. When he came up he started to laugh. It turns out that the mine was a dummy practice mine, much to my relief, and wasn’t loaded with explosives.

So, I just stepped off and we continued with our survey of the river and the surrounding area. Of course, the dummy mine was removed to ensure no one else reported it and the demolition team would have to make a return trip.



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# Haircut

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brushed the hair from his eyes. “I really need to get my hair cut.” He paused a moment, then said, “Mary, why don’t you cut my hair?”

“Cut your hair?” Mary said in surprise.  
“Sure,” Vince replied. “It couldn’t be that hard, and a haircut costs me around \$20.”

“But I’ve never cut hair before,” Mary said. “Well, not other than when I was young and got hold of some scissors. I cut my little sister’s hair, and wow, was my mom mad. They had to take my sister to a hair-stylist, and to make her hair look even halfway decent, they gave her a near buzz cut.”

“But you’re older now and will be more careful,” Vince said.

“But what if I mess up?” Mary questioned. “I could never forgive myself.”

“Oh, come on,” Vince said. “Twenty dollars is a lot of money.”

Mary reluctantly agreed. The next day, she got a book from the library on cutting hair. Using an electric hair clipper, the book made it look easy. She talked to Vince about it.

“I would say that buying the

clipper is a good investment,” Vince replied. “We could pay for them in just one haircut.”

Mary bought some clippers, and that evening, Vince pulled up a chair and wrapped a towel around his neck. Mary, trembling, carefully took tiny bits off.

Vince laughed. “Don’t worry, Mary. You can’t kill me with those.”

Mary started taking off more. She was getting about done when, suddenly, she stopped. Then, after gasping, she screamed, threw the clippers on the table, and ran to the bedroom. Vince thought that was not a good omen. He looked in the mirror and couldn’t see any problem. He went to the bedroom and carefully opened the door. Mary was lying on the bed, crying.

“Mary, what’s wrong?” Vince asked.

“I cut an enormous chunk out of the back of your hair,” Mary sobbed. “You have a huge bald spot.”

“Well,” Vince laughed. “You know the old saying. ‘I know how ugly I are. I know that my face ain’t no star. But I don’t mind it because I’m behind it. It’s the ones out there get the jar.’”

Vince’s attempt at humor failed, and Mary sobbed louder, so he tried again.

“Maybe we could just shave it all off, and I could go to Halloween as Yul Brynner.”

Mary’s sobbing increased, and Vince knew his attempts to comfort her were failing.

He patted her lovingly. “Mary, it will grow back.”

Mary’s sobs gradually turned to sniffles. “But what do we do meanwhile?” she asked. “It’s very noticeable.”

Vince thought for a minute, then got an idea. He went into the bathroom and came back with some black shoe polish. “This is almost the same color as my hair. Just color in the bare spot.”

Mary looked at him like his sanity gauge was on empty, but did as he said. When she finished, she got a hand-held mirror for him to use with the bathroom mirror to see the result. They both had to admit it looked almost normal.

But it was a long time before Vince could convince Mary to cut his hair again.

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**Girdwood Valley.**

# The housing crisis is harming my town

**By Tim Lydon**  
PREVIEW Columnist

In Girdwood, Alaska, we'll long remember the snowstorm of Dec. 6, 2022, just three months ago. But it won't be for the school cancellations. We'll remember it as the night dozens of residents traveled a snow-packed highway to testify at a public meeting — about housing.

Residents across the West will recognize why so many came out that snowy night. A proposed development, called Holtan Hills, would expand our town's footprint but include almost nothing affordable for teachers, firefighters, wait staff or others who comprise the soul of our community and drive its economy.

With no guardrails to support local homeownership, second-home real estate investors would likely gobble up the project's predominantly high-end units. It's happening already, with most shunning the long-term rental needs of a few thousand people in this south-central Alaskan community. New owners often offer nightly rentals or just leave their houses unoccupied.

That would mean more empty houses in a town with a severe housing shortage. The dozens who testified that night and the hundreds who wrote letters described the impacts.

