

## High country receives over 14 inches of snow

### Schools, library close

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

More snow fell over Pagosa Country this week as a winter storm warning was issued for the area by the National Weather Service (NWS) on Tuesday at 5 p.m. and lasted through Wednesday until midnight today, Thursday, Feb. 3.

Area schools closed for Wednesday, along with the Ruby Sisson Memorial Library, and county offices delayed opening by two hours.

According to the warning, total snowfall accumulations were ex-

pected to be between 4 and 8 inches.

As of 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 2, Wolf Creek Ski Area reported 14 inches of new snow since 4 p.m. on Tuesday.

This snowfall brings the season total at the ski area to 238 inches.

Snow was expected to keep falling throughout the day yesterday at the ski area.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Water and Climate Center's snowpack report, the Wolf Creek summit, at

■ See Snow A8

## New offer made for courthouse

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

Another offer has been made to purchase the county courthouse building located at 449 San Juan St.

During a work session held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Tuesday, Feb. 1, the board heard a presentation from Bob Hart in regard to his offer and potential plans for the property.

Hart explained that he values and respects the historical value of the buildings in Pagosa Springs.

He noted that he has been a resident here for more than 20 years and has remodeled multiple downtown buildings.

"The courthouse is a historic building and I really want to keep it that way," Hart said, explaining that he does not intend to demolish the building, but rather make the necessary improvements to make it a "viable building for the future."

He mentioned that he would plan on converting the courthouse into a multipurpose building that would house retail space, a restaurant and office spaces.

Additionally, Hart noted that he plans on having six affordable housing units constructed in the building.

"I know what's going on with employees and trying to find hous-

■ See Offer A8



Photo courtesy Lili Pearson

This pair of bald eagles seemed to be enjoying a lively conversation on a beautiful Pagosa Country day.

## Short-term rental fee will go to town voters

By Terri House  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council approved the second reading of Ordinance 974, "Proposed Charter Amendment for Short Term Rental Fee for Workforce Housing," at its Feb. 1 meeting.

If approved by voters on April 5, a \$150 per-month, per-bedroom fee will be placed on short-term rentals located in the town limits that are not occupied by the homeowner for a minimum of nine months per year.

A citizen-led petition circulated by a local nonprofit, Pagosa Housing Partners, was certified by the town clerk after garnering enough qualified signatures. Town Clerk April Hessman explained last month that there were 56 signatures required based on 5 percent of the 1,115 registered voters in the town for the last election.

The town's home rule charter

■ See Voters A8

## Four seats on ballot for Upper San Juan Health Service District

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Four seats will be up for grabs in the May election for the Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors, which oversees Pagosa Springs Medical Center.

Those interested in running in the election have until Feb. 25 to file a self-nomination and acceptance form with the designated election official (DEO), Heather Thomas.

At its meeting on Jan. 25, the board approved the terms of the election via Resolution 2022-02, with the election set for May 3.

The offices currently held by Greg Schulte, Jason Cox, Karin Daniels and Kate Alfred will be on the ballot, with those elected serving

■ See Health A8



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Pagosa Springs High School wrestling coach Dan Janowsky holds up former coach Ron Shaw's hand in victory on Jan. 26 as part of the wrestling program's season-long commemoration of 50 years of wrestling at Pagosa Springs High School. Shaw established and coached the program. On Jan. 26, the team honored the school's first team in 1971-1972.

## Archuleta School District's graduation rate above state's

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Pagosa Springs High School's graduation rate of 94.2 percent for the class of 2021 was 12.5 percentage points above the state's rate for the graduating class.

Archuleta School District Superintendent Dr. Kym LeBlanc-Esparza outlined the school's graduation rates as part of her superintendent's report on Jan. 11 — the same day the data was released.

LeBlanc-Esparza congratulated ASD's staff on the accomplishment.

"A total of 81.7% of the Class of 2021 graduated last spring — a slight decrease from the previous year and the first drop in the four-year graduation rate in over 10 years," a press release by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) states.

The press release notes that, at the state level, the class of 2021 had 622 more graduates than the class of 2020, but the graduation rate decreased by 0.2 percentage points due to there being more total 12th-graders enrolled than the previous year.

The district's graduation rate of 94.2 percent for the class of 2021 is up from 92.4 percent for the class of 2020, 83.7 percent for the class of 2019 and 85.5 percent for the class of 2018.

The release notes that, since 2010, Colorado's graduation rate has improved by 9.3 percentage points.

The state's dropout rate for the 2020-2021 school year was 1.8 percent.

ASD's dropout rate for the same period was 0.8 percent — up from 0.6 percent in 2019-2020, 0.5 percent in 2018-2019 and 0.7 percent in 2017-2018.

### Budget Stabilization Factor resolution

At the same meeting, the ASD Board of Education unanimously approved a resolution in support of the Colorado Legislature using surplus funds to buy down the Budget Stabilization Factor, also known as the Negative Factor, for school funding.

"Following the 2007-09 recession, the state

legislature created the Budget Stabilization Factor to alleviate some of the budgetary pressures facing the state. The Budget Stabilization Factor proportionally reduces the amount of funding across each school district. As of FY 2019-20, the factor reduced funding by 7 percent," the Colorado General Assembly website explains.

According to the approved resolution, the Colorado Legislature borrowed \$1 billion from public education funding "for the purposes of economic recovery during the Great Recession, and for the 2021-2022 school year it underfunded public education by \$572,000,000, and to the date of this resolution owes K-12 public schools \$9,302,576,848 (\$9.3 billion) ..."

ASD is owed \$16.7 million as a result of the Budget Stabilization Factor.

The resolution also discusses issues created by the reduction in funding: stagnant salaries, a teacher shortage, the need for more local funding and budget cuts at the local level.

■ See Graduation A8

## Town sets April 5 ballot

By Dorothy Elder  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council set the 2022 regular municipal election for April 5 after unanimously approving the second reading of Ordinance 973, "Calling the 2022 Regular Election," at its Feb. 1 meeting.

The election will be a mail-ballot election, with ballots set to be mailed to eligible electors of the Town of Pagosa Springs on or after March

14, according to the town's website.

Ballots can be mailed in or dropped off at Town Hall between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on April 5, according to April Hessman, Pagosa Springs town clerk.

The terms of council members Madeline Bergon, Matt DeGuise and Nicole Pitcher are ending this election cycle, putting three council member seats on the ballot. Bergon,

■ See Ballot A8

## District attorney applies for district court judgeship

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

Sixth Judicial District Attorney (DA) Christian Champagne has thrown his hat in the ring for a district court judgeship position.

According to a press release from the Colorado Judicial Department released on Feb. 2, the Sixth Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet via video conference on Feb. 14 to consider candidates for a vacancy on the Sixth Judicial District Court.

The applicants include Champagne, Arthur Jacobs, Sean Murray, David Ottman and Kim Shropshire, all of Durango; Anthony Edwards, of Silverton; William Furse, of Dolores; Courtney Holm, of Edwards;



Champagne

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## OUR VIEW

# More business responses to survey

Last week we shared some of the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation's (CDC) results of its short-term rental tax impact survey.

The survey responses were from local business owners and members of the CDC.

A summary provided by the CDC states that "The Survey was initiated by business owners to evaluate the impact and needs of the business community in regard to the citizen-led Town Charter Amendment that creates a short-term rental tax dedicated to workforce housing."

Following approval on Tuesday, the town's official ballot will contain the following question:

"TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS BALLOT QUESTION A: Shall the Town of Pagosa Springs Home Rule Charter be amended to initiate a workforce housing fee for short-term rentals amounting to at least \$150 per month for each permitted bedroom with all fees dedicated to creation and sustainability of workforce housing aimed at households earning less than or equal to 100% of Area Median Income, as set forth in Ordinance No. 974 (Series 2022)?"

The town's charter will be amended if a majority of the registered electors of the town vote in favor of the ballot question.

The survey's first question asks: "Do you think this proposed Town Charter amendment is good for business in Pagosa Springs? Please briefly explain Why or why not?"

In addition to those answers we shared last week, here are the rest of the answers from those survey respondents:

- "I like the idea of addressing workforce housing. The proposed ballot language leaves much to be desired as it doesn't specify specific allocation of fees to an administrative body, it doesn't handle commercial zoning districts where vacation rentals are a prescriptive use by right (thus causing double taxation for commercial rental owners), and the guidance of 'no more than 100% of Area Median Income' needs to be left to the administrative or governing body and not in the ordinance."

- "I do not. Charging property owners (who use their home as an STR) will NOT change the workforce housing problem. This is government over reach and should not be allowed."

- "No, I think it is a knee jerk, radical,

punitive measure, that will not effectively achieve a measurable improvement in the number of rent-controlled housing units needed."

- "No, I am not sure that this will really make that much of an impact on the overall issue. You would need to tax all businesses involved in tourism not just the places they stay and I still don't think that would solve the problem. We probably will not tax our way out of what is a nation wide issue when it comes to housing. Affordable housing is a massive issue in major metropolitan areas and small towns alike."

- "Yes, as it will assist in Lower Housing which we desperately need to draw and retain good Labor Force. It's tough enough to find good help, and without housing, can't lure them to work here and can't service anyone, whether they are visitors or full time residents."

- "Not really. Owners of STR's will likely stop renting their place and there will be an impact on tourism resulting in less money spent on businesses."

- "This is punitive and destructive to the long term health of the business community. Without major employers, Pagosa must rely on the tax revenue and spending of our tourists. When we price out new owners, the uber wealthy are the only ones who can afford to buy here. They don't need to offset costs of ownership, thus they will be vacant owners. No tourists spending dollars in our community."

Another question posed by the CDC's survey reads: "What do you feel will be the impact on Pagosa Springs if this ballot passes with a citizen vote?"

A sampling of those responses are as follows:

- "Quite a few short-term rentals will go up for sale. They may turn into long-term rentals but at higher rent rates driving up rent throughout Pagosa. Disproportionally punishes STR business owners when it is a town-wide problem."

- "A sharp decline in tourism. Loss of jobs. Businesses closing. My 2 downtown STRs will not get as much occupancy, causing me to consider selling. I feel very at risk as a property and business owner in town not being able to vote. I want to vote in town issues. It is only fair. It is the reason many significant projects don't come to fruition and town is stifled."

- "It is not just the 150 dollar per bedroom. Its the 50% of the tourism budget that was voted in by the people to

promote Pagosa springs and Archuleta County bringing tourists to our community to spend their money here and keep local business going, so that people can live here. The impact will be felt when people don't come here and go some place because the lack of being able to promote by a 50% decrease in funding and an added tax to a place to stay."

"Less STR rentals as the fees will be passed onto the renter and the homes will not switch to longer term rentals."

"There will be a few upset people in the community, but the majority of the community sees the need for the funding."

"As noted above, it's really a de facto ban and I don't think that's helpful for our community. It will drive the STR economy in the Town to go 'underground' and thereby create a significant administration and enforcement problem / cost for the Town. This issue is more nuanced and can't be solved with a blunt instrument."

"Fewer short term rentals downtown."

"Minimal short term impact on travel rates - which still mean good income for the town in sales tax/lodging tax - at only adding \$5/day to the price of a Short Term Rental. Long term - resources for affordable housing is a huge asset."

"As with everything with the City, it will be passed mostly by citizens that don't take the local businesses perspective into account."

"Very little for tourism. It may even increase availability of housing inventory."

"I can see legal challenges arise that may have a very strong argument."

"More under the radar rentals, more wealthy owners who don't have to off set costs and rising real estate values as a result, bad PR for Pagosa by people who bought homes here thinking we were the 'friendliest place on earth.' Bad move, won't help the housing issue."

We appreciate the business community sharing their viewpoints on this matter. Unfortunately, many business owners will not be able to vote in the town's April 5 election because you have to live in town to be able to cast a vote. Simply owning a business or business property doesn't allow you to participate.

We encourage those who can vote to become educated on the matter and cast your vote.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
February 3, 1922

There will be a dance at the Piedra school house Saturday night. It is to be of a "dry" nature.

Geo. McDonald went to Allison last Saturday to look after his cattle, which he is wintering there.

Jule Macht on Friday evening received two carloads of cattle, recently purchased in the lower country, for winter feeding.

Big dance and oyster supper at the Arlington hotel Saturday. Music by Pagosa Orchestra.

Forrest H. Sparks returned Monday from Aztec where he witnessed the bringing in of the second big gas well in that territory Saturday.

Mrs. Walter Zabriskie of Pagosa Junction came up Saturday to visit her mother, Mrs. Pomeroy, remaining until Tuesday.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
February 7, 1947

W.H. Diestelkamp, Pagosa businessman, has taken the position as manager for the Metropolitan Cafe, where he will be associated with Gus Apostole. Mr. Diestelkamp, who owned and operated Dee's Market and who sold his property some months ago, is secretary of the school board here and is a past president of the Pagosa Springs Lions Club.

The Rev. H.H. Hughes, newly appointed resident pastor of the Methodist Community Church here, will be honored by a reception Sunday evening at 6 in the church. The Rev. Hughes, an uncle of E.H. Hughes of Pagosa Springs, formerly was a resident of Columbus, O., and served for two years as state welfare director for Ohio. He has served as pastor in churches in Ohio and Michigan and has been closely associated with organization work in the Y.M.C.A. and the Boy Scouts of America. The Rev. Hughes visited here this year and now will return to make his home in Pagosa Springs.

The Pagosa Bucs split their bill again over the week-end, winning from Bayfield by a score of 44 to 27 and losing to Ignacio, 38 to 36.

Drilling at slightly less than 500 feet at Chromo on the Fitzhugh place, this week, Bob Ewell brought in an oil well which drillers have predicted will produce between 1,000 and 2,000 barrels.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
February 3, 1972

San Juan Lumber Co. has been issued a cease and desist order in regards to air pollution. This same order has gone to all sawmills in Colorado. Officials of San Juan Lumber Co. say that indications are that the local mill will have to find other ways of disposing of sawdust, slabs, bark and other waste from sawmilling operations within the next year.

A notice was issued last week by the San Juan Basin Health Unit to the effect that there had been outbreaks of measles in Colorado and that parents were urged to have children immunized. The current outbreak of measles is of the nine-day variety and complications can arise. Parents of any child, one year or over, may obtain further information by contacting their family physician or the San Juan Basin Health Unit.

Big game in this area is wintering well and feed seems to be adequate. Despite heavy snows in December the winter to date is relatively mild insofar as big game is concerned.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
February 6, 1997

Leroy Oldham accepted a 40-year pin and a certificate of appreciation from Postmaster Richard Love during Oldham's retirement proceeding Friday morning. Along with 19 years in the U.S. Navy, Oldham served 20 years at the Pagosa Springs Post Office and two years with the U.S. Forest Service. Former Pagosa Postmasters Dick DeVore and Lois Hill joined in recognizing Oldham's 41 years of federal service.

Karn Macht of Pagosa Springs was recognized recently by Trinidad State Junior College for his high scholastic achievement during his first semester of college. Majoring in criminal justice, Karn is the son of Carl and Gloria Macht. He enrolled at Trinidad State Junior College after completing his Marine Corps enlistment with the rank of corporal. His major tour of duty was with Security Forces Japan.

The Senate voted to pass a bill this week that would give a raise to county elected officials, including commissioners, assessors, sheriffs and treasurers.

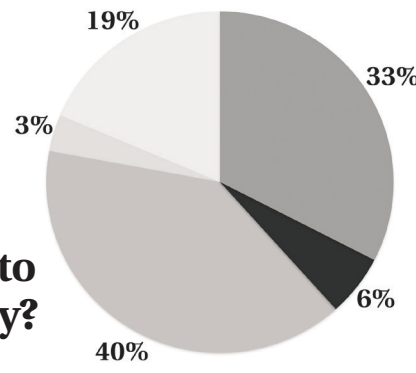
## WHADDYA THINK?

### What was your favorite WinterFest event?

Poll results (86 votes)

Hot air balloons — 33 percent  
Penguin Plunge — 6 percent  
Skijor Pagosa — 40 percent  
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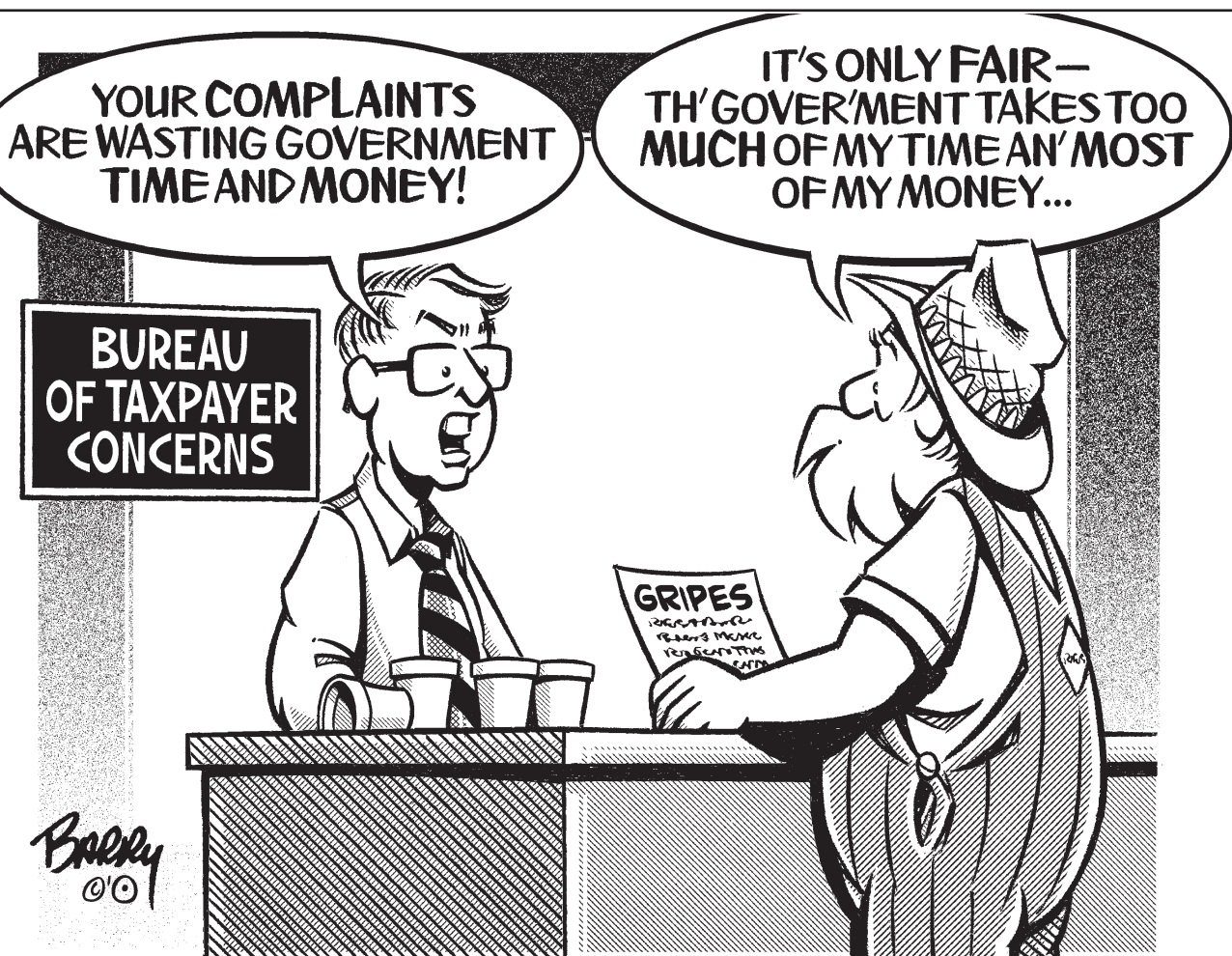
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## Stifle public comment

Dear Editor:  
STOP THE ROCKS is a movement which provides participants a way to sign a petition not in favor of the Oakbrush Hill Gravel/Asphalt Pit on Piedra Road and send it to the County Planning Board and County Commissioners electronically. It is not a letter expressing each person's reasoning for not favoring the Pit. Those rights are reserved for public comment at the County Planning Board meeting itself where participants are afforded their civil liberties and right to freedom of speech.

Recently a clerk at the County Planning Board put out a memo to all persons signing the petition on www.stoptherocks.com, denying their right to be heard at the Planning Commission Meeting. In sending out the email the clerk revealed private information in the form of email and names to the public which is irresponsible and potentially dangerous to those signing the petition.

Ponder this, did the Planning Commission make this rule up to silence their constituents. Nothing in their "Rules and Bylaws" address this issue directly. If this were a rule, why wouldn't it have been stated in the notice the first time instead of changing the meeting date and adding this caveat.

If the County Planning Board was to adapt this rule, it would be a matter of public record. A quorum would need to assemble, and a vote made. Did the Planning Commission adjourn a meeting to allow this clerk to stifle the community? Were in fact the bylaws changed so those signing the petition will not have a voice at the Planning Commission meeting?

Stop The Rocks, LLC has formed a coalition made up of members of the community, attorneys, and engineers to thwart the forward movement of the ill-conceived idea of a gravel pit in the middle of town and oppose the County Planning Commissions effort to silence the community.

If this is the first time you are finding out about the Oakbrush Hill Gravel/Asphalt Pit here are some

thoughts. Imagine as you make your morning commute to work, or out for a day of golf, a trip to the mountains or a trip to lunch at your favorite restaurant; then a stream of 40 plus 18-wheel belly dump trucks challenges you for pavement on Piedra Road as well as up and down route 160, through the middle of town and south to Durango. Do you want our beautiful mountain town to go from being known as "Pagosa Springs, the deepest hot springs in the world", to Pagosa springs, the center for gravel and asphalt in Archuleta County?

Please join in the fight and don't let your voice be stifled, go to www.stoptherocks.com and get informed, write the Archuleta County Planning Board and the County Commissioners to voice your opinion and stand up and be counted at the upcoming Planning Board meeting on February 23, 2022 at the County Administration Building meeting room 398 Lewis Street, in our lovely town of Pagosa Springs.  
Michael Caponnetto

## Gravel pit

Dear Editor:  
When I moved here several years ago, I thought my biggest concern, pertaining to the community, would be keeping Wolf Creek Pass free of hotels, resorts and homes. Well, I was wrong. The big concern today is keeping a gravel pit out of the Lake Hatcher area, where I live. You can imagine my astonishment when I learned WAISTLINE, Inc. submitted a permit to build a 20-year, Major Sand and Gravel Operation near Lake Hatcher on Oakbrush Hill and will use Piedra Rd to haul their materials. Can you imagine Piedra Rd being used everyday by tractor trailers hauling gravel? Think about the road damage, the broken windshields from following these trucks, the road-kill, the pollution from the heavy equipment and the noise. Noise, not just from the trucks running up and down Piedra Rd but noise from the mining itself...and don't forget about those airbrakes.

There are many reasons why people do not want a major industrial gravel operation next to their home - none of which need to be explained. The Town of Pagosa and Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA) should strenuously oppose a gravel pit being created so close to long-standing neighborhoods, especially if they are actually interested in looking out for our property values. From my perspective, when you have to pay a fee, submit a request to paint your house, wait several weeks for a committee to review and approve your color - all because there's a desire to ensure the neighborhood and properties maintain their value - it shouldn't be unrealistic to ex-

pect that when a company wants to add a gravel pit to land adjacent to the neighborhood, PLPOA (and the Town) would stand up and say no.

You can read the complete plan and submission package at: <http://archuletacounty.org/467/Planning-Proposals> (PLN21-144).

Please come to 398 Lewis Street for the public hearings and bring other like-minded neighbors to oppose this plan.

Planning Commission Public Hearing, February 23, 2022, 6pm  
Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing, March 1, 2022, 130p

Dyann Donahue

## 'Unaffiliated have the numbers'

Dear Editor:  
Here's a call out to all Unaffiliated voters in Colorado's 3rd Congressional District: Vote in the Republican primary in June to nominate a Republican candidate for US Representative not named Lauren Boebert.

Republicans have held that seat for 24 of the last 30 years. After redistricting, it's gone from R+7 to R+9. The reality is whoever wins the Republican primary will likely win the general election - as in 12 of the last 15 elections.

Unaffiliated voters joining forces with moderate Republicans can nominate a candidate to better represent the middle majority rather than the far-right minority. But it's going to take Unaffiliated coming out in force. Don't let the far-right pick the candidate. The 3rd District is more diverse than that and deserves better.

The 2020 primary was decided by only 10,000 out of 110,000 votes.

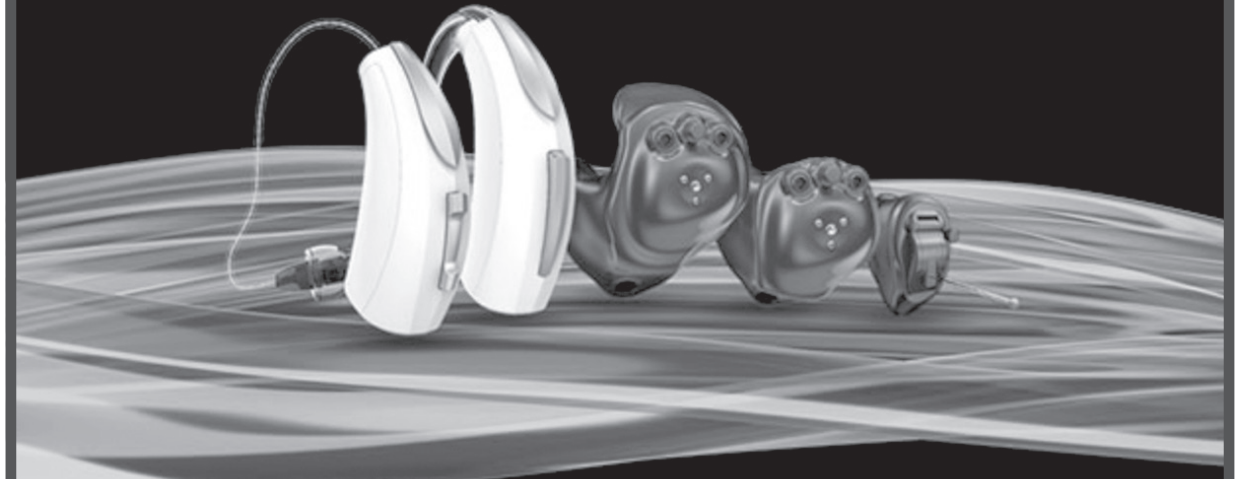
District 3 has 230,000 (42%) registered Unaffiliated voters compared to 170,000 (31%) Republicans and 135,000 (25%) Democrats. The Unaffiliated have the numbers - they just have to vote.

