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**Proposed expansion of the Springs Resort includes a new hotel with 80 rooms, a spa, a restaurant and a series of new hot springs pools, located at 323 Hot Springs Blvd.**

## Housing projects, hotel expansion proposed

### Public hearing set

By Terri House  
Staff Writer

Two new housing projects and a hotel expansion project are being considered for Pagosa Springs.

The monthly Planning Department report for the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission lists two different development applications received by staff to be considered by the commission on Jan. 25.

The first project is expansion of The Springs Resort to include a new hotel and a series of new hot springs pools.

The second project is for the construction of a mixed-use development consisting of 54 condominiums and eight apartments (62 dwelling units total) and 8,000 square feet of office/retail, located at 400 Hot Springs Blvd.

#### Spring Resort project

A public notice in this week's SUN notes that the town "has received an application for 'Sketch Major Design Review' for the construction of a new 84,000 square foot building containing roughly 80 hotel rooms, a spa,

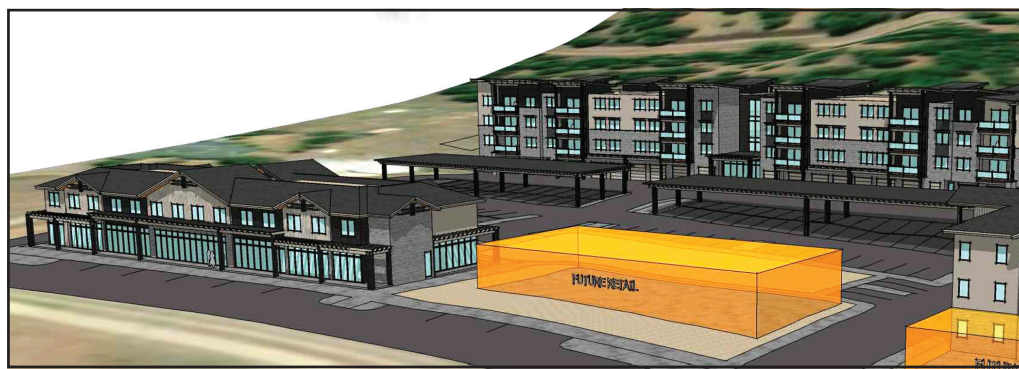


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**A proposed condominium project is slated to have 62 dwelling units and 8,000 square feet of office/retail, located at 400 Hot Springs Blvd.**

a restaurant and a series of new hot springs pools, located at 323 Hot Springs Blvd."

The application states that the project will tentatively break ground in the summer of 2022 with the project estimated to take 18 to 20 months to complete.

The project will also include "a ~13,000 Spa with 12 treatment rooms, and a 2,450 SF restaurant to be due west of the existing Lodge building. Development will also include an extension of pools and outdoor

space adjacent to the San Juan River north and west of the existing Lodge building. There will be a private music venue that is created by the new building to the west, the mother spring to the east."

#### Townhome development project

The second project on Hot Springs Boulevard advertised in this week's public notices is for 54 condominiums and eight apart-

■ See Projects A8

## COVID-19 spread hits record levels

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Archuleta County, like much of the state and country, is experiencing "unprecedented" COVID transmission.

On Tuesday, San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) announced in a press release it is currently reporting more positive cases and transmission of COVID-19 than at any time during the nearly two-year pandemic, with more than 580 positive test results received in a 72-hour period between La Plata and Archuleta counties.

"Our region is currently experiencing an unprecedented surge due to the highly transmissible Omicron variant and we understand this is

causing challenges for community members, employers, and schools across the region," Liane Jollon, SJBPH executive director, said via the press release. "It's very important right now that you stay home if you are sick and follow isolation and quarantine guidance for positive cases and exposures. If you are positive or exposed and don't know what to do, please call SJBPH or visit our website for more info. We are fortunate to have vaccines and boosters widely available during this spike in cases which will help prevent hospitalizations and limit the severity of illness if you are to be infected. Please get your booster dose right away."

■ See COVID-19 A8

## County tables Humane Society funding decision

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

During a regular meeting held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Tuesday, Jan. 4, the board reconsidered an agreement with the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs for animal shelter management and services—and tabled its decision once again.

The BoCC first considered the animal shelter and services agreement during a regular board meeting held on Nov. 16, 2021.

That proposed agreement included an increase in fees paid to the society from \$50,000 to \$62,500

per year, plus an increase in the impound fee from \$35 to \$40 and an increase in the housing fee from \$15 to \$20 per day.

During that meeting, the board decided to table its decision.

On Dec. 7, 2021, during the next regular board meeting, the BoCC decided to approve only the increase in the impound and daily housing fees.

During a work session held by the BoCC on Jan. 4, County Manager Derek Woodman indicated that two versions of the agreement would be presented at the regular meeting later in the day.

■ See Humane A8

## BoCC given airport update: Medical flight services unable to fly out patients due to snow

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

During a work session held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Tuesday, Jan. 11, Airport Director Chris Torres explained that operations were down for 10 days during the winter storms that hit Pagosa Country over the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

County Manager Derek Woodman described it as a "pretty significant winter storm event."

Torres explained that there is a new maintenance and snow crew on staff this season and that everyone was made aware that it would be a "slow" snow season.

"It was a challenge and it was hard

■ See Airport A8

## BoCC hears courthouse offer

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

An offer to purchase the county courthouse building located at 449 San Juan St. was recently made by David Loeser and James Scholl.

During a work session held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Tuesday, Jan. 11, the board heard a brief presentation from the men about what the future use of building/property could possibly be.

Commissioner Warren Brown clarified that the meeting was arranged by County Manager Derek Woodman, inviting Loeser and Scholl to share their ideas with the BoCC.

Woodman later indicated in an email to The SUN that no new offer was made and that another presentation from a separate interested party will be made at the next work session held by the BoCC, scheduled

■ See Courthouse A8

## 50 years of wrestling



SUN photos/Randi Pierce

The 2021-2022 season marks 50 years of wrestling at Pagosa Springs High School, with the program working to honor and celebrate past accomplishments of the program this season. During the finals of Saturday's Rocky Mountain Invitational, the school honored the program's past state champions, first team to bring home a state medal (the 1977 team finished second, with some members of the team represented by family members Saturday), and former coach Don Heizer.



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# Opinion

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## OUR VIEW

### It's time to step up

2022 is an election year for both the Town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County.

There are numerous county offices up for election, and the town will welcome a new mayor in April and there are three open seats for council members.

If you have been a resident of the town for at least 12 consecutive months prior to the election; haven't been convicted of a felony; and you are interested in making our community a better place to live, work and play, you need to pick up a candidate petition packet at Town Hall.

Don't procrastinate; the deadline to file your petition is Jan. 24.

Several offices are up for election in the county this year, with candidates filing affidavits showing their intent to run for office on the state's TRACER website.

Kristy Archuleta is running again for clerk and recorder. Brandon Bishop has filed for county coroner. Elsa White is running for treasurer. Johanna Tully-Elliott filed her affidavit to run for county assessor; she has been the assessor since Natalie Woodruff resigned due to leaving Pagosa earlier this year. So far, none of these positions are contested.

So far, there are two people are vying for commissioner for District 3: Veronica Medina and incumbent Alvin SchAAF.

There are three names listed on TRACER for the sheriff's race: William

Bryant, Michael Le Roux and Boyd Neagle.

The candidates listed above are running as Republicans with the exception of Bryant, who is listed as unaffiliated.

There is typically no lack of active and engaged residents who have experience in community service and who are passionate about Pagosa Country. We hope some of those people will consider running for office.

It is nice to have some competition and challenge for positions and there is still time to get your name on the ballot and get involved. If you feel that you can bring improvement to the leadership and decision-making process in our community, this is your time to commit to make a difference.

Voters appreciate having a real choice in who represents them.

When candidates have competition, they have to create a platform and campaign. It gives us, as citizens, the opportunity to understand what they will do for our community and why we should or should not vote for them.

Once in office, you will be held accountable. You must declare any conflicts of interest. You have to actually show up to work and take responsibility.

Holding office is real work. Elected officials should be prepared to plow through sometimes hundreds of pages of agenda briefs before each meeting

and show up to the meeting with knowledge about which item they are actually making a motion to adopt. They should be able to follow agendas and have an understanding of public meetings.

There are serious issues facing our community right now.

Back in 2015, the town and county were holding collaborative meetings and established three joint strategic priorities and interests: workforce housing, broadband and early childhood development. These are still pertinent issues, with some being considered a crisis in this community years after the priorities were first identified.

Do you have the individual conviction to stand alone and vote your conscience without bowing to the pressure of outside influences? Are you able to deal with the wrath of an angry electorate?

We need strong and effective leaders who are not afraid to make tough decisions, who don't go with the status quo and can take criticism from all directions.

We need leaders who are willing to tackle learning about challenging subjects, such as audits, which are required by state law for local governments.

We need a balance. We need diversity. That can only happen when people come forward to serve.

It's time to step up.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
January 13, 1922

J. Felix Gomez, Pagosa Junction merchant, was in the city last evening on business.

Harry Fitzhugh came up from Chromo Tuesday, bringing his little daughter Hattie. The latter underwent an operation Wednesday at the hands of Dr. Theo. Hotopp for necrosis of the rib and is fast recovering, her father returning home this morning.

The directors of the Citizens bank met on Dec. 31st and declared a five percent dividend. At the meeting of the stockholders Wednesday practically the same directors and officers were voted to be retained for the ensuing year.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
January 17, 1947

Approval by the Rural Electrification Administration of half a million dollars in funds for buying the New Light and Power Co. here and for extending rural lines in this part of the state has been secured, it was announced this week by Harold Wemmer, head of the La Plata REA unit. Negotiations for buying the plant and property here from A.W. Olson have been under way for many months and only recently an agreement for the purchase was completed. According to present plans, an estimated 200 miles of rural lines in this part of the county are planned. The REA will operate the Pagosa Springs plant some time after Feb. 1, the date set tentatively for taking over the utility here.

Mr. Olson will continue business in electrical appliances and equipment in his present location. The REA had not secured offices here early this week, but it was expected that a downtown location would be secured.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
January 13, 1972

More than 100 snowmobilers are expected here for scheduled snowmobile races Saturday and Sunday. The races will be held at the Jim Cloman ranch on the Upper Piedra road. The events are RMSA sanctioned and official starters and judges from that organization will be here for the races.

Joe Hersch, Mrs. Marguerite Wiley, Ben K. Lynch, and Paul Decker were re-elected as directors of the Citizens bank at the annual stockholders meeting Tuesday of this week. Mr. Hersch was again named as president of the bank.

Archuleta County Commissioners conducted a hearing Monday of this week on proposed subdivision regulations. Land developers and subdividers were present to present statements, or objections to the proposal. Harold Schutz, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners indicated that quick action is anticipated on revision and adoption of the regulations.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
January 16, 1997

Pagosa old-timers like to regale newcomers with stories of "real Pagosa winters." No need for stories these days. Just look outside. Last Saturday, fans at the Rocky Mountain Invitational wrestling tournament took a midday break for lunch and walked to restaurants and stores in town. The sun was shining and the temperatures were relatively mild.

By sunset, heavy snow was falling and beginning to stick to streets and highways.

Sunday the snow continued to fall.

By Monday, it was a "real Pagosa winter" — local schools canceled classes, roads and highways were snowpacked and difficult to negotiate and some non-arterial roads in the county were impassable. Wolf Creek Pass was closed.

Tuesday brought more of the same with schools still closed and road crews laboring to keep thoroughfares open and relatively safe.

Wednesday, sunshine and blue skies greeted area residents, plow crews started to get the upper hand.

The U.S. Weather Service monitoring station on Mesa Heights registered 1.6 inches of snow on Jan. 11. Sunday, 9.4 inches of snow fell at the station. Monday, Jan. 13 produced 23.1 inches of the white stuff. Another 12.2 inches fell on Tuesday, bringing the official snowfall in Pagosa Springs to 46 inches for the four-day period.

Wolf Creek Ski Area reported 85 inches of new snow as of Wednesday morning.

## LOOKING BACK



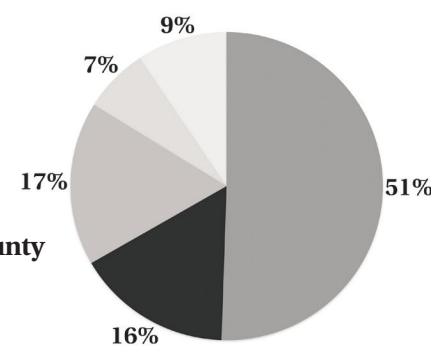
From the Aug. 15, 1974, Pagosa Springs SUN. TROPHY WINNERS — Low net winners at the ladies golf tournament at the Pagosa Golf Club this week were, left to right: Joan Seielstad, Sue Angelo, and Cassie Lord. Mrs. Lord was first, Mrs. Angelo was second, and Mrs. Seielstad third. The trophies were awarded following the tournament this Tuesday.

## WHADDYA THINK?

What is the most pressing issue facing the community in 2022?

Poll results (190 votes)

Addressing short-term rentals — 16 percent  
Affordable housing — 51 percent  
Pandemic recovery — 17 percent  
Broadband — 7 percent  
Other — 9 percent



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# Letters

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## 'Corruption wins'

Dear Editor:  
As we observe governments in other nations it is astounding how many of them are utterly corrupt. Corruption destroys the faith of the people in their government, and destroys any confidence in the fairness of government. Corruption by governmental leaders never serves the interest of the citizens but always serves the interests of those in power. Corruption in government only serves to let the people know that they really don't count. They really don't have a voice and they are there only to serve the wants and desires of their own corrupt leaders.

In American representative democracy everything depends on the confidence of the people in the electoral process of selecting their representatives, senators, and presidents to govern on their behalf and for their benefit. Americans want to have confidence in their elected leaders to play by the rules, that is by the limitations placed upon them in the language of our Constitution. If the Constitution is viewed by some government officials as an obstruction to their agenda, then ways are sought to circumvent their "contract" with the people in order to advance an extra-Constitutional agenda. When that occurs, then the contract is broken between the people and their leaders and corruption is established. Both major parties are guilty of seeking to do end-runs around the Constitution.

American government is brilliantly simple. There are three branches of government: Executive, Judicial, and Legislative. These three branches exist to keep each

other in check. The Legislative branch is exclusively in charge of making laws. It is the responsibility of the Executive branch to enforce those laws, and it is the job of the Judicial branch to ensure that the laws passed by the Legislative branch are in harmony with the language of our Constitution.

Executive orders issued by Democrat and Republican presidents alike seek to breach our Constitutional contract by usurping the job of the Legislative branch and make laws without them. The Executive branch fails in its Constitutional responsibilities when they fail to enforce the laws that the Legislature makes. The Judicial branch fails in its responsibility when they ignore the specific language of our Constitution and seek to legislate from the bench. Whenever any of these things happen, our government becomes corrupted, and the faith of the people in their leaders is shaken.

To make matters worse, many citizens of America no longer know the Constitution, misunderstand the design of our government to function for the people, and some even believe that our Constitution needs to be replaced with something else. Thus, when presidents fail to enforce our laws and make their own laws, or when the Supreme Court passes judgment based on their own ideas rather than the language of the Constitution, or when the Legislative branch fashions laws outside of the language of the Constitution, then corruption wins and the faith of the people is eroded.

Richard Bolland

## Need a pool for swim team

Dear Editor:  
Ever wonder what it's like to drive a moving van back and forth between Pagosa and Durango... at night...in the winter...with 12 teenage girls on board? I never did until I was scanning the road for deer right outside of Chimney Rock at 9 o'clock at night. To be fair, we drive a mini bus, upon which both myself and the head coach have been thoroughly trained, thanks to Lori Manzanera and the Archuleta School District Transportation Department. This was just one of many adjustments we had to make as a swim team this year.

Although the pandemic caused us to adjust many things last season, the obstacles we've had to overcome this season are far from "adjustments." The one nearly insurmountable obstacle this year has been finding a time and a place for our girls to swim. Our regular pool at the PLPOA Rec Center is undergoing major repairs, so we have had to find another place to swim. Since the inception of the high school girls' swim team, the PLPOA Rec Center has been an accommodating partner to the team, allowing us eight hours of swimming a week throughout our entire season. Their help has been critical in creating a consistent swim program for these young women.

Being the home of the deepest hot springs, the town of Pagosa Springs has not shortage of swimming pools. What it does have a shortage of is a willingness to help. As an educator, the broken record of a phrase I heard last year was that the pandemic was "taking away opportunities" from our children, and it certainly did. When the opportunity of a swim season was going to be "taken away" from our students this year, however, there was no one willing to step up and help them.

This is why the dozen members of our Pagosa Springs High School

Girls' Swim Team find themselves on a bus twice a week, driving to Durango to swim for an hour. It's not much, but we definitely appreciate the Durango Rec Center's help in allowing us to hold on to our season. We just wish it had been a local pool in Pagosa that felt the urgency to help the young women on our swim team.

Darcy DeGuise

## 'What a difference'

Dear Editor:  
Just read some of the letters in the Jan 6 issue. One letter is titled "Differences", and the following letter titled "Electric Vehicles". And wow. What a difference. First one is a guy ranting and raving (as is his usual custom) against people with opinions that are different from his own. This is directly followed by a letter from a guy who is taking a realistic look at what could happen, will happen, and is already happening as we are forced by government requirements to move in the direction of all electric vehicles and other forms of alternative energy production. I'm not going to get into that argument any further... Mr. Heid has succinctly made several valid points already. I just had to chuckle at seeing the "Differences" between the two letters.

Sonny Kelley  
Gardner, Kan.

## 'Being naive'

Dear Editor:  
I hope you are well and staying safe amid this pandemic.

I read with great interest Ms. Lisa Jensen's letter in your 8 January edition regarding the Health District Investigative Committee. Her contention that the committee "is not going to find anything that the (Archuleta County) commissioners don't want to hear" evoked my brief service on the jail committee a few years ago. So, no surprises there.