They included Emma, who runs a fishing boat with her husband, and whose young-adult daughter can't find a place to rent in the town where she grew up and now works. And Amanda, the pizza shop owner who is overwhelmed trying to help

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her employees find housing, including the 65-year-old man whose landlord recently booted him out on short notice.

Erin described bailing on her long-held dream of raising a family here after 11 years of pouring her talents into nonprofit youth education programs. She reminded me of Autumn, my daughter's former piano teacher, who recently moved away after years of teaching music to local kids. She had been unable to find steady housing.

Such stories swirled into that winter night from the heroes every mountain community knows — the ones who clean rentals, provide health care, build houses, and teach our kids to speak, spell, ski and say "thank you." Business owners were there, too, detailing how the lack of attainable housing causes employee shortages that curtail operating hours, leaving fewer visitor services.

Some who didn't speak that night included the local workers who sleep in their cars or in drafty cabins on the edge of town. We also didn't hear from the Filipino parents of my daughter's close playmate, who are trying hard to remain in the town where their accounting jobs are located, and

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*Guess Who?*

I am an actress born on February 3, 1976 in Oman. I published two teen novels when I was younger. I went on to a successful movie career, and had a recurring role in the fourth season of the "Arrested Development" series. I am married to a comedic actor.

*Answer: Isla Fisher*



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

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**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@pagosa-library.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

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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.

**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

**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.

**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 Perea

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Dozens of us highlighted how communities across the West have fought similar battles for an entire generation now. We talked about Whitefish, Tahoe, Breckenridge, Boise and other towns. We explained their use of sensible deed restrictions, limits on nightly rentals, incentives that promote local home ownership and concessions from developers. All helped local workers attain housing.

I know the benefits. Living in Colorado in the 1990s, I accepted a financial incentive to put a deed restriction on my modest condo. After my wife and I sold the condo, the payment became seed money for our first house. Meanwhile, the condo still holds a deed restriction that helps locals enter the market. Under such reasonable measures, developers could still make buckets of money while workers gained access to housing.

Someone else who didn't show that night was the developer, who instead dropped a guest column in the state's largest newspaper maligning her project's critics.

Some of our elected officials were equally indifferent. One blithely suggested that someone

just needs to build a hardware store in town so that building costs could come down. Another asked why our town hadn't solved the housing issue earlier. Others grilled residents on how many more houses it would take to solve the problem.

Of course, as with many western communities, the issue is not an actual shortage of houses. It's the blizzard of cash that second-home speculators and others can throw at any property that enters the market.

The meeting ran almost to midnight, as snow blanketed the cars outside. I imagined this must have been the scene two decades ago, as housing proponents in the West's mountain towns spent nights eking out seemingly small wins. But those wins are now the proven programs that can help communities today.

We just need elected officials to understand that people can't work here if they have nowhere to live.

*Tim Lydon is a contributor to Writers on the Range, writersontherange.org, an independent nonprofit dedicated to spurring conversation about the West. He writes in Alaska. Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN.*



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**Tuesday, Feb. 7**

**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 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.

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

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

**San Juan Basin Public Health Community Health Event.** 1-3 p.m., Sisson Library. The session will be about the Community Health Assessment anonymous survey. What are your health priorities and needs? Come meet staff from SJBPH and complete your survey.

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

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

**Older Americans Act Programs and Services Public Meeting.** 2 p.m., Senior Center. 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.

**Dungeons and Dragons.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 4th-8th grades. Join the adventure. Registration required. 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.

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**Wednesday, Feb. 8**

**Pickleball.** 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Beginner lessons, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Loaner paddles are available.

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

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

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

**Thursday, Feb. 9**

**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 Frito pie, salad and dessert to go. In addition, frozen prepared meals, meat and other staples are available for those in need. Masks and social distancing are required.

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**Knowledge Bowl.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Test your trivia skills in a wide range of subjects. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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**Online Author Talks: Randall Munroe.** 5 p.m. We will gather virtually with Lena Harper, author of "Back in a Spell," part of the Witches of Thistle Grove fantasy romance series. 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 also have an opportunity to ask questions. Go to <https://pagosalibrary.org/adult-services/> to learn more.