Spread the word to all your Unaffiliated friends: Vote in the Republican primary and make Lauren Boebert a one-term Congresswoman.

Remember - the primary you choose to vote in has no effect on

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# Goals & Accomplishments

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



## Pagosa Fire Protection District

Randy Larson, Fire Chief

**What are your three biggest accomplishments of 2021?**

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

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

In 2021 the Pagosa Fire Protection District was able to move forward from the challenges of 2020 and take multiple positive steps towards our goal to better serve the Pagosa Springs Community. As things begin to open back up and we continue to adapt to this changing world, PFPD was able to again send several of our personnel out into the world to receive and return with valuable training from outside sources such as the Colorado Wildfire Academy, Colorado Firefighter Academy, National Fire Academy, and various symposiums and conferences. These opportunities not only benefit the personnel attending but it is also an expectation that they will bring home those learning experiences and pass them on to their fellow firefighters here at home.

We were also able to continue our service to the community by responding to over 1200 calls for service in

2021. This broke the record of 700+ calls set the previous year. As our community continues to grow, so does the call volume and we strive to continue to provide the best possible service. For that we enhanced our training capabilities by procuring a new Training Structure at Station 3 HWY 84 which includes a confidence maze for our Firefighters to practice with their Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), Search and Rescue operations, Confined Space Entry, Forcible Entry, Roof Ventilation, and a Repel Tower in addition to the day-to-day operations of fire extinguishment. PFPD conducted a Basic Firefighter Academy and graduated 15 new Volunteer Firefighters to add to our response capabilities. Lastly, a new Type VI Brush Engine was ordered with an expected delivery of late spring just in time for the 2021 Wildland Fire Season.

Administratively we were able to use money from our General Fund to pay-off the lease/purchase of our Administration Building purchased in 2020. We also increased our staffing in the Fire Prevention Division by adding a full-time Fire Inspector.

For 2022, PFPD will continue to provide the best possible service to the community by our continued commitment to transparency and prudent financial

management.

We are currently researching the possibility of expanding our Station 4 located on the east end of town on HWY 160 to accommodate 2 additional apparatus and provide living quarters for Volunteer staffing and the possibility of a fully staffed station in the upcoming years.

With the issues of 2020 and 2021, our Public Education Program took a big hit as we were not able to get out into the public as much as we would like. For 2022, we plan on providing upgrades and updates to our programs and bring them back out into the community. We will do so with our current personnel and the possibility of adding a part-time position dedicated to Public Education and the involvement of more of our Volunteers. Educating the public on the latest information to prevent fire and to keep them safe in the event of a fire will remain a top priority.

On the Training side we plan to do more advanced training at our new facility and to also bring in a couple of renowned speakers in the Fire Service world to provide an outside perspective on our operations.

Our biggest goal is for all PFPD members and the Pagosa Community to have a happy and healthy 2022.



## Archuleta County Combined Dispatch

Kati Harr, Emergency Communications Director

The past year was both exciting and challenging for the Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Center and our Dispatchers. I continue to be inspired by the Dispatch team's dedication and am looking forward to our continued evolution in 2022!

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

1. We succeeded in moving our entire facility with no interruption to critical services. This was a complicated endeavor involving major operational changes for our staff, not to mention multiple shifts spent dispatching out of our back-up center. Our new location is safe and secure and our new equipment allows us to provide an increased level of service to our community and user agencies.

2. The Archuleta Board of County Commissioners formally declared the ACCDC as an agency of emergency and first responders. This classification supports the federal and statewide movements to accurately update 911 dispatchers' occupational classification in order to recognize the critical role Dispatch plays in public safety and the specialized skills required. Reclassification

would also afford 911 agencies access to the resources and funding available to other protective services occupations.

3. We completed our certification for the APCO Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) protocols. These protocols provide Dispatchers with the tools they need to provide medically effective pre-arrival instructions to callers prior to first responder arrival. Our team provided life-saving, successful bystander CPR instructions on two cardiac arrest calls this year. We answered calls for, dispatched, and provided pre-arrival instructions to a total of 854 medical emergencies between May and December of 2021, including: 95 vehicle accidents with injuries, 9 cardiac arrests, and 67 traumatic incidents.

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

1. Operationally, the focus for 2022 will be improving our radio communications to provide our field units with the highest level of safety and support.

2. Organizationally, I will pursue solutions for increased redundancy for the telecommunications systems in Archuleta County. This is to ensure County residents have stable and secure communication channels, especially during times of crisis or emergency.

3. Culturally, we will build our shared Vision and Values for the center and work as a team to embody them.

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

1. Continued formalization of policy, protocol, and procedures to ensure consistency and competency in all radio communications.

2. Prioritizing collaboration with stakeholders to strategize realistic solutions to local communication redundancy issues.

3. Engagement in a collective process to identify shared Vision and Values and construct a roadmap towards expanding and deepening our positive, vibrant work culture.

I would like to close with gratitude. Thank you to the Dispatch Executive Management Board, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners, our user agencies, and the community for their continued support of the Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Center. Thank you to the ACCDC Dispatchers who work so tirelessly to provide emergency services communications 24/7 – always here, always ready. You are an amazing team and it is an honor to work with you!



## Archuleta School District 50 Jt.

Bob Lynch, President of the Board of Education

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

The main accomplishment for all of 2021 was the heroic ability of our students, teachers, administrators, and parents to keep schools open and students in school most of the school days. Since the start of the new school year in September, school has been primarily in-person with only a few days of remote learning.

The Administrative Leadership Team has worked collaboratively on a new strategic plan. The board has reviewed drafts of major sections of the plan and has been pleased with the vision, the guiding principles, the data-based foundation, and the actionable elements of the plan.

The financial health of the district continues to be a strength everyone should be aware of. The entire district does a great job of planning, budgeting, and spending within limits. While we have a solid financial foundation, everyone associated with schools knows that funding is not where it should be, and we will continue every effort to close this gap. Teacher salaries were increased via a mill levy override a few years ago, but ongoing budget cuts from the state prevent salaries from being where they should be given the profound role teachers play in our community.

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

In the first quarter of 2022 the Board will review the Strategic Plan in detail, offer ideas for inclusion and

then adopt the plan. With the departure of our Superintendent, we will quickly work to fill this void so that the strategic plan can be implemented on schedule. Laura Mijares, our current Assistant Superintendent, has been named the finalist for interim superintendent, with a final decision on this status at our next regular meeting on Feb 8. The board will seek to maintain stability in the district by supporting the administrative team that has done such an incredible job maintaining the quality of the Archuleta School District educational experience.

I think 2022 will be an especially important year for the Board to re-connect with students. Due to the challenges of the pandemic, school visits have not occurred and opportunities to listen to students have been quite limited. We need to make it a priority, as conditions allow, to visit our schools, talk with teachers and listen to students.

The Board will begin formulating a plan to help solve the workforce housing challenge in Archuleta County. The district has worked hard on increasing teacher salaries in the past three years, but a problem we have in attracting and retaining teachers is the cost of housing. Highly qualified applicants have accepted jobs with the district only to find housing so unaffordable that they could not move here. The district needs to put our heads together, marshal our resources and creative ideas, and be part of the solution to this growing problem.

San Juan Mountain school has been an enormous success, and with success has come numbers. This al-

ternative school, on the campus of our High School, has occupied their new building for less than one year and already the school needs to expand to accommodate students who want to attend this school. We need to figure out how to expand this offering.

As mentioned above, the Board must always push the state of Colorado to fund schools equal to the statutorily established per-pupil funding formula. The state has been underfunding schools for many years and it will be up to all of us to send the message to our legislators that the time to stop short-changing schools has come.

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

After finalizing the Interim Superintendent position in February, the board will begin formulating a plan for filling this position permanently.

The Strategic Plan will be on the Board agenda each month until it is reviewed, modified, and adopted by the board. This will occur in the first quarter of 2022. Visits to our schools and connection to students will be scheduled as early as possible as the pandemic restrictions ease.

The other goals will need to have action plans developed as the year progresses. Each item will be the topic of a work/learning session for the board and ideas for action will be developed and codified. The first work session on workforce housing will likely be at the February board meeting.

# Letters



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which party you can vote for in the general election.

Brenda Freeburn Gunnison

## Short-term rental fee

Dear Editor:

It is interesting how a few well-meaning Liberal folks can decide to take it upon themselves to use local government entities to tax a small segment of the population without asking the populations as a whole whether that is right or not. This sounds like taxation without representation and 1775 all over again. The proposal to add a "fee" to short term rentals, is a tax, no matter what you want to call it. This extra fee is a short-sighted knee jerk attempt to supposedly create more affordable housing within the Town limits. If you want to create affordable housing, use your own money and build your utopian workers village. Don't use the local government to steal from We the People, who have acquired private property on our own.

This has a very fishy smell to me. Taxes under the US Constitution are supposed to be indirect. This is a form of direct taxation. I guess some people believe it is OK, to directly tax a private property owner, especially if we do not like what they do. All rental properties are a commercial operation and should be taxed commercially, not just hotels and short-term rentals. I personally do not like those homes have been turned into hotels. I am a strong advocate for private property rights, as it is a foundational principle unique to the U.S. If you read and understand the founding documents of Colorado, you will find, we are supposed to be freeholders on the land.

Most people do not understand that the local government entities are just sub-divisions of the State of Colorado corporation. Which in turn, is a sub-division of the United States of America corporation created in 1871. Have you ever wondered why the Archuleta County government was not responsive to We the People? It's because they answer to the State of Colorado and the Colorado Supreme Court, not We the People. The amount of money siphoned off from private property by the state and federal government is phenomenal. If all property tax collected in Archuleta County, stayed in Archuleta County, we could have paved all our roads a long time ago. It is a crime, the way our government has been converted from a Republic, into a Socialist Democracy over the last 162 years. This Short-Term Rental fee being proposed by a small segment of our community is just another example of the Communization of America. All taxation is theft by government authority. Why would any locals want to help steal from each other to fund their pet projects, that they cannot afford to

pay for privately?

Stop over taxation now.

Greg Giehl

## Citizen initiative

Dear Editor:

In the 1/20/22 Sun, an article noted a ballot initiative by citizens of Pagosa Springs proposing a \$150 monthly assessment for each bedroom of a short-term rental (STR). For a three bedroom STR that would amount to \$5400 a year in extra costs. Many STR owners may not be able to afford this tremendous increase and may choose to sell their property into our very hot real estate market.

Once sold, of course, these properties would not be allowed to become STRs for two years.

Thus, if this initiative succeeds, there is the strong possibility that many STRs will no longer be available.

Should this occur, there would be some unpleasant consequences with one being a reduction in the number of STRs paying the Archuleta County 4% lodging tax and the annual \$700 STR rental certification. If one assumes even a small 15% reduction in the number of STRs, the loss of revenue to the county will be significant.

Another consequence would be a drop in tourism as people would have fewer places to stay in Pagosa. A drop in tourism naturally means fewer job opportunities and less income for Pagosa's businesses. Do the people of Pagosa Springs really want to pass something that could do this much harm to the city and the county?

Charles Newton Highlands Ranch

## 'Unfair public policy'

Dear Editor:

Full disclosure: I am a member of the Pagosa Springs Town Council, but my comments here are strictly my personal views as Citizen Posey. I am not authorized to, nor do I speak for the Town Council or the Town government.

I like small, effective government and good democracy with a passion. Democracy seems to be failing at the national level, which motivates me to "do democracy" here in our small town.

That's why I spend 20 hours a week or more while holding down a full-time job—mainly talking to citizens, researching issues, and thinking about ideas to address our problems. It's rewarding but exhausting work.

I'm writing to urge—plead with, really—town voters to reject (vote NO to) the Town Charter amendment that will be on our ballot in the April election.

Why? I have many reasons why it's a very bad, no-good idea.

But first, there are two elements I like: 1. The town needs a dedicated income stream to address our workforce housing shortage and the economic crisis it's caus-

ing, and 2. I feel short-term rental properties should pay commercial property tax rates like bed-and-breakfast and hotel/motel properties (that's a state issue, not a town issue).

This proposed amendment is not the way to accomplish those things.

My top three reasons to oppose this amendment are 1. It was written in a private room without public input and without the advice of a competent municipal attorney. We'll conceivably spend more of your taxpayer money on legal fees and penalties due to the amateurish way it's written and the lawsuits it will attract than we will on workforce housing. 2. The amendment has no sunset clause. It's a permanent expansion of government. 3. It places the entire tax burden on about a tenth of the businesses in town. This is a communitywide problem that includes the county. Placing the entire burden on such a few small businesses in town is very bad and unfair public policy.

If you want to know more of my reasons to oppose this permanent change to our Town Constitution, our Town Charter, let me know. I'm happy to speak to any group or citizen to hear your views and explain mine if you're interested.

Send an email to my private Citizen Posey email address at [jeff@jeffposey.net](mailto:jeff@jeffposey.net). We can do a walk-and-talk along the river walk (my favorite) or any other way you prefer.

The only citizens I will not speak with are those who have or are likely to cause legal action against the Town.

Thank you.

P.S. If you're a citizen of Pagosa County, sign up for my Citizen Posey video and email commentary about local government: [http://eepurl.com/hRy\\_I9](http://eepurl.com/hRy_I9)

Jeff Posey

## No thanks

Dear Editor:

Re 'Thank You' (Letters to the Editor [Jan. 27,2022]), Ronnie Urbanczyk says "thanks" to Pagosa Springs for—apparently—allowing him/her to despoil pristine mountain forest land. The Urbanczyks intend to turn Dutton Creek Ranch into a commercial gravel pit. As far as I know, no such official grant has happened.

What has happened, however, are neighborhood groups ([www.stoptherocks.com](http://www.stoptherocks.com); Nextdoor) gathering to stop Ronnie's money-motivated plans.

Ronnie says he/she "fell in love with the area and the people in this community," and that the pit comes out of philanthropic aspirations, "committed to supporting the needs of this community." But let's be honest, how is creating a commercial gravel pit in scenic forest land a gift from a "philanthropist", as Ronnie calls himself/herself?

Neighbors opposing the pit offer numerous reasons to stop the proj-

ect. They cite major environmental impacts such as air pollution from trucks and a cement plant, industrial noise pollution, water pollution in Hatcher Lake and downstream creeks, roadkill (deer, elk, bear, turkey, fox and smaller critters), and increased commercial traffic.

Opposing neighbors also cite loss of property values to surrounding communities. Urbanczyk suggests the pit will decrease building costs for a growing Pagosa. But what will property owners pay? Gravel costs aren't the only high costs for living here.

Neighbors do not oppose a gravel pit in Pagosa, but they ask, why disfigure, and blight our beloved forest? Archuleta County consists of close to 900,000 acres; surely, we can find a location that better suits such a destructive enterprise.

Hank Slikker

## 'Trends in income'

Dear Editor:

While listening to the news a couple of weeks ago, I heard a reference to a Rand Corporation Paper that was published last fall regarding the trends in income in the United States from 1975 and 2018. What made me sit up and pay attention was the conclusion that during that time period, \$50 trillion was redistributed from the bottom 90% of Americans to the top 1%. That's 50 trillion with a T. To arrive at these figures, Rand began with the three post world war decades where incomes in America grew equally across all income levels and extrapolated what incomes at all levels would be had wealth distribution continued as during those decades.

We've all heard about growing income inequality over the years, usually reported in abstract economic terms, but this dollar amount is pretty startling. Especially in the context of ever increasing cries of alarm from certain quarters about the dangers of communism; the big fear being that the government would enact policies that would redistribute wealth. Ironically, it is government that has been instrumental in the redistribution

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# Obituaries

## James H. Askins

Jim Askins, 76, of Pagosa Springs, Colo., passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2021. Jim was born July 14, 1945, the son of H. Harry and Lillian Andrews Askins in Houston, Texas. Jim is survived by his wife, Julie; by his daughters, Kimberly Ely, of Albuquerque, N.M., and Jennifer Park and husband Jeb, of Thornton, Colo.; five granddaughters: Lillie and Katie Ely, Breanna Ely Payne, and Kaylee and Abby Park. Jim is also survived by his most faithful sidekick and lifelong friend, Robbie Boswell, of Granite Shoals, Texas. Jim was a real estate broker and a mortgage broker in Albuquerque, where he met Julie. In 2000, Jim and Julie moved to Pagosa Springs, Colo., where he opened Fairway Mortgage. In 2006, Jim and Julie moved down to Ripple Valley Ranch, a property outside of Pagosa Springs that had been in his family since the late 1960s. In 2009, Jim retired and sold the ranch, but continued to live there and work with the new owner. Jim reinvented himself for the last time and learned and continued to learn all about irrigation and planting crops. He was involved in the day-to-day operations of the ranch, until his death. He was most happy and at peace on his Kubota tractor.



To sign a guest book, leave a photo or a memory, go to: <http://www.tributes.com/obituary/read/Jim-Askins-108535486>.

## Rosalie Mae Boughan

Rosalie Mae Boughan passed away peacefully on Jan. 14 at home. Mae, as she was known to most people, was born July 26, 1934, in Hesperus, Colo., to William Albert and Maria Angelina Conner. She was the oldest of 10 children.



Mae married Raymond Boughan in Aztec, N.M., on Feb. 7, 1952. Ray preceded her in death on April 12, 2021. They had literally known each other her whole life, having grown up in the same area.

Mae sold Avon for many years and was quite proud to have been selected as a President's Club member for outstanding sales for over 50 years. Many local families purchased their bath and body and cosmetic products from Mae in the days before we had many stores

in Pagosa Springs. Mae and Ray both enjoyed riding horseback and worked hard to raise their family. Mae worked as a mail carrier from the Pagosa Springs post office to Arboles via Pagosa Junction in a two-wheel drive car. After a couple of years, she was able to purchase a four-wheel drive that she used on this route for a few more years. She owned The Feed Store, a gift and T-shirt shop in Pagosa Springs, for a number of years before selling it and semi-retiring.

Mae is survived by her children, Donna Boughan, Janet and David Hartman, and Rhonda and Donnie McClure. She is also survived by four grandchildren, Sara Laney, Sandra McKibben, Randy Proctor and Tyler Smith, as well as many great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. She is survived by her sisters, Blanche Valencia, Mary Louise (Buddy) Gray, Patti (Bill) Willis and her brother, Don (Karma) Conner. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews and their families.

Mae was preceded in death by her parents, one son who died at birth and sisters Mercedes McReynolds, Alberta Smith; brothers George Conner, Bob Conner, Lyle Conner; as well as brothers-in-law Fred Valencia and Denver Smith.

Services will be held at a later date.

## Myrtis Marilyn Brett Otteman

Myrtis Marilyn Brett Otteman, 83, of Harlingen, Texas, loving daughter, wife, mother and teacher, went to be with the Lord on Monday, Jan. 17. Marilyn was born Jan. 23, 1938, in Temple, Texas, to James Laurence Brett and Myrtis Corley Brett. She spent her childhood and young adult life growing up in Highland Park in Dallas, Texas. She graduated from Ursuline Academy in May of 1955. Upon graduating from high school, Marilyn attended St. Thomas University in Houston, Texas, for a semester until she traveled to Colorado for a ski trip. Marilyn fell in love with the mountains and the majesty of the views of Colorado and made the bold decision to leave Texas and enroll in the University of Colorado in Boulder. Marilyn graduated from University of Colorado Boulder with a bachelor of arts degree in political science.



She met the love of her life, DeWayne Gerald Otteman, on a blind date while attending college and eloped with him after only eight days. They were married in March and later celebrated the solemnity of their marriage on April 13, 1958.

In 1959, Marilyn and DeWayne moved from Boulder, Colo., to begin a new life in the Rio Grande Valley, living at the homestead of what is now known as Rancho Viejo, where they worked with Marilyn's father, J.L. Brett, in his Cotton company and the House of MoRose Gift Citrus Company.

While raising five children, she became an English teacher. Marilyn was a loving mother who knew her children were her most prized students. She spent every summer taking her five children to the public library to check out the maximum number of books each week to foster the joy of reading and to help them imagine a world bigger than their life experience. Aside from setting boundaries, creating cultural excursions involving ballet, music, sports and art, Marilyn was a devoted wife and homemaker.

Her career teaching English literature spanned over 30 years, and it was truly her passion in life. Marilyn began teaching at Vernon Junior High School until transferring to Harlingen High School. She believed that helping her students master the English language while helping them nurture a love of literature was her personal calling. She spent many evenings working on her lesson plans, reaching out to students and parents, and making sure they had the resources and information they needed to garner academic success, even if it meant encroaching on her personal time at home. She always surpassed expectations to help students grow and volunteered for coaching speech teams and chaperoning students on educational trips to Europe. Marilyn made sure her students learned not only about the art and history of the country they were visiting, but understood the foreign policies in relationship to the United States as well. She was well versed in history and foreign policy, and could argue any political view. Marilyn had a high regard for the world view of Henry Kissinger. She sided with his take on foreign policy for the remaining years of her life.

Marilyn had a passion not only for teaching but for learning as well. During her career as an English teacher, she went back to college and received her master's degree in English, writing her thesis on The Gifted Child. She was also always willing to enter into conversations about her Catholic faith and how the Bible was the first piece of literature to study.

Marilyn moved from teacher to scholar. She collaborated on an English literature textbook for college students that was published and used at a number of colleges. Marilyn also taught courses at the collegiate level. While pursuing her career in academics, Marilyn decided to help the family real

estate business and received her real estate license as an agent and broker in 1986. Aside from wife, mother, teacher, scholar and real estate broker, she was a dynamic and glamorous woman who never stopped learning and trying new things. When the high school asked some of the teachers to trade places with the cheerleaders at a football game, Marilyn took it upon herself to be the best cheerleader and began many years of doing cartwheels into splits as part of the best teacher cheer squad. Marilyn was a loyal fan of the Harlingen Cardinals, and a lifelong fan of the Dallas Cowboys. She hosted fabulous parties, played mah-jongg, bridge and bingo, designed and sewed clothes for her children, and cooked the most delicious food for everyday dinners, all while managing to present an impeccable presence of beauty and decorum. Marilyn never met a stranger (a skill she taught each of her five children) and once she set her sight on something, she never backed down. She succeeded at everything she tried and usually became a master at each new endeavor.

Marilyn took on a project to update her children's rooms and could not find the paintings she wanted, so in perfect Marilyn fashion, she learned to paint and created the paintings on her own. Her paintings were beautiful, especially her Colorado mountain vistas. Marilyn made a decision to own a property in Colorado, and watched a particular property as it listed for sale and sold multiple times. When it went up for sale a third time, Marilyn was able to purchase the property and build a wonderful second home in Colorado where she could enjoy the mountains she fell in love with years before.

Marilyn was very active in numerous organizations. She was a member and past president of the American Association of University Women. She was a member of the Texas Association of Realtors, and the National Association of Realtors. She was a member of many guilds, church and school organizations and active in Cotillion. Her family history in Natchitoches, La., runs deep and she was a member of the Lady Washington Chapter of the Daughters of The American Revolution.

She was also a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Harlingen, Texas, where all of her children attended school, and Immaculate Heart of Mary and Pope John Paul II Catholic Church in Pagosa Springs, Colo. Marilyn's faith was foremost in her life and she helped guide her children in their faith as well. She was a lector in all three churches and always attributed her class room gifts to gifts from the Holy Spirit.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents, J.L. Brett and Myrtis Corley Brett; her husband DeWayne G. Otteman; and her daughter, Valerie Lynn Clark. She is survived by her sister, Janice Laurie Brett Ritchie, and her husband A.E. "Butch" Ritchie Jr.; her

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## Letters

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of wealth, but instead of making wealth more equally shared, as would be the ostensible goal via communism, it has implemented policies that result in the transfer of wealth away from the lower economic levels upward to the 1%.

Neoliberalism is the uber-capitalist ideology popularized in the mid 1970's and it posits competition as the defining characteristic of human relations. Citizens are defined as consumers whose democratic choices are exercised by buying and selling and the market will deliver greater benefits than government planning. Other tenets of neoliberalism include: tax breaks for billionaires; deregulation of the financial industry; mergers and

acquisitions of corporations resulting in monopolies; erosion of the minimum wage and the bargaining power of labor; foreign trade pacts that give private corporations power over domestic government policies; privatization of public services such as water, energy, health, education, roads and prisons. All of this and more gives us what has been called the trickle-down economy. Am I the only one who thinks that that name is some kind of inside joke? Hardly a joke — 50 years of this policy and we have a new Gilded Age of extreme economic inequality. Indeed, the Rand Paper states that even at the 95th percentile, there were losses in income compared to their extrapolation.

Here are links to two informative

online articles: <https://time.com/5888024/50-trillion-income-inequality-america/> and <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2016/apr/15/neoliberalism-ideology-problem-george-monbiot>

Both political parties embraced this ideological fad. As it turns out, the market only wants one thing from us — buy more stuff. It doesn't seem to care about extreme inequality or the degradation of our planet that consumerism has wrought. As citizens, it's time we accept our responsibilities, take a buying break and pay attention to what our elected representatives are doing and why. They need our (civil) feedback, our votes, and some good ideas.

Lee Stopher

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# PAWSD board to vote on TABOR ballot resolution

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

At its next regular meeting, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors will be voting on a new Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR) ballot resolution, which, if approved by voters, will allow the district to receive an unrestricted amount in grant funding, according to District Manager Justin Ramsey.

Ramsey explained in an interview that under TABOR, the district

is limited to the amount of grant money it can receive, which is a percentage based on the district's annual budget. He estimated that to be at 10 percent.

"The only thing it changes is our availability to receive grants," he added. "It will have zero effect on mill levies."

He explained that the resolution would remove any restriction on grant funding, according to District Manager Justin Ramsey.

The TABOR amendment was initially approved by Colorado vot-

ers in 1992 and limits the amount of revenue governments in the state can spend and retain.

PAWSD voters approved a ballot issue on May 3, 2016, subjecting the district to TABOR laws.

If the board votes to approve the ballot issue, district voters will be able to vote on the issue during the district's regular election slated for May 3.