Ms. Jensen concludes with: "Let the (Archuleta County) commissioner who serves on the (San Juan Basin) health district board participate more actively, ask questions, and relay information to his fellow commissioners and the residents of Archuleta County."

Ms. Jensen, I think you are being naive. What you propose makes

perfect sense. Why on Earth would we do such a thing?

Best regards,  
Vic Lucariello

## 'Love your neighbors'

Dear Editor:  
We are into a New Year, a year of hope. Yes it has brought us more snow than we wanted all at once, but we survived and the rest of the year will be very blessed as a result. In the beginning of this community which was only a mere Village until recent decades, the overall standard was "Mi casa es Su Casa". Many of the early leaders were of Spanish descent and the Village was built on that saying, which is interpreted as "My House is Your House". Yes, folks who built this beautiful place shared with their neighbors, were "there" for them in time of need.

When we arrived some forty years ago this kind of snow storm was the "normal". I remember how "awe-struck" we were. Then, it was so refreshing to experience the love that was all around. Yes, residents are strong and independent-minded, but that attitude of community has spilled over into all aspects of our lives. Even folks visiting and staying in a vacation rental came running with shovels in hand to help out in my neighborhood. We are very fortunate. Yes, "Mi casa es su casa." Our community is like a huge mansion and the greatest commandment of "love your neighbors as yourselves" is alive and well in Pagosa Springs.

Know you are loved,

Patty Tillerson

## Harris' ignorance

Dear Editor:  
Our Vice-President Kamala Harris said something in her "January 6 Anniversary Speech" that needs to be unequivocally refuted. She said the riot at the capital last year on January 6, is to be remembered on an equal footing with December 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor. I consider those comments an insult to the service my uncle offered up on the USS Pennsylvania that day, and the many other servicemen who lost their lives in that horrific attack.

My Uncle Clarence was a Pearl

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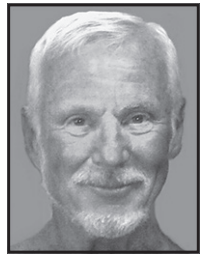
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# Obituaries

## Robert J. Kanyur

Robert J. (Bob) Kanyur, 82, passed away on Dec. 31, 2021, after a long illness. Bob was born on Jan. 25, 1939, in Chicago, Ill., the oldest son of Joseph and Ann (Kobe) Kanyur. Bob attended high school at George Rogers Clark in Hammond, Ind., where he grew up.



After graduating, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps for a three-year tour of duty. He attended Sea School in San Diego, and on completion was assigned sea duty on the USS Los Angeles CA135, which was a heavy cruiser stationed in Long Beach, Calif. While on the ship, he attained the rank of CPL-E4 and made several deployments to the western Pacific.

After his discharge in 1960, he returned to Hammond and worked at various jobs, mostly in the construction field. In 1964, he went on the road, ending up in Tucson, Ariz., where he was accepted on the Tucson Fire Department. He often told

friends that it was the best job he ever had and he really looked forward to going to work in the morning.

In 1968, he married Sharon Albridge and had two sons, Robert J. Jr. and James Michael.

Bob grew up being an avid hunter and fisherman. He had a love of the outdoors which led to his first elk-hunting trip to Pagosa Springs in 1970. He fell in love with southern Colorado and began bringing his family from Tucson each year for camping and fishing trips. He decided that he would retire to Pagosa Springs.

In 1983, while on a fishing trip with his two sons, he bought property up Cemetery Road and began building his hunting-fishing cabin. In 1985, he retired from the Tucson Fire Department and made Pagosa his permanent home. He became a member of the Pagosa Springs Town Fire Department and the Pagosa Lakes Fire Department, which eventually became the Pagosa Fire Protection District in 1990. He also worked for the U.S. Forest Service as a wildland firefighter and was involved with the Upper San Juan Search and Rescue for eight years.

In 1991, Bob married Susan Grace, whom he had met in Tucson in 1986. Together, they built their

present home in the Upper Piedra. He began a small woodworking business in 1986, which he called Barnwood Crafts. He built rustic picture frames, bird houses and furnishings made from old barns and houses that he had dismantled and recycled. He had been an avid marathoner and runner while living in Tucson and continued his passion while living here, running almost daily, and hiking the high-country trails while on numerous fishing trips.

He is survived by his wife, Susan; son Robert J. Jr. (Suzanne); son James (Trisha); stepson Sean Grace (Mariel); and numerous grandchildren.

## Gary Craig Stansbury

Oct. 25, 1939-Dec. 21, 2021

Gary C. Stansbury, of Colorado Springs, Colo., awoke in heaven on Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021, at the age of 82.

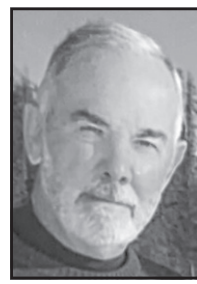
Gary was born in Topeka, Kan., on Oct. 25, 1939. In 1957, he graduated from Patterson Park high school in Dundalk, Md., and joined the U.S. Army. He served in the 10th Special Forces GP (airborne) stationed in Bad Toelz, Germany. After receiving an honorable discharge in August 1960, Gary attended the

University of Montana for one year before attending Washburn University in Topeka, Kan., where he graduated with a B.S. in Political Science in 1964. He was employed by the Central Intelligence Agency from 1964-1992 as an operations officer. He served most of his career abroad in Southeast Asia, Europe and finally Latin America. In retirement, Gary became an accomplished fly-fisherman and woodworker.

Gary is survived by his wife of 59 years, Judi, of Colorado Springs; sons Rhett Stansbury, of Littleton, Colo., Trevor Stansbury, of Loveland, Ohio, and Chad Stansbury of Omaha, Neb.; daughter Andrea Stansbury, of Albuquerque, N.M.; and his brother, Rick Stansbury, of Crossville, Tenn.

He is preceded in death by his father, Col. Paul Stansbury, his mother, Celia Barfield, infant son Rhadd Stansbury and grandson Timothy Stansbury.

Gary's memorial service will be held at The Road at Chapel Hills.



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# Letters

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Harbor survivor. Serving on board the USS Pennsylvania, which was in dry dock that morning, as the bombs were raining down and Japanese Fighters were strafing the ship, he told me how afraid they all were that they would soon be blown to bits as they tried to move barrels of fuel on board the ship to a safer location. He said the terror of that day was unfathomable.

Some years ago, he invited me to join him at one of the annual Pearl Harbor Survivor reunions. This one being held in Tucson. I was honored that he asked me to join him. That night as he and his buddies were enjoying a few drinks in the hotel lounge, I began talking with a number of other survivors. They began sharing with me their experiences that dreadful morning. What I heard would turn your blood cold. I won't share everything with you but I will tell you about one individual who told me that after the bombing had ended, he and some others were ordered to go below deck and begin cleaning things up. But this didn't involve swabbing the decks. It involved scraping the burned remains of flesh and blood off the walls below deck where bombs had fallen and blasted their buddies' remains to those walls. The human remains had to be scraped off the walls and set aside for proper burial. This is just a sample of what happened at Pearl Harbor that day.

For this sitting Vice President to compare the events of last year's riot at the capital to Pearl Harbor is absolutely outrageous, an insult to my uncle, to all the servicemen who survived that day, and all the brave soldiers who lost their lives that day. They were an insult to all 9-11 victims and their families, and really to all Americans. Shamefully revealing her total ignorance on the subject, her comparisons disgraced the office she holds.

I am the son of a WWII veteran, the grandson of a WWI veteran who was awarded two purple hearts, and the proud nephew of a Pearl Harbor survivor. Our servicemen and women deserve more honor and respect than our ignorant Vice President gave them last Thursday, January 6. For me, I will always, with deepest sacred reverence, give thanks to God for them, and for their service rendered so bravely to preserve our liberty and freedoms.

Dwight Vilhauer

## Public trust

Dear Editor:

I watched some cable news the other day. Though events are always interesting, something else stuck out to me. All the talking heads were outraged. Their tone of voice, facial expressions, and innuendo of their descriptions all displayed outrage. They were outraged that there was a traffic jam in an ice storm on I-95. They were outraged that something political happened in New York City. Outraged that police in some other state had not solved an abduction case.

I also noticed that this commentary was filled with contempt. They had contempt for political opponents. Contempt for public officials. Contempt for civil servants. Contempt for everyone outside their bubble. As I watched, I found myself being drawn, almost biochemically, into feeling outrage and contempt. This reporting was designed to make me angry at conditions in my own country, and to feel contempt for my fellow citizens.

Media's catering to our outrage and contempt means bad things for our society. As long as cable news, Facebook, and other digital media aim to amp up our meaner natures, the first best action we can take is to turn off that media.

Our democratic society stands on the assumption that, no matter how different our opinions or positions, every citizen's voice is allowed in the public sphere. No matter how wrong I believe others' political convictions to be, I also believe that their votes are as important as mine. I accept, for the peace of our community life, that many public and civil decisions will be made with which I disagree. So I will vote again the next time around.

Our society also stands on the assumption that the overwhelming majority of public servants and elected officials—from the ballot counters in my county to the state senate to the president of the country—are making decisions in good conscience. No matter how much I disagree with those decisions, I will honor and respect the fact that our democratic system is working.

Shifting from political disagreement to outrage and contempt turns my fellow citizens into enemies. When I make public servants and elected officials into objects of

outrage and contempt, then I can justify any action against them, or against "the government." Violence becomes possible—not just the violence of individual mistakes, but planned, incited violence. And violence in response to political disagreement is tyranny.

As we approach the election season of 2022—and even more so 2024—we must remember that the democratic system we hold dear depends on a charitable view of all our fellow citizens. We are able to disagree and be at peace. We are able to hold our political positions while offering the opposition respect and grace. We are able to work alongside those who disagree with us, trusting that we are equally invested in the good of our communities.

I want to be a part of a community that rejects outrage and contempt and is governed by respect and grace. Let's keep it that way here.

Emrys Tyler

## Land exchange

Dear Editor:

After a long and arduous process, including Freedom of Information Act requests and legal complaints, the Forest Service (USFS) has finally released documents which detail appraised values of the public and private lands proposed for trade in the controversial Valle Seco land exchange near Pagosa Springs. This includes 175 acres of protected Colorado Roadless Areas, part 380 total acres of public lands up for trade in the San Juan National Forest.

In order to achieve release of the documents, Colorado Wild Public Lands (COWPL), a nonprofit focused on keeping Colorado public lands open and accessible, argued that the appraisals are paramount to providing fact-based comments and determination of public interest. COWPL asserts that according to federal land exchange laws and the National Environmental Policy Act, USFS must be able to demonstrate equal value between the lands being exchanged. Without access to the appraisals, the public has not been able to meaningfully comment on the assessment of equal value, and consequently, public interest—or lack thereof.

Until now the appraisals have been consistently withheld from the public but shared with the pri-

vate entities behind the exchange. The appraisals were released on December 22, 2021, barely a month before the Forest Service's January 21st date to issue the Objection Resolution and Final Decision on the exchange. COWPL will be formally requesting that the Forest Service provide an extension period to these actions to allow for public review and comment on the appraisals. COWPL maintains that it is the public's right to know the value of lands we all collectively own; especially when they are at risk of being traded away.

Full appraisal documents, including historical revisions, can be found at <https://usfs-public.app.box.com/v/2021-FS-WO-00112-A>. COWPL has sifted through these documents and posted the most recent appraisals on their website.

Appraisals for the non-federal parcels can be found at <https://coloradowildpubliclands.org/pdf/Valle-Seco-Appraisals-Non-Federal-Parcels.pdf>, and federal parcels at <https://coloradowildpubliclands.org/pdf/Valle-Seco-Appraisals-Federal-Parcels.pdf>. Reach out to COWPL at [coloradowildpubliclands@gmail.com](mailto:coloradowildpubliclands@gmail.com) for more information.

Graham Ward  
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# Obituaries

## Pedro Lopez

Pete was born in Arboles, Colo., the youngest of nine children. He grew up and worked on the family ranch, where he lived until he graduated from Ignacio High School in 1958. Shortly after graduating from high school, Pete joined the Army. He completed training as M48 Advanced Armor Crewman in Vilseck Germany. Pete fondly told stories of his time in Germany to include meeting Elvis, who was stationed in Germany at the same time. After his release from the Army and returning home, Pete met and married the love of his life, Polly Velasquez. Pete and Polly courted long distance, her in Pagosa Springs, him in Las Vegas, Nev., until they married on June 25, 1964. Pete and Polly raised their children in Las Vegas for several years until deciding to return to Colorado for a better life in the country. Pete worked as a state highway maintenance technician for the Colorado Department of Transportation until he retired in 1997. Pete continued ranching on the family ranch until his health declined and was unable to continue. Pete was an active member of the Catholic Church. Pete, alongside his wife, served as Eucharistic ministers, teaching CCD and marriage preparation classes. Pete was instrumental in the spiritual lives of many young men and women teaching and



counseling them. Pete was a family man who loved spending meals and holidays with his immediate and extended family. He loved hunting, camping, his cows and anything to do with the family ranch. Pete was a die-hard Bronco fan and never met a cinnamon roll he didn't like. He was a kind and patient man and is loved by many. He is survived by his loving wife, Pauline (Polly) Lopez; son Dennis (Frances) Lopez; daughters Susan and Nancy Lopez, Paula (Jose) Trujillo; sister Elisida Enriquez; brother Manuel Rudolf Lopez; grandchildren Thomas Santistevan, David Montoya, Charlotte Santistevan and Alex Lopez; great-grandchildren Maryah and Sean Montoya and Pedro Santistevan; as well as numerous nephews and nieces. Pete is predeceased by his mother and father, Theodora and Margarito Lopez; brothers Richard, Tony, Lee and Dan Lopez; and sisters Florence Vallejos and Lena Barela. Donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

## Briggs MacRae Dorian-Lawrence

Briggs MacRae Dorian-Lawrence died Wednesday, Jan. 5. He was 19 years old. He came into this world at 11 pounds, 8 ounces and left this world standing at 6'5".

Briggs left home at 7 a.m. Wednesday morning en route to Center for Change, where he was excited to participate in outpatient treatment for his eating disorder. At 7:40 a.m. in Spanish Fork Canyon (Utah), he drifted over the center line into oncoming traffic, colliding head-on with a truck (auto truck trailer). He died instantly.

Briggs was born on April 30, 2002, in Edmonds, Wash. He and his mother moved to Lawrence, Kan., in 2007 (his father arrived soon after), where he attended Raintree Montessori School for seven-plus years. In 2015, he and his mother moved to Mount Pleasant, Utah, where Briggs attended eighth grade at Wasatch Academy Middle School (WAMS). They moved to Atlanta in July of 2016. Briggs attended his freshman year at Riverwood International Charter School; he spent his sophomore and junior years at the Lovett School. After the death of his Aunt Pam (Dorian) Campbell, Briggs and his mother returned to Mount Pleasant, where Briggs spent his senior year. Briggs graduated with the Wasatch Academy class of 2020. In August of the same year, Briggs began his journey at Rochester Institute of Technology with what he called "his people" in Rochester, N.Y. He was a second year student at RIT at the time of his death.

Like his parents, Briggs had an interest in, and talent for, music. He began playing the viola in fourth grade, where he performed with the Spring Hill (Kan.) Orchestras. Music was always a large part of his life. He had enjoyed many accomplishments on the viola. Some highlights of his musical career include mentoring and coaching for the String Orchestra of Decatur and Atlanta (SODA), six years of wonderful experiences at the High Plains Music Camp at Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kan., playing the Messiah in December 2021 at Snow College (Utah), and his final performance, with the Dorian String Quartet this past Christmas Eve with Claudia, Graham and his mother, Sarah. In addition to the viola, Briggs was an avid composer of string music and creating and performing digital music.

Briggs' profound passion for computer science, programming and gaming was beyond a deep passion, it inspired his days. Briggs was a virtuosic digital native. He had an astonishing comprehension of all things computers and was fluent in numerous program-

ming languages. These passions culminated in the creation of his own (computer) server, in his attendance at RIT, and his prized and cherished 2021 summer IT internship at Boulevard Brewing Company (Kansas City, Mo.).

Much like his granddad, Jim, Briggs had the ability to see the world in multiple dimensions and with a surprising level of detail. He made friends and connections with both the young and the old due to his engaging personality, his deep curiosity and his passion for life. Briggs was well traveled, he made his home in many different communities and the outpouring of love that we are now receiving is a testament to the impact he had on us all. His funeral service was held Jan. 10 in the Music Conservatory at Wasatch Academy. His celebration of life will be held on his birthday, at 2 p.m., Saturday, April 30, at St Patrick's Episcopal Church in Pagosa Springs, Colo., where his ashes will be laid.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate a donation in Briggs' name to causes dear to Briggs' heart, including any free and open source software organization, JDRE, the Humane Society (examples of links include: open-collective.com, JDRE.org, Human-Society.org).

Briggs is survived by his mother, Sarah Dorian (of Mount Pleasant, Utah); his father, Blue Lawrence (of Shawnee, Kan.); and his brother, Austen Julka-Lawrence (30, of Renton, Wash.), his beloved Bengal cats, Hugo and Rosie. His Aunt Marjorie (Dorian) Adair (Kansas City, Mo.); her husband, Jeff, and their children, Tess (20) and James (15). His Uncle Graham Dorian (Atlanta, Ga.); his wife, Jennifer and their daughters, Claudia (20) and Rebecca (18). His Uncle Ted Campbell (North Kansas City, Mo.), and their children, George, Sam and Caroline. His Aunt Deb Lawrence (Indianapolis, Ind.). His grandparents, James and Rebecca Dorian (Pagosa Springs, Colo.); and JD and Lois Lawrence (Indianapolis, Ind.). Briggs was preceded in death by his cousin, Alyssa Joy Campbell, and his Aunt Pamela (Dorian) Campbell.

Please see his personal bio at: <https://bio.henlo.us/Briggs-Dorian-Lawrence>.



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Our town has a very special group of people to help us get through terrible times. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

The Taylor, Hoffschneider and Montoya families



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# Goals & Accomplishments Town of Pagosa Springs

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.