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## Friday, Feb. 10

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

**Free Legal Clinic.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Registration required. Meet

with a volunteer civil attorney via Zoom at the library. Registration opens the first day of each month. Contact the library at (970) 264-2209 or [ruby@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:ruby@pagosalibrary.org).

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

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

## Saturday, Feb. 11

**Friends of the Library Cabin Fever Book Sale.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Sisson Library. This is a great opportunity for you to find new treasures at bargain prices to keep you company this winter. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**LEGO Club.** 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For kids ages 6 and up. Build with us. Call (970) 264-2209 for further information.

**Pagosa Springs Varsity Girls' Basketball.** 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Montezuma-Cortez.

**Pagosa Springs Varsity Boys' Basketball.** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Montezuma-Cortez.

## Sunday, Feb. 12

**Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs: Tools to Unlock Spiritual Potential.** 1 p.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230-A Port Ave. Join for a whole-hearted discussion called "Spiritual Tools to Unlock Your Dreams, Talents, and Spiritual Potential." Open to people of all faiths and beliefs. To find other in-person discussions and online events offered by the Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs, visit <https://www.facebook.com/Eckankar-in-Colorado-104663979586166>.

## Monday, Feb. 13

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# Q&A: How does the avian flu spread and what's next for the current outbreak?

By Allison Sylte and Robin Young  
PREVIEW Columnists

## Extension Viewpoints

From skyrocketing prices to empty shelves in the egg section of grocery stores, the impact of the avian influenza outbreak is being felt far beyond the agricultural industry.

In Colorado alone, about 6.4 million chickens have died as a result of the virus in an outbreak that Dr. Kristy Pabilonia called the worst she's seen in the U.S. in her two-decade career monitoring avian diseases.

Pabilonia is the director of Clinical Diagnostics for the Colorado State University Veterinary Health System of the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. She is an expert on diseases of poultry and has worked closely with a number of international, state and federal agencies on foreign animal and zoonotic disease issues.

She spoke to Source about the 2022 avian flu outbreak, the outlook going forward and why you should think twice before starting a flock of backyard chickens right now.

**Even though the latest avian flu outbreak was first reported in the U.S. in early 2022, it's re-entered the headlines this year due to egg prices. What do you want people to know about the ongoing situation?**

The original lineage of this virus was first detected in 1996 in China, and it's changed over time, much like how the COVID-19 virus has evolved. The last U.S. outbreak of

highly pathogenic avian influenza virus was in 2014-15, and in that case, it mostly infected commercial poultry, but there were only a handful of infections in wild birds, which made it easier to stamp out the outbreak.

What's different about the most recent outbreak is we've detected the virus in thousands of wild birds in the U.S., which makes it much more difficult to control, since these species migrate globally, making them really good at spreading the virus.

Most of the cases in commercial and backyard poultry are the results of wild bird introduction of the virus, making it very difficult for producers to prevent introduction of the virus into their flocks. It's also a very deadly virus, and agricultural officials are working to depopulate flocks where the virus is detected and dispose of the bodies properly.

Colorado has lost almost its entire egg-laying population during this outbreak, which is why egg prices are as high as they are and there's a lower supply. The other thing to note is that because the virus is in wild birds, it's now not possible to fully stamp the virus out of the U.S., so we're focusing efforts on preventing transmission from wild birds to domestic poultry.

**How exactly do wild birds spread the virus to domesticated ones?**

Avian influenza virus spreads similarly to the flu in humans by transmitting bird to bird. Birds can shed the virus in their respiratory and fecal secretions. People can also play a role in spreading the virus, such as foot traffic contaminated by bird droppings or contaminated clothing and equipment.

The reservoir for avian influenza viruses are waterfowl and shorebird populations. It's a smart virus, because it has picked a reservoir species that commingle with each other and migrate all over the world. It's inherently a very contagious virus, and when you get one sick bird in a commercial operation, it spreads very quickly. But again: We're not just seeing this virus in commercial operations. We're seeing it in backyard flocks, too.