Ramsey and PAWSD Board Chairman Jim Smith touched on TABOR and upcoming district expenditures for The SUN's "Goals & Accomplishments," with SUN staff asking representatives from publicly funded agencies in Archuleta County to individually to answer a trio of questions relating to goals and accomplishments of themselves and their agencies over the past year.

In the Jan. 27 edition of The SUN, Ramsey's responses were published, in which he states, "In 2016 PAWSD on behalf of PAWSD clients re-established TABOR which limits mill levy increases to property owners. An unintended consequence of this was it also limits PAWSD's ability to acquire state grant funding."

Smith indicates in his responses, also published in the Jan. 27 edition of The SUN, that the district's Water Enterprise Fund is expected to have an increase in expenditures of 31 percent in 2022.

Smith also notes that engineering costs for rebuilding the Snowball water plant, new state and federal mandates, along with inflation and costs of materials will cause expenditures to rise.

Ramsey indicates in his response that the Snowball water

plant will be rebuilt and up and running in 2024.

Smith also notes in his response that the district's Wastewater Enterprise Fund is projected to increase by 29 percent, also due to state and federal regulations.

"Due to some state and federally mandated regulations PAWSD will need to spend several million dollars on capital improvements. To take advantage of some of the current grant opportunities PAWSD will be asking voters to rescind a portion of the TABOR requirements," Ramsey wrote.

He also explains that the district will hold in place the property tax limitations but ask to rescind the limitations on grants.

"By removing the grant limitations it will enable PAWSD to apply and receive grants thus allowing us to meet our regulatory requirements with minimal rate increases," Ramsey wrote.

Additionally, Ramsey notes under his action plan to meet his goals that, "PAWSD will ask the voters in 2022 to rescind a portion of TABOR to allow PAWSD to apply and receive unlimited grants to aid in the costs of the capital improvements being required by state and federal regulations."

The next regular PAWSD board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 10, at 5 p.m.

The meeting will be held both in person at the district office located at 100 Lyn Ave. and virtually via Zoom.

Login information for the meeting can be found online at: <https://www.pawsd.org/district-business/public-meetings/>.

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Photo courtesy Veronica Medina

Marilyn Harris, of Pagosa Springs, has been elected as secretary of the National Federation of Republican Women in Washington, D.C., for 2022-2023. In the 84-year history of the organization, only five other people have been elected to represent Colorado as an elected officer. Harris is the past president of the State of Colorado Federation of Republican Women and winner of the Colorado Republican Hall of Fame award. She is currently the county chairperson of the Archuleta County Republican Central Committee.

## Obituaries

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children, Elizabeth Ann Otteman, of Mabank, Texas, Stephen Brett Otteman and his fiancée Kathy Nash, of Galveston, Texas, Marilyn Aylene Griffin and her husband Michael John Griffin III, of Houston, Texas, and Myrtis Margaret Loudermilk and her husband Ruben D. Acuavera II, of San Angelo, Texas; her grandchildren, Kellie Michele Otteman, Kenyon Brett Otteman and his wife Sandy, Erik Gordon Otteman, John Bradley Clark and his wife Chelsea, Juliet Nichole Clark, Georgiana Brett Clark, Francine Elizabeth Clark, Michael John Griffin IV, Matthew Laurence Griffin, Mackenzie Grace Griffin, Marilyn Brett Griffin, DeWayne Ramsey Loudermilk and his wife Emily and Myrtis Haley Loudermilk; her great-grandchildren, Ella Faye Otteman, Abigail Grace Otteman, Weston Lane Otteman, Landyn Scott, Lincoln Brett and Luna Rose Clark; and numerous other cousins, family members and close friends she considered family.

The viewing and rosary service was at noon Friday, Jan. 28, at Blanchard St. Denis Funeral Home in Natchitoches, La. The funeral Mass was at 1 p.m., Friday, Jan. 28, at The Minor Basilica of The Immaculate Conception in Natchitoches, La., with burial following at the Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to

Ursuline Academy in Dallas, Texas, St. Anthony's Catholic School in Harlingen, Texas, Immaculate Heart of Mary in Pagosa Springs, Colo., or The Minor Basilica of The Immaculate Conception in Natchitoches, La.

### Vicky S. Rudock

Aug. 9, 1960-Jan. 20  
Born in Indiana, Vicky moved to Colorado while in high school. She was the definition of a true Pagosan, and a fine example of a hardy woman. From her years as deputy treasurer for the county, to her personal life, she was a woman that many called "Mom." Co-workers, friends and neighborhood children came to her for motherly advice and care. She was stubborn, hard-headed and strong-willed, and she lived life in her own manner. Life may have made her that way; perhaps that is the way she made life.

She raised two fine children, Jeremiah and Randell, who are making her proud every day. She has two devoted grandchildren, who carry her memory and are the living embodiment of her tenacious spirit.



Vicky's spirit and indomitable personality will surely reverberate for generations to come. Whenever a mother is needed, or comfort sought, her light will shine through. Be it a smile or a hug, a smack in the head or a kick in the pants: what Vicky gave was what was needed, nothing more, nothing less.

Vicky is preceded in death by her parents, Joe Truman Netherton and Callie Netherton, and her sister, Tanya Jo Queen. She is survived by

her husband, Randall Rudock; her brother, Joe T. Netherton (Tracy); her children, Jeremiah Netherton (Jenna) and Randell Rudock; grandchildren Annabeth and Abraham Netherton; and many loving nieces and nephews.

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# Offer

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and being able to live here and work here," he said.

Hart explained that he has lost employees for his businesses due to the lack of affordable housing options, noting that residents have had trouble finding places to rent priced at \$1,500 or less, and are unable to purchase a home for less than \$400,000.

Hart's bid notes that the affordable housing units would be aimed at households earning less than or equal to 100 percent of the area median income.

Hart also mentioned that tour-

ism is important to the local economy and with that, there is a community need to provide for the people who are employees of the tourism industry.

"It's a vital part for our economy," he added.

According to the bid submitted by Hart to the county, he is offering to pay \$380,000 for the property.

Hart also spoke about a piece of property that he owns in the Harman Park area, noting that it is within walking distance from the other county facilities in the area.

He also made a separate offer of \$320,000 plus the 1.59-acre prop-

erty in Harman Park for the courthouse property downtown.

"If you need that space, I'd be willing to give that as part of my purchase price," he added.

According to Hart's bid, in either offer, he would pay the commission fees on the sale.

Additionally, the county would be able to continue to occupy and use the office space it is currently using in the courthouse for up to five years free of rent. The county would be responsible for paying operating costs, such as utilities.

The bid also notes that after five years, the county would be able to

lease the current office space at a rate of \$18 per square foot per year with a 3 percent annual increase.

According to the bid, Hart is requesting that the county provide fee waivers for any associated dumping costs for remodeling of any current building space and all county property taxes for a period of five years from the closing of sale.

Hart indicated later during the work session that the remodeling process would consist of four phases with an estimated time line of two to three years.

"It's nice that there's an offer of some alternative land there too," Commissioner Ronnie Maez said.

## Other offers

So far the BoCC has heard four presentations from parties interested in the downtown courthouse site, and is scheduled to hear another offer presentation next week during its work session scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 8, at 8:30 a.m. at 398 Lewis St.

On Jan. 11, the BoCC heard an offer presentation from David Lo-

eser and James Scholl.

Loeser and Scholl are offering \$1.2 million for the property, and would allow the county to lease back the building for at least two years.

Scholl explained on Jan. 11 that depending on when a deal could be closed, the county would net a profit of anywhere from \$200,000 to \$350,000.

On Jan. 18, the BoCC heard two more offer presentations for the courthouse: one from David Dronet with Olympus Real Estate Holdings and one from Ronnie Urbanczyk.

Dronet indicated that his current offer is to "simply lease the building" to generate lease income for the county.

According to the summary of the offer referenced during the meeting, Olympus would lease the vacant portions of the building for \$5,000 per month for a length of up to five years.

Olympus would also pay a cash price of \$250,000 to purchase the building from the county once the

lease is up.

The offer made by Urbanczyk, also presented during the Jan. 18 work session, includes \$250,000 up front in cash for the right to acquire the courthouse, and an additional \$50,000 to the county as a move-in bonus upon the commencement of occupancy in a new location.

In an email to The SUN, County Manager Derek Woodman indicated that Urbanczyk has also offered an additional \$50,000 to the county for the engineering study the county completed on the old courthouse building.

During the Feb. 1 work session, Maez suggested the possibility of the county only selling part of the courthouse building.

County Attorney Todd Weaver mentioned that the county would need to look into potentially dividing the parcel in which the building sits on in order to do so.

"Just throwing stuff at the wall," Maez said, explaining that the county needs to consider all of its options.

# Judgeship

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Barbara Stauch, of Denver; and Reid Stewart, of Hesperus.

"The rules of procedure for the Sixth Judicial District Nominating Commission require that the names of all applicants be made public when the application period is closed. The application period has now passed and public comment on the qualifications of the applicants is invited. Comments may be directed to any member of the Commission, with a copy to the ex officio chair, Justice Carlos A," the press release states.

In an email to The SUN, Cham-

pagne explained that if he were to be selected for the judgeship, the governor would select the next DA to fill his vacancy.

"Fortunately, our DA's office is full of strong and capable leaders, and I believe the Governor would easily find a great DA from among our team," Champagne wrote, explaining that he would look forward to the opportunity to serve the community in a new way.

"I am driven by the desire to serve my community, and if I am lucky enough to be selected for this judgeship, I would look forward to the opportunity to serve my community in

a new way," he wrote.

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- clayton@pagosahun.com

# Snow

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11,000 feet of elevation, had 24.1 inches of snow water equivalent as of 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 2.

That amount is 125 percent of that date's median snow water equivalent.

The San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan river basins were at 103 percent of the Feb. 2 median in terms of snowpack.

## Weather outlook

According to the NWS, today, Thursday, Feb. 3, temperatures in Pagosa Springs are forecasted to reach a high of 24 degrees with partly sunny skies. The forecasted low is negative 4 degrees.

On Friday, Feb. 4, the forecasted high is 36 degrees with sunny skies and the forecasted low is 1 degree with mostly clear skies at night.

On Saturday, Feb. 5, temperatures are forecasted to reach a high of 40 degrees with sunny skies throughout the day. The forecasted low is 3 degrees with mostly clear skies at night.

On Sunday, Feb. 6, the forecasted high is 40 degrees with mostly clear skies during the day and the forecasted low is 5 degrees with mostly clear skies at night.

Additional detailed weather reports and forecasts can be found online at: <https://pagosaweather.org/>.

## Avalanche conditions

According to the Colorado Avalanche Information Center (CAIC) website, the southern San Juan range, including Wolf Creek Pass, was rated "moderate" in terms of avalanche danger.

"Areas around Wolf Creek Pass

and to the south picked up about a foot of new snow, with more on the way. Anticipate the new load to be reactive on top of various weak layers below. The possibility to trigger a large and dangerous avalanche exists at present and will continue. Avoid traveling underneath steep overhead terrain above you and consider lower angled slopes less than 35 degrees for safer traveling options today," the website states.

CAIC uses a scale of 1 through 5 to assess avalanche danger in regions around the state, with moderate being level 2.

Always check avalanche and weather conditions before going out to recreate in the mountains.

Additional avalanche information can be found online at: <https://avalanche.state.co.us>.

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# Voters

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states that "proceedings to amend the Charter may be initiated by the filing of a petition meeting the requirements of the Colorado Revised Statutes ... submitting the proposed amendments to a vote of the registered electors of the Town."

At the Jan. 20 meeting, Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained that the vote of the board was procedural.

"The purpose of this ordinance is really procedural in nature, that is to essentially pass an ordinance that recognizes that the citizens that brought this forward had enough signatures to put this on the ballot Phillips said, adding, "This is a question that will be referred to the voters."

The ordinance was passed by a unanimous vote of the council.

Following the vote, Mayor Don Volger said, "I am going to make a comment. This is going to be on the

ballot before the voters of the Town of Pagosa Springs. They will make the decision. We will not.

"If the decision is made, and this passes, then we will have to go ahead and figure out the best way to put it into effect and a lot of those details will be worked out.

"I want to also say that there were members of the council, including myself, who are opposed to having this on the ballot because it's so complex.

"Town council has talked about this and has dealt with workforce housing as a high priority for the last two or three years at least, and we've made significant progress.

"So, just because some of the council members may be against this particular ordinance doesn't mean that the citizens can't voice their opinion. So, if you are for this ordinance, please vote for it. If you are against it, please vote against it. That's all I'll say, and we'll see what

you guys decide."

The town's official ballot will contain the following ballot title and question:

"TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS BALLOT QUESTION A:

"Shall the Town of Pagosa Springs Home Rule Charter be amended to initiate a workforce housing fee for short-term rentals amounting to at least \$150 per month for each permitted bedroom with all fees dedicated to creation and sustainability of workforce housing aimed at households earning less than or equal to 100% of Area Median Income, as set forth in Ordinance No. 974 (Series 2022)?"

The charter will be amended if a majority of the registered electors of the town vote in favor of the ballot question.

*Editor's note: For full disclosure, staff writer Terri House's sister, Shari Pierce, serves on the town council.*

# Public comments needed for East End plan

By James Dickhoff  
Town of Pagosa Springs

A multimodal transportation master plan is underway for Pagosa Springs' East End area, which extends between 1st Street to just east of the U.S. 160/84 intersection.

"Multimodal" emphasizes a variety of transportation modes including vehicles, cycling, walking, public parking and access to businesses and public spaces. The master plan's goal is to create a stronger connection between the East End to other areas of town, while providing a better functioning multimodal environment that supports access to businesses

and recreational opportunities as well as public parking for residents and visitors. The final master plan will identify improvements for all multimodal facilities within the East End area.

Public comments are now being sought through a virtual public open house at [www.MyPagosa.org](http://www.MyPagosa.org). The open house will allow participants to view previous comments and ideas received, allow for additional public comments and ideas, and encourages taking a public survey.

The East End multimodal master planning project is currently assessing the existing situation, identifying challenges, barriers, needs and col-

lecting ideas. Based on the public feedback, the town's consultant team will then put together some possible improvement scenario options for additional public review and comments expected in March.

The town is currently seeking public input and ideas on the East End existing conditions and barriers and challenges. Please visit [www.MyPagosa.org](http://www.MyPagosa.org) to participate in a virtual open house and provide your comments and ideas. The open house is now live through Feb. 14.

For more information or to contact town staff, call (970) 264-4151, ext. 225 or email [jdickhoff@pagosahun.com](mailto:jdickhoff@pagosahun.com).

# Graduation

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The document states "the State of Colorado enjoys one of the top five (5) economies in the nation, but during the last dozen years, salaries to educators and services to children have stagnated to a point prior to the pandemic that Colorado was ranked at the bottom of the nation in supporting students ..."

It adds later, "prior to the pandemic Colorado was experiencing a teacher shortage. This crisis had its greatest impact on rural communities, and communities of poverty where certified teacher salaries lag far behind Front Range salaries, and the cost of living in mountain communities has grown substantially..."

It further notes that expecting local districts to "backfill with local money has severely limited the effectiveness of education in those communities," with voters unlikely to pass a local tax compared to more affluent communities.

"... the Budget Stabilization factor has resulted in cuts that impact: 1 - Student mental health (Colorado ranks 6th in teen suicide), 2 - Achievement gaps that are amongst the highest in the country, and 3 - Student contact with education professionals (60% of Colorado districts are on a 4-day school week)," it reads.

The resolution further notes "with the pandemic, Colorado schools will require more revenue to open due to: 1 - over 100,000 students lacking adequate wi-fi and internet access, 2 - Catch-up learning created by gaps because of the lack of seat-time, and 3 - Mental health and social-emotional support resources," with the

pandemic accelerating the educator shortage, helping create a housing shortage for educators and prospective new hires, increasing the cost of living, increasing the cost of educating students, and widening the poverty gap and disparity between urban and rural districts.

The document resolves that the board "declares its commitment to advocate for the elimination of the Budget Stabilization factor by 2022."

## Meeting resolution

The board also approved its annual meeting resolution, which states that the regular monthly meetings of the board will be held on the second Tuesday of every month with the exception of July.

Meetings, it explains, will be held at 6 p.m. at a district facility that "will be designated within the agenda posting ..."

It further notes the public place for posting meeting notices will be: [www.boarddocs.com/co/asdco/Board.nsf](http://www.boarddocs.com/co/asdco/Board.nsf).

That website is also linked through the district's website, [www.mypagosaschools.com](http://www.mypagosaschools.com).

Additionally, the resolution notes a hard copy of the agenda will be available upon request during regular business hours at the District Administration Office, located at 309 Lewis St., "not less than 24 hours before commencement of each regular and special meeting of the Board if there is an exigent or emergency circumstance such as a power outage or an interruption in Internet service."

## Other business

In other business at the Jan. 11 meeting:

- The board heard public comment suggesting the district was not doing enough to recruit substitute teachers after Pagosa Springs Elementary School transitioned to remote learning for six days due to a shortage of staff.

LeBlanc-Esparza noted that, as of the day of the meeting, the district had received two applications since word of the sub shortage got out.

- Students from San Juan Mountain School showcased their river watch and robotics classes for the board.

- LeBlanc-Esparza noted as part of her report to the board that state Rep. Barbara McLachlan visited the district and discussed, among other things, affordable housing, with LeBlanc-Esparza reporting that McLachlan noted educators shouldn't need affordable housing.

- The board discussed holding a work session at 5 p.m. on Feb. 8 to discuss affordable housing, including what other organizations are doing, what other communities are doing and what ASD has to offer.

- LeBlanc-Esparza reviewed district strategic plan's mission, vision and priorities and discussed the intent for the board to discuss one priority each month for the remainder of the year.

- The board expressed a consensus to accept applications for a second student representative to serve on the board after a previous student resigned prior to taking her oath of office due to withdrawing from the school.

# Health

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three-year terms.

The terms are three years instead of four because, the resolution explains, Colorado statute "was amended to change election years to off-numbered years (after the 2022 election) and as such, the statute now mandates: 'The terms of office of the Directors elected in the regular special district elections held in 2020 and 2022 are for three years.'"

Those elected will begin serving on the board at the regular meeting

following the election, scheduled for May 24, the document indicates.

## How to become a candidate

The resolution explains that self-nomination and acceptance forms are available by emailing a request to [DEO@PSMedicalCenter.org](mailto:DEO@PSMedicalCenter.org) or downloading the form from the district's website, [www.pagosahun.com](http://www.pagosahun.com).

"All candidates must file a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form with the DEO no later than the close

of business (time: 4:30 p.m. MST) on Friday, February 25, 2022 by emailing said completed form to [DEO@PSMedicalCenter.org](mailto:DEO@PSMedicalCenter.org) or mailing said completed form to 95 S. Pagosa Blvd., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147," it states.

If, at the close of business on Feb. 28, the only matter before the district's electors is the directors and there are not more candidates than offices to be filled, the DEO will cancel the election and declare the candidates elected on March 1.

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# Ballot

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DeGuise and Gary Williams have petitioned and will appear on the ballot for these positions, according to the resolution and agenda documentation.

Mayor Don Volger will also see the end of his current term with this election. The town council has received one petition for a new mayoral

candidate from Shari Pierce, town council member, who will appear on the ballot. Sara Cole will be a write-in candidate.

The town council also approved the second reading of Ordinance 974, "Proposed Charter Amendment for Short Term Rental Fee for Workforce Housing," during its Tuesday night meeting.

The proposed amendment is the result of a citizen-led petition to impose a short-term rental fee of \$150 per month per bedroom for non-homeowner-occupied short term rentals within town limits.

It will appear as "Ballot Measure A" on this year's ballot.

For more information on the ballot issue, see related article.

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# Business

## LPEA to host town hall meeting on future power supply options before board vote in February

By **Hillary Knox**  
La Plata Electric Association

On Thursday, Feb. 10, at 6 p.m., La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) will host a virtual town hall meeting to update members on the most recent developments in the cooperative's future power supply negotiations.

This will be the last town hall meeting on the subject before the LPEA Board of Directors votes on a

path forward at its Feb. 16 meeting.

In August 2019, the LPEA board passed Resolution 2019-10, requesting that staff pursue multiple contract options with Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, which currently supplies LPEA with 95 percent of the electricity it delivers to its members in a contract running through 2050. These options include:

1. Amendments to LPEA's current contract to allow for more flexibility.

2. A partial exit from the contract.

3. A full exit from the contract. The resolution aimed to ensure that LPEA can power its communities with affordable, reliable, and low-carbon electricity.

After years of analysis and negotiations, LPEA and Tri-State will present the latest developments and data related to this process for member comments and then for board vote the week after.

The town hall meeting is open to

LPEA members, media and those closely affiliated with LPEA. Preregistration is required at: [https://us-02web.zoom.us/join/wn\\_y1Rk-ecLQEGPWZyN6eTr7A](https://us-02web.zoom.us/join/wn_y1Rk-ecLQEGPWZyN6eTr7A). If members cannot attend, they are still encouraged to register as LPEA will email the video recording and presentation slide deck to registrants post-event.

For more information on LPEA's power supply discussions, visit: <http://lpea.coop/powersupply>.

## Community conversation and community awards set for Feb. 9

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

On Wednesday, Feb. 9, the Chamber will host our annual meeting and community awards celebration. This year, the make-up of the meeting will be a little different. The event will be held at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association clubhouse beginning at 3 p.m., with a community conversation on two

important topics.

Simultaneous breakout sessions on workforce development and housing will be conducted, with a panel of presenters available in each session. In the housing session the Town of Pagosa Springs, Archuleta County, Archuleta Housing Authority, HomesFund and Habitat for Humanity will give updates of what each entity is doing to promote attainable housing.

There are many steps and pro-

grams that organizations are working on to help with the housing crisis. Come hear what is being done. There will also be a question-and-answer period. In the workforce development session, panelists include representatives from Pueblo Community College, Pagosa Springs High School, Archuleta School District and the Chamber with a Q-and-A period as well. These sessions are held to disseminate information and encourage ideas and possible next steps concerning these critical community issues.

Following the breakout sessions, we will convene for the community awards honoring Citizen, Volunteer, Small Business and Non-Profit of the Year winners and nominees. As a sneak peak, finalists for Small Business include Two Old Crows, Aspire Medical Services and First Southwest Bank, and for Non-Profit there is Habitat for Humanity, Vets for Vets and the Pagosa Nordic Club. Come and celebrate all the nominees and winners.

A reception will be held with delicious hors d'oeuvres and beverages. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. Tickets for the event are \$25 for Chamber members and \$35 for nonmembers and include the community conversation, break-

out sessions, reception and a drink ticket. Tickets can be purchased in advance at [www.pagosachamber.com](http://www.pagosachamber.com) or at the door. Make time and be a part of the conversation and solutions to important community issues.

### Career Day

Speaking of workforce development, the Chamber will again be partnering with the Pagosa Springs High School to host Career Day for all the students.

On Feb. 23, approximately 35 businesses, organizations and learning institutions will be at the high school to speak about various post-secondary, vocational and certified learning and job opportunities.

This special day would not be possible without the help of the school counselors and teachers that spend so much time organizing the students into appropriate categories. However, it would also not be possible without the engagement of our business community. Owners and managers from our community donate half of their day to go to the school and speak to students about their future in a variety of jobs, intern programs available now, and the educational or certification process

■ See Chamber A10

## Crushin' on CO social media competition announced

Downtown Colorado Inc.

Downtown Colorado Inc. (DCI) is pleased to announce our annual Valentine's Day social media competition. Crushin' on Colorado is a DCI photo contest where community members take photos showing the love to their downtowns. These photos can be serious, silly, funny — whatever shows the way you love on your downtown the best.

Upon reception, DCI will post the photos and whichever receives the most engagement wins a free registration to DCI's annual In The

Game Vibrant Downtown Event.

Participants can email their photos to [morgan@downtowncoloradoinc.org](mailto:morgan@downtowncoloradoinc.org) or post their photos to DCI's Facebook page while tagging us and using the hashtag "#CrushinonCO."

The competition kicks off Feb. 1 and ends Feb. 14. Submissions are due by Feb. 7. To submit a photo or ask any questions, please contact Morgan at [communications@downtowncoloradoinc.org](mailto:communications@downtowncoloradoinc.org).

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# County discusses waste management services in Chromo, engine brake ordinance

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

During a work session held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Tuesday, Jan. 25, the board heard from Operations Manager Matt Archuleta in regard to waste management services in the Chromo area.

Archuleta indicated that he received an email from a waste management company that serves a subdivision of approximately 40 homes in the area about reducing its service to just once a month.

He also indicated that company may soon be leaving the county in general.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez brought up the option of the county having a transfer station put in the Chromo area.

Commissioner Alvin Schaaf indicated the county used to have a transfer station in the area, "but it got to be pretty trashy and that's why they got rid of it," he said.

Schaaf also indicated that he has been approached by residents asking if there is a possibility of having a county transfer station put in.

"But, yeah, I think there is a need," he added.

Maez concurred with Schaaf, saying, "I don't want to get in competition with any of the waste management companies, but there is a need."

Maez also indicated that he has received calls from residents with concerns about the waste management company limiting service to just once a month.

"I think as it grows down there, we need to seriously think about

something again," he added.

Commissioner Warren Brown mentioned the waste management company has a building located off of County Road 500, and the county could possibly look into purchasing it, if the waste management company does move out of the community.

"We certainly have ongoing infrastructure needs," he added.

## Engine brake ordinance

Later during the work session, Brown brought up the idea of revisiting the possibility of establishing an engine brake ordinance to restrict the use of engine brakes.

Brown mentioned the possibility of having the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office make a presentation to the BoCC in regard to creating the ordinance.

He also mentioned that with a

new gravel pit being proposed, he believes "it would be advantageous for us [the county] if we were able to get ahead" and get signs posted as early as possible.

Maez mentioned that the county needs joint participation from law enforcement in handing out tickets instead of warnings.

"You set the example and it gets followed," he added.

Brown also mentioned the idea of establishing inspection points within the county for tractor trailers.

"It's well within our right to do so," he said.

Brown explained that he would much rather have compliance and cooperation, but, if that is not the case, the county "needs to do what we can for our community members," he said.