## Don Volger, Pagosa Springs Mayor



Thanks again for asking me to share. The town had another busy, productive year and the staff, volunteers, and elected officials were a joy to work with. They do more and do it better every year.

### What were your three biggest accomplishments of 2021?

My primary mayoral responsibility has been to moderate meetings in a respectful way, giving our citizens, staff, and council members reasonable opportunities to express their thoughts, concerns, and ideas. We've worked through routine business and challenging issues. We made difficult, but important, decisions concerning the workforce housing shortage, changes to short-term rental regulations, property purchases, future distribution of lodger's tax revenue, and plans for future projects related to roads and recreational amenities. With input from the public and our in-depth discussions, we moved forward knowing that some individuals would be disappointed, but believing that we, together, acted in the best interest of our beloved community.

In our 2021 annual, day-long work session, we reviewed and revised Town goals in preparation for

a future we hope will be prosperous. When I use the word "prosperous" I'm referring to something more than money. It was most gratifying to spend important time this past year with people I respect and trust. I believe we made a significant and positive difference.

### What are your three top goals for 2022?

As you already know, I'll step down from my role as Mayor the first Tuesday in April when my term limit takes effect. Honestly, my only goal is to finish well by spending time with the current council members, and encouraging them to continue the habit of "entering meetings as friends and leaving as friends", regardless of actions taken during our time together.

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

I plan to stay active until my career as an official Town representative ends. I've been overwhelmingly blessed to serve a community that has been my home and family, not just another small mountain town. Pagosa Springs, thank you so much for giving me much more than I could have imagined.

## Andrea Phillips, Pagosa Springs Town Manager



### What were your three biggest accomplishments of 2021?

Our team accomplished a lot this year despite supply chain issues, staffing shortages, and busy contractors. We finished the multipurpose trail and turnaround at Cotton Hole Park, with the assistance of a grant through Colorado Parks and Wildlife. The hard surface trail extends east along the south side of Hermosa Street from Town Park through Cotton Hole Park and up to the 1st Street Bridge. We also made a lot of headway as a community on addressing affordable and workforce housing needs. Through efforts of the private sector, including local employers and developers, as well as local nonprofit agencies like Archuleta County Housing Authority, Habitat for Humanity, and many others, 70 units of workforce housing have been added in our community, with many more planned for 2022 and beyond. Finally, town staff did a tremendous job of improving public information this year. We saw increased community input and involvement on several projects such as the master plan for Yamaguchi South, Pagosa Springs Cemetery Archaeological Assessment, the East End Multi-Modal Plan, the update to the town's land use and development code, adoption of a public arts plan, and much more. As we did throughout this year, in the future we will continue to inform the public through our monthly e-newsletter, the "Pagosa Springs View", our social media accounts, public forums, project walking tours, and the project portal, MyPagosa.org. Please sign up if you haven't yet - this is a great way to stay informed!

### What are your three top goals for 2022?

The Town's goals are laid out in the Town Council Goals and Objectives (2021-22), which are revisited and set annually. Topmost on the list is continuing to make headway on developing more workforce housing units to serve our residents. The Town is beginning negotiations with a public-private partnership developer to construct 60 units on three town owned lots. Construction could begin as soon

mid-2022. In addition to this project, we want to continue to work with the private sector and our community partners to build and convert additional units. We can do this by providing flexibility within the land use and development code and offering incentives such as fee waivers. Second, we will have a municipal election on April 5, 2022. We will have the mayor's seat and three councilmember seats up for election. My goal is to help transition new members into this role on Town Council and keep the great momentum we have moving forward. There will be big shoes to fill with Mayor Don Volger cycling off due to term limits. Finally, we have several projects that are due for completion in 2022 and I want to see them finalized. This includes adoption of the revised land use and development code, installation of additional public art pieces, making headway on the Main Street Colorado program, installation of dedicated pickleball courts, continued work on the town's road maintenance program and much more. There is never a dull moment in this position, and I feel honored to be a part of making improvements in our beautiful community.

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

We work as a team to accomplish community goals, as directed by the Town Council and advisory boards. We have fantastic volunteers, staff and officials who care about the community and work hard to serve the public. Thankfully, sales tax proceeds have been strong the past few years, which is the primary funding source for programs and capital projects for the Town of Pagosa Springs. We try to leverage these funds as much as possible by applying for grants and partnering with other agencies to combine funds. Our annual work plan is derived from the Council's Goals and Objectives (which are revisited and set annually), and we use this to guide our work. Although we have a plan and tasks to work towards, we remain flexible to meet changing community needs as necessary.

# Obituaries

## Andrea Ohly-McGinn

Andrea Ohly-McGinn left this world for greater adventures on Oct. 29, 2021. She will forever be remembered for her ability to inspire others and live each moment fully. An old friend said, "If you didn't learn something important about life from Andrea, you weren't paying attention." If you knew Andrea, you were better for it.



Andrea was humble, full of life and passionately active. Few people know that she was featured on

the cover of Dive Magazine. She qualified for and ran in the Pan American Games and she was the recipient of the Sportswoman of the Year award in Colorado. She was also interviewed by Sports Illustrated, where she attributed her decades of survival, with a terminal heart diagnosis, to exercise.

After being given less than one year to live, Andrea began a quest to mock the odds. She competitively completed hundreds of athletic events over the next 20-some years. These events included bike races, every type of running event, adventure races and more. In love with the wonder of Disney, Andrea ran in the Disney World Marathon for both the fifth and 25th-anniversary races, along with most of the others in between. In the fall, Andrea could be found coaching the Pagosa Springs Middle School

cross-country team, inspiring young athletes for generations.

Andrea accepted no excuses for not pushing herself further. She wanted to experience everything. If she thought of it or dreamed it, she did it! No challenge or destination was off limits — she wouldn't miss any opportunity to live big. With this as her life expectation, any excursion with Andrea was sure to be cosmic. Her hikes were always steeper than expected, her runs were much farther than anticipated and her travels held many more surprises than predicted. She believed that the Eiffel Tower could only be ascended by way of the stairs, that Disney parks are best visited after a 26.2-mile run, that you should never pass up the opportunity to get a new passport stamp, and she lived by her words, "There is no time to waste."

Andrea is currently on some wild

expedition with her parents, Frank and Sally Ohly. Left back home are her husband, Ted, two children, Elle and Aidan, brother Frank, sister Carrie and countless friends.

In lieu of a service, the first annual Andrea McGinn Memorial Snowshoe Walk will be held in her honor on Jan. 22. The walk will begin at 10 a.m. in the parking lot at the end of Four Mile Road. It is recommended that you carpool because parking is limited. Bring your snowshoes, gloves, sense of adventure and be ready for some fun!

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# Business

## WinterFest events planned for Jan. 22-23

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
Pagosa Springs Area  
Chamber of Commerce

We take this early part of the year to keep sending the business community reminders on a number of Chamber of Commerce “housekeeping” notes. The Chamber is hosting multiple activities and events in the next couple of weeks that are important to our business community.

The first deadline is to complete a nomination form for Citizen, Volunteer, Small Business and Non-Profit of the Year. There are a lot of people and organizations that deserve recognition in our community. However, if you aren't nominated, you aren't recognized this time around.

These community awards reflect the time, effort, commitment and generosity of people, businesses and organizations as they contribute to the overall success and collaboration in our community.

Forms for the nominations can be obtained from the Chamber website, [www.pagosachamber.com](http://www.pagosachamber.com), under the Community and Chamber news on the homepage. Don't feel restricted to use just that nomination form. Use an additional page to write a compelling nomination. Businesses and nonprofit agencies should also consider self-nominating. No one knows the work you do and contributions you make to the community better than you do. So, tout yourselves and en-

ter your business to be recognized. Nomination forms need to be in by 5 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 17.

Award recipients and nominees will be recognized at the Chamber's annual meeting and Community Award Reception on Feb. 9 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA) Clubhouse. Tickets for this event are also available on the Chamber's website under the Community and Chamber news. Tickets for members are only \$25 and nonmembers \$35. The public is invited; this event is not just for Chamber members.

The first part of the event will be dedicated to a community conversation about housing and workforce development through breakout sessions. Each session will have a panel of community and regional participants in each field of discussion. The sessions will be followed by a guest speaker and then a reception with delicious hors d'oeuvres, beverages and the awards. Bring several of your business associates, supporters of the nominees and come enjoy a celebration of good work in our community.

One other timely reminder is for our Chamber Business Community to cast their ballot for three of six Chamber board nominees. Every year, three board members vacate their three-year position and three new members come onto the board for a three-year commitment. The voting form and bios of all the candidates can be found on the Chamber's homepage, [\[pagosachamber.com\]\(http://www.pagosachamber.com\), under Community and Chamber News. Voting for the candidates closes Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 5 p.m. These nominees represent businesses and organizations in your community. Please take just a minute to cast your ballot. Only Chamber member businesses will be allowed to vote. If you vote for more than three nominees, your vote will be disqualified. Multiple ballots from the same business, after the first ballot cast, will also be disqualified. You may also come by the Chamber in person to cast your ballot for the nominees. Should you have any questions about voting, please contact the Chamber at \(970\) 264-2360.](http://www.pago-</a></p>
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### WinterFest Jan. 22-23

There are only about 10 days left until WinterFest activities fill the town. Look in next week's edition of The Pagosa Springs SUN for a more complete list of activities. We are pleased to welcome around 20 hot air balloon pilots to this winter's event.

Look for good flying weather as this is the weekend's most weather-contingent event. The balloons will be launching from the west side of town both days. Area of viewing including around the PLPOA Recreation Center, Crossroads Christian Fellowship and areas around North Pagosa Boulevard and Talisman Drive. The Pagosa Nordic Club will host events on Saturday and Sunday. Visit [www.pagosanordic.com](http://www.pagosanordic.com) for more details.

Skijoring will also take place on Saturday and Sunday at the

Archuleta County Fairgrounds on U.S. 84. Enjoy two days of fast-paced action performed by both two-legged and four-legged athletes. Visit [www.skisandsaddles.com](http://www.skisandsaddles.com) for more information and to purchase tickets for their concert Saturday night.

We also welcome our nonprofit agencies as they have volunteers that will “plunge” into the frigid San Juan River. This is an opportunity for our organizations to raise a little money for their work. Come view the antics from the Riverwalk as participants brave 30-degree (more or less) waters.

Bring your pet to the Barkus Parade along the Riverwalk also on Saturday, beginning at 11 a.m.

The activities continue on Saturday with the ever-entertaining Sledz on Rez Downhill Sled Race. Application forms for these events or more information can be found on the Chamber's website under the WinterFest snow globe graphic on the homepage. Come out and spectate or participate in one of the many activities planned for the WinterFest weekend. You still have time to raise money, build a sled, get a costume together for your pet and just get some of these activities on your activity calendar. It's a wild and crazy weekend in Pagosa Jan. 22 and 23. Don't miss the fun.



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## Clear your fire hydrant after storms

Pagosa Fire Protection District

While the snow is much needed in Pagosa Springs, it can cause dangerous delays in getting water to a fire engine during any emergency.

Please remember to clear your neighborhood hydrants so firefighters can have easy access if it is needed. Access to hydrants can save firefighters valuable minutes acquiring water to extinguish a

fire. Help protect yourself and your neighbors by clearing the snow around your hydrant.

It's time to adopt a fire hydrant for the winter.

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) would like to remind everyone of the importance of clearing your fire hydrant after each snowstorm. Hydrants need to have a 3-foot circle cleared around them and a 2-foot path from the street to the hydrant cleared. The

PFPD would love to see your neighborhood's cleared fire hydrants.

Photos (with hydrant location) can be submitted on the Pagosa Fire Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/PagosaFire](http://www.facebook.com/PagosaFire) or to [pago-safirepio@gmail.com](mailto:pago-safirepio@gmail.com) as part of the annual Adopt-A-Hydrant Contest. All submissions will be placed in a drawing for a \$25 gift card — two gift cards will be drawn for on March 28.

Show us your hydrant.

## Monthly food box program for older adults launched

Colorado Department of Human Services

The Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) has launched Everyday Eats, a free monthly food box that provides the building blocks to create filling, nutritious meals to older adults

who lack consistent access to food resources.

This monthly box, a rebrand of the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), contains food staples that will help to supplement what you might get at the grocery store to ensure nutritious, complete

meals. Items included in the box are canned fruit and vegetables, cereal, rice or noodles, peanut butter or beans, and protein. These monthly food packages include options for low-sodium, diabetic-friendly and other dietary needs.

Everyday Eats is available in all 64 Colorado counties for qualifying older Coloradans.

The CSFP is a federally funded program that provides USDA Foods to low-income people 60 years of age or older.

If you or an older adult you know could benefit from having access to nutritious foods, sign up at [EverydayEatsCO.com](http://EverydayEatsCO.com).

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# 2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

2021 was an unusual and interesting year in Pagosa Country. There was no want for good news, bad news, controversial issues, and no lack of interesting news to keep SUN readers focused on local events, situations and personalities.

The SUN is taking a look back at some of those events, selected by SUN staff writers. This week, we look back at July, August and September.

## July

In early July, it was announced that April sales tax revenues in Archuleta County were 40.99 percent higher, or \$61,473.13 more, in 2021 than the same month for 2020, according to an Archuleta County report.

Also in early July, it was announced that the most recent NWEA assessment data for the 2020-2021 school year showed a mixed bag of results for Archuleta School District (ASD) students, with students exceeding the expected growth in some areas while falling short in others.

By early July, Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) had raised more than enough to purchase upgraded mammography equipment, moving the project ahead of schedule by about a year.

According to PSMC, the annual fundraising gala raised more than \$400,000 toward the 3-D mammography equipment. That, paired with other available funding (previous donations), gives the medical center a little over \$600,000 for the equipment, which was estimated to cost about \$450,000.

Pagosa County celebrated the Fourth of July with the return of several events that were canceled in 2020.

Over the Fourth of July weekend, Mike Ray received the 2021 Red Ryder Award.

The Pagosa Springs Police Department responded to what turned into a death that occurred downtown on July 8.

At approximately 10:54 a.m., Pagosa Springs police officers were dispatched to a fight in progress between two males in Town Park, located at 24 Hermosa St., according to a press release. Upon arrival, no disturbance was located, but within minutes officers were notified of an unresponsive male with CPR in progress in Mary Fisher Park, across the bridge from Town Park. Officers and emergency medical personnel attempted life-saving efforts, but

the male was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The victim was later identified as Sean Christopher Creahan, 59. No charges were filed in the case.

During its monthly board meeting on July 8, the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA) Board of Directors voted in favor of a pair of resolutions relating to short-term, or vacation, rentals within the association's boundaries.

The decisions — that, among other things, increase the assessment on properties used as short-term rentals to three times the regular rate and update PLPOA's enforcement policy — were the culmination of a series of meetings held by the association board to determine what action should be taken to help manage short-term rentals within its boundaries.

At its meeting on July 13, the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board showed its support for the Pagosa Springs History Museum with a \$10,000 grant.

In mid-July, utility companies reported record high title changes in Pagosa Springs amidst a turbulent housing market and increasing interest in the area.

On July 15, the Colorado Transportation Commission approved a \$13.5 million project for U.S. 160 through Pagosa Springs.

According to a press release from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) regarding the projects, work on U.S. 160 will include adding traffic-calming and multimodal options in downtown Pagosa Springs in a manner that will create a "Complete Street."

The press release also noted that the project will include reconstruction of a portion of the highway, with CDOT Region 5 indicating the project will include concrete reconstruction.

At a special meeting on Monday, July 19, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors voted unanimously to en-

ter into Stage 1 drought restrictions in compliance with its 2020 Drought Management Plan.

At its meeting on July 20, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) announced its selection of members for the county's new health district investigative committee: LaVonda Shae Bass, Mozhdah Bruss, Leslie A. Davis, Susan Mary Kleckner, Mike Le Roux, Marybeth Snyder and Adam Talamante.

The committee was tasked with looking into whether or not the county should remain part of San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH), form its own health district or join another.

Members of the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board delved back into the topic of workforce and affordable housing in Archuleta County during a special meeting on July 21.

That meeting's conversation centered on a few main topics, including whose responsibility it is to determine and support housing solutions, who should be at the table, the role of tourism in the issue and possible solutions.

Stage 1 fire restrictions on all National Forest System lands within the San Juan National Forest, including wilderness, were rescinded on July 22. Restrictions for county and tribal lands were lifted later in the month.

## August

Work began at McCabe Creek on U.S. 160 San Juan/main street and South 6th Street on Aug. 2.

The project involves replacing aged metal culverts with new precast concrete box culverts. Additionally, riprap-lined drainage improvements will establish a new downstream channel, allowing for better drainage along the road. Other work will include updating the guardrail and bridge rail, erosion control, sidewalk work and fencing along the corridor.

Work is expected to be completed by September 2022.

Pagosa Peak Open School students returned to classrooms on Aug. 2.

On Aug. 2, one of the luckiest dogs on earth may have been in Archuleta County.

According to Mike Le Roux, then the Archuleta County emergency operations director, the dog was out with its owners atop Eight Mile Mesa when it chased something into the scrub oak and over the edge of the mesa top.

Emergency operations and Pagosa Fire Protection District personnel were able to rescue the uninjured dog from a ledge and return it to its owners.

At its meeting on Aug. 3, the Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors, which oversees PSMC, unanimously approved a resolution stating that PSMC "stands ready and willing to be a partner in coordinated efforts to address the workforce housing crisis in Archuleta County."

On Aug. 3, the BoCC approved a funding request of \$58,000 to the PLPOA for the completion of the Pagosa Lakes trail connection project.

According to the meeting's agenda, "The Pagosa Lakes Trail Connection project was part of a grant from Colorado Parks & Wildlife in which PLPOA received \$200,000."

The county originally matched the grant with \$30,000 and PLPOA matched with \$170,000.

Following nearly four hours of business on Aug. 3, Pagosa Springs Town Council member Rory Burnett announced his immediate resignation from the council, citing "unforeseen responsibilities" that would cause him to miss a majority

of upcoming meetings.