**There's been chatter on social media from people who are con-**  
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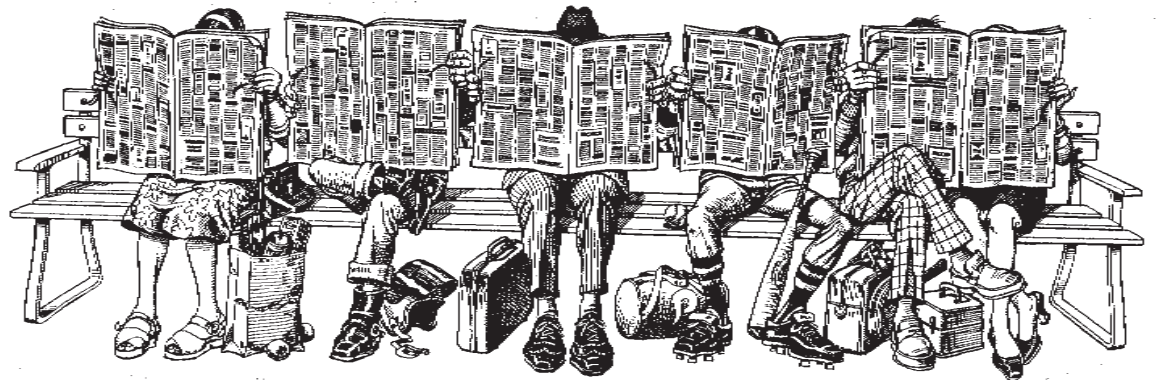


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## CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to low vision.  
Each number corresponds to a letter.  
(Hint: 15 = S)

**A. 24 2 24 15**

Clue: Sight organs

**B. 24 8 11 12**

Clue: Test

**C. 6 16 15 16 3 13**

Clue: Ability to see

**D. 7 17 11 15 15 24 15**

Clue: Aids vision

Answers: A. eyes B. exam C. vision D. glasses



# Viewpoints

■ continued from previous page  
**considering raising backyard chickens to avoid buying the expensive eggs in stores. You're saying that might not be the best solution?**

I don't recommend getting backyard flocks at this time due to the risk of highly pathogenic avian influenza. I support backyard chickens, but now's not the best time to start your flock. It's very hard to keep wild birds out of your backyard, and I don't recommend raising chickens inside due to the potential spread of pathogens from birds to humans.

If you already have backyard chickens, I recommend protecting them from wild birds getting into their areas, such as keeping them cooped up as much as possible and install netting over their outside spaces. We're even detecting avian flu cases in small birds like crows or ravens, which are easily able to get into small areas.

**What's the risk of humans getting sick from the avian flu?**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is only listing one human case of the avian flu in the U.S. during this outbreak, and there have been scattered cases in other countries. So far, it's been encouraging, but we don't want the virus to evolve and be able to spill over to humans more easily.

**What are scientists like you doing to monitor the avian flu outbreak?**

The CSU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (VDL) in Fort Collins is a Tier I lab with the USDA's National Animal Health Laboratory Network, and is currently testing wild and domestic birds for the avian flu. We get samples from all over the U.S., and have run more than 10,000 tests since the outbreak began. The VDL also coordinates the Colorado Avian Health Program, which provides

avian health services to commercial producers and backyard flock owners throughout Colorado. This program has been very involved educating producers and owners, collecting samples and aiding in the response to positive flocks.

We've worked with many state and federal agencies, including the Colorado Department of Agriculture, Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, to monitor the presence of the virus in our wildlife and domestic bird populations, as well as the monitoring for the virus in other captive populations such as zoo birds.

*Allison Sylte works for the Source magazine, a CSU publication.*

## Colorado Avian Health Program hotline

This Colorado Avian Health Program has a hotline number for questions related to avian influenza or other general poultry disease: (970) 297-4008. For more information, go to [col.st/OmEjp](http://col.st/OmEjp). Upcoming classes.

## Upcoming events

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

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.

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CPR and first aid certification

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“Tough as Nails” is a CBS TV show with working-class Americans who are tested for their strength, endurance, agility and mental toughness. They are challenged in the real world. Tough as nails also means strong, stubborn or determined.