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# County approves first reading of amended weed ordinance

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Jan. 18, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) voted unanimously to approve the first reading of the amended and restated Ordinance 20-2018, the county's noxious weeds ordinance, clarifying the terms and conditions of abatement, and adjusting the enforcement and penalty fines.

Weed and Pest Supervisor Ethan Proud presented the ordinance to the board, noting the main changes include switching from forced entry to fines, further defining abatement and adding code enforcement officers to the ordinance.

Proud mentioned that the main

reason for switching to a fine system is that one treatment of a noxious weed through forced entry does not have lasting effects.

He explained that to properly eradicate noxious weeds, it generally takes four to five years of revisiting the site to see any changes.

"So, forced entry is not going to be very effective," he said, explaining that fines will motivate people to take action.

Proud also mentioned that the Weed and Pest Department is at full capacity in serving properties.

"It helps when everybody's working on it," Commissioner Ronnie Maez said.

According to the ordinance attached in the meeting's agenda, "fines will be levied starting at \$100

per day."

Proud explained in an email to TheSUN that the previous ordinance had "good compliance" and the department will still center its efforts on "education before enforcement."

The ordinance can be found online at <https://www.archuleta-county.org/AgendaCenter>, under the Jan. 18 BoCC meeting agenda.

## Other news

During the same meeting, the board voted unanimously to update the county's drug and alcohol testing policy.

According to the meeting's agenda, after the county's Department of Transportation audit performed by RLS & Associates in October 2021, "the auditor deter-

mined that our Drug and Alcohol Policy needed to be revised to comply with all USDOT - FTA drug and alcohol regulations."

Also at the meeting, the board unanimously approved the appointment of Commissioner Alvin Schaaf to serve as the BoCC chair for this year, and Commissioner Warren Brown to serve as the vice chair.

Under a separate motion, the BoCC also approved the appointments of staff and other community members to various boards and committees for local and regional organizations.

The approved appointments can be found online at <https://www.archuleta-county.org/AgendaCenter>, attached to the Jan. 18 meeting agenda.

# Ballantine Family Fund awards grants to local nonprofits

By Tracy Pope  
Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado

2022 marks the 65th year the Ballantine Family Fund has been supporting southwest Colorado through grants to nonprofits, prioritizing organizations that enhance life in our region.

In 2021, \$23,500 was donated to

Archuleta County nonprofits through a quarterly grant application process and additional Core Value grants.

To be considered for funding, nonprofits in southwest Colorado may submit grant applications at [www.BallantineFamilyFund.com](http://www.BallantineFamilyFund.com).

"The Ballantine family legacy demonstrates both longevity and ingenuity through a deep-rooted

commitment to southwest Colorado, providing extensive resources for our region for more than six decades, while always striving for greater impact," said Briggen Wrinkle, executive director of the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado and grants manager for the Ballantine Family Fund. "The trustees continue to examine new opportunities to support our region,

particularly as we respond to and recover from the pandemic."

The Ballantine Family Fund was established in 1957 by Morley C. Ballantine and Arthur A. Ballantine Jr. for the purpose of providing financial assistance to nonprofit causes that benefit the human condition in southwest Colorado. For more information, visit [www.BallantineFamilyFund.com](http://www.BallantineFamilyFund.com).

# County to clean up nuisance property

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

During a work session held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Tuesday, Jan. 25, Commissioner Ronnie Maez spoke about a nuisance property located on Piper Place.

Maez mentioned that he would like to see the county take action in getting the property cleaned up.

In a later interview, County Attorney Todd Weaver explained there is "a lot of rubbish" on the property.

He mentioned there are multiple recreational vehicles, a boat and old tires scattered across the property.

Weaver later indicated that the county has been dealing with the case since 2018.

"It's been a long time coming," Maez added during the work session.

Maez indicated that he would like to see the county take action in getting the property cleaned up this spring once the snow has melted.

Weaver explained in the interview that the county will be responsible for hiring a contractor to clean

up the property.

He noted that the costs of hiring the contractor will be assessed against the property as property taxes.

"The county is not looking to acquire that property, no," he said, explaining the county is more so looking to "clean it up."

Weaver further explained that if the property taxes are not paid for, then the property will go through the public auction process and if it is not purchased then it would become county property.

Weaver mentioned that would be

# Forest Service announces 2022 grazing fees

By Donna Nemeth  
Forest Service

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Forest Service is announcing that western states federal grazing fees will be \$1.35 per head month for 2022. The 2022 fee remains unchanged from 2021.

A head month is a unit the Forest Service uses to define a month's use of the range by a cow/calf pair; by

five goats or sheep; or by a single bull, steer, heifer, horse, burro or mule. The grazing fee is calculated by considering the average annual change in beef cattle prices, leasing rates for grazing on private land in the western states and the costs of livestock production.

The western states fee applies to approximately 6,000 permits ad-

ministered by the Forest Service in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wyoming and the national grasslands in Texas. Permit holders and should contact their local Forest Service office for more information.

## Chamber

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to get to where they need to be in that industry.

If you are a business owner and would like to participate in Career Day, please contact Mary Jo at the Chamber for more information at (970) 264-2360. As we work on workforce development, we ask our business community to become engaged and help us grow our workforce. For both of these events, it takes a village. Please be an active member of this village.

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# COVID-19: Downward trend continues

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

“Case counts are decreasing and we are on a downward trend in Archuleta County, across the region and statewide” said San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) COVID-19 Public Information Officer/Communications Director Chandler Griffin on Wednesday.

That, he indicated, means the peak of the Omicron surge is in the past.

Griffin explained the positivity rate is the first indicator of a downward trend, followed by case rates and, a couple weeks later, hospitalizations.

According to SJBPH, Archuleta County's seven-day cumulative incidence rate was 546.1 cases per 100,000 people Wednesday — down from 1,160 cases a week prior and 1,563 cases two weeks prior.

Colorado's rate was 705.5 as of Wednesday, and the nation's was 876.2.

As of Wednesday, SJBPH listed 2,775 total cases of confirmed COVID-19 among permanent Archuleta County residents since late March 2020, up from 2,694 a week prior.

The agency showed Archuleta County was at 20 percent positivity Wednesday, down from 30 and 34 percent the prior two weeks, respectively.

Archuleta County has had nine deaths among COVID cases.

SJBPH and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment indicate Archuleta County has three outbreaks.

As of Jan. 26, an outbreak at Pine Ridge Extended Care Center included 31 cases — 18 residents and 15 staff.

As of Tuesday, the outbreak at Pagosa Springs High School included 18 — 14 students and four staff. An outbreak at Pagosa Springs Middle School included 27 cases — 24 students and three staff.

The downward trend, Griffin explained, has allowed for some services to return to more normal levels, such as the volume at community testing sites, which are now back on a two- to three-day turnaround.

It also means SJBPH is again able to do contact tracing on 100 percent of cases.

While encouraging, Griffin ac-

knowledge, it is too early to “let our guard down.”

Hospitalizations, he explained, remain high, with “extremely limited” capacity in the southwest region.

He added there was zero ICU bed availability in the southwest region Tuesday.

“This impacts everyone in the community,” he said.

He also cautioned that while the incidence rate is dropping, it has still been higher than it was during the Delta wave and it is still important to follow precautions such as masking to keep pushing the trend downward.

He also noted SJBPH continues to prioritize vaccinations and boosters, which he pointed out help make the community resilient and have helped prevent breaching health care capacity.

## Health department offering free masks

Last week, SJBPH announced via press release that free KN95 and surgical masks are now available to the public at SJBPH offices in Pagosa Springs and Durango.

Masks are available at SJBPH front desks on a first-come, first-served basis until they run out.

On Wednesday, Griffin reported that more than 20,000 masks have been distributed in Archuleta and La Plata counties, including thousands given out at the Pagosa Springs office.

He added there was limited supply available in Pagosa Springs as of Wednesday, but that SJBPH placed an order for more.

According to the press release, five masks will be provided per person. The public is required to wear a mask to enter SJBPH offices and lobbies at this time.

SJBPH's Pagosa Springs office is located at 502 S. 8th St. and is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The free masks were provided to SJBPH by Colorado's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management as a resource to communities for slowing the spread of the Omicron variant of COVID-19.

“High quality, well-fitting masks are a critical precaution for limiting transmission during the current surge of the Omicron variant in our community,” SJBPH's press release

states. “SJBPH's local Public Health Advisory continues to strongly recommend face coverings for all individuals ages two and up in all public indoor settings, businesses, and workplaces.”

SJBPH's public health advisory related to COVID-19 — which also includes other recommended precautions — can be found at: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/advisories-and-orders/>.

The press release explains, “COVID-19 spreads when an infected person breathes out droplets and very small particles that contain the virus. These droplets and particles can be breathed in by other people. Having a well-fitting mask is key for keeping you and others safe. For a mask to be most effective, it should fit snugly over the nose, mouth, and chin without gaps. It should fit in a way that prevents airflow around the mask (i.e. under eyes or at the side of the mask), and allow you to breathe easily with air directed into and through the mask. Best practices for how to wear a mask properly are available from the CDC.”

“With the Omicron variant still spreading at high rates, we hope the community will stop by either of our offices to pick up their free masks while supplies last. SJBPH is also working with local organizations and partners to ensure masks get out to vulnerable groups and essential workers. Masks continue to be an important precaution to limit the spread of COVID-19, in addition to being vaccinated and boosted when eligible. By being vaccinated and masking up indoors we can limit spread and prevent the worst outcomes from COVID-19, which in turn keeps us safe and supports health care, essential services, businesses, and our local schools,” said Liane Jolton, SJBPH executive director, via the press release.

## Free tests available

On Jan. 18, the U.S. government launched [www.covidtests.gov](http://www.covidtests.gov), with every home in the U.S. eligible to order four free at-home COVID-19 tests.

The tests are rapid antigen tests.

## I tested positive at home. What do I do now?

Those who receive a positive result on an at-home test who are not in need of immediate medical care can report their test result, ask questions and receive isolation and quarantine guidance by calling (970) 247-5702 or either of SJBPH's offices in Pagosa Springs and Durango, Griffin previously explained.

## Testing sites remain open

Community testing sites remain open and are free to the general public, though the SJBPH press release notes the testing sites are

experiencing high volume at this time, and the community is strongly urged to make an appointment and show up on time.

For more information about testing locally, visit: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/testing/>.

## Moderna vaccine receives full approval

On Jan. 31, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced the approval of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine for individuals 18 and older, with the agency's website stating, “The vaccine has been known as the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, and will now be marketed as Spikevax, for the prevention of COVID-19 in individuals 18 years of age and older. Spikevax has the same formulation as the EUA Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine and is administered as a primary series of two doses, one month apart. Spikevax can be used interchangeably with the EUA Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine to provide the COVID-19 vaccination series.”

Pfizer's vaccine received full approval for those 16 and older in August 2021.

Griffin noted that a lot of research, review and scientific review goes into full approvals, with the billions of vaccinated people worldwide also showing their safety.

He added that there continue to be more hospitalizations related to COVID among those who are not vaccinated and encouraged people to talk to their doctors about the COVID vaccines.

It was also announced this week that Pfizer is seeking emergency use authorization for its vaccine for individuals between 6 months and 5 years old.

As of Wednesday, SJBPH reported that 68 percent of Archuleta County's eligible population (those 5 and older) having received at least one dose of a vaccine, with 65 percent considered fully immunized.

For more information about the COVID-19 vaccines, current eligibility, details on vaccine clinics and providers, or to make an appointment, visit: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/>. [randi@pagosasun.com](mailto:randi@pagosasun.com)

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**Pagosa Fire Protection District regular meeting.** 5:30 p.m., administration building, 165 N. Pagosa Blvd.

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**Archuleta School District Board of Education work session and regular meeting.** 5 p.m. work session, 6 p.m. regular meeting, Pagosa Springs Middle School library, 309 Lewis St.

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# Education

## School district not participating in state's COVID-19 test-to-stay program

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) launched a test-to-stay program for schools, though Archuleta School District (ASD) schools are not currently participating in the program.

The CDPHE announced that the program "will supplement testing resources, help students and staff continue in-person learning after contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, and reduce the burden on parents."

A press release from the CDPHE further explains that the program "provides a pathway out of quarantine for students and staff with school-associated exposures to COVID-19 if they remain asymptomatic and test negative twice."

Under the program, an exposed student or staff member takes a test as soon as they are notified they have been exposed. If the first test is negative, the individual may stay in school as long as they wear a well-fitting mask and remain asymptomatic.

They then test again five to seven days after their exposure to COVID. If the second test is also negative and they remain asymptomatic, they can continue to stay at school.

"Staff and students must wear a well-fitting mask consistently and correctly while around others for 10 days following their exposure to a positive case, even if their rapid tests are negative and regardless of masking policies at that school," the press release explains.

Later Tuesday, ASD Assistant Superintendent Laura Mijares, who is slated to become interim superintendent later this month, confirmed that ASD will not immediately be taking part in the program, though the district is "not opposed to exploring that option."

"In September we had some early success with the Test to Stay protocols that we developed as a district," Mijares wrote in an email to The SUN. "We began the protocols in our elementary where students are cohorted in small, self-contained classes. That is to say, a student is with the same group of 18-25 students all day in academic classes, enrichment classes, and recess. When we had a confirmed case of COVID-19 it was manageable to obtain parental permission and to test the students that were determined to be close contacts."

"In November our COVID positive cases began to climb dramatically, along with other positive cases in Archuleta County. As an administrative team we recognized the effort of running our own Test to Stay program was not sustainable nor well suited to middle and high schools, where students change cohorts and classmates 4-6 times a day."

Mijares explains that while the district continues to offer COVID testing at school, the district has not pursued the state's program, in part due to its tracking vaccination status.

"In November we made a decision to continue offering COVID testing at school, but we did not pursue the Colorado Test to Stay program. We do not track the COVID vaccination status of our

students and staff, and this seems to be an integral part of CO Test to Stay," she explains. "We continue to offer rapid COVID testing for students who have parent permission and staff. We assist in contact tracing and encourage healthy practices such as hand washing, good ventilation, masking after exposure, and vaccinations if a family chooses [sic]. Our two district nurses are to be commended for their work as they have strived to keep our school community healthy."

Currently, ASD schools notify families when students are deemed a close contact of someone who tested positive for COVID and was infectious at the time of the exposure.

Students and staff who are close contacts are then advised of three options via letter:

"1) If your child has been fully vaccinated within the last 6 months with Pfizer or Moderna (2 months with Johnson and Johnson), or has received a booster dose, they do not need to quarantine (stay home) but should wear a mask around others for 10 days. If they develop symptoms, they should be tested.

"2) If your child has been fully vaccinated and is eligible for a booster dose (more than 6 months after Pfizer/Moderna or more than 2 months after Johnson and Johnson) but has not yet received it or is unvaccinated they should quarantine (stay home) for 5 days after exposure and continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days. If they develop symptoms, they should be tested.

"3) If your child has had a confirmed positive COVID-19 case

within the last 90 days and is not exhibiting any symptoms, Your child does not need to quarantine."

Students who need to quarantine (stay home) are advised to quarantine for a minimum of five days, with students then able to return to school if they are free of symptoms, with those students wearing a mask for an additional five days, according to the letter, which is in line with current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance.

Mijares explains in a Wednesday email the district has "the nurses or health aides available to talk through details with families because it is helpful to have an informed thought partner when parents are deciding what to do."

"We also strive to have our nurses personally contact staff members or parents of students who have been identified as COVID positive. Sometimes the diagnosis comes through parent approved school site testing, and sometimes the information comes through [San Juan Basin Public Health] as they are contact tracing. Parents seem to appreciate the work of our nurses, Raj Inder Khalsa and Morgan Barnes, and our health aides, Brandy Neagle and Casey Rumberger."

She wrote Tuesday, "Our administrative team has learned that the management of COVID-19 is challenging. And while we are not currently enrolled in the CO Test to Stay program, we are not opposed to exploring that option. Our focus continues to be safe in-person schooling, and we adopt different practices as needed."

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## Middle school honor roll announced

By Anjelica Gallegos  
Pagosa Springs Middle School

The following Pagosa Springs Middle School fifth-grade students made the second-quarter honor roll with a 3.5 to 3.99 cumulative GPA: Rylan Ash, Charlie Barraza-Haymaker, Abigail Barreraz, Kylie Coleman, Gabriel Cordova, Treyson Cotts, Veda Deitemeyer, Samson Dennis, Alexander Forster, Cole Hancey, Aaron Hazelwood, Jeremy Herbias, Kaydence Hibbert, Annaliese Hinger, Aliana Hoffschneider, Derek Johnson, Elisa King, Delaney Kirkham, Kieran Kurz, Paisley Lister, Brynn Looper, Morgan Lucero, Wiley Lucero, Daniel Manjarrez, Kelsey Matyniak, Ava Milburn, Jimena Moreno-Echavarría, Brooklyn Phillips, Bella Postolese, Alan Renteria, Colson Reynolds, Xavior Sanchez, Tripp Skinner, Rylan Soden, Zyan Souza, Wayde Sutherland, Taylor Swenson, Lilly Taylor, Kailey Vincent, Riley Ward, Briggs Wilson, Reilly Yates and Zaura Zazula.

The following fifth-grade students made the A honor roll with a 4.0 GPA: Kian Berghoff, Avery Book,

Bentley Briscoe, Levi Denton, Corinna Galabota, Ward Halterman, Quinn Howard, Brandt Kerns, Logan Lamoreaux, Ember Liverett, Ahrianna Martinez, Lily Peck, Valeria Pereyra, Laken Pitcher, Aurion Richardson, Evelyn Rohwer and Avery White.

The following sixth-grade students made honor roll with a 3.5 to 3.99 cumulative GPA: Zaiden Adams, Ethan Bracken, Riley Culligan, Tyler Dimond, Darria Fiorenza, Ty Garcia, Tristan Harper, Henry Hauger, Tristan Jelinek, Reese Jenkins, Ethan Lopez, Mila Miller, Jessica Parker, Ty Russell, Leela Simpson, Audrina Smith, Hudson Stephens, Weston Sweet, Anderson Talley, Nicolas Tator, Janzen Tuggle-Rapp, Liana Vega and River Wilson.

The following sixth-grade students made the A honor roll with a

4.0 GPA: Noah Bellina, Avea Bruce, Bella Jackson, Luke Reynolds, Colby Ross, Oliver Samu, Gianna Shaeffer, Carrington Smith, Ellie Vining and Molly Washburn.

The following seventh-grade students made honor roll with a 3.5 to 3.99 cumulative GPA: Trinity Angle, Nile Bollig, Jackson Chaney, Leo Dennis, Parker Frame, Evangeline Herbias, Emma Jackson, Kaiya Lyons, Samuel Munro, Apolonia Pinto, Brian Rafferty, Jonathan Rodriguez, Bryant Sanchez, YuHuang Su, Gwendolyn Tyler and Reagan Vanatta.

The following seventh-grade students made the A honor roll with a 4.0 GPA: Isabella Forster, Kyle Matyniak and Peyton Yates.

The following eighth-grade students made honor roll with 3.5 to 3.99 cumulative GPA: Reeve Belarmino, Xyra Belarmino, Alexis

Campbell, Olivia Cardenas, Jacob Castaneda, Alilyanna Davis, Milo Deitemeyer, Deaglan Denen, Charity Domingo, Jeremiah Hash, Xavior Haynie, Alaura Hughes, Samuel Kelly, Kyleigh Martinez, Katelynn Mills, Deisi Morin-Baxin, Lillian Petago, Hayden Peterson, Weston Phillips, Heidi Renteria, Nicolas Santille, AmberLynn Snarr and Aidan Vega.

The following eighth-grade students made the A honor roll with a 4.0 GPA: Leah Blackman, Izabella Castillo, Kylie Chavez, Dylan Dempster, Faith Domingo, Hope Domingo, Benjamin Dozier, Jessie Elledge, Alia Hibbert, Jenna Jenkins, Adison Johnson, Luke Kinsley, Kaila Limebrook, Colton Lucero, Kathryn Martin, Keanan Montoya, Anja Nasralla, Stephen Pair, Zachary Pouyer, Chance Ramirez, Jayton Ross and Johnathon Smith.

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# Sports

## WRESTLING

### Pirates sail past Bayfield and Montezuma-Cortez, place sixth at Butch Melton Invitational

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate wrestling team snagged two victories in duals against the Bayfield Wolverines and Montezuma-Cortez Panthers over the last week.

On Wednesday, Jan. 26, the Pirates hosted the Wolverines, defeating them by a score of 57-22.

On Friday, Jan. 28, the Pirates shut out the Panthers by a score of 67-0.

"Our kids wrestled really hard on Wednesday and won their last dual in solid fashion. Cortez's team is young with a lot of empty weights, but Pagosa won all the matches wrestled on Friday night," coach Dan Janowsky wrote in an email to The SUN.

#### Bayfield

On Jan. 26 against Bayfield, the Pirates logged 30 team points due to forfeits by the Wolverines in the 138-pound, 170-pound, 182-pound, 195-pound and 220-pound weight classes.

Meanwhile, the Wolverines logged 12 points due to forfeits from the Pirates in the 113-pound and 285-pound weight classes.

Michael Thomas defeated his opponent in the 106-pound weight class by pinning him after five minutes and three seconds, earning six team points.

Luke Tressler defeated his opponent in the 120-pound weight class by a 7-1 decision, earning three team points.

Ethan Mazur was able to pin his opponent in the 126-pound weight class just one minute and 32 seconds into the match, earning six team points.

Griffin Bower was defeated by his opponent in the 132-pound weight class by a 14-3 major decision.

Tommy Barker pinned his opponent in the 145-pound weight class one minute and 44 seconds into the match, earning six team points.

Jacob Miller was pinned by his opponent in the 152-pound weight class two minutes and 24 seconds into the match.

Heath Fulbright pinned his opponent in the 160-pound weight class three minutes and 51 seconds into the match, earning six team points.

#### Montezuma-Cortez

The Pirates logged 48 points due to forfeits from the Panthers on Jan. 28.

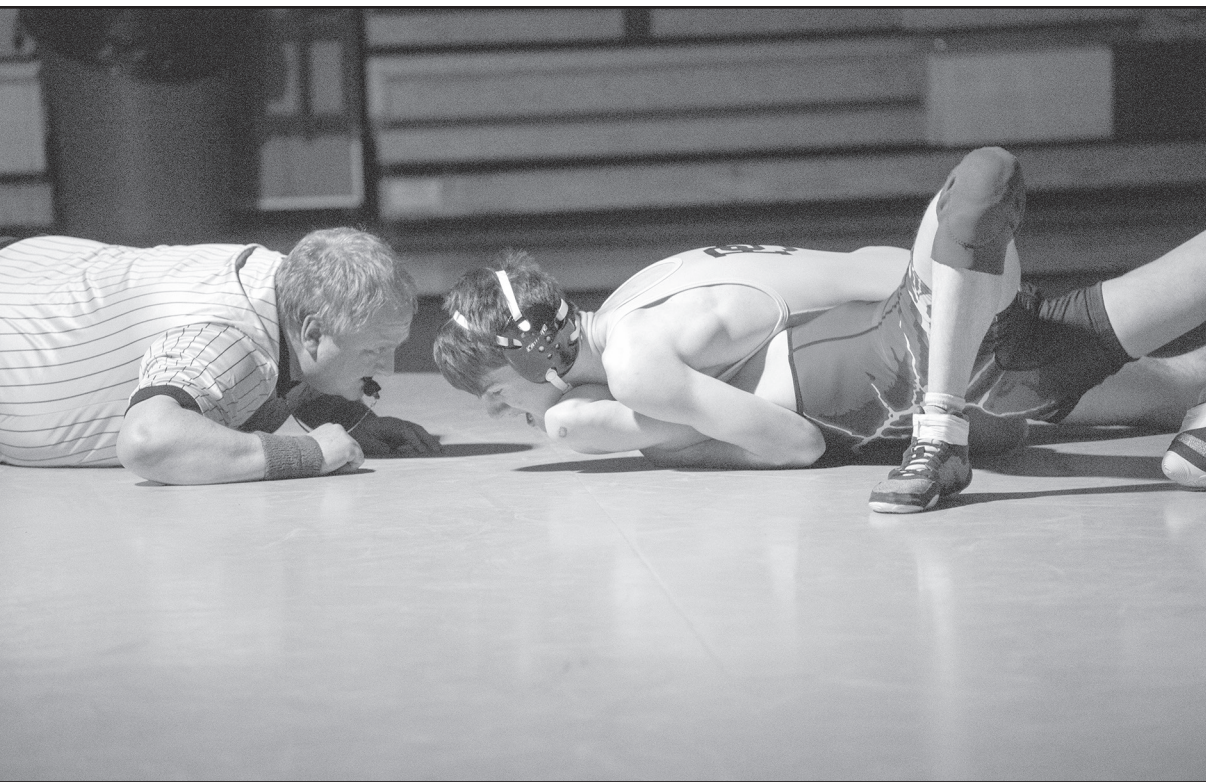
The Panthers chose to forfeit matches in the 106-pound, 120-pound, 126-pound, 160-pound, 182-pound, 195-pound, 220-pound and 285-pound weight classes.

Double forfeits from both the Panthers and the Pirates occurred in the 113-pound and 170-pound weight classes, resulting in no points for either team.

Bower defeated his opponent in the 132-pound weight class by a major decision of 16-7, earning four team points.

Barker defeated his opponent in the 138-pound weight class with a 9-0 major decision, earning four team points.

Miller pinned his opponent in the 145-pound weight class after two minutes and 37 seconds, earning six team points.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Ethan Mazur pins his opponent from Bayfield in the 126-pound weight class. The Pirates defeated Bayfield in a dual by a score of 57-22 on Jan. 26.

Chandler Mazur defeated his opponent due to a technical fall three minutes and 17 seconds into the match, earning five team points.

#### Butch Melton Invitational

On Saturday, Jan. 29, the Pirates competed in the Butch Melton Invitational, which was held at Ignacio High School, with 21 teams from across Colorado and New Mexico competing.

The Pirates placed sixth overall with a total of 71 team points.

The Farmington Scorpions took first place with a total of 194 team points.

Thomas placed sixth in the 106-pound weight class, earning four team points.

Thomas received a first-round bye and then won his next match by pinning his opponent after one minute and seven seconds.