Burnett was elected in April of 2020, with his term set to expire in 2024.

The Archuleta County Fair returned to being a public, in-person event in August, and featured the return of long-running fair events, exhibits, entertainment and more.

The San Juan Conservation District honored Ethan Proud with the 2021 Conservationist of the Year award. A plaque was presented to Proud at the Archuleta County Fair.

Scores of community members showed up to the Aug. 10 ASD Board of Education meeting to voice their opinions that masks have no place in schools.

Later in the meeting, ASD Superintendent Dr. Kym LeBlanc-Esparza presented the district's opening plan for the year, which included making masking optional.

SJBPH recommended requiring masking in schools, as well as other indoor establishments.

The Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) Pirate golf team hit the links Aug. 10 in Cortez, teeing off the 2021-2022 fall sports season for the school.

Cortez outshot Pagosa in the matchup.

The Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs announced in August that Casey Lynn Crow had been selected to receive a scholarship in the amount of \$30,000 to continue her education toward a Ph.D. in public health and policy from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

At a regular meeting held on Aug. 17, the BoCC approved multiple resolutions, including one reaffirming the powers enumerated in the United States Constitution.

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## Obituaries

### Herman Silva

Long-time resident Herman Silva, 80, died Dec. 30, 2021, at his Casa De Los Arcos residence after being ill for several months.

He is survived by his sister, Reyne O'Neal (Shag), Lola Dolores Martinez, Lily Velarde (Stan), Inez Silva and Kim Silva (Adan). He also had several nephews, nieces, cousins, and many other relatives and friends. Herman was preceded in death by his parents, Jose Fabian Silva and Irene Silva; brothers Paul Silva and Amadeo Silva; sister Susan Garcia (Chris); niece Janice



Campuzano O'Neal; Sharol Vasquez; and great-niece Danielle Nicole Jack.

Herman was born in Pagosa Springs, Colo., and was the oldest of nine children. He went to school in Ridgway, Colo., though the family moved for a time to Pagosa Junction, Colo., and back to Pagosa Springs, where Herman then worked at the San Juan Saw Mill until it closed down. He did other odd jobs like fencing, ranch work, logging in the mountains, and later worked at the local restaurants such as the Elk Horn Cafe and Riverside Restaurant. In his spare time, Herman enjoyed reading, fishing, taking walks through town, and was his active self all the time he was unwell. Even during difficult situations, he always kept his witty sense of humor. Herman will be greatly missed.

Rosary and Mass services will be held at a later date.

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# County approves agreement for opioid settlement council

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Jan. 4, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved an

intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between Archuleta, La Plata, Dolores, Montezuma and San Juan counties which establishes the Southwest Opioid Response District (SWORD), which will be responsible

for distributing funds received from the state's opioid settlement across Region 17 of the state.

According to a press release from Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser's office, "the Department of Law has led critical opioid litigation matters, including a nationwide action against McKinsey & Company for their role in turbocharging the opioid epidemic, a better settlement with the Sackler family and Purdue Pharma, and a multibillion-dollar settlement with Johnson & Johnson and the nation's three largest drug distribution companies that fueled the crisis."

The settlement is resulting in more than \$400 million to be distributed statewide.

Earlier on the same day, during a work session held by the BoCC, Commissioner Ronnie Maez indicated that he would like to serve on the regional SWORD council.

According to the IGA that was approved, "there shall be a 60% direct allocation of Opioid Funds to Regions through a Regional Share and each Region shall be eligible to receive a Regional Share."

The IGA also notes that the SWORD council will consist of

at least seven members with one representative from each county being appointed. Other members can include representatives from behavioral health providers and health care providers.

According to the official SWORD bylaws attached in the BoCC's Jan. 4 agenda, "The Council is constituted for the purpose to formulate and submit an initial 2-year plan, implement and track the plan as well as the opioid settlement funds by reporting the usage of funds to the Abatement Council, with management of funds by the identified fiscal agent."

During the work session, County Attorney Todd Weaver indicated that the appointment of Maez to the SWORD council will be considered at the next regular BoCC meeting, scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 18 in the commissioners' room at 398 Lewis St.

The meeting will also be available for virtual attendance via Zoom. Login information will be made available when the meeting's agenda is published four days prior to the meeting at: <https://www.archuletacounty.org/AgendaCenter>.

# Archuleta County Democratic Club to hold virtual meeting

By Lynn Frederick  
Archuleta County Democratic Club

The Archuleta County Democratic Club will have a virtual meeting Jan. 18 at 11:45 a.m. The speaker, who will present at noon, will be Donald Valdez, a candidate running for the U.S. House of Representatives to represent Congressional District 3.

All Democrats and any unaffiliated voters who plan to vote in the 2022 Democratic primary are urged to come to this meeting.

The Archuleta County Democratic Club meets every third Tuesday of the month. The club

gives local Democrats the opportunity to meet with other Democrats and to hear speakers from the community, to meet candidates for local and national offices and to hear about topics of timely interest. All are welcome to attend.

To get a link to the meeting by email or for more information, you may email [lynnfrederick1@gmail.com](mailto:lynnfrederick1@gmail.com). To attend by Zoom, please enter the following in your browser: <https://us-02web.zoom.us/j/85176289121>, meeting ID: 851 7628 9121.

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plained that the resolution reaffirms "what we've already sworn to when we took office."

"That's where the ball gets dropped, is where citizens choose to remain silent because it doesn't affect them, but yet it may affect their neighbor. Silence is consent. If you don't voice either your approval or disapproval of what your government is doing, you are giving consent. Voice your opinion," Commissioner Ronnie Maez said.

On Aug. 19, the PSHS Lady Pirate volleyball team scored a 3-2 win over the 4A Durango Demons to open the season.

The Pirate boys' soccer team went 1-1 to open the season, beating St. Mary's High School in overtime and losing to Mead High School.

In late August, PSMC announced it was having difficulty transferring patients needing a higher level of care or specialized care to other hospitals in the state.

The Pirate football team began its regular season on Aug. 27, getting shutout by the 4A Durango Demons 58-0.

The Pirate cross-country teams started the season with a bang on Aug. 27, with the Lady Pirates finishing second and their Pirate counterparts finishing fourth at the Montezuma-Cortez XC Invitational.

## September

In early September, County Administrator Scott Wall announced that he would retire when his three-year contract with the county expired in March of 2022.

Also in early September, the La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) Board of Directors passed a resolution recently clarifying the role of the cooperative in bringing broadband services to local communities.

The resolution, which passed 11-1, outlines the following LPEA strategic goal for broadband communications: LPEA will pursue a funding and partnership strategy that will enable broadband connections to

# Dems elect new county chair

By John Porco  
Archuleta County Democratic Party

At its central committee meeting on Monday, the Archuleta County Democratic Party elected a new county chair, Carl Young.

Young has resided in Pagosa Springs for two years and is a consultant in the IT industry. Earlier, he had a career in the newspaper business. He brings to the party years of senior program management experience and a robust commitment to Democratic Party ideals.

The party also honored outgoing chair Becky Herman by electing her chair emeritus and a member of the county executive committee.

Herman has served faithfully and enthusiastically as county chair for over 11 years, which is the longest anyone has served in this position. Under her leadership, the party has improved its voter registration in the county to well over 2,200, acquired a record campaign "war chest" and conducted a more aggressive and effective outreach to voters in the 2018 and 2020 elections. Although no longer chair, she will remain deeply involved in party affairs.

its membership by 2030 without increasing electric rates to do so.

Most of ASD's students returned to school on Sept. 7, with Pagosa Family School beginning a week later.

The BoCC approved the first use of funds granted to it through the federal government's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) on Sept. 7.

At that meeting, the BoCC approved \$107,500 to be disbursed to 56 employees throughout 19 of the county's departments, according to documentation included in the meeting's agenda.

The item passed at the meeting by a split vote of 2-1, with commissioners Warren Brown and Maez voting for the approval and Schauf voting against.

On Sept. 8, an outbreak of COVID-19 was identified at PPOS.

In September, it was announced that community naturalist Keith Bruno was selected to receive a 2021 Outstanding Educator Award for Excellence in Environmental Education from the Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education.

Multiple community events and ceremonies honored the victims and responders of the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

The Pirate golf team took first at the Tony Perea Golf Tournament in Monte Vista on Sept. 10, with five Pagosa golfers finishing in the top 10.

Personnel from six entities spent several hours on Sept. 12 rescuing a man who fell off his horse in the backcountry and was left with spinal and head injuries.

A National Guard helicopter and crew helped to airlift the man from an area along the West Fork Trail.

At a special meeting Sept. 14, the BoCC approved a change order to have a secured walkway constructed that will connect the new courthouse building to the county jail.

The BoCC approved the change order unanimously in the amount of \$280,806.01.

The funds were approved from the county's portion of ARPA funds awarded by the federal government.

The Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board heard a \$150,000 infrastructure request from the Pagosa Pickleball Club on Sept. 14, with the tourism board then voting in favor of contributing the funding.

ASD began the 2021-2022 school year with 1,520 students, LeBlanc-Esparza told the ASD Board of Education as part of her report to the

board at its Sept. 14 meeting.

The number of students beginning this school year is up from the prior year's official October count of 1,475, and there were 37 ASD students doing school fully online, the superintendent reported.

At its meeting on Sept. 14, the ASD board also unanimously approved the mission, vision and five priorities of the district's strategic plan.

At its September meeting, the Pagosa Fire Protection District Board of Directors approved paying off the note for the district's administration building early using unspent funding originally earmarked for training and equipment.

Fire Chief Randy Larson indicated at the meeting both training and equipment purchases were being affected by the ongoing pandemic.

After only two candidates filed to run for three available director positions by the August deadline, the ASD Board of Education's Nov. 2 election was canceled.

Tim Taylor and Dana Hayward were declared elected.

In September, a gathering (originally disguised as training to make it a surprise) of first responders, dispatchers, family and more was held for William Coffee and his family to express their thanks to those involved in saving his life after he went into cardiac arrest.

The call was the first instance of emergency medical dispatch used in Archuleta County, where dispatchers give bystanders directions on how to begin medical care while waiting for emergency personnel. Coffee became part of the 9 percent of people who survive the type of cardiac arrest he experienced.

Archuleta County Administrator Scott Wall served his last day on Sept. 17 — the same day the BoCC held a special meeting to go into an executive session for personnel matters.

Archuleta County Attorney Todd Weaver was appointed interim administrator by the board on Sept. 21.

The Pirate football team snagged its first victory of the season on Sept. 17 against the Kirtland Central Broncos from Kirtland, N.M.

The Pirates defeated the Broncos by a score of 41-30. The driver of a semi was killed after the semi went through a concrete barrier at a hairpin turn on Wolf Creek Pass Sept. 21.

The results of the Colorado

Measures of Academic Success (CMAS), PSAT and SAT taken in the spring of the 2020-2021 school year were released by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) in August and September, and ASD — like many districts around the state — saw a dip in the numbers of students who met state benchmarks.

State-level data released by the CDE in August showed "significant decreases in achievement from 2019 to 2021 across all tested grades and subject areas," with fewer students tested than in typical years.

"We recognize how hard students and teachers worked through the difficulties during last school year, and we know that there were reduced or disrupted learning opportunities for students, schools and districts," said Colorado Education Commissioner Katy Anthes via a press release. "These test results give us sobering data that confirm just how hard last year was with school closures, class quarantines and remote learning."

At its regular meeting held on Sept. 23 the town council unanimously approved two resolutions which approved \$150,000 in matching funds needed for grants for river improvement projects in the San Juan River along Yamaguchi South Park and a portion of the river northeast of town.

Three Pirate golfers — Ethan Robel, Braylon Cotts and Jack Walker — qualified for the 3A state golf tournament at the regional tournament in late September, with the Pirates finishing third out of the 14 teams present.

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# Outdoors

## United Way Day at Wolf Creek Ski Area set for Jan. 19

By Jodi Jahrling  
United Way of Southwest Colorado

Join United Way of Southwest Colorado (UWSWC) at Wolf Creek Ski Area for a fun day of skiing and boarding with discounted full-day lift tickets on Wednesday, Jan. 19, to benefit United Way nonprofit organizations in Archuleta County.

The special day will occur at Wolf Creek Ski Area from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Full-day lift tickets will be \$65 for adults, \$41 for seniors and \$34 for kids. Half day starts at 12:30 p.m.

Proceeds to UWSWC are invested locally to meet needs in the areas of education, financial stability and health. A portion of proceeds from each full-day lift ticket sale will be donated to the UWSWC — Archuleta County that helps support:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Colorado.
- Community Connections.
- Conservation Legacy.
- Housing Solutions.
- Pagosa Outreach Connection.
- Rise Above Violence.

- Seeds of Learning.
- The Arc of Southwest Colorado.

"In United Way's 47-year history of service to southwest Colorado, we have found that when people join together for the common good, things change for the better," said Lynn Urban, president and CEO. "Wolf Creek Ski Area has provided a great opportunity for us to raise funds for Archuleta County that includes a full day of fun for friends and family and perhaps a team-building day for businesses." Call Wolf Creek Ski Area at (970) 264-5639 for more information and to purchase tickets.

## The 122nd Christmas Bird Count: the challenge of the hunt

By Keith Bruno  
Audubon Rockies and  
Weminuche Audubon Society

Whether on foot or snowshoe, at a backyard feeder or from a car, more than 82 participants contributed to counting birds in the Pagosa Springs Christmas Bird Count (CBC), the 122nd CBC on record for the National Audubon Society.

For those who partake in this winter census in the cold, many can attest to the fun of the challenge: scouring our eight respective zones is like a treasure hunt, complete with short daylight hours, numb fingers and a willingness to look for even those more hermitic of species. Where would one look (or listen) for a Lewis's woodpecker or a belted kingfisher? It requires strategy and, yes, sometimes happenstance. The point is that folks are out on the landscape detecting and observing avian life within a consistent range of time each year. That way, over time, we can see trends develop.

A total of 4,973 birds of 65 species were tallied across our 15-mile diameter count circle on Dec. 18. When compared to last year's effort, we viewed over 200 more overall birds in the circle, but one fewer species was detected. Interestingly, our findings over the last several years have been very consistent on number of species present at this time of year. What seems to fluctuate more profoundly are the overall numbers of birds. This factor, from what we can tell, has a lot to do with weather leading up to the count. Are the lakes fully frozen over or is there

more open water for large groups of waterfowl to continue to linger and feed? Have heavy snows rendered fall seed crops closer to the ground inaccessible?

Our top three-ranking species for the biggest numbers were (1) American crows at 655 individuals, (2) ring-necked ducks at 477 individuals and (3) American coots at 383 individuals.

Two new species were detected this year never observed in our CBC records. Though a semi-regularly seen inhabitant of our mixed conifer forest during summer, this CBC was the first to detect a Williamson's sapsucker. Two groups saw this species in different locations across the circle. If you look at a range map for this species, it's expected to be in southern New Mexico or Arizona by this time of the year. Interesting. Could this have to do with what felt like a long fall and a late-to-initiate winter? Perhaps, even a thinner snowpack and more access to prey would explain the presence of the second new species detected, a Swainson's hawk, identified near Hatcher reservoir. Nearly all individuals of this species are expected to have migrated to points as far south as Argentina by now.

Much like last year, our efforts were altered for the sake of safety during the ongoing presence of COVID. We will meet on Zoom on Jan. 19 to share our findings, foregoing the storytelling and cheer of our traditional chili dinner wrap-up party typically held in person on the evening of the count. To find out more details, visit the Weminuche



Golden eagle in flight.

Photo courtesy Darryl Saffer

Audubon Society website. Look for our CBC report there as well.

A big thank you is in order for all that contributed to the effort, including multiyear youth participants Sage Merrill-Exton, Peyton Jackson and Jackson Couch. In addition, thanks to the dutiful leadership of scout leader Jonathan Dobson, we had a group of Cub Scouts who hiked along and birded a stretch of the San Juan River on private property. Great to see all ages involved in caring for birds.

The CBC is only one of the fun bird surveys that chapter members participate in. Next up is the world-

wide Great Backyard Bird Count in February. This spring, we'll initiate our second year of American dipper nest-surveying along the many tributaries of the San Juan. The Weminuche chapter has its own Bird Monitoring Project survey in the national forest conducted from late May through early July, in partnership with the San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership.

We welcome participation in any of our events from all interested parties. Information may be found on our website or by emailing us at [weminuche.audubon@gmail.com](mailto:weminuche.audubon@gmail.com).

## HD Mountains Roadless Area administrative boundary correction open for comment

By Scott Owen  
Forest Service

The San Juan National Forest has identified several areas that were mistakenly omitted from the HD Mountains Colorado Roadless Area during the boundary delineation process for the 2012 Colorado Roadless Rule.

The omissions were due to clerical errors in surface ownership data which have since been clarified and corrected. These areas will officially add approximately 378 acres across six parcels to the HDs Mountain Roadless Area (Non-Upper Tier). A notice to the public is hereby given that a 30-day public com-

ment period is open from Jan. 11 through Feb. 10.

Maps and further details can be viewed online and comments should be submitted online at: <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?project=NP-3017>. (Please note that the website will be undergoing maintenance and

unavailable Jan. 25-27.)

For more information, please contact Cam Hooley, Columbine Ranger District environmental coordinator, at [camela.hooley@usda.gov](mailto:camela.hooley@usda.gov) or (970) 844-1414.

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# Sports

## WRESTLING

### Pirates snag third at Rocky Mountain Invitational

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate wrestling team returned to action last week after the holiday break, hosting the Rocky Mountain Duals and its annual home tournament, the Rocky Mountain Invitational, on Jan. 7 and 8.

The team placed third out of 17 competing teams, with a total of 145.5 team points, at the tournament.

Wil Aucoin claimed his third tournament championship of the year in the 195-pound weight class and is currently the top-ranked wrestler in the state's 3A division for that weight class, according to the Colorado High School Activities Association.

Coach Dan Janowsky shared a few comments in an email to The SUN, praising the team's performance over the weekend, noting that they picked up right where they left off before the break.