Believe me, two senior citizens in a wrestling match in a strip mall parking lot was another reality show. My Sweet Al displayed his stubbornness in front of the nail salon when he refused to go into the shop.

“I’ll wait in the car. I’m not going in.”

“Yes, you are.” I called my daughter over for support. “Your dad won’t budge.”

“Daddy, come on, you’re going to get your toenails done.”

“OK.” He took her hand and went into the business and took the first recliner available. Four other family members followed suit.

This adventure started when the family drew names for the Christmas gift exchange. My daughter and I each got the other’s name. I said, “I don’t need a thing. Why don’t we get pedicures and go out to lunch? I’ll buy yours and you buy mine.”

“I don’t need anything either. It’s perfect.”

On New Year’s Day, my daughter called. “We have the day off, let’s go to Santa Fe and get pedicures.”

“Sounds good. You know I can’t reach my toes. I asked your dad to trim my nails and polish my toenails. Not a good idea. I had paint up to my ankles and scissors cuts to my knees. I’m due for a little tender love and care.”

The family planned the trip for the weekend and climbed into the truck. In the nail salon, five of us lined up in recliners with our favorite colors. Two chose clear.

As the staff worked on us, my daughter offered to take a selfie including the family. She said, “Look at the guys. They ordered the works — hot rocks, hot towels, exfoliating, hydrating and moisturizing, softening, renewed skin and a long massage.”

I responded, “To think what it

## Artist’s Lane

Betty Slade



took to get your dad in the chair. I’m catching the scent of lavender and jasmine scrubs from their vibrating recliners. Look at them.”

My daughter said, “Hot nails. Hot males. This was our gift exchange and we just got the classic. They went for the signature treatment and all the works.”

One patron chuckled at our family. “A family who has pedicures together sticks together.”

I replied, “Apparently you didn’t see the wrestling match in the parking lot.”

Over the years, people have asked, “How is it that your grownup family laughs a lot and really enjoys being together?”

I’m not sure, but I have found, give this family a rock and stick and they will make a game out of it. I believe it goes deeper than that. An article appeared in my January newsletter about how we became a family. I called the message “Wrapped in Snow.”

The year: 1977. We moved to the mountains of Colorado. Homebound, with 4 feet of snow, no phone, no four-wheel drive and frozen water pipes, we became more than living in the same house. We became family.

Off the beaten path, our family of six huddled around a wood-burning potbelly stove. The aroma of a pot of beans and bread baking

filled the house. Deer and elk meat in the freezer helped us believe we would survive. Homemade goodies, piano lessons, craft projects, children’s laughter, all this became our home on the Lower Blanco.

Living in Pagosa Springs brings the best and worst out of a person. We saw many families come with dreams and drive away in separate cars, heartbroken. We were one of the few families who survived and stayed in this mountainous wilderness.

Our family roots reached down below the frozen Colorado soil while God poured heaven’s life into us. Our barren branches reached up for the Son and we learned how to appreciate the small things in life. With open hearts, trusting the love of God’s hard lessons, knitting the fiber of our family’s soul together, those years are who we are today.

Final brushstroke: Would I ever see “wrapped in snow” as God’s way of wrapping my family in his love and protection, and building strong godly values? No. But in the coldness and loneliness of a person’s soul is where one meets themselves and God. I learned what it took for God to raise a family who truly enjoy and appreciate each other.

Send your comment to bettyslade@centurytel.net.

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**Terry's ACE**  
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**FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME FRONT DESK POSITIONS** – Healing Waters Resort & Spa. Our front desk is open 8am to 10pm daily - shifts may include day, evening & weekend hours. We are looking for staff members with strong customer service skills, who are self-motivated and work well with a team. Comfort with computers a plus. Download application at www.pshotsprings.com/contact-spa-motel/employment-opportunities/ or stop by 317 Hot Springs Blvd. Employees and immediate family soak for FREE! Apply today!