Thomas then lost the following match by getting pinned after two minutes, sending him to the consolation bracket.

He won his consolation match by pinning his opponent after one minute and 41 seconds.

Thomas then lost the fifth-place match by getting pinned after two minutes and 56 seconds.

Anthony Manzanares also competed in the 106-pound weight class.

He lost his opening match by getting pinned after one minute and 52 seconds and then lost the following match due to a technical fall after two minutes.

Manzanares received a third-round bye, sending him into the consolation bracket, where he was defeated by a decision of 12-5.

Manzanares won the 11th-place match by pinning his opponent after one minute and 35 seconds.

Miles Baker competed in the 120-pound weight class and went 0-3 on the day.

Baker lost his opening match by getting pinned after four minutes, lost his next match by getting pinned after three minutes and 15 seconds, and was pinned in his third match after two minutes.

Tressler also competed in the

120-pound weight class, earning two team points on the day.

Tressler won his opening match by pinning his opponent after three minutes and 48 seconds.

He lost his second match by a decision of 6-4, and then lost the next match by a decision of 5-0.

Bower took second place in the 132-pound weight class, earning 16 team points.

He won his opening match by pinning his opponent after three minutes, won his second match by a major decision of 14-0 and won his third match by pinning his opponent after two minutes.

Bower's next match was in the championship bracket. He won by a major decision of 15-6.

Bower then lost in the first-place match by a 17-8 major decision.

Wyatt Hoover competed in the 138-pound weight class and went 2-1 on the day.

Hoover lost his first match by getting pinned after two minutes and was also pinned in his second match.

Hoover was able to pin his third opponent one minute and 10 seconds into the match.

Barker also competed in the 138-pound weight class, taking second place while earning 16 team points.

Barker won his opening match by pinning his opponent after 37 seconds, pinned his second opponent 31 seconds into the match and then pinning his third opponent one minute and eight seconds into the match.

Barker then won his fourth-round match by a decision of 9-7.

He lost his final match by getting pinned after three minutes and seven seconds.

Nicholas Martinez also competed in the 138-pound weight class, going 0-3 on the day.

Martinez lost his opening match

by getting pinned by his opponent, was pinned by his second opponent 57 seconds into the match and lost to his third opponent by a decision of 11-4.

Miller competed in the 145-pound weight class and went 0-3 on the day.

He lost his opening match by getting pinned, was pinned in his second match after four minutes and 34 seconds, and lost his third match by a decision of 9-5.

Chandler Mazur also competed in the 145-pound weight class and went 2-3 on the day, taking sixth place and earning four team points.

He won his opening match by pin after 45 seconds, then lost his next match by getting pinned after one minute and 38 seconds.

Chandler Mazur pinned his third opponent two minutes and 43 seconds into the match, and then lost his fourth match by a decision of 1-0. He lost his final match by getting pinned after 53 seconds.

Fulbright went 4-1 on the day and took third place in the 160-pound weight class, earning nine team points.

Fulbright pinned his first opponent two minutes and 56 seconds into the match.

He then won his next match by a decision of 8-1, won his third match by a decision of 7-3, and then lost to his next opponent by getting pinned five minutes and 52 seconds into the match, sending him to the third-place match.

Fulbright defeated his opponent in that match by a decision of 4-2.

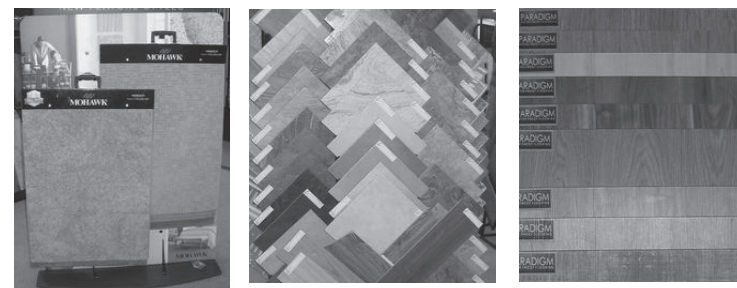
Chris Rafferty competed in the 170-pound weight class and went 0-4 on the day.

Rafferty lost his match by getting pinned 19 seconds into the match, was pinned by second opponent 32 seconds into the match, was pinned by his third opponent after

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## BASKETBALL

# Lady Pirates fall to Mean Moose

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate basketball team logged its third loss of the season last weekend in Alamosa against the league-leading Mean Moose.

The Lady Pirates are now 9-3 on the season and 2-2 in the Intermountain League (IML), behind the Alamosa Mean Moose, who are 4-0 in league and 9-5 overall, and the Centauri Falcons, who are 3-1 in the IML and 7-6 overall.

The Lady Pirates are the No. 12 team in the Ratings Percentage Index (RPI), which helps determine postseason seeding, with Alamosa sitting as the No. 16 team in the standings and Centauri as the No. 20.

"We did not play up to our capability," coach Charles Rand said Wednesday. "We allowed their pressure to dictate what we did and did not do."

Alamosa defeated Pagosa 38-24 in the game.

The Mean Moose led 9-3 at the

end of the first quarter and maintained that six-point lead at half-time with a score of 16-10.

Alamosa put up 16 points in the third quarter while limiting Pagosa to eight, and each team scored six in the fourth quarter.

"We didn't rebound worth a darn, and they did. They got second and third shots," Rand said of Alamosa. "Our defense wasn't bad — we held them to 38 points again — ... which is not bad. We just could not get on track offensively that night at all. We had opportunities to get on track, but we just could not make the shots. We didn't execute well.

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**Coach Charles Rand**

We didn't rebound well. So, it was just one of those nights."

He added that being without junior Chantelle Caldwell was a "huge factor," explaining she's a guard who rebounds well and helps handle pressure.

"And, we didn't have her, which is a major factor in the outcome of that game," he said.

Rand previously reported Caldwell is out for an undetermined amount of time due to injury.

Karsyn Shahan put up 12 points in the game, including one 3-pointer. She also had two steals.

Trista Tully had five points, two rebounds, two assists and a block.

Kori Lucero logged four points, two rebounds and three steals.

Annie O'Donnell put up two points, and had three rebounds and a steal.

Elizabeth Currier had one point, four rebounds, an assist and three steals.

Jordan Lindstrom had two rebounds in the game, and Daveyann

Snarr had one.

Pagosa made seven of 11 free-throw attempts for a 64 percent success rate, and turned the ball over 20 times.

Rand indicated the team has worked on handling pressure in games moving forward.

"We just need to get back to playing against varsity competition and executing," he said, explaining the team studied film from the Alamosa game and discussed trusting the team's system. "They've got to learn how to trust the system and let the system guide them through tough times."

On Wednesday, the Lady Pirates were scheduled to travel to Cortez to take on the No. 44 Montezuma-Cortez Panthers, with that game originally scheduled for Jan. 21.

The result of Wednesday's game was not available by press time and will be included in next week's SUN.

Friday, the team is slated to travel to Bayfield to take on the Wolverines, who are 1-12 on the season and 0-4 in IML play. The Wolverines are the No. 59 team in the RPI standings.

The game is scheduled to tip off at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, the Lady Pirates will welcome the Panthers to town for a 4 p.m. game.

As of Wednesday, the Panthers were 6-5 on the season and 0-3 in the IML.

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## Wrestling

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one minute and eight seconds, and then lost his final match by getting pinned two minutes and 31 seconds into the match.

Connor Kelley competed in the 182-pound weight class and took fifth place, earning two team points.

Kelley won his first match by pinning his opponent two minutes and 55 seconds into the match.

He then lost his next match by a decision of 10-9 and lost the following match by getting pinned one minute and 35 seconds into the match.

Kelley lost the next match by getting pinned by his opponent four minutes into the match. He then lost his final match by 4-2 decision.

Wil Aucoin took second place in the 195-pound weight class, earning 18 team points.

Aucoin won his opening match by pinning his opponent after two minutes and 37 seconds, and then pinned his second opponent in one minute and 27 seconds.

Aucoin lost his third match in a sudden victory overtime decision of 7-5.

He then won his fourth match by pinning his opponent and won his final match by pinning his opponent 46 seconds into the match.

Antonio Quesada competed in the 220-pound weight class and went 0-4 on the day.

He lost his opening match by

getting pinned after one minute and 33 seconds, lost his second match by getting pinned after one minute and one second, lost his third match by getting pinned after 32 seconds, and lost his fourth match by a decision of 4-0.

### League championship against Alamosa

Today, Thursday, Feb. 3, the Pirates will be traveling to Alamosa to take on the Mean Moose in a dual for the Intermountain League championship.

Action is slated to begin at 6 p.m. Alamosa is currently ranked fifth in the state's 3A division, according to the Colorado High School Activities Association.

Janowsky explained in an email that both the Pirates and the Mean Moose "have lost some wrestlers due to attrition over the season," adding that both teams may have some wrestlers returning to the lineups for the regional tournament, possibly even for tonight's dual.

"We're going to be heavy underdogs but I know our guys are ready to put up a full fight and we're proud to be in position to win the league title," Janowsky wrote.

The regional tournament is scheduled to take place at Gunnison High School on Friday, Feb. 11, and Saturday, Feb. 12.

Start times have yet to be determined.

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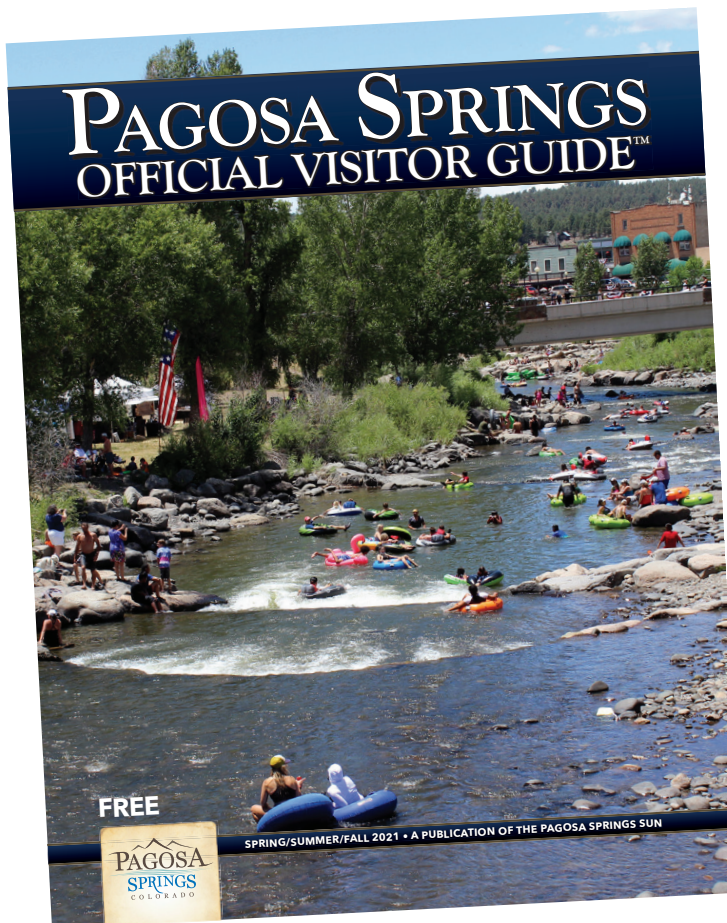
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**SWIM**

# Lady Pirates fall to Durango

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate swim team traveled to Durango last weekend on Friday, Jan. 28, to compete in a dual against the 4A Durango High School Demons, in which they lost by a total score of 219-47.

Despite the team loss, coach Heather Miller explained in an email to The SUN that multiple Pirates recorded their personal best times and best swims of the season.

"Overall we had a pretty good meet with a few personal best times and many with best swims of the season or right on their best times of the season," she wrote.

Miller highlighted Alba Marchena Gordillo and Bridget Rollins, noting that both "had the most impressive swims both dropping over 30 seconds in their 200 Freestyle."

Miller also mentioned that Emma Gantt had a best time in the breaststroke event and "had a great 200 IM with her best time of the season."

Ivanna Erne and Lynelle Bartz were both right on their season best times as well, Miller noted.

The Lady Pirates had two relay teams compete in the 200-yard medley relay event.

A team featuring Bartz, Lexie Valdez, Erne and Gantt took third place with a time of two minutes and 24.22 seconds, earning three team points.

Another team featuring Juline Pierredon, Nika Hinger, Nell Taylor and Cadence Pair placed sixth in the event with a time of three minutes and 11.85 seconds.

In the 200-yard freestyle event, Marchena Gordillo took second place with a time of 2:54.56 seconds, earning six team points.

Rollins took third place in that event with a time of 3:31.81, earning five team points.

In the 200-yard individual medley event, Bartz took third place with a time of 2:50.68, earning five team points.

Gantt placed sixth in the event with a time of 3:15.21, earning two team points. Taylor finished eighth



Alba Marchena Gordillo competes for the Lady Pirates at the Durango meet held on Friday, Jan. 28. Marchena Gordillo shaved 30 seconds off her time in the 200-yard freestyle event.

Photo courtesy Heather Miller

with a time of 3:36.48.

Four Pirates competed in the 50-yard freestyle event, with Erne claiming the fastest time of the four at 28.79 seconds, taking fifth place in the event and earning three team points.

Hinger placed 15th with a time of 36.28 seconds, Valdez placed 16th with a time of 38.37 seconds, Pair placed 17th with a time of 40.50 seconds and Pierredon placed 18th with a time of 47.16 seconds.

Taylor competed in the 100-yard fly stroke event and finished fifth with a time of 1:47.11, earning three team points.

In the 100-yard freestyle event, Erne took second place with a time of 1:03.79, earning six team points.

Hinger placed eighth in the event with a time of 1:28.51 and

Rollins placed ninth with a time of 1:35.29.

The Lady Pirates had two teams compete in the 200-yard freestyle relay event.

A team that featured Bartz, Marchena Gordillo, Gantt and Erne placed fourth with a time of 2:06.81, earning three team points.

Another team featuring Valdez, Pair, Rollins and Hinger placed sixth with a time of 2:35.36.

In the 100-yard backstroke event, Bartz took second place with a time of 1:13.82, earning six team points.

Pierredon placed sixth with a time of 2:14.85, earning two team points.

Marchena Gordillo finished with a time of 1:48.32 in the event, but was disqualified.

In the 100-yard breaststroke event, Valdez placed sixth with a time of 1:44.33, earning two team points, and Gantt placed seventh with a time of 1:44.59, earning one team point.

Pair finished with a time of 2:09.17 in that event, but was disqualified.

The Lady Pirates will be traveling to Grand Junction this weekend to compete in the Western Slope conference championships.

The event will take place at Colorado Mesa University, with preliminary events scheduled to start on Friday, Feb. 4, at 6 p.m.

Finals are scheduled to begin on Saturday, Feb. 5, at 1 p.m.

"This week our focus will be racing and race strategies," Miller wrote.

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**BASKETBALL**

# Pirates' win streak ends at four

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate basketball team's win streak ended at four games last weekend in Alamosa, with the Mean Moose besting the Pirates 55-39.

With the loss, the Pirates moved to 10-5 on the season and 3-2 in Inter-mountain League (IML) action.

"We just didn't come out ready to play," coach Wes Lewis said. "For whatever reason, we put four pretty good games together and were playing really well, and ... don't have the exact answer, but we just, we had a really slow start."

Lewis noted the team's first four possessions were turnovers.

He added the Pirates "just dug ourselves a hole."

"At the end of the first quarter we were down 10-2," he said. "Kind of battled our way back into it; by halftime we'd cut it to a 21-20 game and kind of thought maybe we'd righted the ship a little bit. And, we had a bad start to the third quarter and just really never got on track."

Lewis noted he thinks the team learned from the game.

"I think our boys learned a little bit from it about being ready every night, and we just weren't that dialed in, weren't that focused and we just didn't play well as a group."

Lewis added the Mean Moose were focused, dialed in and were physical with the Pirates, with some Pirates not matching that physicality.

"At the end of the day, they were ready and we weren't, and, basically, we laid an egg," he said.

Colt Lewis tallied 14 points on the night, including three 3-pointers. He also had a block, three assists and three steals.

Logan Harper and Breck Wilson each had seven points in the game, with Harper logging two 3-pointers. Harper also had three rebounds, an assist and a steal. Wilson also had a block, four rebounds and two assists.

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

two assists.

Kayson Shahan put up three points, and had four rebounds and an assist.

Blake Laner had two points, six rebounds and an assist.

Joseph Lord had one rebound.

Pagosa shot 36 percent from the free-throw line, making five of 14 attempts, and turned the ball over 18 times.

"We've got to get better at the little things," the coach said. "All of the little things add up to a big thing."

The coach noted the team watched film and saw things he thought they did well over their four-game winning streak that they were getting away from.

"They're young kids and it's still

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# Pirates

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new to 'em and new to the program for the most part, and it's kind of a roller coaster of a season sometimes," he said. "We took a bunch of steps forward in that four-game win streak and then we took a couple steps backward against Alamosa, so we've just got to continue to get better and improve."  
He added the Pirates are in a tough league, pointing out that Alamosa and Bayfield played Monday and it was a two-point game halfway through the third quarter.

**"You just better bring your A game and bring your focus every night because there's no nights off on the boys' side of the IML."**

**Coach Wes Lewis**

Pagosa is currently in third in the IML and the No. 15 team in Colorado 3A boys' basketball in the Ratings Percentage Index (RPI).  
Alamosa leads the IML with a 4-0 IML record and 11-3 overall record and is the No. 10 team in the RPI standings. Centauri follows with a 3-1 IML mark and 12-1 overall record and are the No. 5 team in the RPI standings.

to Bayfield to take on the Wolverines, who are fourth in the IML with an 0-3 record in the league and 3-9 on the season.

The Wolverines are No. 54 in the RPI standings.

The coach noted Bayfield is playing a lot of zone defense and has been incorporating some full-court and three-quarter-court press.

"It'll present a little bit of a different challenge as the other teams are all playing man in our league," he said.

That game is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. in Bayfield.

On Saturday, the Pirates will host the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers, who are 4-8 overall and 0-4 in the IML, at 5:30 p.m. They sit in fifth in the IML and 48th in the RPI standings.

"Friday night will be a tough challenge, as will Saturday," he said. "You just better bring your A game and bring your focus and motivation every night because there's no nights off on the boys' side of the IML."

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the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.  
Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Teal Landing Vacation 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: Teal Landing Vacation Owners Association, Inc.  
Debtor(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 ENCLUMBERED 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 11:00 o'clock A.M., on March 4, 2022, Sale Number 2021-26 in the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147 sell 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  
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NOTICE OF RIGHTS  
YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF THE STATUTES WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS IS ATTACHED HERETO.  
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL (1-800-222-4444), 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  
INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147, 970-264-8434.  
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed this 18th day of November, 2021.  
Rich Valdez, Sheriff,  
Archuleta County, Colorado  
By: /s/ Lorena Medina  
Lorena Medina, Office Manager  
EXHIBIT "A"  
Teal Landing Condominiums  
Matter Amount  
BILLY G WHEAT and SHIRLEY A WHEAT (C#170115828) A 315,000 / 60,310,500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1211, 1212, 1213, 1214, 1215, 1216, 1221, 1222, 1225 and 1226 in Building Number(s) 12, Unpaid Assessments: \$3,130.29  
Costs: \$287.97  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$4,418.26  
GARRETT J HEYNS and LORRAINE J HEYNS (C#17021274) A 154,000 / 63,185,500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1311, 1312, 1313, 1314, 1315, 1316, 1321, 1322, 1323, 1325 and 1326 in Building Number(s) 13, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,364.01  
Costs: \$287.97  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$2,651.98  
JOHN P DAUER JR and PATRICIA H DAUER (C#170210013) A 83,000 / 63,185,500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1411, 1412, 1413, 1414, 1415, 1416, 1421, 1422, 1423, 1424, 1425 and 1426 in Building Number(s) 14, Unpaid Assessments: \$626.04  
Costs: \$287.97  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$1,914.01  
MIKE WALLACE and MARTHA J WALLACE (C#170214746) A 154,000 / 63,185,500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1511, 1512, 1513, 1514, 1515, 1516, 1521, 1522, 1523, 1525 and 1526 in Building Number(s) 15, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,364.01  
Costs: \$287.97  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$2,651.98  
STEPHEN R LEIS and ERIN D LEIS (C#171302862) A 145,000 / 62,896,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1711, 1712, 1713, 1714, 1715, 1716, 1721, 1722, 1723, 1724, 1725 and 1726 in Building Number(s) 17, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,602.08  
Costs: \$287.97  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$2,890.05  
HOWARD E ADKINS JR and SHARON S ROLLANS (C#170107304) A 210,000 / 60,310,500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1111, 1112, 1113, 1114, 1115, 1116, 1121, 1122, 1125 and 1126 in Building Number(s) 11, Unpaid Assessments: \$2,557.08  
Costs: \$287.97  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$3,845.05  
ROBERT DOWNES and MICHELLE DOWNES (C#170209183) A 602,000 / 60,310,500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1211, 1212, 1213, 1214, 1215, 1216, 1221, 1222, 1225 and 1226 in Building Number(s) 12, Unpaid Assessments: \$5,002.52  
Costs: \$287.97  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$6,290.49  
DON HARRIS and JEANNINE HARRIS (C#170212385) A 77,000 / 63,185,500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1411, 1412, 1413, 1414, 1415, 1421, 1422, 1423, 1424, 1425 and 1426 in Building Number(s) 14, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,062.24  
Costs: \$287.97  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$2,350.21  
ELAYNE N DOWLING (C#170215545) A 78,000 / 63,185,500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1511, 1512, 1513, 1514, 1515, 1516, 1521, 1522, 1523, 1525 and 1526 in Building Number(s) 15, Unpaid Assessments: \$732.99  
Costs: \$287.97  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$2,020.96  
JULIE F CRIMIN and DAVID R CRIMIN (C#170309090) A 87,000 / 62,896,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1711, 1712, 1713, 1714, 1715, 1716, 1721, 1722, 1723, 1724, 1725 and 1726 in Building Number(s) 17, Unpaid Assessments: \$770.58  
Costs: \$287.97  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$2,058.55  
SALINA GARCIA and FRANKIE CHAVEZ (C#17061082) A 105,000 / 63,185,500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1511, 1512, 1513, 1514, 1515, 1516, 1521, 1522, 1523, 1525 and 1526 in Building Number(s) 15, Unpaid Assessments: \$973.48  
Costs: \$287.97  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$2,261.45  
In Teal Landing Condominium. All as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Numbers 20102922, 20106550, 20106879, 20203146, 20204764, 20204272, 20209496, and subject to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded at Reception Number 20007580, and all subsequent supplemental Plats or Declaration thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.  
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Archuleta County Combined Courts

PO Box 148  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
DATE FILED: February 16, 2021  
Attorney or Without Attorney (Name and Address):  
IN COMBINED COURT  
ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO  
Case Number: 21DR8  
In re the Parental Responsibilities concerning: Ryder Parker  
Petitioner: David Parker and Robbie Parker  
Respondent: Lauren McPeak  
**SUMMONS FOR ALLOCATION OF PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES**  
**To the Respondent named above this Summons serves as a notice to appear in this case.**  
If you were served in the State of Colorado, you must file your Response with the clerk of this Court within 21 days after this Summons is served on you to participate in this action.  
If you were served outside of the State of Colorado or you were served by publication, you must file your Response with the clerk of this Court within 35 days after this Summons is served on you to participate in this action.  
You may be required to pay a filing fee with your Response. The Response form (JDF 1420) can be found at [www.courts.state.co.us](http://www.courts.state.co.us) by clicking on the "Self Help/Forms" tab.  
The Petition requests that the Court enter an Order addressing issues involving the children such as, child support, allocation of parental responsibilities, (decision-making and parenting time), attorney fees, and costs to the extent the Court has jurisdiction.  
**Notice:** Colorado Revised Statutes §14-10-123, provides that upon the filing of a Petition for Allocation of Parental Responsibilities by the Petitioner and Co-Petitioner, or upon personal service of the Petition and Summons on the Respondent, or upon waiver and acceptance of service by the Respondent, an automatic temporary injunction shall be in effect against both parties until the Final Order is entered, or the Petition is dismissed, or until further Order of the Court. Either party may apply to the Court for further temporary orders, an expanded automatic temporary injunction, or modification or revocation under §14-10-125, C.R.S.  
A request for genetic tests shall not prejudice the requesting party in matters concerning allocation of parental responsibilities pursuant to §14-10-124(1.5), C.R.S. If genetic tests are not obtained prior to a legal settlement and submitted into evidence prior to the entry of the final order, the genetic tests may not be allowed into evidence at a later date.  
**Automatic Temporary Injunction-By Order of Colorado law, you and the other parties:**  
**1. Are enjoined from molesting or disturbing the peace of the other party; and**  
**2. Are restrained from removing the minor child(ren) from the state without the consent of all parties or an Order of the Court modifying the injunction; and**  
**3. Are restrained, without at least 14 days advance notification and the written consent of all other parties or an Order of the Court, from cancelling, modifying, terminating, or allowing to lapse for nonpayment of premiums, any policy of health insurance or life insurance that provides coverage to the minor child(ren) as a beneficiary of a policy.**  
If you fail to file a Response in this case, any or all of the matters above, or any related matters which came before this Court, may be decided without further notice to you.  
Date: 2/16/21  
/s/ Cheryl Mulberry  
Clerk of Court/Deputy  
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The Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad is issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Osier Kitchen services. The request is for kitchen services in a cafeteria setting. The food should be prepared on sight and consist of two main courses, with sides and soup and salad bar. The offeror will provide food and beverages. The Railroad will provide the facility and equipment. Osier is located about 50 miles northeast of Chama, New Mexico and 25 miles southwest of Antonito, Colorado. The offeror should be able to serve from 250 to 500 meals per day. The offeror should provide adequate staff to cook and serve meals. The offeror must meet all Colorado law or Food Service, as well as comply with all Colorado employment laws.  
The RFP is in its entirety can be viewed online at: [comission.ctsrr.com](http://comission.ctsrr.com) or by requesting a copy in writing to: Tomas Campos, CTSRR, PO Box 1057, Chama, NM 87520, or by emailing [osierfp@cumbrestoltec.com](mailto:osierfp@cumbrestoltec.com)  
Deadline to respond is Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 5:00 pm MST.  
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**NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED**  
To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:  
LIVE OAKES LAND LLC  
3489 EUCALYPTUS PLACE  
CHANDLER, AZ 85249  
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  
LIVE OAKES LAND LLC  
the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**LOTS 177 AND 178, IN CHRIS MOUNTAIN VILLAGE AT PAGOSA UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD JUNE 4, 1973 AS RECEPTION NO. 77868.**  
Account Number: R004488  
Schedule Number: 569525202001  
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2018-04472  
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to LIVE OAKES LAND LLC  
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 PAGOSA HOME AND LAND, LLC for said year 2017.  
That said live OAKES LAND LLC on the 17th 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 LIVE OAKES LAND LLC  
On the 9th day of June 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 5th day of January 2022  
/s/ Elsa P White  
Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado  
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the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**LOTS 177 AND 178, IN CHRIS MOUNTAIN VILLAGE AT PAGOSA UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD JUNE 4, 1973 AS RECEPTION NO. 77868.**  
Account Number: R004488  
Schedule Number: 569525202001  
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2018-04472  
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to LIVE OAKES LAND LLC  
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 ANNE L. DOUBEK for said year 2017.  
That said live OAKES LAND LLC on the 17th 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 LIVE OAKES LAND LLC  
On the 9th day of June 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 5th day of January 2022  
/s/ Elsa P White  
Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
Public notice is given on 1/7/22 that a Petition for a Change of Name of an Adult has been filed with the Archuleta County Court.  
The Petition requests that the name of ANDREW THAD HOLBERT, JR be changed to Andrew Thad Holbert.  
/s/ Cheryl Mulberry  
Deputy Clerk  
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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:  
LIVE OAKES LAND LLC  
3489 EUCALYPTUS PLACE  
CHANDLER, AZ 85249  
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  
LIVE OAKES LAND LLC  
the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**LOTS 175 AND 176, IN CHRIS MOUNTAIN VILLAGE AT PAGOSA UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD JUNE 4, 1973 AS RECEPTION NO. 77868.**  
Account Number: R004488  
Schedule Number: 569525202001  
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2018-04473  
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to LIVE OAKES LAND LLC  
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 STEPHENS OATHA B and VONDERAU RUTH for said year 2017.  
That said live OAKES LAND LLC on the 17th 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 LIVE OAKES LAND LLC  
On the 9th day of June 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 7th day of January 2022  
/s/ Elsa P White  
Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado  
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**NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED**  
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3489 EUCALYPTUS PLACE  
CHANDLER, AZ 85249  
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  
LIVE OAKES LAND LLC  
the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
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# Dutton Creek Ranch The Urbanczyk Family & the proposed gravel pit

## About the Urbanczyk Family

Ronnie and Terry have been married for 44 years. They live north of San Antonio, Texas in a rural community named Boerne. They have been blessed with three children and nine grandchildren, all who love the outdoors.