"I love the way our kids compete," he wrote.

Janowsky explained that the majority of the team's athletes are getting their first year of varsity experience this season and "they have accepted the challenge and they put their heart into their training and into the competition."

He mentioned that the inexperience has cost them at times, but he noted that laziness and fear are never an issue in training or in competition.

"If our opponent has some obvious edge on us, our kids will step up and give it a real fight, but sometimes we're not quite good enough yet to get those wins," Janowsky added.

The Pirates took third, behind first-place Centauri High School with 186 points. Bloomfield High School finished in second place with 183 points.

"A third place finish at this tournament is something the people who pay attention to this sort of thing regularly wouldn't have expected from us at the outset, looking at our roster transition from last year. As you can tell, and I speak for our entire staff, we are very proud to be part of this group," Janowsky wrote.

Along with Aucoin, Janowsky noted a few other Pirates who had stand-out performances — Luke Tressler, Griffin Bower and Heath Fulbright — who each lost only one match "in a tough field of competitors."

Aucoin received a first-round bye, placing him in the 195-pound semifinal match, in which he defeated his opponent by a decision of 10-3.

Aucoin then defeated his opponent from Centauri by a decision of 7-1, claiming first place, and earned a total of 22 team points on the day.

Tressler received a first-round bye in the 120-pound weight class, sending him to the quarterfinal match, in which he was able to pin his opponent after one minute and seven seconds.

Tressler was then defeated in the semifinal match by getting pinned after three minutes and 14 seconds. He then won the third-place match by a decision of 7-0 against an opponent from Bloomfield.

Tressler earned a total of 17 team points on the day.

Bower went 3-1 on the day in the 132-pound weight class, winning his opening match with a technical fall

after two minutes and 34 seconds.

Bower then won his quarterfinal match by pinning his opponent after one minute and 33 seconds. He lost his semifinal match by getting pinned after three minutes and 38 seconds.

Bower won his third-place match with a 6-5 decision and earned a total of 16.5 team points on the day.

Fulbright received a first-round bye in the 160-pound weight class, sending him to the quarterfinals, where he lost by a major decision of 10-0.

Fulbright then won three straight matches to earn third place on the day.

He won his third match by pinning his opponent after two minutes and 23 seconds, and won his next match by pinning his opponent after one minute and 29 seconds.

Fulbright won his fifth-place match by pinning his opponent 47 seconds into the match. He earned a total of 13 team points on the day.

Michael Thomas received a first-round bye in the 106-pound weight class, and then lost his quarterfinal match by getting pinned after 24 seconds.

Thomas won his next match by pinning his opponent after 40 seconds and then won his following match by pinning his opponent after two minutes and three seconds.

He won his fifth-place match by pinning his opponent after two minutes and 18 seconds and earned a total of 13 team points on the day.

Ethan Mazur placed eighth in the 126-pound weight class and earned a total of seven team points on the day.

Mazur was defeated in his opening match by getting pinned after one minute and 47 seconds, sending him to the consolation bracket, in which he received a bye.

Mazur won his next match by pinning his opponent after two minutes and 24 seconds. He then lost his next two matches by getting pinned after three minutes and 54 seconds and one minute and 53 seconds.

Tommy Barker placed fourth in the 138-pound weight class and earned a total of 14 team points.

Barker received a first-round bye which sent him to the quarterfinal match where he defeated his opponent by a decision of 15-1.

He lost in his semifinal match by a decision of 5-3 and then lost his third-place match by a decision of 6-4.

Chandler Mazur placed sixth in the 145-pound weight class and earned a total of 12 team points.

Chandler Mazur lost his opening match by getting pinned after four minutes and 46 seconds, which sent him to the consolation bracket and received a bye.

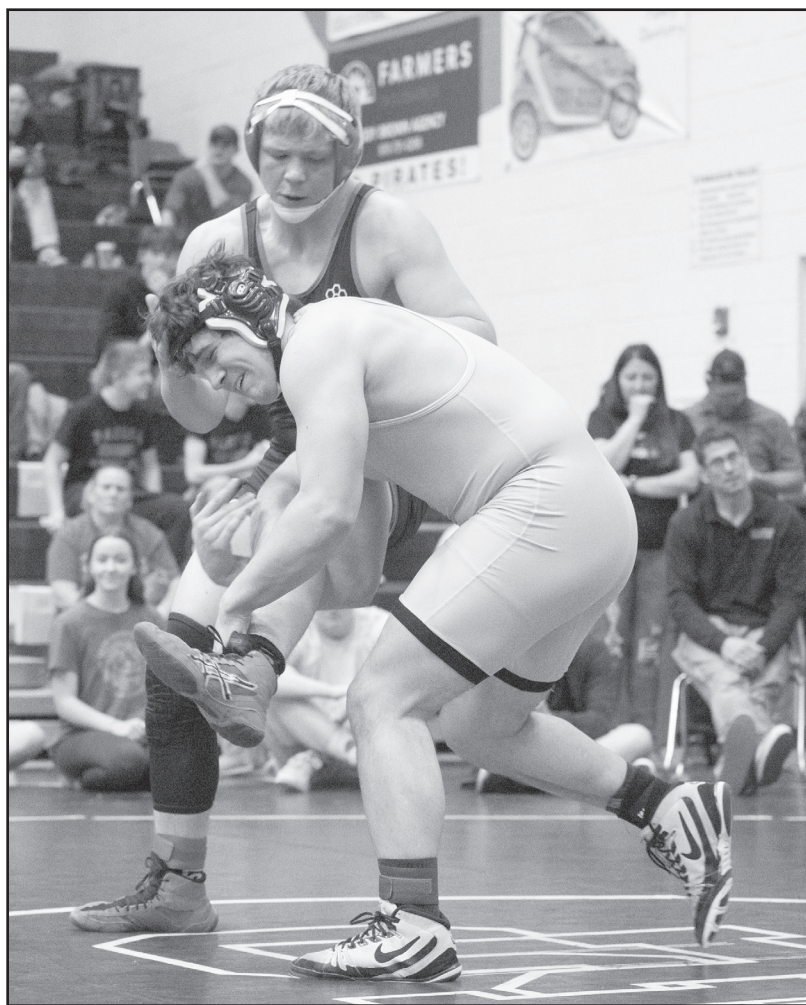
He won his next match by pinning his opponent after three minutes and 37 seconds and then won his next match by pinning his opponent after one minute and 35 seconds.

Chandler Mazur lost his fifth-place match by a decision of 4-1.

Jacob Miller placed eighth in the 152-pound weight class and earned a total of seven team points on the day.

Miller lost his opening match by a major decision of 14-6, sending him to the consolation bracket, where he received a bye.

He won his next match by pinning his opponent after two minutes and 28 seconds and then lost his next match by a decision of 9-7.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Wil Aucoin wrestles against an opponent from Centauri High School in the Rocky Mountain Invitational's first-place match for 195 pounds. Aucoin won the match, earning his third tournament championship of the season.

Miller lost his seventh-place match by getting pinned after two minutes and 32 seconds.

David Morehouse placed sixth in the 170-pound weight class and earned 13 team points on the day.

Morehouse won his opening match by pinning his opponent after just 29 seconds and then lost his next match by getting pinned after one minute and 43 seconds.

Morehouse then won his next match by pinning his opponent after one minute and 40 seconds and won the following match by pinning his opponent after one minute and 59 seconds.

He lost in his fifth-place match by getting pinned after four minutes and 16 seconds.

Trent Conner placed seventh in the 182-pound weight class and earned a total of seven team points on the day.

Conner received a first-round bye, placing him in the quarterfinal match, which he lost by getting pinned after two minutes and 31 seconds. He won his next match due to an injury default.

Conner lost in the consolation semifinal match by getting pinned after three minutes and 56 seconds. He lost his seventh-place match by getting pinned after 57 seconds.

Antonio Quesada placed sixth in the 285-pound weight class and earned a total of four team points.

Quesada lost his opening match by getting pinned after 54 seconds but then won his next match by a decision of 3-1. He lost his fifth-place match by getting pinned after 23 seconds.

Janowsky also noted the support of the community with preparations for hosting the tournament.

"Thanks to the hard work our parents and administration and alumni put in to make it a success," he wrote.

#### Dual versus Center

On Friday, Jan. 7, the Pirates also hosted a dual against the Center Vikings.

The Pirates defeated the Vikings by a team score of 45-18.

The Pirates earned 12 team points due to forfeits in the 120-pound and 152-pound weight classes; the Pirates gave up six team points due to a forfeit in the 106-pound weight class.

Tressler defeated his opponent in the 120-pound weight class by pinning him 37 seconds into the match, earning six team points.

Bower defeated his opponent in the 132-pound weight class by a technical fall after four minutes and 35 seconds, earning five team points.

Barker pinned his opponent in the 138-pound weight class three minutes and six seconds into the match, earning six team points.

Chandler Mazur was pinned by his opponent in the 145-pound weight class five minutes and 28 seconds into the match.

Fulbright won his match in the 170-pound weight class by a 9-1 major decision, earning four team points.

Morehouse won his match in the 182-pound weight class by pinning his opponent after one minute and 49 seconds, earning six team points.

Aucoin pinned his opponent in the 220-pound weight class just 32 seconds into the match, earning six team points.

Thomas lost his match in the 113-pound weight class by getting pinned after one minute and 25 seconds.

The Pirates' season will continue this weekend at the Mel Smith Invitational tournament being held at Florence High School on Friday, Jan. 13, and Saturday, Jan. 14.

Matches are scheduled to start at 9:30 a.m. on Jan. 13, and are to be determined for Jan. 14.

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## SWIM

# Lady Pirates set season-best times in Durango

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate swim team resumed its regular season on Saturday, Jan. 8, at a meet in Durango.

"We had many swimmers get their best times," coach Heather Miller shared in an email to The SUN.

The meet was originally scheduled to be held in Salida on Saturday; however, Miller explained that the meet was rescheduled to take place in Durango at Fort Lewis College for the same time and date.

The meet was rescheduled after press time on Wednesday, Jan. 5.

"We were pleasantly surprised by how well the girls performed and their willingness to try new events," Miller wrote.

She noted that Lynelle Bartz earned her best time of the season in both the 200-yard individual medley and the 100-yard backstroke events.

Miller also highlighted Bridgette Rollins, noting that she took 12 seconds off of her time in the 100-yard backstroke.

A relay team in the 200-yard medley relay event consisted of Bartz, Lexi Valdez, Ivanna Erne and Alba Marchena Gordillo and finished third with a time of 2 minutes, 26.42 seconds, earning three team points.

In the 200-yard freestyle event, Marchena Gordillo finished fourth

with a time of 3:34.75, earning four team points.

Bartz took first place in the 200-yard individual medley event with a time of 2:51.46, earning eight team points.

In the 50-yard freestyle event, Valdez took 13th with a time of 37.64 seconds.

In the same event, Cadence Pair placed 14th with a time of 39.28 seconds.

Juline Pierredon took 15th place with a time of 52.94 seconds.

In the 100-yard butterfly stroke event, Erne took third place with a time of 1:17.10, earning five team points.

In the 100-yard freestyle stroke event, Marchena Gordillo placed 12th with a time of 1:20.97 and Rollins placed 13th with a time of 1:34.29.

In the 200-yard freestyle relay event, a team consisting of Erne, Marchena Gordillo, Pair and Rollins came in fifth place with a time of 2:24.06, earning three team points.

In the 100-yard backstroke event, Bartz took second place with a time of 1:13.43, earning six team points.

Pair placed eighth in the event with a time of 2:24.92 and Pierredon finished with a time of 2:25.27, but was disqualified.

In the 100-yard breaststroke event, Erne took fifth place with a time of 1:34.18, earning three team points.



Photo courtesy Heather Miller

Lynelle Bartz gets set to race during a meet held in Durango on Jan. 8. Bartz took first place in the 200-yard individual medley event.

In the same event, Valdez placed sixth with a time of 1:41.29, earning two team points, and Rollins placed seventh with a time of 2:08.16, earning one team point.

The Lady Pirates won't continue with their season until next Wednesday, Jan. 19, at the Salida High School swim meet, scheduled to start at 4 p.m.

## BASKETBALL

# Lady Pirates to open league play against Alamosa at home

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

When the Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate basketball team takes the floor Friday evening against Alamosa, it will have been 29 days since the Pirates last faced another team.

The team was scheduled to play the 2A Sanford Indians on Jan. 7, but late in the day on Jan. 5 it was announced that the game was postponed due to COVID.

That game has been rescheduled for Feb. 15. The Lady Pirate team returned to practice Monday following quarantine, with coach Charles Rand saying Tuesday, "We jumped back in it last night — two feet back into it."

The team, he explained, is working on fundamentals, conditioning and refining its play before delving into league play this week.

"Everything else will take care of itself," he said.

The Lady Pirates will return to action at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 14, when the team welcomes the Alamosa Mean Moose.

Pagosa owns a 6-1 record entering the game and is the No. 10 team in the most recent 3A coaches' poll and the No. 8 team in the Ratings Percentage Index (RPI).

Alamosa is 4-5 on the season and is the No. 35 team in the RPI standings.

"Our league has always been tough," Rand said. "You can't take anything for granted."

He added that because the Lady Pirates are so young, they'll have to have the mentality of putting their best foot forward every game to leave the floor with a win.

"I know Alamosa's well-coached," he said, adding the coach has won state championships, is well-respected, knows what he's doing and is coaching a team that works hard. "We've gotta be ready to play."

On Saturday, the team will host the Bayfield Wolverines for another league affair.

The Wolverines are 0-6 on the season and the No. 56 team in the RPI standings.

"We're not peaking right now and we're young, and we just need to improve day by day, practice by practice and game by game," Rand said.

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### Triple Impact Student-Athlete of the Week

**Aniya Chavez**  
Basketball

**Favorite subject:** PE  
**Comments from coach Rand:** "My nomination for the triple impact player over the Christmas break is Aniya Chavez. Aniya is a JV player who is committed to our program. Just shows you that you do not have to be a star player to have an impact on your team! Aniya was

the first to show up to all of our Holiday practices except one. It was her birthday which was understandable. Her dedication did not go unnoticed from her coaches. Commitment goes a long way in team sports. "Thanks Aniya from your team and coaches."

### Triple Impact Student-Athlete of the Week

**Juline Pierredon**  
Volleyball, cheer and swimming

**Favorite subject:** Guitar  
**Comments from the coach:** "Juline gets the 'Can't Stop, Won't Stop' Award from her coaches because she never gives up! Juline is new to the swim team this year and is an extremely coachable swimmer. She is willing to try any technique that we ask her to do. Even if it is difficult, Juline gives it her all and shows a strong desire to always improve herself. In that vein, she has the most intensely explosive dive off the block in her events -- a testament to her as she never quits. Last Wednesday, the swim team participated

in our first skate ski class with Coaches Kurz, Christiansen, and Kurt-Mason. Juline probably fell the most during this initial foray into a new sport, but she never complained and she kept on smiling! She told us that she thinks we should 'quit doing yoga on Mondays' because she 'needs to master skate skiing and wants more time to practice' this newly acquired skill. Her dedication to mastering a skill and her positive attitude even in adversity are just a few of the reasons why Juline Pierredon deserves the Triple Impact Athlete Award."

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Public notice is given on May 3, 2021 that a Petition for a Change of Name of an Adult has been filed with the Archuleta District Court.  
The Petition requests that the name of Avitt Cade Shaw be changed to Avitt Cade Lee-Shaw.  
/s/ Jeffrey R. Wilson Judge  
Published December 30, 2021, January 6 and 13, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Estate of Irma Brown, Deceased  
Case No. 2021 PR 30083  
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before April 30, 2022, or the claims may be forever barred.  
Daniel L. Fiedler, Attorney at Law  
190 Talsman Drive, Suite D-6  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
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Case No. 2021 PR 30085  
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before April 30, 2022, or the claims may be forever barred.  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Estate of Marilyn D. Smith, Deceased  
Case No. 2021 PR 30091  
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**DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO**  
PO Box 148  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
Plaintiff: The Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County, CO  
v. Defendants: Sierra Pagosa Builders, 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 2021CV03067  
Attorney for Plaintiff:  
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  
**TIMMONS BY ARCHULETA COUNTY AS PLAINTIFF TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: SIERRA PAGOSA BUILDERS, INC.**  
You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court. If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.  
Dated: December 30, 2021  
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Last Publication: February 3, 2022  
Todd A. Weaver, Reg. No. 31708  
P.O. Box 1507  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
Published January 6, 13, 20, 27 and February 3, 2022 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:  
NICHOLAS MOON  
203 RIVER DRIVE  
PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81147  
NICHOLAS MOON % DEBBIE SMITH  
14 BEVERLY COURT  
PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81147  
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 1st day of November 2018, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to:  
KYLE V. MARETECH  
the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**LOT 482 IN ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 6, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD AUGUST 3, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74689**  
Account Number: R015325  
Schedule Number: 589312044008  
Tax Sale Certificate number: 2018-04524  
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase thereto to KYLE V. MARETECH  
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2017  
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of NICHOLAS MOON and NICHOLAS MOON % DEBBIE SMITH for said year 2017.  
That said KYLE V. MARETECH on the 3rd day of December 2021, 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 KYLE V. MARETECH  
On the 18th day of May 2022, 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 16th day of December 2021  
/s/ Elsa P White  
Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado  
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STACY HIGGINS  
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You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 3rd day of November 2016, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to:  
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the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**LOT 7 OF BLOCK 8 IN ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 4, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD AUGUST 20, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74785**  
Account Number: R003408  
Schedule Number: 569311411060  
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2016-03654  
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase thereto to KYLE V. MARETECH  
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2015  
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of STACY HIGGINS for said year 2015.  
That said KYLE V. MARETECH on the 3rd day of December 2021, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property.  
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On the 17th day of May 2022, unless the same has been redeemed.  
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Witness my hand this 17th day of December 2021  
/s/ Elsa P White  
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District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado  
Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
Tel. 970 264 2400  
**Plarmigan Property Owners Association, Inc.**  
Plaintiff  
v. **Shon Burchett, et al**  
Defendants  
Case No.: **2021CV30036**  
**COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM SHERIFF SALE 2021-25**