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**PAGOSA THERAPEUTICS AND THE GREEN HOUSE** are looking for friendly and enthusiastic people who are eager to share their knowledge and help customers navigate the wide world of cannabis. **Primary responsibilities:** Greeting and checking in customers. Advising customers on the best product for their needs and preferences. Processing payments through a point-of-sale system and cash handling. Ensuring product security and compliance. Maintaining store appearance and organization. **Required qualifications:** Outstanding customer service and communication skills; strong organizational skills and attention to detail; reliable and professional; full-time availability and ability to work nights and weekends. Must be 21 years of age. A Marijuana Enforcement Division badge is required to start work. Previous retail, food service, and/or cannabis industry experience is preferred but not required. We provide an extensive training program on product knowledge and compliance requirements, with opportunities for continuing education. Benefits include paid sick leave, sales bonuses, and employee discounts. We are growing company with opportunities for advancement and involvement in outreach events. Please e-mail your resume to [employment@jandjinc.net](mailto:employment@jandjinc.net).

**ARCHULETA SCHOOL DISTRICT** is accepting applications for the following positions: **High School Special Education Aide.** Full-time position with a starting salary of \$25,796-\$28,388 for 173 days paid over a 12-month period. **Middle School Special Education Aide.** Full-time position with a starting salary of \$25,796-\$28,388 for 173 days paid over a 12-month period. **Evening Custodian.** Full-time position with a starting salary of \$38,168-\$41,864 for 250 days over a 12-month period. Benefits for all positions include (but are not limited to) PERA State Retirement, Life Insurance, optional Health and Dental Insurance and paid Discretionary Days. For more details and to apply for these positions see the following website: <https://www.applitrack.com/archuleta50/onlineapp/#>. E.O.E.

**GOODMAN'S DEPARTMENT STORE** is looking for part-time weekend sales associate. Sales associate must be friendly and self-motivated. Come pick up an application at 402 Pagosa Street.

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**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.

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**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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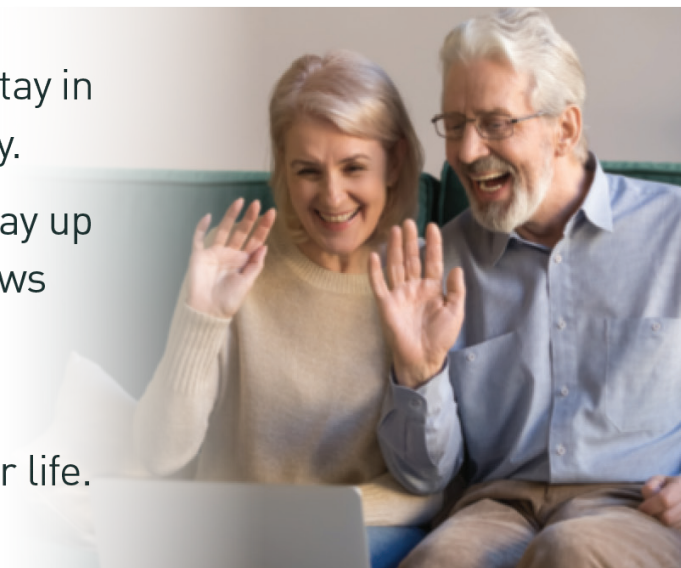
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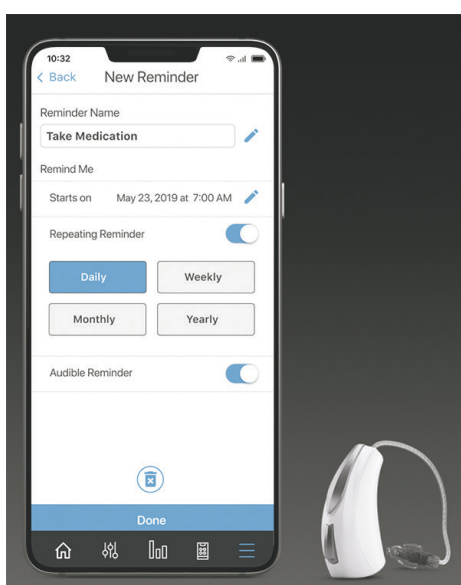
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