Ronnie has spent most of his professional life as a concrete contractor and cattleman. Outside of his career, he has a passion for developing the youth of Texas, and has done that for the past 40 years with the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo. In addition to being a regular supporter of the Junior Livestock auction as a buyer and chairman of the Auction Committee, he currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors and vice president on the Executive Committee.

Prior to helping build the concrete contracting business, Terry was an elementary school teacher. She shares Ronnie's passion of helping children, and has done that by serving on the Board of Directors of the local FFA, as well as Bridge Builders, a faith-based organization committed to transforming urban communities through education, health, employment, and spiritual development. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo and the Texas 4H Foundation.



## Introduction to Pagosa Springs

While their roots may be in Texas, they feel a true connection to Colorado. After driving through the state for many years, a vacation to Pagosa Springs with their children and grandchildren introduced them to the community. While in Pagosa Springs, they drove around looking for properties and fell in love with the area. After buying some smaller properties in Hidden Valley Ranch, they fell in love with the Dutton Creek Ranch and purchased it.

Ronnie and Terry bought the Dutton Creek Ranch with the intention of keeping it a cattle ranch and exceptional

hay farm. They have improved all irrigation ditches and removed all interior fences to encourage migration of wildlife. As a result, they have seen the numbers of elk, mule deer, and turkey more than double since they bought the ranch.

With an incredible lake and an abundance of flat areas with spectacular views, the land is great for a large housing development. However, Ronnie and Terry have no intentions of developing the land at this time. They bought the ranch as a place to enjoy with family – to experience the outdoors and fish.



## Community Involvement

While settling into the area, they have attended the Red Ryder Roundup, the Archuleta County Fair, and participated in the Junior Livestock auction.

They currently are working to acquire the old jail and courthouse to renovate and repurpose. In addition, they have purchased the adjacent parking lot and believe the courthouse building could be a dynamic revitalization project.

In order to accommodate larger aircraft at Stevens Field Airport, they are working to expand the airport with more hangars.

The Urbanczyk family appreciates the opportunity to be a part of the Pagosa Springs community. They cherish the history of the community and are committed to doing their part to be good citizens and good neighbors. For more information about their family and their commitment to the Pagosa Springs area, please visit [www.pagosarocks.com](http://www.pagosarocks.com).

## About the Gravel Pit

The gravel pit started out as just a gravel source for the Dutton Creek Ranch. When people in the community learned of their efforts, Ronnie and Terry immediately had requests from residents and contractors asking them to make it a commercial pit since the need for gravel in the community is significant.

When they searched for a company to operate the gravel pit, they wanted to use a local company with a strong reputation. They found it in C&J Gravel from Durango. With company employees and family living in Pagosa Springs, they knew the decision would help support the community. They believe they have found a reliable company, led by John Gilleland, to operate a much-needed gravel pit. C&J Gravel has been a family-run business in operation for over 40 years, and it has an A+ rating with the Better Business Bureau.

At this point, the gravel pit exists on just over five acres. The first phase of the permit could be up to 25 acres, and the second phase could include up to 40 acres. The entire permit area applied for is 167 acres because it has to include the road and area around the land proposed to be used for gravel.

The Urbanczyk's recognize the operation of the gravel pit will impact the terrain, and are committed to the stages of the reclamation and mining plan. They will only disturb

an area once the previous area is complete. Once an area is no longer needed for gravel operations, it will be reclaimed per state guidelines. The state will hold a bond from the operator in the amount required for total reclamation, and will not be released until reclamation is complete. Studies have shown that reclaimed areas such as this often provide new and viable grazing and habit for wildlife.

To limit the impact of the gravel pit on the community, the road into the gravel pit is approximately 3,000 feet, or ¾ of a mile and a couple hundred feet higher than Piedra Road. Other than seeing trucks enter onto Piedra Road, there will be no visual impacts from the crushing operation.

As for wildlife migration, Parks and Wildlife had the opportunity to comment on the gravel application. Studies have shown that gravel operations that operate on a consistent schedule such as the one on the Dutton Creek Ranch do not disturb wildlife or migration.

The lifespan of the gravel pit will be tied to market demand and competition. Although the permit does not have a time restriction, Ronnie and Terry anticipate the reserves to last 15-20 years. This is very positive when you consider the need for quality gravel in Archuleta County.

To control the dust generated from the gravel pit, they have self-imposed restric-

tions on hours of operation and days per year as stated in the application. The crushing operations will only commence as demand dictates. The operator is under strict observation by MSHA (Mine Safety Health Administration), the Health Department and DRMS (Division of Reclamation Mine Safety) state agencies to comply with air quality, noise and dust control.

As for traffic, the Urbanczyk's were required to have a traffic study done at the intersection of Piedra Road and HWY 160. The study showed that it was adequate for additional traffic from the gravel operation. There, of course, will be additional impacts on CR 600; however, the entrance is only about a mile north of the old Four Corners Gravel pit and concrete operation that had heavy traffic until about a year ago. So, in essence, Piedra Road will have very similar traffic as it did when the Four Corners concrete plant was still in operation. At this time, they do not anticipate the county to impose road impact fees because of their future plans to improve Piedra Road. The money the county will save having a gravel pit this close to their maintenance projects could potentially allow them to purchase



60% more material to improve roads with the same budget.

There are multiple advantages of having a gravel pit located in Archuleta County. Most counties that have the resources have multiple gravel pits in different areas of the county to reduce cost of hauling and impact on roads. Unfortunately, Pagosa Springs does not have good gravel reserves, so when you can make use of one like this, it is in the general public's best interest. It helps the average citizen be able to afford to build a home or improve their property, not to mention help the county improve existing infrastructure.

As for revenue for the county, it is estimated the gravel pit will generate approximately \$1.75 million in sales tax revenues.

# preview

## ARTS & LIFE



Photo courtesy Arleen Prochazka

February 3, 2022

# Photography Club to view ‘Wild Orchid Man — Search for the Queen of Sheba’

By Gregg Heid

Pagosa Springs Photography Club

The February meeting of the Pagosa Springs Photography Club will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 9, at 6:30 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St.

This will be a hybrid meeting, also available on Zoom. The Zoom link will be emailed to members; others who wish to attend may request the link by email to abulter@mac.com. If attending in person, feel free to arrive any time after 6 p.m.; the actual presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m.

We are excited this month to feature a screening of the latest movie in the Wild Orchid Man series by Pagosa Springs resident and Club member Darryl Saffer.

Saffer will introduce the film and answer questions about it. “Wild Orchid Man — Search for the Queen of Sheba” was filmed during two expeditions in Western Aus-



Photo courtesy Darryl Saffer

“Queen of Sheba” by Darryl Saffer. At the Pagosa Springs Photography Club meeting on Feb. 9, Saffer will introduce a screening of the latest film in his series, Wild Orchid Man, and answer questions.

tralia. Led by Stig Dalström, also known as the Wild Orchid Man, intrepid botanists search for the rare and beautiful Queen of Sheba orchid, found only in a small area of Western Australia. Their search

also reveals many other unique and striking orchids, as well as much about the ecology of this little-known part of the world.

Saffer brings the story to life with his videography and original music. The film has won a number of awards, including from the Druk International Film Festival, Nature Without Borders Film Festival and was a finalist at the Swedish International Film Festival.

The Pagosa Springs Photography Club promotes educational, social and fun interactions between all who enjoy making and viewing great photography. The club sponsors educational programs and outings to help photographers hone their skills. The Photography Club’s membership year begins in January. For new members, dues remain at \$25 this year (\$35 for a family). The membership form may be downloaded and mailed in with your payment (instructions are on the form) or brought to a club meeting.

## Great Decisions Durango to hold discussion on Zoom Feb. 8

Great Decisions

On Tuesday, Feb. 8, at 11:45 a.m., Great Decisions Durango’s first discussion will be “Climate Change.”

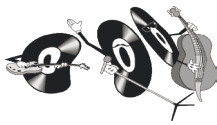
Moderator Guinn Unger will use Zoom to present background

materials and a film by the Foreign Policy Association and lead participants in a discussion of the issues.

The public is invited to attend this free Zoom discussion. Details and registration information may be found at: LWVLaPlata.org.

More information about Great Decisions and the Foreign Policy Association can be found at <http://www.fpa.org> or at the League of Women Voters of La Plata County website, <http://www.lwvlaplata.org>.

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The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Ron Lowe, 5 p.m.

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# Next blood drive set for April 5

By Diane Levison  
Vitalant

Thanks to the many generous donors of Pagosa Springs, our last Vitalant blood drive held Jan. 19 at Centerpoint Church was one of our

## Archaeological Society presentation: 'Before Yellowstone: 11,000 Years of Native Americans in the National Park'

By Rusty Chamberlain  
San Juan Basin Archaeological Society

The San Juan Basin Archaeological Society invites the public to a Zoom presentation on Wednesday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m.

After a brief business meeting, Dr. Doug MacDonald will present "Before Yellowstone: 11,000 Years of Native Americans in the National Park." This talk will be recorded. For login information, go to [sjbas.org](http://sjbas.org).

Since 2006, MacDonald has been an archaeologist in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Montana, Missoula.

His primary area of research is the Native American archaeology of Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming and Montana. MacDonald has written five books, including "Before Yellowstone," which was published in 2018 by the University of Washington Press and describes the 11,000-year-long history of Native Americans in Yellowstone.

most successful drives.

We had 46 eligible donors and collected 56 units of blood. It was an incredible day. During this time of a critical blood shortage, our donors are helping ensure that our local hospitals have blood in the bank for their patients when it is needed.

Our next Centerpoint Pagosa blood drive will be held Tuesday, April 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Centerpoint sanctuary. If you

would like to schedule your donor appointment now, please go to [www.Vitalant.org](http://www.Vitalant.org) to schedule an appointment online, or you can contact Diane Levison at [dianeunheard@gmail.com](mailto:dianeunheard@gmail.com) or via text at (602) 770-6565 to have one scheduled for you.

As always, walk-ins will be welcome at this blood drive, but the donation time might take a bit longer as appointments are given priority.

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# Valentine's events: book surprises and teen DIY crafts

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

If you like surprises, try this: Throughout the month of February, you are invited to “go on a blind date with a book” by visiting a special display of wrapped books that are available for checkout at the library. To help you choose your book, you can read the description on the outside of the wrapped books — but their covers will be concealed.

We'll have a range of choices available, appealing to youngsters, young adults and adults — both fiction and nonfiction.

## Teen Valentine's DIY

Fourth- through 12th-graders are invited to a free teen DIY session focusing on Valentine's crafts on Wednesday, Feb. 9, from 4 to 5 p.m. There will be a variety of crafts that are quick, fun and easy — even some with anti-Valentine's Day themes.

## Book club for adults next Tuesday

Ruby's Book Club meets in person from 2 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 8, to discuss “The Children's Blizzard” by Melanie Benjamin. Copies are available for pickup at your library. This book club is held the second Tuesday of each month, alternating between fiction and nonfiction titles.

## Deadline nears for T-shirt contest

We're looking for creative help in designing a T-shirt for this year's Summer Reading Program, with Feb. 18 the deadline for submissions. The theme is “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

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the Summer Reading Program and a limited number will be available for purchase. This contest is open to all ages.

## Searching for teen volunteers

If you enjoy books, learning new skills and helping your community, we invite teens aged 12-19 to volunteer at your library. You'll have the opportunity to write book reviews, make artwork for the teen area, help plan new programs, judge our contests, help with Storytime, prepare crafts for kids' programs and more. Stop by the library or go online to [www.pagosalibrary.org/](http://www.pagosalibrary.org/) teens to apply.

## Dungeons and Dragons

Join us every other Tuesday from 4 to 6 p.m. for our in-person Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults. The next one is Tuesday, Feb. 8.

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

Participants in this free enrichment program for youngsters aged 5 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. 24 on the library's Facebook page. We hope you will challenge your creativity by participating in this free all-ages activity.

## Family storytimes

Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m., join us for free in-person children's stories, games and plenty of reasons to get up and move. Feb. 9 is a special session of silly stories with Miss Lisa and her friend Fluffy Dog with puppets.

As well, Discovery Time is coming back twice a month. You will find it on Facebook at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 5. It will remain virtual for the time being.

## Tech Time

Free in-person slots are available. **See Library on next page**

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## ESL classes

There will be no ESL classes in February, but we hope to resume the free in-person evening classes as soon as possible. We apologize for any inconvenience.

## Las clases de ESL

No hay clases de ESL en febrero, pero esperamos reanudar las clases nocturnas gratuitas en persona lo antes posible. Nos disculpamos por cualquier inconveniente.

## Adult education

Our free PALS (Pagosa Adult Learning Services) sessions take 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.

## Spanish-language books

“Los Cuatro Vientos” (“The Four Winds”) by bestselling author Kristin Hannah focuses on lives in the Great Depression, with emphasis on strong Greatest Generation women. “Conversaciones” (“Conversations”) by David M. Rubenstein showcases the author's conversations with some of the most successful leaders of our time — including Jeff Bezos, Richard Branson, Phil Knight and Marilyn Hewson — who pass on the personal principles and philosophies that guided their careers.

“Mujeres del Alma Mía” (“Women of my Soul”) by Isabel Allende is an inspiring meditation on what it means to be a woman from one of the leading voices in Latin American literature. “Ciudad de las Nubes” (“Cloud Cuckoo Land”) by Pulitzer-Prize winner Anthony Doerr is a novel about children on the cusp of adulthood in a broken world. “Amor Inquebrantable” (“Unbreakable Love”) by Freddy DeAnda offers seven principles for a solid and happy marriage.

## Nonfiction

“Your Income Tax 2022” is the J.K. Lasser guide to preparing your 2021 tax return. “2022 Horoscope” by Ophira and Tali Edut is the 10th edition of this Astrotwins guide. “Rise” by Lindsey Vonn is a memoir by the three-time Olympic medal-winning alpine ski racer for the U.S. Ski Team who is generally considered the best female skier of all time.

## Mysteries and thrillers

“The Paris Detective” by James Patterson and Richard DiLallo contains three stories featuring Luc Moncrief. “Targeted” by Stephen Hunter features master sniper Bob Lee Swagger. “A Thousand Steps” by T. Jefferson Parker focuses on the life of a hippie teen living in California in the mid-’60s. “The Last House on

the Street” by Diane Chamberlain centers on two women, a generation apart, bound by a decades-old mystery. “A Flicker in the Dark” by Stacy Willingham begins when a teen goes missing in a crime eerily similar to a crime 20 years earlier.

“Sharpe’s Assassin” by Bernard  
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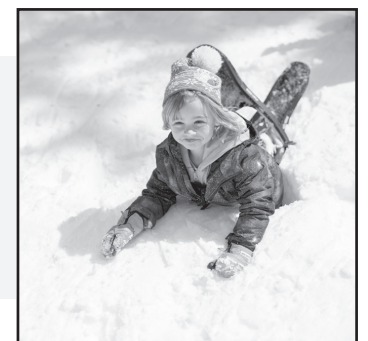


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## Cold temperatures pose Alzheimer's safety challenges

By Jim Herlihy  
Alzheimer's Association

Colder temperatures, snow, ice and early darkness — all can be challenging and stressful for the 76,000 Coloradans living with Alzheimer's or dementia, and for the many more who provide care for them.

"When cold weather sets in, it's especially important to be aware of how memory loss can affect people's decision-making," said Meg Donahue, director of Community Engagement for the Alzheimer's Association of Colorado. "Be aware that a person living with memory loss may not think to put on gloves or a hat, so the care partner will need to keep an eye on this and help the person dress appropriately for the weather."

Wandering is something else to be aware of, Donahue noted, with the risks magnified in cold weather.

Tips for wandering prevention can be found online at [www.alz.org/help-support/caregiving/stages-behaviors/wandering](http://www.alz.org/help-support/caregiving/stages-behaviors/wandering) or by calling the Alzheimer's Association free 24/7 helpline at (800) 272-3900.

By preparing in advance, caregivers can make a big difference in keeping their loved one safe. The Alzheimer's Association of Colorado offers some safety tips for navigating the winter season as an Alzheimer's or dementia caregiver,

such as the following.

### Outside the home

- Be prepared. Winter storms can be dangerous. Check weather conditions regularly and have emergency plans in place.

- Bundle up. Help the person living with Alzheimer's dress warmly for winter weather conditions by wearing dry, loose-fitting layers and covering exposed skin.

- Prevent slips. Assume all surfaces are slick and take safety measures. Assist the person living with dementia by wearing sturdy shoes and walking slowly when outside.

- Buddy up. Ask family, friends and neighbors for help with shoveling, grocery shopping or other errands. An Alzheimer's Association survey says 84 percent of caregivers would like more support providing care for someone with Alzheimer's or dementia, especially from their family.

### Inside the home — natural light

- Lack of sunlight in the winter increases confusion, depression and anxiety.

- Promote natural sunlight in the home. Position furniture or a favorite chair near a window, keep curtains and drapes open throughout the day, and ensure that adequate

lights and lamps are turned on nearing dusk hours.

- If the home does not have a lot of windows or skylights to let natural light in, you can look into purchasing a light therapy lamp that can help improve sleep, boost moods and increase energy.

### Temperature

- Keep the most occupied room(s) at a comfortable, warm temperature.

- Poor insulation and drafty windows and doors can cause the house to become cold.

- Those living with a diagnosis may not always be able to communicate if they are cold.

- Have an easy-to-reach blanket or robe available, or fuzzy socks with grippy bottoms.

### Keep moving

- Promote movement with your loved one. It will help with circulation.

- If it is too cold, wet or slippery outside for a walk or an outing, turn on some chair exercise videos, get some music playing and encourage marching in place, tapping their toes or kicking a balloon back and forth.

- Having regular, scheduled meal times or snacks can help promote movement and eating will increase your loved one's energy.

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Cornwell is a historical novel set after the Battle of Waterloo. "The Horsewoman" by James Patterson and Mike Lupice is a romantic thriller featuring mother and daughter riders. "The Maid" by Nita Prose tells what happens after a maid finds a wealthy man dead in a high-end hotel.

### Other novels

"The Ballerinas" by Rachel Kapelke-Dale follows the lives of three friends who dance with the Paris Opera Ballet.

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# Tax help for seniors available in Durango

By Cheryl Wilkinson  
PREVIEW Columnist

Due to COVID-19, the Internal Revenue Service's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program will not be coming to Pagosa Springs to prepare federal and state income tax returns this year.

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 volun-

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teer 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 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, Feb. 3 — Vegetarian navy bean and artichoke casserole, wilted spinach, milk, salad and carrot cake.

Friday, Feb. 4 — Turkey spaghetti, green peas, focaccia bread, milk and salad.

Monday, Feb. 7 — Beef and stew, green beans, biscuit, milk and salad.

Tuesday, Feb. 8 — Chicken and dumplings, roasted carrots, milk, salad and brownie.

Wednesday, Feb. 9 — Vegetarian tomato and Gruyere cheese tart, red potatoes with butter and cream, milk, asparagus Caesar salad and strawberries Romanoff.

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# USDA implements new bioengineered food disclosure standard, labeling

By Kathleen Merrigan and Robin Young  
PREVIEW Columnists

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) defines bioengineered food as food that “contains detectable genetic material that has been modified through certain lab techniques that cannot be created through conventional breeding or found in nature.”

If that definition sounds familiar, it is because it is essentially how genetically modified organisms, or GMOs, are defined — common vocabulary many people use and understand.

On Jan. 1, the USDA implemented a new U.S. bioengineered food disclosure standard. Shoppers are seeing labels on food products with the terms “bioengineered” or “derived from bioengineering” printed on a green seal with the sun shining down on cropland. More than 90 percent of U.S.-grown corn, soybeans and sugar beets are genetically modified. This means that many processed foods containing high-fructose corn syrup, beet sugar or soy protein may fall under the new disclosure standard. Other whole foods on the USDA’s list of bioengineered foods, such as certain types of eggplant, potatoes and apples, may have to carry labels as well.

Food manufacturers have historically opposed labeling. They argue that it misleads consumers into thinking that bioengineered foods are unsafe. Countless studies, the USDA and the World Health Organization have concluded that eating genetically modified foods does not pose health risks. However, many consumers have demanded labels that let them know whether foods contain genetically modified material. In 2014, Vermont enacted a strict law mandating GMO food labeling. Fearing a checkerboard of state laws and regulations, food manufacturers lobbied successfully for a

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federal disclosure law to preempt other states from doing the same. Now, the U.S. joins 64 countries that require some sort of labeling.

Consumer and right-to-know advocates are not happy with the new federal disclosure standard. The Center for Food Safety, the lead organization representing a coalition of food labeling non-profits and retailers, has filed suit against the USDA, arguing that the standard not only fails to use common language, but is deceptive and discriminatory. According to this view, the standard is deceptive because loopholes exclude many bioengineered foods from mandatory disclosure, which critics say is inconsistent with consumer expectations. If the genetic material is undetectable or less than 5 percent of the finished product, no disclosure is required. As a result, many highly refined products — for example, sugar or oil made from a bioengineered crop — may be excluded from labeling requirements.

Bioengineered foods served in restaurants, cafeterias and transport systems, including food trucks, are also excluded. And the standard excludes meat, poultry and eggs, as well as products that list those foods as either their first ingredient or their second ingredient after water, stock or both. It takes a 43-minute USDA webinar to explain what’s in and what’s out under this new disclosure standard.

Advocates say the standard is discriminatory because it gives food manufacturers disclosure options that can substitute for the green bioengineered seal. They include listing a phone number

to call or text for information or a QR code. But critics point out that many people in the U.S. lack access to smartphones, particularly those over 65 and those earning less than \$30,000 annually. Consumers who want to avoid bioengineered foods may best be served by buying products that are certified organic, which prohibits genetically modified ingredients. Or, they can search for the voluntary Non-GMO Project Verified label, which features a butterfly. It was launched in 2010 and appears on tens of thousands of grocery items. Both labels indicate that a third-party inspector verified that the non-GMO standard has been met.

The new federal labeling standard came to market with little fanfare — probably because neither side in the battle over genetic modification and food sees it as a win.

*Kathleen Merrigan is the executive director of the Swette Center for Sustainable Food Systems, Arizona State University.*

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# Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship service: ‘It’s Not What You Believe, But How’

By Joan Ward  
Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Please join the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (PUUF) in person or on Zoom on Sunday, Feb. 6, at 10:30 a.m. Joan Ward will be reading two excerpts from sermons by the Rev. Gary Kowalski, taken from the website of the Unitarian Universalist Association. The readings are “It’s Not What You Believe, But How” and “Faith is Like A Walking Stick.”

How is Unitarian Universalism different from other faiths? As described by Kowalski, “... most religions define themselves by what they believe ... But Unitarian Universalists don’t have just one set of beliefs. What makes us different is the way that we Unitarian Universalists carry our beliefs ...”

How is the Unitarian Universalist faith like a hike in the woods and a walking stick? According to Kowalski, “... life is like a long walk, or a journey. It starts when we’re little children and just learning about our world and then grows as we grow. With each step, we’re always gathering more information and gaining more experiences, finding out about ourselves and as we explore our beliefs change.”

He adds, “Sometimes, life gets

tough and it’s good to have friends and a spiritual community, and a walking stick, Unitarian Universalism, especially when we lose our balance.”

The readings will be finished with Kowalski’s poem “We Thank You God for Potlucks.”

Kowalski is a Unitarian Universalist minister and author of many books, including “Revolutionary Spirits, Science and the Search for God” and “The Bible According to Noah.” He is co-serving as an interim minister at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Durango and has served congregations in Vermont, Washington, Tennessee, Massachusetts and New Mexico.