This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Plarmigan Townhouses, recorded on February 18, 1988, Reception No 0153260, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.  
Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered October 12, 2021, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof Owner(s):  
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Rachel Burchett  
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Patricia Morrison  
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Marvin D Fleming  
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Elizabeth Vogel McBride, Trustee of the John A McBride Trust, dated August 5, 1997  
Katherine Harris, Trustee of the John A McBride Trust, dated August 5, 1997  
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Gayle R Proffit, as Trustee of the Charles D and Gayle R Proffit Trust, u/t/d May 23, 1997  
Richard Elsen  
Mary Theresa Elsen  
Lory Johnson  
Louise Johnson  
Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Plarmigan Townhouses, recorded on February 18, 1988, Reception No 0153260, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.  
Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Plarmigan Property Owners Association, Inc.  
Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.  
Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901  
Association Assessments Due to:  
Property Owners Association, Inc. P l a r m i g a n  
Debtors(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A"  
Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"  
Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act  
THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.  
The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.  
**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST**  
THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on March 4, 2021, Sale Number 2021-25 in the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147 sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.  
First Publication: January 6, 2022  
Last Publication: February 3, 2022  
Name of Publication: The Pagosa Springs Sun

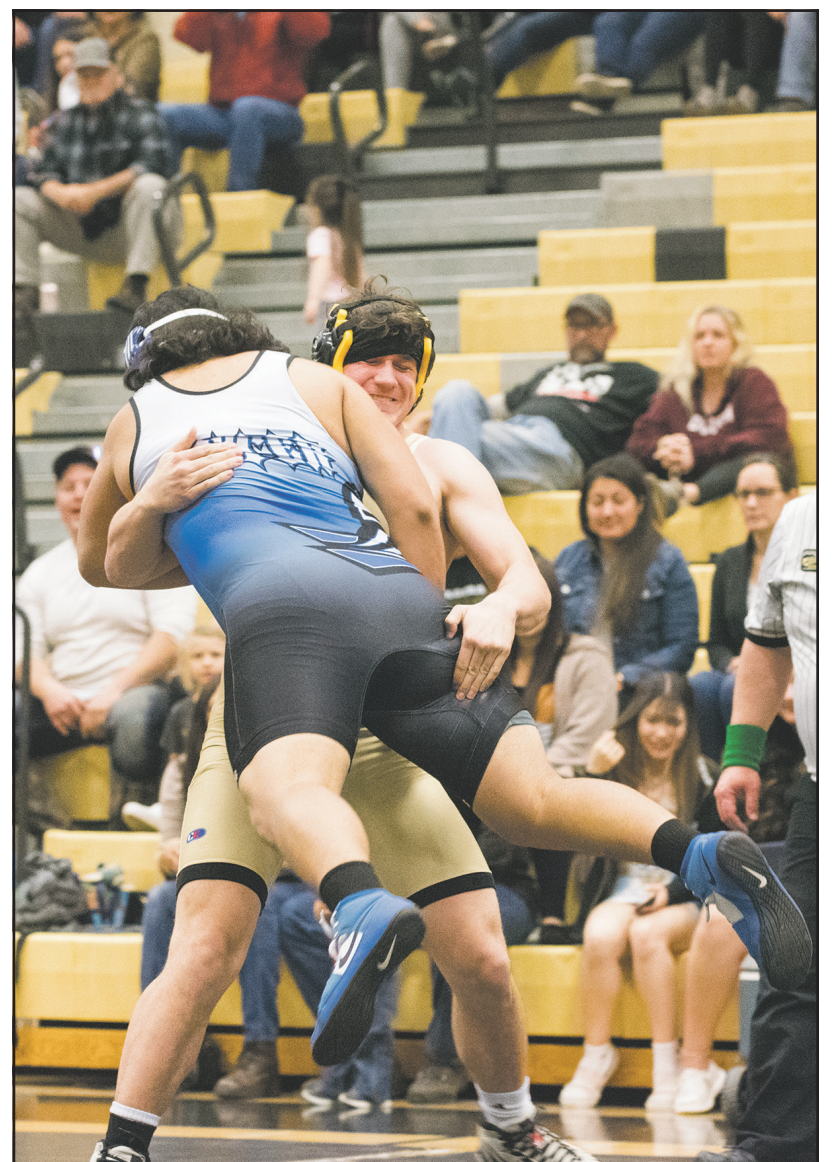
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THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (1-855-411-2372), OR BOTH, BUT THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.  
The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:  
Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901  
JERRY R SHINN (C#17890918) Unit Week Number 2, Unit Number 210, Building Number 5, Phase II  
Unpaid Assessments: \$3,161.39  
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Unpaid Assessments: \$3,161.39  
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# Rocky Mountain wrestling

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Pirate wrestlers, coaches and fans take part in two days of wrestling competition at Pagosa Springs High School. The school hosted the Rocky Mountain Duals and Rocky Mountain Invitational on Friday and Saturday, respectively, with 17 schools competing at the tournament.





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This past summer, Archuleta Housing elders, the Girl Scouts and Food Coalition community volunteers joined forces to build and plant raised beds, line them with plastic sheeting, fill them with mulch, compost and soil, and finally plant a variety of vegetable and flower plants donated from a local organization. Learn about this effort and others to support nutrition security and health equity in Archuleta County.

## Community Conversation: Healthy Archuleta to host year-end review and a look forward

By Rose Chavez

Food System/Food Equity Coalition

As we look back on 2021, we are grateful for all of our new and continued connections in the community. Community is at the heart of all of the efforts of the FSFE — Food Coalition, and working alongside individuals, groups and organizations through the

past year has brought us great joy and deeper connections across the local food system.

As we embark on new and continued efforts in the new year, we pause to reflect back on what we have all accomplished together this past year toward our vision of an equitable community-based food system that we all can contribute to and benefit from.

■ See Conversation on next page

### Live Performers

- Friday**  
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Bob Hemenger, 5 p.m.
- Saturday**  
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Bailey Barnes, 5 p.m.
- Tuesday**  
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Jackson Mountain Ramblers, 5 p.m.
- Wednesday**  
Coyote Moon Bar and Grill: Karaoke, 8 p.m.

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Over the past year, we have continued to collaborate with the six Archuleta food pantries that function independently to offer nutritious food options for our neighbors continuing to face challenges in these unprecedented times. Through this collaboration, and in partnership with community organizations, together we piloted a mobile food pantry to reach even more of our neighbors, especially those living outside of town. Additionally, in partnership with the Pagosa Springs Middle School and Care and Share, we are helping to offer fresh fruit to students as a snack between meal times.

The FSFE — Food Coalition works to advance local food production and over the past year, we have partnered with the community to learn more about growing in our climate, facilitated the donation of local foods from backyard growers to food pantries, and developed a family garden education and heritage cooking program. We highlighted local ingredients and heritage recipes through our seasonal food demonstrations hosted at the food pantries.

As we look into 2022, we are excited to connect with the community to facilitate solutions from ideas to implementation, like the Vista Lake Park, and to learn together about the needs and ideas of the community through the

Nutrition Security-Health Equity Assessment. We continue to advocate on behalf of our neighbors for a food and healthcare system that promotes health and prevents disease.

We invite you to join us on Thursday, Jan. 13, from 2 to 3 p.m. for our community conversation to reflect on the past year and look forward together to 2022. Join us to learn more and understand how you can become involved in con-

tributing to an equitable and sustainable food system in Archuleta County. Join us on Zoom — <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83978862954> — for the virtual meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [fsfearchuleta@gmail.com](mailto:fsfearchuleta@gmail.com) or (401) 371-3227. To donate to support the work of Healthy Archuleta, doing business as FSFE — Food Coalition, please visit our website: <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/donate.html>.

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# WeRise for 25 almost doubles its goal

**Ashley Wilson**  
Rise Above Violence

This community never ceases to amaze me. All of us at Rise Above Violence thank you for supporting the WeRise for 25 campaign with such enthusiasm.

Our original goal was to raise \$25,000 to support a fund that offered flexible assistance to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Historically, grant funds are very restrictive and often for good reasons, but when it comes to those fleeing violent situations in their homes, the need for flexible support is immense.

When a victim is choosing to leave a violent relationship, starting out and getting safe require quick action that impacts their housing, their child care, their work and numerous other things. One seemingly insignificant crisis

can quickly snowball into a catastrophe, resulting in homelessness and poverty.

You heard the call. This community responded with resounding support. Our original goal of \$25,000 has been blown out of the water. As of Monday, Jan. 10, we have almost doubled that amount; \$47,242 dollars have been raised by individuals in this community. The funds have already been used to help several victims and we are not even two weeks into the year.

The expectations of this flexible fund will allow the Rise team to support victims where they need it most in order to stabilize and not tumble into a financial crisis. Very often, a onetime small amount can ensure that victims are able to stabilize and not need longer-term financial help.

We are excited to share with you the impact of this fund as the year

progresses; we know it will make such a difference for victims in our community. Again, thank you to everyone who donated and helped us almost double our goal.

If you or someone you know is experiencing violence and needs help, call our 24/7 hotline at (970) 264-9075; an advocate is here to help.

Rise Above Violence is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides 24-hour support and advocacy services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault or other forms of violence, serving more than 350 victims each year. Rise also works to eliminate violence through education for youth and our community. All programs and services are free and confidential, including emergency prevention education and empowerment programs. Visit [www.riseaboveviolence.org](http://www.riseaboveviolence.org) for more information or call (970) 264-9075 to talk to an advocate today.

# Aspire announces playgroup, parenting class

**By Marcy Mitchell**  
Aspire

While it is true that many mothers and fathers experience profound levels of love, connectivity and joy when they have a new baby, another emotion that accompanies parenting often appears to go unmentioned: loneliness. Especially during the winter months, many young moms and dads feel isolated in Pagosa Springs. To combat that, Aspire is kicking off two free programs in January 2022: Our Coffee and Kiddos Playgroup, and Positive Parenting Class.

The Coffee and Kiddos Playgroup started on Jan. 10 at 10 a.m. at Aspire, 602 S. 8th St. Connect with other parents of babies and toddlers, learn a few tips, enjoy fun activities, and let your babies and toddlers explore and socialize with others. Light snacks will be served. Call Nicole at (970) 264-5963 for details.

Our first Positive Parenting Class of 2022 will start on Jan. 18 at 6 p.m. Aspire's Positive Parenting Program helps parents of babies and toddlers become more sensitive to children's individual needs and addresses the typical challenges that arise in early childhood with empathy and respect. The class is free and also provides child care and snacks during the evening class. In addition, participants receive a \$20 gift card to City Market during each class.

In 2021, 38 parents participated in our class and raved about its impact on their parenting, knowledge and confidence as parents. Many also loved connecting with other parents of babies and toddlers.

Taught by Aspire Education Coordinator Toni Haines, the Positive Parenting program covers topics such as understanding your child's

temperament, social/emotional development, emotional regulation skills, ways to engage your child through play and handling challenging behaviors.

Haines expressed, "Since taking the class, our parents are calmer, more confident and empowered in their crucial roles of childrearing. They have gained an invaluable understanding of how their individual child's developmental age/stage, temperament and experiences in the world affect their everyday behaviors and how they, as parents, can respond effectively."

In fact, Psychology Today (<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/finding-new-home/201807/what-factors-are-associated-positive-parenting>) links positive parenting to "higher school grades, fewer behavior problems, less substance use, better mental

health, greater social competence and more positive self-concepts."

Class size is limited to 12, so call (970) 264-5963 if you are interested in attending.

Aspire also offers digital prenatal and parenting education to parents of babies and toddlers that can be sent via text or email as well as taken one on one with a mentor. Clients taking classes earn boutique bucks that can be used to shop and purchase diapers, wipes, baby supplies, maternity clothes and baby equipment.

In addition, Aspire provides affordable prenatal care programs. Aspire's prenatal provider, Dr. Carole Nasralla, has more than 20 years of experience providing prenatal care in the community.

Visit [aspirepagosa.org](http://aspirepagosa.org) for more information on our prenatal care and parenting programs.

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# Blood drive planned for Jan. 19

By Diane Levison  
Special to The PREVIEW

Historically, blood donations fall drastically during the holidays. Add in a pandemic, and the issue grows.

Please help build our blood bank reserves for the Pagosa Springs area.

Join us Wednesday, Jan. 19, at Centerpoint Church for the next Vitalant Blood Drive. Appointments are still available between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, do one of the following:

- Go to: <https://donors.vitalant.org/dwp/portal/dwa/appointment/guest/phl/timeSlotsExtr?token=iNbp4UCEv0DXXVv8ZgbrWOzs2nyeY5lFhv7V21%2F6o%2FU%3D>

- Text (602) 770-6565.
- Email Diane Levison at [dianeunheard@gmail.com](mailto:dianeunheard@gmail.com).

If you are not able to donate blood, please share this information with your friends and family.

# Curtains Up Pagosa to present inaugural February Follies

Curtains Up Pagosa

Do you have an act that you would like to share? Do you sing, dance, tell jokes, do tricks? Do you think you have what it takes to be the best act of the inaugural February Follies?

Curtains Up Pagosa is looking for 10 to 15 acts of varying styles for an evening of fun, comedy, singing and dancing. There will be a \$20 charge for those who are selected to be in the show. All acts will compete for cash prizes for the best acts of the evening. The audience and a panel of judges will choose the best acts.

We are looking for anything that is good for the whole family to see. Let's keep it PG. Acts must be shorter than seven minutes. We are looking for a wide variety, anything including but not limited to singing, dancing, stand-up comedy, short skits, solos, duets and small ensembles.

The February Follies will take place on Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs High School au-

ditorium. There will be three rehearsals to make sure acts are performance ready. Auditions will be held on Jan. 22 in the evening by appointment. Or, auditions can be submitted by video audition by Jan. 22. Auditions will be welcome from ages 10 and up.

Please contact Dale Scrivener at [director.curtainsup@gmail.com](mailto:director.curtainsup@gmail.com) for more information.



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Mike Le Roux being sworn in as Undersheriff on Dec. 20, 2021.

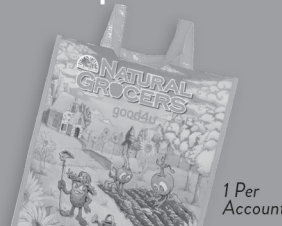
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## Sunday devotionals offered by the Baha'i Faith

By Paulette Heber

Baha'i Community of Archuleta County

The Baha'i Community of Archuleta County hosts weekly devotionals every Sunday morning from 10 to 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. All are welcome.

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/884668836?pwd=bkdEeVlaSWN0bFRMdFhidXpzWjV5Zz09>, call-in number: (669) 900-6833, meeting ID: 884 668 836.

A weekly theme is reflected in the prayers, music, poetry and selections from world religions and various sources. All are encouraged to contribute inspirational

pieces. This Sunday, Jan. 16, our theme is good deeds.

"It is through your deeds that ye can distinguish yourselves from others. Through them the brightness of your light can be shed upon the whole earth." — Baha'u'llah.

To learn more about the Baha'i Faith, please visit the official international website of the Baha'i Faith at [www.bahai.org](http://www.bahai.org). Our local contact is [archuletabahais@gmail.com](mailto:archuletabahais@gmail.com).

To obtain passcode for our Sunday devotionals, call Paulette Heber at (970) 731-8610 or email to the above email address.

## UU topic: Emotional well-being during troubled times

By Joan Ward

Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

On Sunday, Jan. 16, at 10:30 a.m. at the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, member Bob LeCour will discuss techniques for both physical and mental well-being that can help one maintain a greater balance in our daily lives. The forces of COVID viruses, negative thinking and fake news have had a big impact on many of our lives.

LeCour will look at practices by such teachers as Andrew Weil, Lao Tzu, Pema Chodron, Debra Quayle, Adyashanti and other spiritual teachers to give us some insight. He will try to give some pointers from these teachers that will hopefully improve one's happiness and peace of mind. LeCour has worked as a science teacher, educational technologist, park ranger and dog

trainer.

The fellowship is currently having in-person services on the first and third Sundays of the month. The decision to have in-person services or Zoom services is decided on a monthly basis.

The COVID protocol is: Attendees will be required to wear a well-fitting mask at all times while inside the building, regardless of vaccination status. (If you do not have a mask, one will be provided for you at the door.) Out of respect and care for those most vulnerable among us, we ask that you please consider attending only if you are vaccinated and will wear a mask. 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. Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided and we will enjoy them

and conversation together outside after the service, so dress warmly.

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is located in Greenbrier Plaza, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., Unit B-15, which is on the north side of the building. It faces Greenbrier Drive.

Our fellowship, based on its seven principles, offers each individual support in their unique spiritual path and an opportunity to participate in social and environmental action. We welcome diversity and invite everyone to share in our faith community.

For more information about the fellowship, please visit: [www.pagosauu.org](http://www.pagosauu.org).

## Eckankar HU event set for Jan. 16

By Laurah Brock Young

Eckankar

When I was a child, my mother always used music to soothe me. Our mother's heartbeat is one of the first sounds we experience in this world. When she sings a lullaby, it carries love to her child.

You are warmly invited to experience HU, a divine sound that courses through all of life and through every atom of one's body. HU is an ancient name for God, a sacred sound, and a carrier of love between soul and God. It has been sung for thousands of years for spiritual unfoldment. It can uplift people of any religion, culture or walk of life.

Singing HU acts as a tuning fork, aligning soul with higher states of love, creativity, healing and aware-

ness. When sung or chanted with an open heart, it opens the lines of communication to the most sacred part of ourselves. It is often called a sacred prayer.

During this in-person event, you will have the opportunity to experience some of the many benefits of singing HU:

- Inner peace and calm.
- Divine love.
- Expanded awareness.
- Spiritual self-discovery and growth.
- Healing of the heart.

This event will include singing HU for 15 to 20 minutes, a few minutes of quiet contemplation, followed by a discussion. Come share your thoughts, experiences and questions.