The Zoom is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86176360552>, meeting ID: 861 7636 0552 or phone (346) 248-7799.

As of November 2021, PUUF resumed in-person services at the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. on the first and third Sundays of the month. We are currently experimenting with a hybrid format which will allow those who feel comfortable to continue to attend in person, while others may prefer to participate remotely via Zoom. Please bear with us in the coming weeks as we work to refine the experience of those on Zoom.

Our 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. 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.

As long as the community transmission rate remains high, refreshments will not be offered; however, you are welcome to remain after the service for fellowship. 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.

PUUF 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.

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# Countywide Women's Bible Study to begin study on Galatians

By Stan Counsell  
Special to The PREVIEW

Calling all ladies, young and old: Did you know that there is a long-standing evangelical/born-again Bible study just for you? And, the attendees come from all the Christian churches in town. This women's group has prospered for nearly 50 years right here in Pagosa Springs.

The ladies just finished an extensive, yet easy to understand, study of the books of Daniel and Revelation that opened many an enquiring mind. This popular gathering is not a lecture-driven study, but a place with rich laughter, feedback and insightful questions.

Now, it's starting a new eye-opening study of Galatians. What did the apostle Paul write about and why did he feel the urge to take a quill to parchment? Chapter 1 centers upon the dangers of false gospels instead of the good news of Jesus Christ.

The teacher-facilitator, going

on some nine years, is 'Bert (Roberta) Counsell. She is an evangelical women's minister, having served in churches in California and Colorado. Currently, she and her husband have made Pagosa Springs their home for 15 years.

'Bert is a former chaplain with the American Red Cross, U.S. Border Patrol and the first Christian-owned AIDS hospice in San Diego, Calif. She is also a worship composer and women's counselor.

She has been married nearly 37 years to her soulmate, an evangelical pastor, chaplain and counselor. Her passion is to advance the gospel of Jesus Christ through teaching deep-but-easy biblical topics and doctrines with an extensive knowledge of theology, biblical languages and cultures.

The Countywide Women's Bible Study has an open door to all believers and seekers. They meet every Tuesday morning, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., in the fellowship hall graciously

provided by CrossRoad Christian Fellowship. The address is 1044 Park Ave., across from the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Recreation Center. For more information, please call (970) 264-9931.

# New Thought topic: 'Walking the Path of Beauty'

By Shayla McClure  
New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

Sunday service is at 11 a.m. with Shayla White Eagle McClure: "Walking the Path of Beauty."

"As I walk, As I walk, The Universe is walking with me  
"In Beauty it walks before me  
"In Beauty it walks behind me  
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"As I walk, I walk with Beauty."  
— traditional Navajo prayer.

## Upcoming events

Meditation Mondays are at 11 a.m. with Madison Miller.

Spirit Heart Band practice is every Tuesday at 6 p.m. We welcome musicians and singers to join our band. Please text White Eagle McClure at (970) 510-0309 for band information.

Wednesday, Feb. 2, 6 p.m.: "Messages From Heaven." Join various spiritual messengers (channels) and receive inspirational wisdom. Held in the New Thought Sanctuary.

Thursday, Feb. 3, 6 p.m.: "Basic Healing 101." Learn about different modalities created beyond the five senses. With White Eagle McClure.

Sunday, Feb. 6, 5-7 p.m.: Reception for all musician, volunteers and sponsors of "With a Little Help From My Friends" music fundraiser for Greg Milioto and family at the New Thought Center.

## About us

The New Thought Center promotes living a spiritually centered life, and promotes philosophies similar to Centers for Spiritual Living and Agape Centers. We honor all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the divine. The vision of the New Thought Center is to empower possibility through revelation of spiritual truth and to have our members experience self-empowerment, inner peace and feeling part of a community. Our mission is to create a world that works for all and to create a joyful life through awareness of a higher power. We are a "Good Vibe Tribe" that connects a collective spiritual journey.

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

New Thought events are held at 3505 W. U.S. 160, on the second floor of Pagosa Lodge (elevator available). Request prayer treatment or obtain information by joining us; emailing pagosacomunitynewthought@gmail.com; mailing P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or calling (970) 510-0309. Find us on Facebook (Pagosa Community of New Thought) or YouTube (Pagosa New Thought Center for Inspirational Living).

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# Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs to discuss past lives, karma

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

By the time I was in my early 20s, I concluded that I had lived before. It was a very strong feeling. Although I had no idea how to prove it, I continued to search for answers. Eventually, by studying my dreams, I began to have experiences that showed me how my past lives and the karma I created during those lives were showing up in my life today.

At one time I had a very difficult relationship and did not understand why. I had the following dream: I was a cowboy; it was dusk and I was sitting around a fire with another cowboy talking.

I noticed there were some Native Americans slowly sneaking up to our campfire. I grabbed my gun and shot them before they could harm us. The scene shifted and in the next moment I was a white woman with straggly blonde hair dressed in a greasy buckskin dress. I had been captured by a tribe and was a servant for a family. The wives hated me and treated me like a slave, but the man cared for me. I realized that man in the dream was the person that I had a difficult relationship with in this lifetime. This dream helped me understand how karma and our past life experiences play such a significant role in the relationships and experiences we have today.

Has this piqued your interest?

You are warmly invited to a stimulating discussion about past lives and present problems. Learn how to change karmic patterns and avoid sowing unwanted karmic seeds in your life. We will share several tips, techniques and exercises for past-life research.

The event will be held Sunday, Feb. 13, at 1 p.m. at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. This free event is sponsored by Eckankar, the Path of Spiritual Freedom. People of all faiths and beliefs are welcome.

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By **Paulette Heber**  
Baha'i Community of Archuleta County

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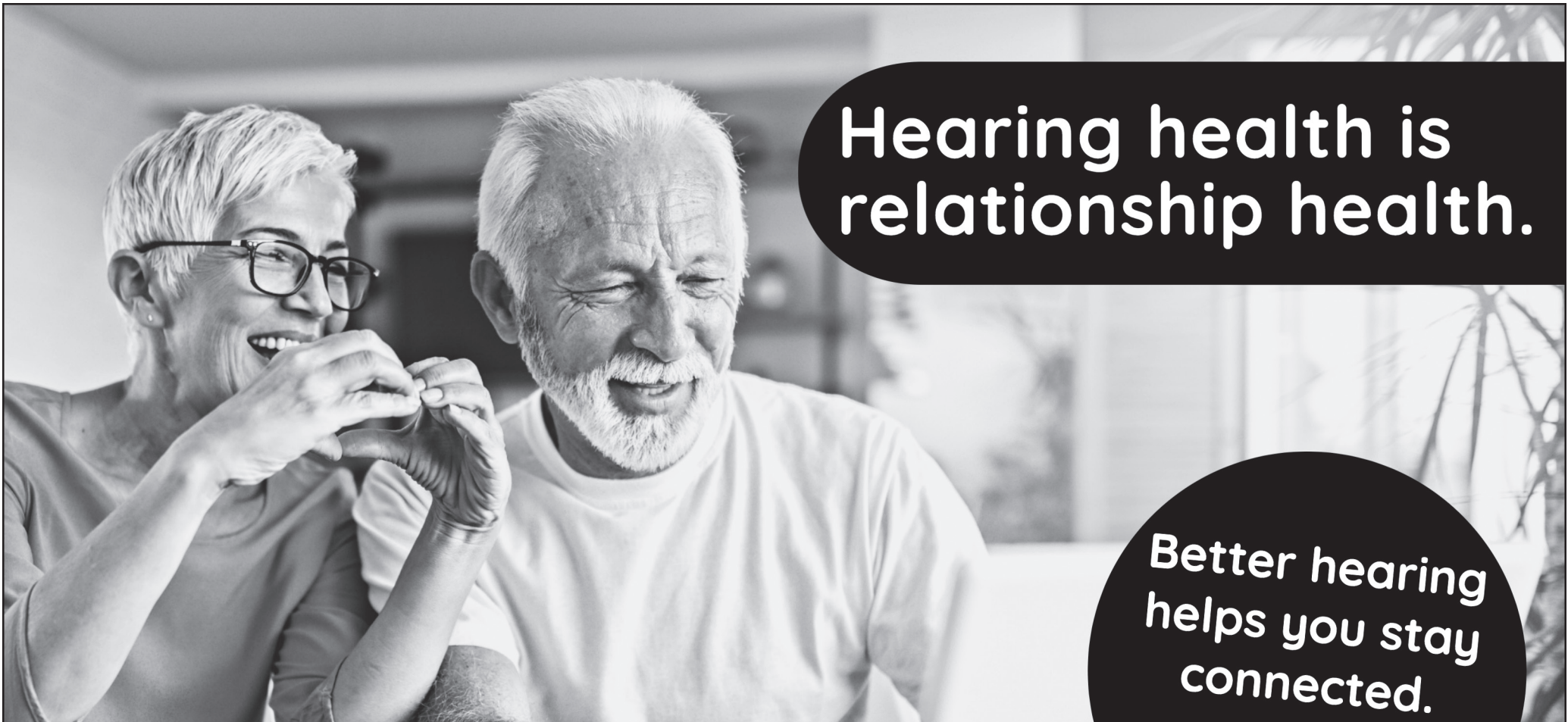
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A weekly theme is reflected in the prayers, music, poetry and selections from world religions and various sources. All are encouraged to contribute inspirational pieces. This Sunday, Feb. 6, our theme is equity.

"O ye beloved of the Lord! The

kingdom of God is founded upon equity and justice, and also mercy, compassion and kindness to every living soul. Strive ye, then, with all your heart to treat compassionately all humankind." — Abdu'l-Baha.

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## Donkey on the edge

A famous television moonshiner gloated, “I guess I’m just a donkey on the edge.” Was he bragging about being outside the law or being the next generation with a knack for making traditional moonshine?

Maybe he’s saying he’s just too stubborn to change? Too up

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Betty Slade

in years to go wayward? Besides, his legacy has already started to take shape. He has a reputation to uphold.

There are those known as “moonshiners” who move their stills back and forth across state lines, doing so to avoid being shut down. They live outside of the law and think of themselves as being clever as a fox.

I wasn’t familiar with the term “donkey on the edge” until I went to the dictionary: It defines a donkey on the edge as a stupid or stubborn person. Also, a footballer known for his or her lack of skill, making big bucks and overpaid.

I went to a prayer retreat and spent hours before God, sorting through last year’s failures and successes; telling him what I thought about me. Was I like the donkey on the edge, believing what I was saying about me? Am I trying to outwit and outrun my limits? Or am I figuring a way around my God-imposed purpose?

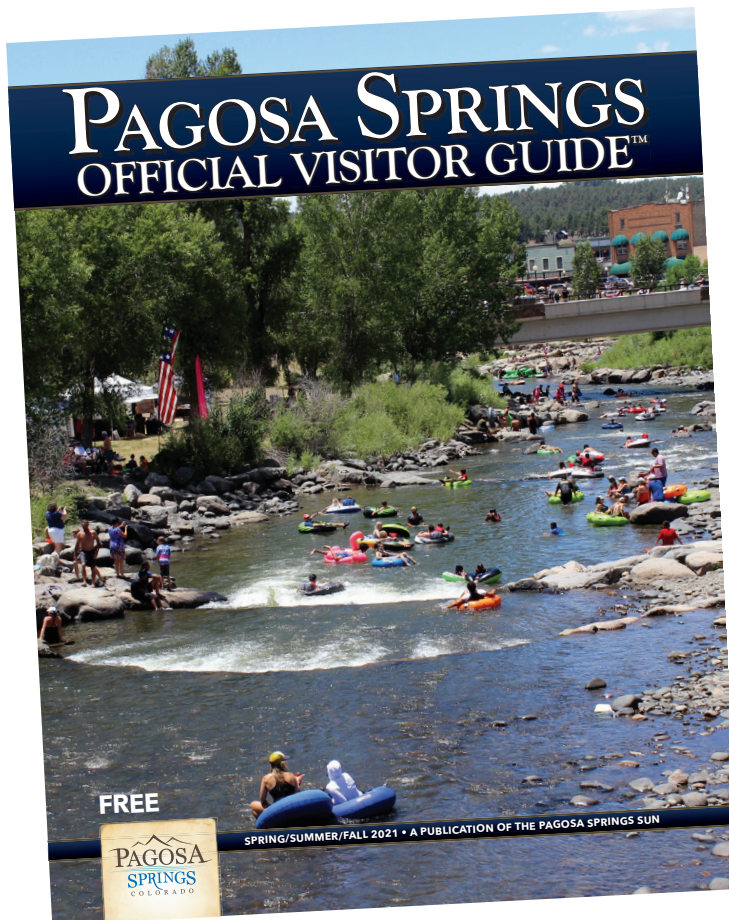
At times, I viewed myself as what others thought of me. Very dangerous. I lack skills others have and wonder why I’m the one asked to do the job. But somehow I’ve been given the job to do, so I embrace it.

With creative juices flowing through my veins, I have the temperament of an artist/writer — the world is either too big for me or too small. I think my ideas are too clever for words, but then when I write them down, I lack the ability to compile them into a simple thought.

I don’t trust myself with my own evaluations and perceptions, but they come with the personality. Over the years, I’ve learned to discipline my seesaw emotions and refuse to listen to lies I tell myself or believe how others view me. I have learned to level out.

In “The Rest of God” by Mark Buchanan, he writes, “The power of a lie is its half-truth. Most lies have a veneer of credibility, a cer-

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# A dissimilar gangrene

By Stan Counsell  
PREVIEW Columnist

Gangrene. It's a medical disease that brings shivers down many a hardened spine. Most reasoned thinkers envision foul smells, multi-colored patches of rotting flesh and seeping gooey sludge.

When defined, it is an obstructive blood flow to an area which eventually causes numbness, necrosis, putrefaction or death in surrounding tissue. Without immediate medical attention, a digit, limb or life can be in danger; even death may lurk at the door. But, gangrene is more than just physical. There's yet another different and deadlier condition that is far more worrisome. It's gangrene of the inner soul of all humankind.

We are all born with a spiritual form of this disease. Even a doubter knows what happens when a toy is placed between two toddlers:

## A Matter of Faith

"Mine!" Our instinctive desire is, from birth, to look after No. 1, ourselves. As we age, "Mine!" graduates to a frightful peril of the human soul.

If left unabated, it demands hostile independence from the Lord. His name is openly ridiculed, spoken in vain, used in profoundly nauseating ways, His precepts violently demeaned. His followers hear shouts of, "Bible-thumper," "fanatic," "freak," "airhead" and "hypocrite" continually bantered with obvious intent of malice.

While living in Japan, I occasionally would witness citizens furiously

swearing the name "Jesus!" when angered. In a largely Buddhist nation, I never heard them swear, "Buddha!" Yes, "Mine!" is in all of humankind. To a lesser degree, the soul is seriously hampered from hearing or ■ See Faith on page 15

## Lane

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tain intuitive rightness about them. Lies are so intricately webbed with truth they are impossible to unravel without God's help."

So, reputation is what others think of us. Character is what God knows of us.

I have found everyone has an opinion and will quickly judge us. But they, too, are not seeing accurately as to how God sees us. God knows both our need and our folly.

It is safe to ask God what he sees in us. He will tell us the truth. He sees through us to our very core and he knows us to be more than riddles and mysteries. He sees us finished. Are we able to handle the truth? Only he knows how he's wired us. He knows the job he's asked us to do.

People tend to see themselves through their own subjective lens, which clouds their perspective. Like the moonshiner: He listened to himself and believed what he heard or even told himself he's OK. It's his lot in life.

It would be wise to listen to God as to what he thinks of us. Paul writes, "For now we are but a faint reflection of riddles and mysteries as though reflected in a mirror, but one day we will see face-to-face. My understanding is incomplete now, but one day I will understand everything, just as everything about me has been fully understood." (1 Corinthians 13:12, TPT).

Final brushstroke: Relying on our own perception or how others see us will give us a false value of who we are before God. We can outwit the law and live life the way we want. But, one day we'll have to become honest with ourselves. We will meet the author and finisher of this race. Even a donkey on the edge must eventually surrender to God.

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# Bird of the Week



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

Caught on video on a Minnesota lake was a mama common merganser trailing 76 ducklings. While the number is unusually high, the practice of one female caring for several broods is not uncommon. It's a good thing that these babies are able to feed themselves after leaving the nest, eating at first aquatic invertebrates and switching to fish within the second week.

These ducks are cavity nesters, utilizing natural tree cavities and large, old woodpecker holes up to 100 feet from the ground. Within a day of hatching, flightless ducklings leap to the ground and follow mama to the water. The lucky ones are able to hitch a ride on mama's back to investigate their new surroundings.

These birds spend much of their time on water or perched on rocks in it. In rivers, they are often found along the shoreline, dipping their heads underwater to locate prey by sight and then diving in to catch it. When feeding in flocks, after one dives the others follow and the whole group disappears. Toothlike serrations on their bills help to hold slippery fish prey.

Although most of these birds are migratory, breeding across Canada, into Alaska and in the northern lower states, our area is included in their year-round range and some raise young here.

Common mergansers are large, long-bodied ducks with narrow, straight, reddish bills. Males have white bodies, a black back and an iridescent green head. Females and immature birds have gray bodies, a white chest and a cinnamon-colored head with a shaggy crest.

Eating high on the aquatic food chain, these ducks are sensitive to toxic chemicals in polluted water accumulated in their fish prey.

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

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# Faith

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calling out to Almighty God or His son, Jesus Christ.

If one desires to feel religious and be recognized as spiritual, "Mine!" will lead them into various religions or groups that deny the real Jesus. They will learn to think in similar ways: "What, me worry?" or "I don't need that Jesus!" They will be encouraged to develop their own "truths" that are totally void of reasoning. It's heartbreaking, "I'm OK, you're OK. We can each believe our own truth; everything's copacetic."

But, "Mine!" is tragically found in Christian circles, too. As one theologian remarked, "Gangrene is also the moral, spiritual corruption and decadence that pervades an individual or group of people." Yes, it crouches at the door waiting to pounce during our weakest of times.

It sits in many a pew, or row of chairs, waiting to cause divisive havoc due to a numbness of the heart when presented with certain biblical truths. Being in spiritual necrosis, one can spin, dismiss, ignore or have disdain for parts of God's Word.

Being willfully void of Jesus train wrecks with the savior Himself. John 14:6 records an emphatic declaration by Jesus: "I am the [only] Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one can come to the Father but by me."

Jesus' bold clarion call of, "I tell you the truth" is nearly limitless in the New Testament. His truth is the only genuine truth regarding the Lord, creation, and humankind.

Other so-called "truths" are clear distortions, spins or lies cloaked in religiosities, void of the real savior,

Jesus Christ. However, God loudly ordained from on high: "I will not take back a single word I said ... in My holiness, I cannot lie" (Psalm 89:34-35). Even clearer: "God is not a man, so he does not lie. He is not human, so he does not change his mind" (Psalm 5:8-9).

In spite of such clear "read-my-lips" biblical declarations, most suffer from having ears that do not hear, eyes that do not see due to "Mine!" Everyone on this planet has made their own bed to lie in when they refuse treatment for "Mine!"

In Matthew 7:21-27, the Lord luminously taught that a wise person builds their house on a strong foundation of hard/immovable rock. That clearly alludes to Jesus, the Rock of our Salvation. But, most choose the easy and inexpensive way. They build their houses upon the sand with its continual shifting foundations.

Sand is often a biblical metaphor for unnumbered throngs of people (Romans 9:27, Hebrews 11:12). Beach sand is, just like people, constantly in a state of flux. Winds and waves constantly move it into sandbanks or push it elsewhere. Remember our youth: Did our sand castles ever survive even the first wave?

Jesus says that storms will certainly come into our lives; no one gets a "get out of jail free" card. Be it painful health, a family death, the loss of a job, COVID-influenced insolvencies, a punishing divorce, being a crime victim or suffering a friend's betrayal, life just happens. But, when the storms come, will our houses (lives) endure or suffer

a horrible loss?

Yes, "Mine!" is in all of humanity. It even stares at us in the mirror. But, we can do something about it. A missionary friend once taught, "Every dead fish will flow downstream. It takes a live one to swim against the current." So, just how do we declare war on "Mine!"?

First, learn that there is but one "vaccine" available for this deadly disease. It's the Lord Jesus Christ, the only savior of humankind. He's the true "jab" that limits the totality of our spiritual necrosis. Luke 19:10 reads, "For the Son of Man (Jesus) came to seek and to save the lost."

That's right. He came knowing He would be brutally beaten, tortured and die on His cross for us. Yes, for all of us. And, as predicted, He rose from the dead, proving He was the only true Son of God, not just one of the so-called many. Yes, on the highway of life, we are wretched remnants of roadkill because of our deep-rooted "Mine!" disease. His shed blood will save us from ourselves if we call out to Him.

Just as it states in Deuteronomy 30:19a, "Today I have given you the choice of life and death, between blessings and curses. Now, I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life ..."

Want the "jab"? The doctor is in and He's waiting for you. Amen.

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# Community Concert Hall to present 'An Evening with Suzy Bogguss'

By Denise Leslie  
Fort Lewis College

The Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College will present "An Evening with Suzy Bogguss" on the concert hall stage on Feb. 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Walking the line between critical acclaim and commercial success, Bogguss remains one of the rare artists who has pleased fans and critics alike with her vocal style, musicianship and meaningful lyrics. She is a Grammy Award-winning, platinum-selling artist and one of the most acclaimed female country singers of the late '80s and '90s. Bogguss blends songs of substance and depth with mass-market appeal and balanced country tradition with a contemporary mainstream sensibility.

Bogguss has covered country, swing, jazz, folk, Americana and roots music with style and grace. She has sold more than 4 million records with sparkling radio hits like "Outbound Plane," "Someday Soon," "Letting Go" and "Drive South." Her live performances, which include her hits and choice



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material from her critically acclaimed albums, have been lauded by fans, critics and buyers as "a show not to miss!" Her appeal has never wavered and her fan base continues to grow with constant touring around the globe.

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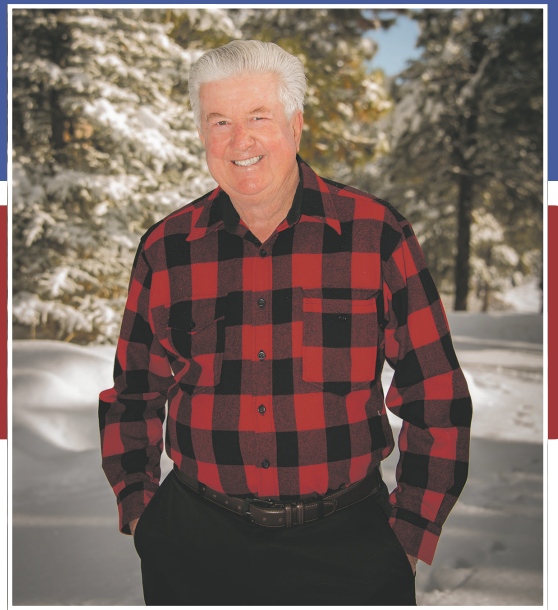
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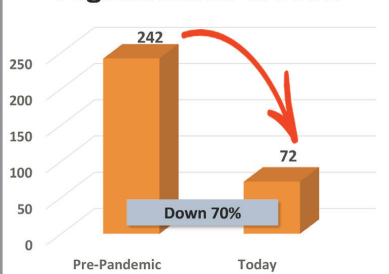


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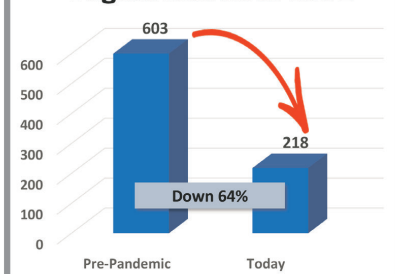
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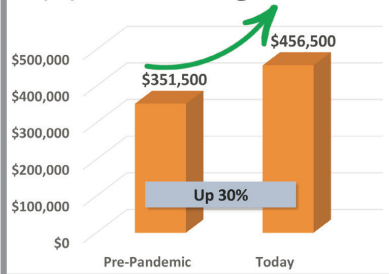


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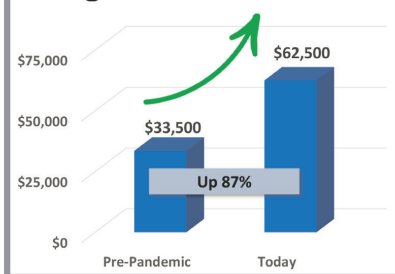
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# How to get more flavor when slow cooking

Special to The PREVIEW

Slow cooking is a popular way to prepare hearty meals. Slowly cooked stews can make for the perfect meal on cold winter days.

In addition to helping craft meals that stick to your ribs, slow cookers fill a home with enticing aromas all day long, and that can make everyone hungrier and more eager to try the finished product by dinnertime.

Slow-cooking aromas wafting through the air heighten anticipation, and cooks can exceed expectations by employing a few strategies to increase flavor.

- **Let fat do the flavoring.** Fatty cuts of meat fare best in slow cookers, as the excess fat ensures the meat won't dry out. The thought of flavoring with fat may not appeal to everyone, and those who prefer lean cuts will likely have to shorten the cooking time and add more liquid than the recipe calls for to ensure the meat doesn't dry out before it makes it to the dinner table.

- **Brown the meat.** Slow cooking experts tout the importance of browning meat prior to placing it in the slow cooker. According to AllRecipes.com, searing meat with a little oil in a hot skillet will help the meat develop more complex flavors. Ground meats also should always be browned before slow cooking, as this prevents the meat from clumping up and can ensure the finished product is not excessively greasy.

- **Avoid overfilling the cooker.** Foods cook differently when the cooker is too full. In such instances, the dish may end up tasting more like steamed food than simmered food. That's especially so when too much liquid has been placed in the cooker. In such instances, steam hits the lid of the cooker and creates condensation, which then drips back into the pot. That

can make everything inside more soggy and less tender. The owner's manual of the slow cooker may recommend how much to fill it, but it's generally best to fill the cooker somewhere between halfway and two-thirds of its capacity.

- **Cut ingredients evenly.** Uniformity of flavor is a goal when slow cooking, as slow cooked meals tend to be served when hosting a crowd and cooks will want everyone's meal to boast the same amount of flavor. One way to ensure that is to make sure ingredients are cut evenly. Evenly cut carrots and potatoes will finish cooking at the same time, ensuring everyone's meal will benefit from the same flavor profile.

Slow cooking is simple, but veteran slow cookers know that a few simple tricks can make meals that much more flavorful.

## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 Ward of "CSI: NY"
- 5 High-class tie
- 10 Ness, e.g.
- 14 Plumbing problem
- 15 Future fungus
- 16 Forest ox
- 17 FEMA function
- 19 Whine like a cat
- 20 Get choppers
- 21 Marshmallow roaster
- 23 Lookout point
- 25 Feels achy
- 26 Bottom line
- 29 Scatter, as doubts
- 32 On the sidelines, maybe
- 35 As yet unscheduled: Abbr.
- 38 Wind instrument
- 39 Jaguar's kin
- 41 "Love \_\_\_ neighbor"
- 42 Overly strict
- 44 Like lemonade
- 45 Engine parts
- 46 Sorority letter
- 49 Woodworking machine
- 52 Eastwood thriller, "\_\_\_ Power"
- 55 Muppets creator
- 59 Genuine
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- 63 Up and \_\_\_
- 64 Gasoline brand
- 65 Shot, for short
- 66 Redhead's dye
- 67 Bank holding

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- 6 Chic getaway
- 7 Swelled head
- 8 Boat in "Jaws"
- 9 Be full of
- 10 Like some orders
- 11 Studio "quiet" sign
- 12 Trial locale
- 13 Alan and Nathan
- 18 Talking Heads hit, "And \_\_\_ Was"
- 22 Carboic acid
- 24 Proof of age, perhaps
- 26 Old fool
- 27 "That hurt!"
- 28 Legal postponement
- 30 Glass ingredient
- 31 Whitman, for one
- 33 CPA's type of year
- 34 Social starter
- 35 Mexican fare
- 36 Partner of born
- 37 Uses an abacus
- 40 Part of PG flap
- 43 Airplane wing
- 44 Historic Harlem theater
- 46 Cosmic payback
- 47 At right angles to the keel
- 48 Sacred song
- 50 Letter before iota
- 51 Farm layer
- 53 Four Corners state
- 54 Lipstick holder
- 56 Voice of the iPhone
- 57 A single time
- 58 Kind of sign
- 61 Bit of wordplay

### Answers to Previous Crossword:

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## Notable events that took place in January 1922

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The dawn of a new year is often seen as a great time to look ahead, but looking back can be equally valuable and insightful. Looking back also can be a fun way to see how the world has changed. Those interested in what life might have been like 100 years ago can take note of these events which occurred in the first month of 1922.

• The Rose Bowl, which remains one of college football's most celebrated events, ends in a 0-0 tie on Jan. 2. The Washington & Jefferson Patriots and California Golden Bears are each considered unofficial champions of the 1921 college football campaign.

• The royal family of Nilambur, a major municipality in the Indian state of Kerala, donates Guruvayur Keshavan, a 10.5-foot-tall elephant, to the Guruvayur temple on Jan. 4. The elephant would serve at the temple until its death in December 1976.

• Workers begin constructing the Delaware River Bridge on Jan. 6. The bridge, now known as the Benjamin Franklin Bridge, links the cities of Philadelphia, Pa., and Camden, N.J. Talks to construct such a bridge had begun more than 100 years earlier.

• Leonard Thompson, a 14-year-

old Canadian, becomes the first person to receive an insulin injection to treat type 1 diabetes on Jan. 11. Thompson would receive an injection of refined insulin less than two weeks later after an allergic reaction to the initial injection. Thompson lived 13 more years before succumbing to his disease prior to his 27th birthday.

• Adolf Hitler receives a three-month prison sentence on Jan. 13 for interrupting a meeting at a beer hall where his political rival, Otto Ballerstedt, was scheduled to speak. Twelve years later, Ballerstedt is killed during the Night of the Long Knives, a series of extrajudicial executions orchestrated by the Nazi party.

• Irish revolutionary Michael Collins is appointed chairman of the provisional government of the Irish Free State with the passing of the Anglo-Irish Treaty of 1921

on Jan. 14.

• Betty White is born in Oak Park, Ill., on Jan. 17. White would become a beloved and iconic actress.

• On Jan. 26, the United States House of Representatives votes to approve the Anti-Lynching Bill, which would have made lynching a federal crime. The U.S. Senate never votes on the bill.

• A scandal breaks out in college football on Jan. 27 when nine University of Illinois players are disqualified for accepting \$200 apiece to play in a semiprofessional game. Three University of Notre Dame players are implicated as well.

• Heavy snowfall causes the roof of the Knickerbocker Theatre in Washington, D.C. to collapse on Jan. 28. Nearly 100 people die when the roof falls in on people in the balcony, which then collapses onto the individuals seated below.

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# Children and grandchildren

By Daris Howard  
Special to The PREVIEW

It was a Saturday, and I was home from school and work. My wife, Donna, was off to an activity with some other women, so I was taking care of our 2-year-old daughter, Celese. She was our only child, but we were expecting another one soon. I had been working on some homework when I heard a knock on the door.

When I opened it, there stood an older lady who was a friend of Donna's. The lady wanted to make sure we knew she was available to come watch Celese when the new baby came. I told her that Donna was gone, but I expected her back soon.

"Don't be afraid to call me day or night," she kindly said. "And from my experience, these things seem to happen more at night."

We were visiting when I suddenly realized everything was silent. Celese had been playing with some toys in the bedroom, but I wasn't hearing anything. I excused myself to check on her, and I found that she was no longer in the bedroom. In the panic that wraps itself around a parent's heart, especially a new parent, I started dashing around the apartment to find her.

When I got to the kitchen, there she was. Earlier, I had made some bread to surprise Donna. When I had tried to get the lid off the flour bucket, I had to really work at it. I couldn't understand why it was on so tight. I thought maybe we had used the bucket to sit on at the table because of the limited furniture in our college-student furnished apartment. When I put the lid back on the bucket, I had put it on loosely so it would be easier to remove the next time.

You guessed it; Celese was covered from head to toe in flour, and half the kitchen was, too. Suddenly, I realized someone was standing behind me, and when I turned, there was the lady. She gave me a look of pity and talked in a tone of voice that indicated she won-

dered about my child-watching capability.

"And if you need me at times besides when the baby comes," she said, "don't be afraid to ask."

She was kind, but I was embarrassed, and I was grateful when she left. I then took my little 2-year-old ghost to give her a bath.

Celese is grown now and has children of her own. She has one blonde, blue-eyed daughter that looks like a perfect angel. She is, most of the time, too. So, when she does something that is less than perfect, it is often a shock to everyone. I smiled as Celese told us what had happened one day.

At the time, Celese's daughter was 4. Celese had a group of women over for a meeting about the arts in their community. They were planning some theater productions and some concerts. These ladies were some of the leading women in the town. Celese was new there and wanted to get involved in some activities these women oversaw.

The women were deep into a conversation about upcoming events. Celese had just served some of her famous chocolate chip cookies and punch, and everyone was remarking about how good they were. It was then that Celese's little angelic daughter stepped into the room.

"Did you need something, sweetie?" Celese asked.

Her little daughter just held up a finger. "Wait for it. Wait for it. Wait for it." Then she let out a long, loud burst of gas. She smiled and said, "OK, I'm good," and she left.

Celese was more than just a little mortified, especially as the smell wafted their direction. She was sure her status in the community had just dropped off the bottom of the social scale. Not knowing what else to do and wanting to change the subject, Celese held out the plate of cookies. "Another cookie, anyone?"

The oldest, most prominent woman of the group shook her head and put the cookie she was eating down on the table. "No, I'm good."

As Celese told me the story, I thought about a cute little grem-lin flour ghost, and I smiled. As a grandparent, it is always interesting to see our grandchildren give their own parents some of what their parents gave us.

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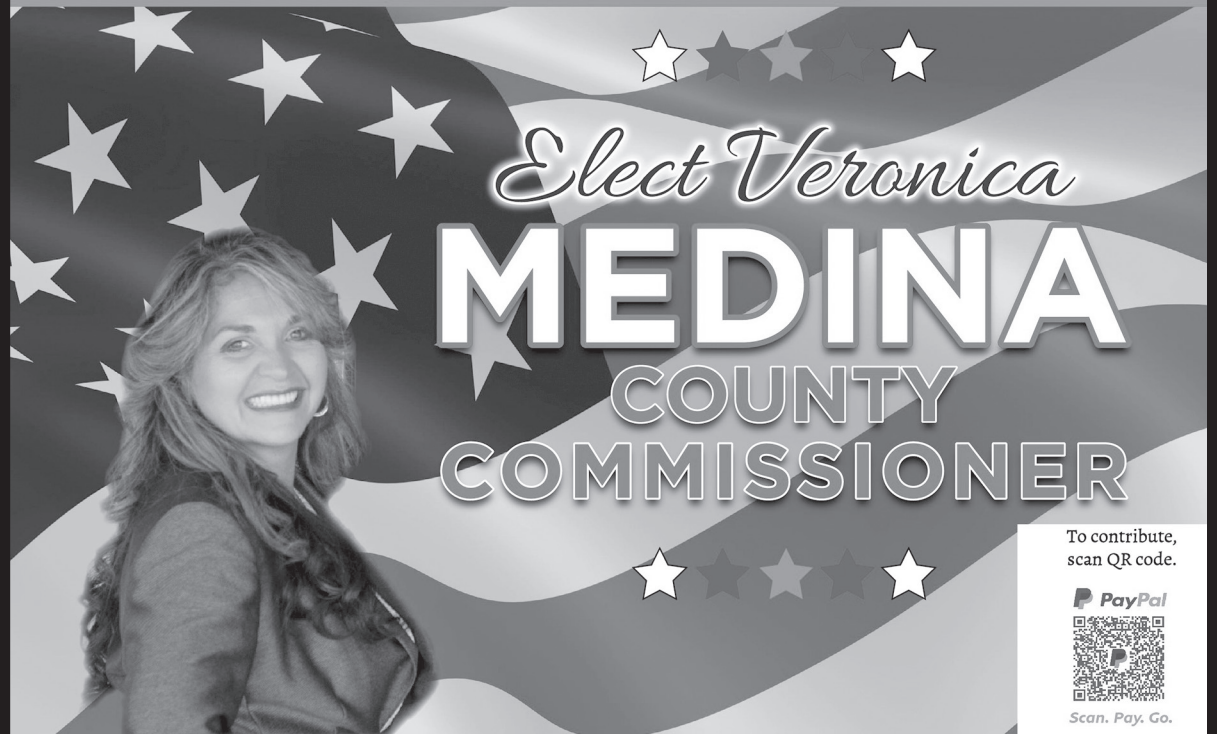
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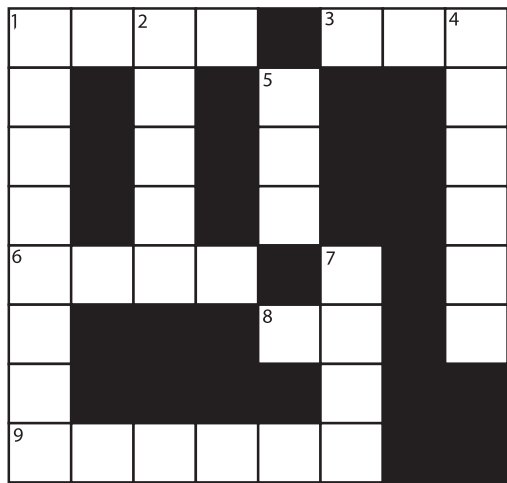


## ANIMAL FACT!

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ANSWERS: BIRDS

### Crossword Puzzle



#### ACROSS

1. Part of a bird's face
3. Consume
6. Look for
8. Opposite of "off"
9. Gloomy

#### DOWN

1. Food for birds
2. Love deeply
4. Food rewards
5. Oily or greasy substance
7. Solely

Answers: Across 1. Beak 3. Eat 6. Eat 8. On 9. Drearly  
Down 1. Birdseed 2. Adore 4. Adore 5. Fat 7. Only

### THIS DAY IN...



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- ITALIAN:** Seme
- FRENCH:** Graine
- GERMAN:** Samen

## Did you know?

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## GET THE PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWERS: BLUE JAY

## The differences between weather warnings and watches

Special to The PREVIEW

Weather is hard to predict. Meteorologists have many tools at their disposal to help forecast storms and other phenomena, but it is impossible to predict the weather with 100 percent accuracy.

When the weather takes a turn for the worse, the National Weather Service (NWS) may issue certain notices to prepare the public. Understanding the level of threat a notice carries can help people take appropriate action and avoid serious consequences.

The NWS uses a four-tier system to alert the public of hazards. Here's a closer look at what each tier constitutes.

### Outlook

This is the least serious weather alert. It usually means that hazardous weather may approach in the

next three to seven days. The public should monitor the situation and stay tuned for further updates.

### Advisory

With an advisory, weather conditions are not overly serious but could prove inconvenient. Individuals should be cautious and prudent when preparing supplies or traveling.

### Watch

During a weather watch, there is an increased risk of a hazardous weather occurrence, though the timing or location is still uncertain. This is when it is essential to practice an evacuation or preparedness plan and stock up on any last-minute supplies.

### Warning

The most serious of the weather impact notifications, a warning

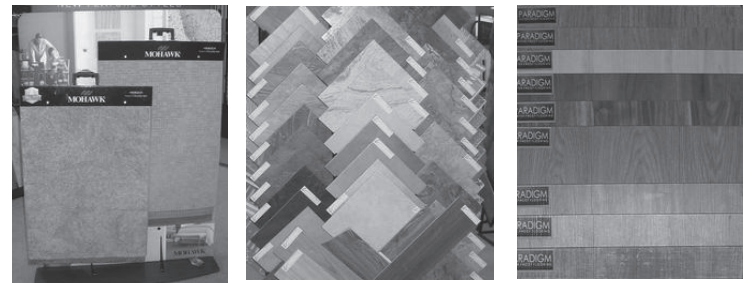
constitutes an imminent or likely event. The weather may cause a threat to property or life. Immediate action to stay safe is necessary.

While these alerts are based on the severity of impending weather, it is important to note that the NWS will not necessarily follow the same timeline with issuing alerts. That depends on how fast a weather situation develops. If there is time, an advisory, then a watch and then a warning may be issued. However, if a storm moves in rapidly, only a warning may be issued. People always should pay attention to weather notices so they can be prepared should severe weather be in the forecast.

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## Thursday, Feb. 3

**Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. Serving beef stroganoff, bread and dessert 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.

**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.

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

## Friday, Feb. 4

**Pickleball.** 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are 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, Feb. 5

**Discovery Time.** 2:30 p.m., Facebook. For all ages. Join us every first

and third Saturday for new games, art ideas, science experiments, history, activities and more.

**Pagosa Springs Girls' Varsity Basketball.** 4 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Montezuma-Cortez.

**Pagosa Springs Boys' Varsity Basketball.** 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Montezuma-Cortez.

## Sunday, Feb. 6

**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, Feb. 7

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

## Tuesday, Feb. 8

**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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**Great Decisions Durango: 'Climate Change.'** 11:45 a.m., Zoom. Moderator Guinn Unger will present background materials and a film by the Foreign Policy Association and lead participants in a discussion of the issues. The public is invited to attend this free Zoom discussion. Details and registration information may be found at: LWVLaPlata.org.

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

**Ruby's Book Club.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. This month, the book club will be discussing "The Children's Blizzard" by Melanie Benjamin. Copies are available to pick up at your library.

**Dungeons and Dragons.** 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens and young adults. Join us for our ongoing game. Contact claire@pagosalibrary.org for details on how to join.

## Wednesday, Feb. 9

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

**Family Storytime with Lisa Baker.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Join our guest presenter, Miss Lisa, and her friend Fluffy Dog for some puppets, storytelling and lots of silly fun. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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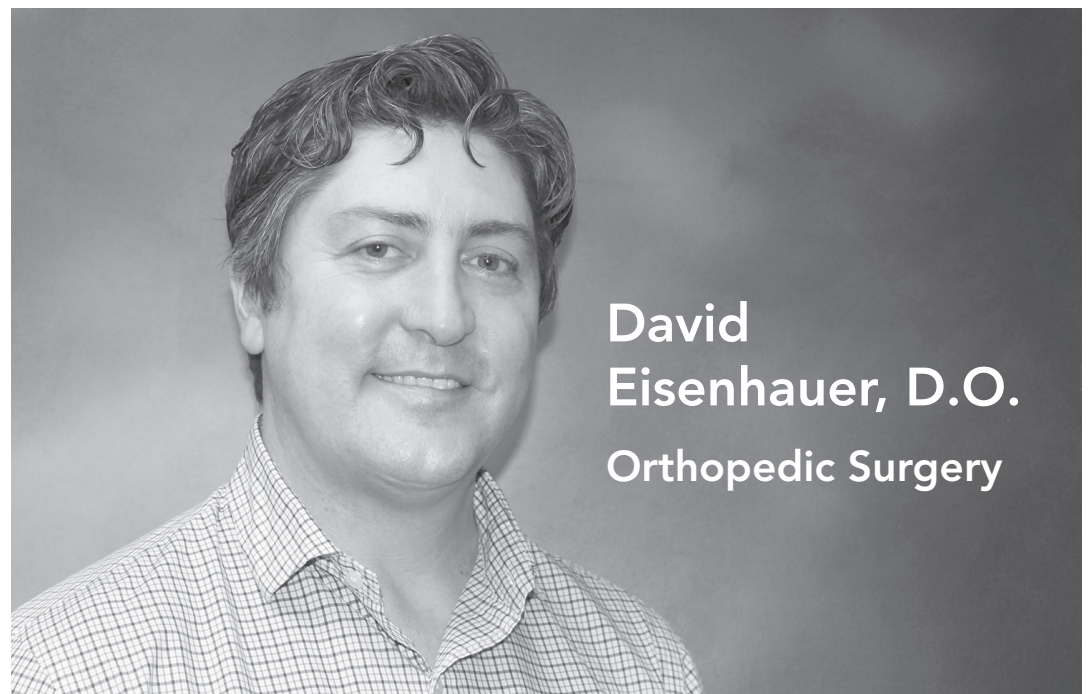
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## Teen DIY: Valentine's Crafts.

4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 4th-12th grade. There will be a variety of crafts that are quick, fun and easy — even some with anti-Valentine's Day themes. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

## San Juan Basin Archaeological Society.

7 p.m., Zoom. After a brief business meeting, Dr. Doug MacDonald will present "Before Yellowstone: 11,000 Years of Native Americans in the National Park." This talk will be recorded. For login information, go to [sjbas.org](http://sjbas.org).

## Thursday, Feb. 10

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### Therapy Dog Visit.

1:30-2:15 p.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."

### 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 legal 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.

## Saturday, Feb. 12

### 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.

## Monday, Feb. 14

### Pickleball.

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

## Tuesday, Feb. 15

### 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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### 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.

## Wednesday, Feb. 16

### Pickleball.

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

### Family Storytime.

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

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## Thursday, Feb. 17

### Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch.

11 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. Serving hot meals 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.

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**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, Feb. 19**

**Discovery Time.** 2:30 p.m., Facebook. For all ages. Join us every first and third Saturday for new games, art ideas, science experiments, history, activities and more.

**Sunday, Feb. 20**

**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.

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

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# When will Black history become part of American history?

By **Wayne Hare**  
PREVIEW Columnist

It's February — the month we celebrate the achievements and history of Black Americans. You can be sure we'll hear about the brave souls that risked or even gave their lives to achieve rights guaranteed in the Declaration of Independence.

We'll hear about great Black jazz musicians like Duke Ellington and about barrier-breaking athletes like Jackie Robinson. Most have become household names. There will be quotes galore from the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

But there are forgotten and fascinating people we also ought to learn about, such as Bass Reeves, one of the first U.S. marshals appointed to the Indian territories. He served for 32 years in that capacity, making over 3,000 felony arrests and killing 14 men in the process.

Upon his death in 1910, he received a backhanded tribute in the Muskogee Phoenix: "And it is lamentable that we as white people must go to this poor, simple old negro to learn a lesson in courage, honesty and faithfulness to official duty."

Another person to learn about is Matthew Henson, a courageous Black American who dragged an ailing Robert Peary across the finish line on a sled, making Henson technically the first human ever to reach the North Pole. Yet it was Peary who was lauded and promoted to rear admiral, while Henson was given an honorary burial at Arlington National Cemetery.

Then, there's Mary Eliza Mahoney, who, in 1879, became the first Black American to earn a professional nursing license. Unable to get a job in public nursing because of discrimination, she worked as a private nurse and in 1908, co-founded the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses.

You will find Black people threaded throughout our complex history and that is what bothers me about Black History Month: Why does America need a special month to acknowledge that Black Americans are truly a part of our story? Why, in many colleges and high schools, might Black history be taught as its own course, yet when it comes to courses in "American history," Black involvement is mostly confined to the Civil War and the Civil Rights movement? Don't we belong here?

Maybe Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell was just confused recently when, after Senate Democrats failed to pass a voting rights act, he said, "African American voters are voting in just as high

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a percentage as Americans." McConnell said he made an inadvertent mistake.

I look forward to a time that we celebrate Black Americans' full inclusion in the American Dream of democracy and nation building, even if that history includes painful episodes that make us cringe today.

We have had a long fight for rights that we still do not enjoy, like full, unrestricted voting privileges. The recent move of some states to decrease access to the polls seems a throwback to the Jim Crow wave of discrimination that followed the Civil War.

If I seem grouchy, I plead guilty. But what I reckon when I read about the past is that it's been 157 years since the end of the war that freed Black slaves, 68 years after Brown vs. Board of Education mandated equal education for Blacks, 58 years after the Civil Rights Act assured all people equal rights under the law and 57 years after

Congress passed the Voting Rights Act, which assured everyone the right to vote. Yet here we are, still on the margins of acceptance.

I want us to acknowledge that Black Americans are a part of the American story, along with its villains and heroes, its quirky individuals, and its ordinary and often conflicted citizens. Black Americans should be woven into the narrative because, in fact, Black Americans helped shape the American story, fighting in world wars, pressing for basic rights and working every job they could get in the face of discrimination.

When that's finally accepted, we can let February find something else to tell stories about.

Wayne Hare is a contributor to *Writers on the Range*, [writer-sontherange.org](http://writer-sontherange.org). He is a retired backcountry ranger, current wild-land fire manager, journalist and founding director of the [civilconversationsproject.org](http://civilconversationsproject.org). Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of *The SUN*.

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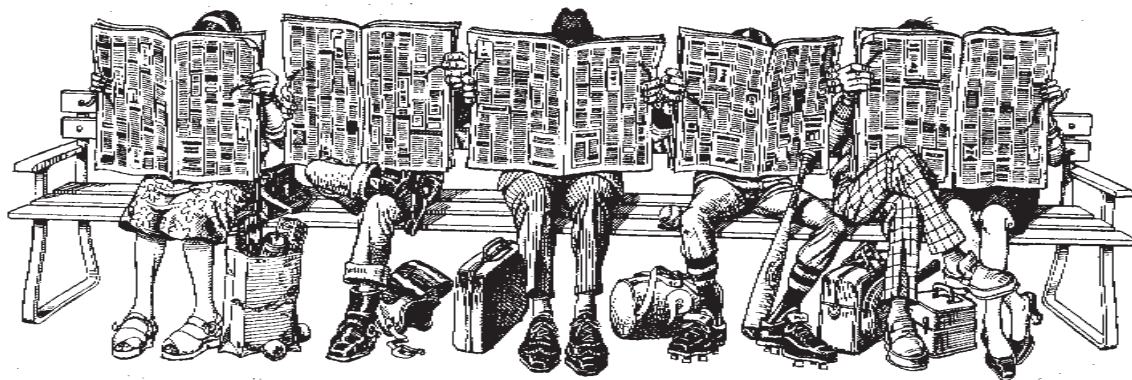


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**FOR PLANNING COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON** February 23, 2022. RICHARD L GONZALES, has applied for a Final Plat Approval for the DE CORDOVA ESTATES MINOR SUBDIVISION, on RURAL PARCEL IN SEC 6 TWN 35 RNG 2W at 3700A COUNTY RD 600, Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN22-004). The property is zoned AGRICULTURAL ESTATE (AE). The proposal is to subdivide the 20-acre parcel into three smaller parcels at the site. Comments regarding this proposal may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970)264-8381 or to pflowers@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Planning Commission on February 23, 2022 at 6p.m. in the County Administration Office Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs. Public comment will be taken at the meeting.

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**AA PAGOSA M-F 5:30P.M.** Sunday at 10a.m. Noon meetings everyday. Young people's meeting starting 12/11 at 7p.m. 315 N. 2nd Street, County Road 200 (.2 miles off 160). Online: Sunday at 10a.m. Zoom ID is 858-319-763, Password 754-234. Saturday at 7p.m. ID 899 6048 4578, Password 532-306. Information call Marcia (970)946-8475, Kathi (970)946-1482 or Central Office 24hrs (888)333-9649.

**CONCERNED ABOUT ANOTHER'S DRINKING?** Pagosa Springs Al-Anon Family Group, Tuesdays 6-7p.m., Pagosa Bible Church. Questions? Call/text (303)815-8569. [www.al-anon.org](http://www.al-anon.org).

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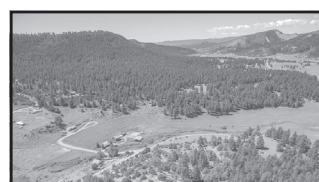
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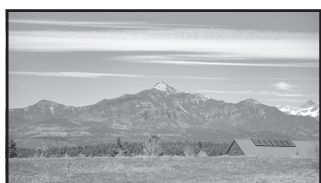
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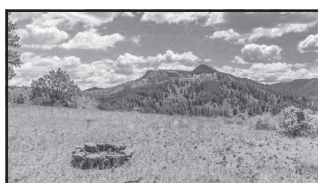
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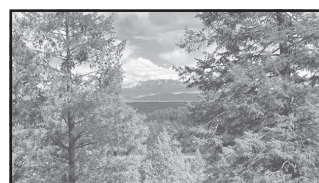
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