■ See Eckankar on next page

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# Why does God seek praise?

By Helene Smith  
PREVIEW Columnist

Why does God seek praise from His people? He is perfect. Does He need our praise? I confess, I thought it a bit self-serving. God, forgive me.

He doesn't need our praise, He wants it. Why? Here is what I believe.

Praise is pleasing to God.

God created people for fellowship with Him. We are His children. Just as we crave close relationships with our offspring, He desires closeness with us.

What does fellowship have to do with praise? When we worship God we remind ourselves who He is and why we can trust Him. This draws us closer to Him. You are holy. You are righteous. You are merciful, mighty, powerful and glorious. You are love. Our relationship strengthens.

King David loved being in close relationship with his creator. He sought after it. David said in Psalm 34:1, "I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth."

Praising God benefits us, too.

Proclaiming His attributes builds faith. Who is God that I would believe

## A Matter of Faith

in Him? Why should I trust Him? Because He is merciful, loving, forgiving and my heavenly father.

Praise leads to thanksgiving. Great and mighty, loving Lord, thank you for forgiving me, saving me, and for my family and friends. I thank Him for smaller blessings like hot water in the shower, finding a lost item and for a sweet hug from my youngest granddaughter. I want praise and thanksgiving to be continually in my mouth.

"Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise — the fruit of lips that openly profess His name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." — Hebrews 13:15-16.

Sometimes praise feels like a sacrifice. A worship song we sing in church might be one I don't connect with or don't know. Or maybe I'm not

feeling great and everything seems an effort. It feels like a sacrifice right then. In a group of people who don't know Him, I might not feel comfortable openly professing His name. Help me, Jesus, to offer praise in all circumstances.

When asked how to pray, Jesus taught his disciples the Lord's Prayer. He began with acknowledging who God is — "Our Father. Hallowed be Thy name." Holy, sacred, revered. That's who He is.

He is the Master of the universe, not us. He hears our prayers. He knows what we need and what we want. I certainly remind Him often. That's when I need to relinquish my "control" and start praising. God, you are all-knowing and wise, you are moving in my life, and in the lives of the people and situations I pray for. I trust you.

His time, not mine. His will, not mine. "Praise Him from whom all blessings flow."

*This column may include both fiction and nonfiction, and views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN. Submissions can be sent to editor@pagosasun.com.*

## New Thought topic: 'Love Everything: Especially The Unlovable'

By Shayla McClure  
New Thought Center for  
Inspirational Living

Sunday Service is at 11 a.m., with Dr. Elaine Harding: "Love Everything: Especially The Unlovable."

"Unconditional Love is the Outer Expression of Inner Peace." — Alaric Hutchinson.

### Upcoming events

Spirit Heart Band practice is every Tuesday at 6 p.m. We welcome musicians and singers to join our band. Please text Erika at (720) 754-2314 for band information.

Wednesday, 6 p.m.: Meditation Circle.

Jan. 15, 4 to 9 p.m.: Music concert fundraiser for Greg Milioto family. Pagosa Lodge ballroom. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Please call/text (970) 510-0309 for more information.

Beginning Jan. 20, 6:30 p.m. with Shayla White Eagle McClure: "Basic Healing 101" — Learn about different modalities created beyond the five senses.

## Eckankar

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Join us at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owner's Association Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave., on Jan. 16 at 1 p.m. This free event is sponsored by Eckankar and is open to all.

Use this link to find other in-person and online Eckankar events offered in Pagosa Springs: <https://www.meetup.com/pagosa-springs-spiritual-experiences-group/events/>.

Friday, Jan. 28, 7 p.m.: "Messages From Heaven" — Join various spiritual messengers and receive inspirational wisdom. New Thought Sanctuary.

### About us

We welcome local talents to share gifts, aptitudes and knowledge. Participate, learn or contribute your in-

sights, beliefs, knowledge and skills.

New Thought events are held at 3505 W. U.S. 160, on the second floor of Pagosa Lodge (elevator available). Request prayer treatment or obtain information by joining us; emailing [pagosacommunitynewthought@gmail.com](mailto:pagosacommunitynewthought@gmail.com); mailing P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or calling (970) 510-0309.

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# Fear has a new name

Have you noticed? People have renamed fear and called it wisdom. Fear-based decisions have a different outcome than God-based decisions. A good example is a movie my Sweet Al and I watched while snowed in over the holidays. This film is called “The Zookeeper’s Wife.”

It is a true story set in 1939 during World War II when Germany invaded Poland. The Zabinskis survived the bombardment of the city of Warsaw. Many of the Jewish people ran from the bombings and oppression.

Jan and Antonina Zabinski owned the Warsaw Zoo. In order to protect his wife and son, Jan told them they should flee with the Jewish people. He would stay behind with the animals. Antonina begged him to let her stay and he finally agreed.

Al said, “She should have left with the others. That would have been wise.” I said that would have been a decision made from fear, and fear tends to have a different outcome. He said, “The wise thing to do was to leave. Staying could have been fatal.”

Antonina based her decision on an event that happened to her when she was young. Her family was killed and she ran because of fear. She said to her husband if she ran away, she would always be running. She couldn’t do it anymore.

Most of the animals were killed or moved to another city. But God had a bigger purpose for the Zabinskis. In the six years during the war, they rescued 300 Polish Jews from the Germans. They hid them in the empty animal cages and they used a secret tunnel under their house to keep them safe.

In the book of James, he writes, “Those who are wise among you, show by good conduct that their

## Artist’s Lane

Betty Slade



*Antonina based her decision on an event that happened to her when she was young. Her family was killed and she ran because of fear.*

works are done in the meekness of wisdom” (James 3:13).

James names two kinds of wisdom — from the earth and the other from heaven. Wisdom from the earth is sensual and demonic, and causes bitter envy, self-seeking, confusion and every evil thing in our hearts. This wisdom is acted out in fear and self-preservation.

The wisdom from above is first

pure, peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. That wisdom is acted out in trust and truth.

There is much confusion these days. Well-meaning people will tell us what we should do. It is the natural desire of our families and friends to protect us, but not necessarily using wisdom from above.

David prays, “Lord, don’t you hear what my well-meaning friends keep saying to me: Run away while you can! Fly away like a bird to hide in the mountains for safety. For your enemies have prepared a trap for you. They plan to destroy you with their slander and deceitful lies. Can’t you see them hiding in their place of darkness and shadows? They’re set against you and all those who live upright lives.” But don’t they know Lord that I have made you my only hiding place? Don’t they know that I always trust in you? (Psalm 11:1-3, TPT).

Wise people ask: Does the path I’m walking lead to a place I want to go? Am I making a decision out of a place of fear or a place from trust and truth?

Final bushstroke: God’s answer: Do not fear. I have provided a hiding place for you. There is a secret place in the Most High where you shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. You will be delivered from the snare of the fowler and the perilous pestilence (a fatal epidemic disease.) No evil will befall you and no plague will come near your dwelling. Don’t run, but stand on God’s word.

### Readers’ comments

Send your comments to [betty@bettyslade.com](mailto:betty@bettyslade.com).

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## Library resources to support your New Year's resolutions

By Carole Howard

PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

If you made a New Year's resolution that you are having trouble keeping, you might want to consider all the resources — print, DVDs, CDs and online — that are available at your library to support you.

Our many electronic databases are just one example. If you want to learn a new language, you could use Transparent Language. If you'd like to take a class on a huge variety of topics as diverse as nutrition, computer software and cake decorating, take a look at Universal Class.

In addition, of course, we have physical items with useful information about nutritional diets, exercise programs, wellness, languages, computers, business, home and auto repair, parenting and so much more.

Here's to a safe, healthy and happy new year for you and your loved ones.

### Holiday closure

Your library will be closed on Monday, Jan. 17, in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

### Legal clinic tomorrow

The free legal clinic this month is happening by appointment tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 14, from 2 to 3 p.m. The volunteer attorney can phone you at home or you can come into the library and meet privately via Zoom. To schedule an appointment, at the beginning of the month send an email titled "Sign-up for Free Legal Clinic," with your first name and phone number, to [ruby@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:ruby@pagosalibrary.org), or phone or stop by the library. The volunteer attorney's time is limited, so it's first-come, first-served. This clinic takes place on the second Friday of every month.

Visit <http://checkerboard.co/> anytime to find many legal forms and other legal information.

### Adult DIY next Tuesday

At the free in-person adult DIY next Tuesday, Jan. 18, from 1 to 2 p.m., we will supply the materials and show you how to create beautiful winter-themed decorations like snowflake string art. Using the skills you learn, this craft can be adapted easily for other holidays and special occasions.

### Baby brain gym

Next Wednesday, Jan. 19, from 2:30 to 3 p.m., families with babies to toddlers aged 3 and under are invited to bring them to the library for hands-on sensory activities designed just for them to help their brains grow. This is an important session when you consider that their brains at that age are forming millions of connections each second.

### T-shirt design contest

We're looking for creative help in designing a T-shirt for this year's

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Summer Reading Program. The theme will be "oceans of possibilities." Pick up a flyer at the library or go online to our website at <https://pagosalibrary.org> for details. The winner will receive a free T-shirt with their design.

The winning T-shirt will be worn by staff during the Summer Reading Program and a limited number will be available for purchase. This contest is open to all ages. The deadline for submissions is Feb. 18.

### S.T.E.A.M. enrichment kits

Participants in this free enrichment program for youngsters aged five and up receive a kit guiding you through science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (S.T.E.A.M.) projects. The kits are available all month, but registration is required by calling your library at (970) 264-2209.

### Writing challenge

A new all-ages writing challenge was posted Jan. 10 on the library's Facebook page. We hope you will challenge your creativity by participating in this free all-ages activity.

### Dungeons and Dragons

Join us Tuesday, Jan. 18, from 4 to 6 p.m. for our ongoing Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults on Google Meet every other Tuesday. Contact [claire@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:claire@pagosalibrary.org) to learn how to join. If you don't have Internet access, contact us anyway — we may be able to accommodate you in the library.

### Special family storytime

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.

Wednesday, Jan. 19, is hora de cuentos with Andrea Cox, where you can practice your Spanish with books, songs and games.

### Storywalk takes a break

The snowy weather means we have had to take a break from our storywalk for kids.

### Tech Time

Free in-person slots are available from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays. Brad will help you resolve issues with your computer, smartphone, tablet and other electronic devices.

### ESL classes

Free in-person evening classes take place Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 7 p.m. Beginning students attend from 4 to 5 p.m., intermedi-

ate students from 5 to 6 p.m. and advanced students from 7 to 8 p.m. 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.

### Las clases de ESL

Las clases nocturnas gratuitas en persona se llevan a cabo los martes y jueves de 4 a 7 p.m. Los estudiantes principiantes asisten de 4 a 5 p.m., estudiantes intermedios de 5 a 6 p.m. y estudiantes avanzados de 7 a 8 p.m. Por favor, ayúdenos a correr la voz sobre estas clases a otras personas en nuestra comunidad que estén interesadas, y contáctenos por teléfono o correo electrónico si tiene alguna pregunta.

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place on Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m., when Mark helps with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more.

## In-person gaming

Enjoy free all-ages video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect on Fridays from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m.

## Library hours

Most of our programs are happening in person. Also, our hours have returned to pre-COVID levels — and even more on weekdays:

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

For those uncomfortable coming into the building, curbside service continues. Phone (970) 264-2209 when you are in the parking lot so staff can bring the items out for you. If you put a hold on something, please wait for your usual alert (email, phone call or text) before coming to pick it up.

## Activities calendars

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. There are three versions — children, teens and adults.

## Local author

Local author Julie Loar has published two volumes in her Sky Lore Anthology series. "Ancient Sky Watchers and Mythic Themes" is an anthology containing 40 articles that explore the topics of ancient sky watchers, prophecy, mythic themes, zodiacs and some of the latest discoveries in astrophysics. The articles in "As Above, So Below: Sun, Moon and Stars" examine the sun, moon, stars, planets, dwarf planets, asteroids and other objects in the solar system.

## Christian nonfiction

"Jesus Stories" by Samuel C. Hughes presents the timeless messages of the parables. "Unwrapping Your Worth in Christ: Relishing Moments with God" by Colorado resident Royce King is a guide to discovering your true identity and worth in Christ.

## Large print

"Fire Mountain and Other Survival Stories" edited by Hazel Rumney contains four westerns. "Red River Vengeance" by William W. and J.A. Johnstone is a Perley Gates western. "The Becoming" by Nora Roberts is book two of the Dragon Heart Legacy fantasy series. "Nighthawking" by Russ Thomas is book two in the Det. Sgt. Adam Tyler mystery series. "The Midnight Lock" by Jeffery Deaver is a Lincoln Rhyme mystery. "Wish You Were Here" by Jodi Picoult follows a woman who goes on a trip by herself when her boyfriend is unable to travel. "Someone Perfect" by Mary Balogh is book nine in the Westcott Regency romance series. "Crossroads" by Jonathan Franzen is book one in a new Key to All Mythologies series.

## Books on CD

"Curse of Salem" by Kay Hooper is a Bishop Special Crimes Unit paranormal suspense story. "Mercy" by David Baldacci is a FBI agent Atlee Pine thriller. "Twenty Years Later" by Charlie Donlea is an Avery Mason thriller. "Annihilation Road" by Christine Feehan is the sixth book in the Torpedo Ink romance series.

## Other novels

"A Man of Honor" by Barbara Taylor Bradford is a prequel to the "A Woman of Substance" series. "The Last Druid" by Terry Brooks is the fourth and final book in "The Fall of Shannara" fantasy series.

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## Quotable quote

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## Tax preparation assistance available in Durango

By Cheryl Wilkinson  
PREVIEW Columnist

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VITA will be preparing 2021 tax returns at no charge as part of the VITA program in Durango. Please register at: DurangoVITA.org.

### Desk volunteers needed

The Community Café in the Pagosa Senior Center is requesting volunteers to help with the lunch desk. Please call (970) 264-2167 to volunteer or for more information.

### Meals on Wheels volunteers needed

The Senior Center Meals on Wheels program delivers approximately 3,000 fresh and frozen meals a year. We deliver fresh Meals on Wheels five days a week (and provide frozen Meals on Wheels for weekends) to homebound Archuleta County residents to help them stay healthy and independent in their own homes.

This program is vitally important because many seniors have little to no access to nutritious meals. They are often too frail or have health complications that prevent them from preparing meals for themselves or from using the Senior Center's Community Café drive-thru meals pick-up site Monday through Friday.

The Senior Center needs volunteer Meals on Wheels Drivers for one day a week (or become part of our substitute driver team). Please join us as part of our driver team

## Winter water for livestock and horses

By Robin Young  
PREVIEW Columnists

Water is an essential nutrient livestock require. The importance of animals having access to clean water year-round cannot be over emphasized.

In the winter, giving livestock access to a reliable water source can be a real problem because of the snow, ice and freezing temperatures. Fifty to 80 percent of the animal's live weight comes from water. Animals can lose almost all of their body fat and 50 percent of body protein and survive, but the loss of only 10 percent of water can be fatal.

Livestock require a good supply of water in order to maximize performance (feed intake and production). A "good" water supply would be one that has enough water to meet the animal's needs and one that is of high-enough quality (i.e. clean). Livestock water consumption is based on a variety of factors, which include:

- Size and kind of animal.

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and build wonderful relationships with the seniors in our community. Call (970) 264-2167.

### Take-out meals continue at Senior Center

In order to continue providing meals, the Senior Center is offering take-out hot meals and a salad with a drive-up option under the portico at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

These meals will be available Monday through Friday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. There is a \$4 suggested donation for lunch for those age 60 and better. If you need to have your meal delivered, please call (970) 264-2167 to see if this option is available in your area.

The cost per meal for the public age 59 and under is \$8.50. The meals include a salad, hot meal, drink and dessert or bread.

Please call (970) 264-2167 to make a reservation for pickup. We are also continuing our Meals on Wheels program.

There will be no games, classes or presentations during this time. The staff will be available by phone. If you need to speak to a staff member, please call (970) 264-2167.

### Community Café menu

Thursday, Jan. 13 — Red beans and rice with pork sausage, collard greens, milk, salad and bread

pudding.

Friday, Jan. 14 — Beef Frito pie, charro beans, milk, salad and Key lime pie.

Monday, Jan. 17 — Closed for the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr.

Tuesday, Jan. 18 — Turkey broccoli and rice casserole, corn, WW dinner roll with butter, milk and salad.

Wednesday, Jan. 19 — Pork zuppa Toscana, focaccia bread with butter, milk, asparagus Caesar salad and strawberries Romanoff.

Thursday, Jan. 20 — Beef stroganoff, bacon green beans, milk, salad and peach cobbler.

For your convenience, you can make your reservations in advance or have a standing reservation on days you know you will always pick up. Please cancel if you cannot attend on your standing reservation days. We want to thank everyone for their support by observing our reservation policy. This helps ensure that everyone with reservations receives a meal and enables us to provide additional and healthier meals.

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- Level of activity — Animals such as horses that are being worked or livestock that are being transported need more water.

- Type of diet — Animals grazing dry pastures will require more water.

- Water quality (i.e. salt content and purity).

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# A new predator stalks the West

By Pepper Trail  
PREVIEW Columnist

The grizzly bear. The wolf. The cougar. These magnificent creatures, apex predators, how can we not admire them? People cross the world for the opportunity to see one in the wilds of Yellowstone or Alaska.

There, we view them from a distance, free to indulge our awe in safety. It has been a long time since Americans lived in fear of wild beasts.

But now that fear has returned. Fear felt not just in the woods, but also in cities and towns: Paradise, Calif.; Talent, Ore.; and now in suburban Superior and Louisville in Colorado's Boulder County.

The dangerous predator we're facing these days is wildfire, charging even out of grasslands to destroy our very homes. And no one is safe.

As an ecologist, I know that predators are essential to the health of wildlife communities, keeping prey populations in check. They're also a driving force in evolution, favoring the faster or stronger or smarter animals able to escape their attacks. Of course, civilization long ago freed us from the evolutionary pressure exerted by predators. But that freedom has come at a cost.

When populations and ecosystems grow badly out of balance, there must come a correction. Humans and the environments we have created are not immune to this rule and we must recognize that we have unleashed the fire-predator through our own choices.

What choices? On the global scale, we have released vast

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*When populations and ecosystems grow badly out of balance, there must come a correction.*

amounts of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. This was done at first in ignorance, but for at least the past 30 years, it truly was a choice made in the face of increasingly desperate warnings.

The resulting greenhouse effect has raised temperatures and decreased rain and snowpack throughout the West, contributing to "fire weather" like the hurricane-force winds that shockingly bore down on the suburbs of Denver in the dead of winter.

We also made land-management choices that strengthened the threat of fire. First, we behaved as if we could banish fire from the landscape, suppressing all wild-

land fires everywhere and ending the use of prescribed fire in forests as a management tool. This led to a huge build-up of flammable fuels.

Second, industrial-scale logging eliminated more than 90 percent of fire-resistant old-growth forests and replaced them with highly flammable tree plantations. Finally, we vastly expanded our human footprint, building houses right where the fire-predator likes to roam, at the brink of forests and grasslands.

Reconciling ourselves to the depredations of wildfire requires that we take the long view — the really long view. The fuel-choked forests resulting from our (mis) management need to burn, and they will burn. The best we can do is to preserve the old forests that remain and manage younger forests to increase their resilience to moderate-intensity fire. It could be a century or more before a new forestland equilibrium is reached, one with lower fuel loads, better adapted to the high fire-frequency climate we have created.

Meanwhile, what about us? Colorado's Marshall Fire proved that wildfire is the one predator we can't eliminate. Far from any forest, this was pushed through tinder-dry grasslands by howling winter winds and burned more than 1,000 suburban homes in a matter of hours. So, like any prey species, we must adapt as best we can. As individuals, we can create defensible space around our homes. We can get skilled at escaping wildfire by having evacuation plans ready.

As a society, we can adopt sensible policies to limit sprawling

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14 gallons (cattle), one can see that livestock would need to spend every waking hour eating snow to meet their requirements. Ice and snow consumption lowers body temperature and will increase maintenance energy needs, so it should be discouraged.

Research has shown that water sources that are warmed to 37 degrees Fahrenheit will encourage animals to drink and help ensure they get adequate water intake. Water tank heaters may be needed to ensure that water sources do not freeze. Always follow manufacturers' recommendations to prevent fires and electric shocks or electrocution of livestock when using water tank heaters.

If you do not have access to tank heaters, fresh water needs to be provided several times a day. Breaking ice in water tanks or ponds just once or twice a day

may not be enough for an animal to meet its requirements. Ensuring adequate water intake will encourage optimal health and performance of livestock and help prevent serious conditions such as colic and impaction.

### Visit online

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### CPR and first aid classes

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

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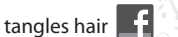
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# Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Byron Greco

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the yellow-bellied sapsucker.

This member of the woodpecker family is reported here only in winter and then just rarely. The bird in this photo was spotted recently in town.

These woodpeckers are completely migratory, breeding in forests from eastern Alaska through the boreal forests of Canada and in the northern parts of states from North Dakota to the east. They winter in the eastern and southern states, through Mexico and into Central America.

Ideal habitat for these birds is mixed deciduous/conifer forests with lots of young trees like those areas regenerating after logging has occurred. They drill sapwells year-round to suck the high-sugar-content sap and eat the insects it captures. In spring, they drill circular holes deep into the tree xylem to obtain the sap flowing up into the branches. After the tree leafs out, they drill shallow rectangular holes in the phloem to capture the sap flowing down from the leaves.

These holes must be maintained regularly to keep the sap flowing and this bird spends most of its time near its sapwells. Other birds, particularly hummingbirds, and bats and porcupines may sneak in to take advantage of the sapsucker's hard work.

This fairly small woodpecker has a mottled back and whitish to pale yellow undersides. Males have a red crown and throat and females a red crown and white throat. Vertical white patches along the side of the folded wing and a black and white-striped face are identification marks.

Migratory behavior in birds is an inherent, instinctive behavior. Some fly incredible distances each spring and fall, some move only a short distance, and others stay put. Vagrant birds that stray off course of the usual migratory path present a mystery and are exciting to spot to the birdwatchers among us.

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

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development in fire-prone areas. Recent events prove that these include not just remote forestlands, but even grasslands near suburbs. Faced with predators, animals try to get into the center of the herd. We need to do the same, avoiding exposure to the fire-predator at the vulnerable edge.

Finally, we can — we must — embark on an urgent global effort to end the burning of fossil fuels within the next few decades. If we do not, the West will face year-round fire weather and a future at the mercy of fire.

Yet there is reason for hope: the uniquely human capacity for rapid social and cultural evolution. Let's harness that strength and work toward the day when fire is a predator no more, but our powerful partner in the stewardship of the land.

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# Corgi capital of the world

By Daris Howard  
Special to The PREVIEW

Jed and Nicole were annoyed with each other. They had had their marital disagreements in the past, but this one seemed to be growing way out of proportion. It had started when Jed said he didn't believe something Nicole read to him from the Internet.

"Look," Jed said, "you can't trust everything you read on the Internet, even on Wikipedia. The good people there attempt to have policies and procedures to make articles as true as possible. I appreciate them and have donated to them. But people still make mistakes. And besides, there are few bad actors who post false things on purpose."

"I think you are just too skeptical," Nicole replied. "I feel if something is posted on a site like Wikipedia, it can even be quoted as fact for research."

Jed knew that arguing with his wife further on the subject was futile. When her mind was made up, the only way to change it was with irrefutable proof. That thought gave Jed an idea. He would create the evidence needed to convince his wife.

Jed sat down with his computer and created a Wikipedia account. He used a nickname that people had used for him when he was young because he didn't want everyone knowing his identity. Now he had to come up with an article. He wanted

it to be benign enough that no one would pay attention to it. But it had to be believable so his wife would think it was true.

He thought for a long time, but nothing seemed quite right. Then their little corgi dog named Bess came and laid her head on his leg, wanting some attention. As he reached down to pet her, he suddenly had an idea. He typed and typed, adding in false facts, some free pictures from the Internet, and a picture of his own.

When he finished, he edited and re-edited the article until he thought it was perfect, then submitted it. He would have to wait until it was up on the site. Then he would give it a whole week so he could tell Nicole it had been there for a while. That's when he would show her.

It didn't take long before Jed could verify that the article was live. He felt pretty smug seeing it there. It was going to be a long week before he could prove his point to his wife. He decided the following Sunday evening would be the perfect time to casually tell her. Meanwhile, he was sure it wouldn't be a problem having posted it because no one would even notice it.

The following Sunday, when he arrived at church, he was walking down the hall outside the chapel when he heard a group of older people talking.

"Did you see the article in the paper this morning about the fame

that has come to our little town?" one old gentleman asked.

"You mean how Greenville is the corgi capital of the world?" a woman replied.

The man nodded. "More corgis per capita than any other town in the world."

Jed spun around. "Did you say there was an article about Greenville corgis in the paper?"

"Yes," the woman said. "We even have a small park donated by a dedicated corgi owner that is just for corgis, and no other breeds of dogs are allowed. I'm not sure where it is, but the paper talked about it."

"That's the dumbest thing I ever heard," another man said. "In my day, we had sensible sheep-herding dogs."

"But do you really believe the article?" Jed said, hoping to throw some brakes on this disaster.

"Well, of course," the second man said. "The newspaper said it was in Wikipedia."

Jed hurried home after church and read the paper. Sure enough, there was the headline, "Greenville, Corgi Capital of the World." Maybe if he hurried, he could get it off before Nicole saw it. But when she walked in carrying the newspaper and shouting, "Have you seen the news?!" he knew he was too late.

It took him a while to confess what he had done and even longer to convince her. He had to show her it was his nickname on the article, and one picture was of a neighbor's corgi and Bess.

"So, you're one of those deceptive people you were talking about?" she said in disgust.

"I'm just trying to prove a point," he replied.

"What are you going to do now that everyone thinks it's real?" Nicole asked.

Jed thought a minute, and then even though Nicole advised against it, he decided he might add to the article and see if the town's people caught on.

To be continued.

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### Thursday, Jan. 13

**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.

**Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. Serving sweet and sour pork and vegetable sticks to go at the front doors of the Parish Hall. In addition, frozen prepared meals, meat and other staples are available for those in need. Masks and social distancing are required.

**Pickleball.** 1:30-4 p.m., Community Center. Beginner lessons. Loaner paddles will be available.

**Community Conversation: Healthy Archuleta Hosts Year-End Review and a Look Forward.** 2-3 p.m. The FSFE — Food Coalition

will be hosting a retrospective year in review looking at the highlights from 2021 and share with you what is planned for part of 2022. Join us to learn more and understand how you can become involved in contributing to an equitable and sustainable food system in Archuleta County. Join us on Zoom — <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83978862954>

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**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 students are encouraged to attend from 5-6 p.m. and advanced students from 6-7 p.m.

## Friday, Jan. 14

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

**Therapy Dog Visit.** 11-11:45 a.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Stop by and visit with a certified therapy dog. It's a great way to relax or boost your day. Visits with the therapy dog should be limited to 10-15 minutes. In that time, you can pet the dog, read to the dog or just say "Hi." Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Free Legal Clinic.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Registration required. Privately meet with a volunteer attorney via Zoom at the library or by phone to ask questions about all areas of civil law. Visit <https://checkerboard.co/> anytime to access many legal forms and other useful information. To schedule an appointment with the volunteer attorney, please contact the library at (970) 264-2209 or send an email at the beginning of the month to [ruby@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:ruby@pagosalibrary.org). The clinic takes place on the second Friday of every month, but available appointments are limited, so please contact the library early in the month to reserve your spot.

**Gaming.** 2:30-3:45 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect with all of your friends and family. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

## Saturday, Jan. 15

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

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

## Sunday, Jan. 16

**RESET.** 9:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church. Pagosa Bible Church is hosting a four-week sermon series and launching small groups to help people discover Jesus as the ultimate reset in their lives. The topics of the series include: "Reset My Heart," "Reset My Mind," "Reset

My Voice" and "Reset My Hands." For more information, visit [www.pagosabiblechurch.org](http://www.pagosabiblechurch.org) or call (970) 731-3120.

**Bingo.** 5:45 p.m., Parish Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m., early-bird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

## Monday, Jan. 17

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

**Study on Biblical Feasts.** 7 p.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Hosted by Rabbi Gen Dwinell. The subjects/feasts covered will be Passover/Feast of Unleavened Bread, First Fruits, Shavuot/Pentecost, Latter First Fruits, Feast of Trumpets/Rosh Hashanah, Day of Atonement, Feast of Tabernacles. Other festivals that may be covered: Hanukkah/Feast of Dedication, Feast of Lots/Purim, story of Esther. Are you interested in learning about the Biblical/Jewish festivals that were given by God to teach His people about His relationship with us? These festivals are also deeply connected with Messiah. There is even a parallel in a Jewish wedding. Come join the fun as we study these appointed times mentioned in Leviticus 23 and their connections with Messiah.

## Tuesday, Jan. 18

**Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County.** 10 a.m., Tennyson 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) 799-8387 for more details.

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**Archuleta County Democratic Club.** 11:45 a.m., via Zoom. Don Valdez, candidate for U.S. House, will speak. For a Zoom link, please email [Lynnfrederick1@gmail.com](mailto:Lynnfrederick1@gmail.com).

**Adult DIY: Snowflake String Art.** 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. We will supply the materials and show you how to create beautiful winter-themed decorations like snowflake string art. Using the skills you learn, this craft can be adapted easily for other holidays and special occasions.

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

**Dungeons and Dragons.** 4-6 p.m. For teens and young adults. Join us on Google Meet for our ongoing game. Contact [claire@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:claire@pagosalibrary.org) for details on how to join.

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**Aspire Positive Parenting Class.** 6 p.m., 602 S. 8th St. Aspire's Positive Parenting Program helps parents of babies and toddlers become more sensitive to children's individual needs and addresses the typical challenges that arise in early childhood with empathy and respect. The class is free and also provides child care and snacks during the evening class. In addition, participants receive a \$20 gift card to City Market during each class. Class size is limited to 12, so call (970) 264-5963 if you are interested in attending.

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## Friday, Jan. 21

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

**Gaming.** 2:30-3:45 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect with all of your friends and family. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Film Night Series.** 6:30 p.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. A Christian growth film will be shown and will be followed by group discussion. Coffee, tea and snacks provided. Call (303) 828-6386 for more information.

## Saturday, Jan. 22

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

**WinterFest: SkiJor.** 10 a.m., Archuleta County Fairgrounds. Teams compete as skilled riders with their horses pull skiers and boarders through a timed obstacle course. For more information, contact the Chamber at (970) 264-2360.

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

**LEGO Club.** 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson

Library. For kids 6-12 years old. We have the LEGO bricks, all you need to bring is your imagination. Call (970) 264-2209 for further information.

**WinterFest: Barkus Parade.** 11 a.m., Riverwalk. Animal lovers can celebrate the winter season with their pets by participating in the Barkus Parade. Dress them up in costume or just warm clothing and head down to the Riverwalk for the parade. Participants are requested to make a small donation. For more information, contact the Chamber at (970) 264-2360.

**WinterFest: Penguin Plunge.** 1 p.m., Riverwalk across from the Chamber. Watch plungers jump in the frigid San Juan River to raise money for local nonprofits. For more information, contact the Chamber at (970) 264-2360.

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

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

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

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# Wind-driven fire ran until the gusts died

By Dave Marston  
PREVIEW Columnist

The Marshall Fire that demolished more than 1,000 homes along the front range of Colorado two weeks ago was not unique. This particular kind of fire happened before, on April 17, 2018 — 115 miles due south of the Marshall Fire.

The wildfire was simply called the MM 117 fire for mile marker 117 on Interstate 25 south of Colorado Springs, in El Paso County. Despite earning a federal disaster declaration and scorching more than 43,000 acres, it never rated a real name.

Like the Marshall Fire, this grass fire came on fast and stopped almost as soon as the winds died. At the time, it was the fifth largest in state history, but 100 percent contained in 72 hours.

It began when a motorist, their car dragging its muffler, sent sparks into the air when there was just 4 percent humidity and winds blowing up to 80 miles per hour. Sparks ignited the grass. Fire investigators on the scene said any motorist with an overheating engine could have sparked a blaze. The entire day, it seemed all of Colorado was hammered by winds that grounded planes at Denver International, then grounded firefighting planes as well.

Unable to reach homeowners by car, with the fire racing away, frantic officials resorted to pleas over Facebook message boards: "A deputy sheriff said he was driving at 35 mph near the fire Tuesday, April 17th, 2018, and it was moving faster than he was," reported Wildfire Today.

The final tally was horrifying for a fire that lasted barely the length of a holiday weekend — 24 structures destroyed, over 43,000 acres scorched and "untold number of livestock," mostly beef cattle, killed, according to the Colorado Springs Gazette.

Speed was a big part of the story. The fire raced due east and covered 20 miles in just a few hours. Along the way, it leaped over roads, torched houses and seemed impossible to stop. Yet, when winds

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died and rains came, containment of the fire happened quickly.

There is a stunning lesson to be learned from this grassland fire: We have little control over wind-whipped grasslands fires once they get going. All we can do is run.

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by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 Music genre
- 5 Conn. neighbor
- 9 Come in second
- 14 "\_\_\_ Karenina"
- 15 Film segment
- 16 Soft palate sound
- 17 Glance over
- 18 Type of cherry
- 20 Beat around the bush
- 22 Measure (out)
- 23 Bead anagram
- 24 Expenditures
- 26 Provide counsel
- 28 Toto's only Billboard #1
- 30 Piano technician
- 32 Yellow-flowered weed
- 34 Home on the range
- 38 Turn red, perhaps

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- 39 Silver flaw
- 41 Romano, for one
- 42 Marsh plant
- 44 Throw in, as a question
- 46 Clear the slate
- 48 Was a lodger
- 49 Fictional band, \_\_\_ Tap
- 52 Bottle dweller
- 53 Crescent
- 54 Malta money
- 57 Listlessness
- 60 Magnetic force
- 63 Fruity pastry
- 64 Shade of pink
- 65 Furthermore
- 66 Result of honing
- 67 Small hill
- 68 Follow, as advice
- 69 Consider to be

- 5 Roman 1900
- 6 1836 battle site
- 7 Paddock papa
- 8 Petty argument
- 9 Pipe material
- 10 City on the Seine
- 11 Out of sorts?
- 12 Christmas candies
- 13 Waste away
- 19 Astin of "Rudy"
- 21 Catchall phrase
- 25 Fancy party
- 27 Remove, as a monarch
- 28 Puts two and two together?
- 29 Joan portrayer in "Mommie Dearest"
- 30 Metric heavy weight
- 31 College credit
- 33 Western blue flag, e.g.
- 35 Strolling site
- 36 Nonchalance
- 37 Surveyed

- 40 All dried out
- 43 Military bigwig
- 45 Like some questions
- 47 Oscar winner Guinness
- 49 Something to pick up
- 50 Stage, as a show

- 51 Preface, briefly
- 52 "Silly" bird
- 55 Home of the Jazz
- 56 Agitate
- 58 Hankering
- 59 Tabloid twosome
- 61 \_\_\_-in-one
- 62 Doze (off)

### Answers to Previous Crossword:

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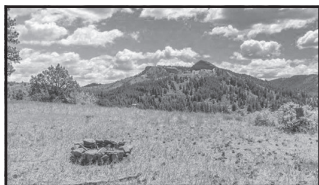
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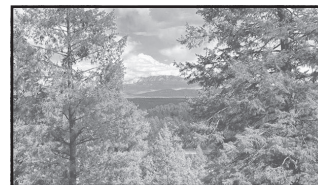
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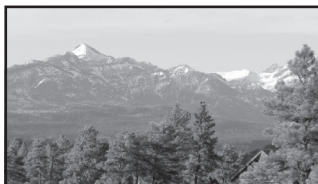


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