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**McCabe Creek culvert project to extend into next spring**

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Work on the McCabe Creek culvert replacement project on U.S. 160 will stretch into next spring, according to the Colorado Department of Transportation.

According to a Wednesday update from the project team and Lisa Schwantes, CDOT's southwest regional communications manager, the project is about 80 percent

■ See Culvert A8

**Recount order expected in Boebert, Frisch race**

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

In the coming days, Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold is expected to order a recount of votes cast in the recent race for Congressional District 3.

In Colorado, recounts are required by state statute when "the difference between the highest number of votes cast in that election contest and the next highest number of votes cast in that elec-

■ See Recount A8



Photo courtesy John Weiss

Carrie Weiss and Blueberry the pug ring the bell for the Archuleta County Salvation Army Red Kettle fundraising at City Market on Sunday evening. Through the season, you will find volunteers ringing a bell hoping for donations. Funds stay in the county, being used to serve one of the most important aspects of the Salvation Army's mission: to meet human needs.

**Draft wolf reintroduction plan to be released Dec. 9**

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

According to Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), an initial draft of Colorado Wolf Restoration and Management Plan, which will govern the reintroduction of wolves into the state, will be released on Dec. 9.

The reintroduction was approved by voters as Proposition 114 in the 2020 election.

Following its presentation to the CPW Commission on Dec. 9, the plan will be posted online along with a form for public comments which will remain open until Feb. 22, 2023.

The progress of the plan was discussed at a Nov. 17 CPW Commission meeting where the commission heard an update on the reintroduction of wolves into Colorado.

The update opened with Julie

Shapiro, of the Keystone Policy Center, discussing the work of the Stakeholder Advisory Group, which contained ranchers, hunters, wolf advocates and conservationists, among others, and was intended to seek consensus on wolf reintroduction and management policies that would benefit wildlife and people.

Shapiro noted that the group was able to reach consensus on a wide range of wolf management issues, despite the initial differences of opinion of its members.

She added that some of the main themes that emerged from the report included the need to balance the restoration of wolves with thriving ungulate populations and agricultural economies; the need to use science-based, adaptive and impact-based management at the local level; and the critical need for long-term funding to support wolf

■ See Wolves A8

**Medical center board hears mixed news about center's financials**

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) is on track to end the year in the red, according to CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb — something she noted is not unusual across the country.

However, it was also reported at the meeting that PSMC is in the best financial position it's ever been in.

The news came during Webb's CEO report and during the presentation of the center's October financials at the Upper San Juan Health Service District's Nov. 15 meeting.

"You always have to have the bad month of the year, you know, and so you're going to hear about October financials tonight," Webb said. "It's been a challenging year. We continue to run in the red, where we will con-

tinue to run, we think, in the red, like 50 percent of hospitals are doing at this point in America."

Later in the meeting, during the financial report, Chief Financial Officer Chelle Keplinger's pointed out that PSMC had its biggest October ever in terms of gross revenue this year, despite seeing a decrease in revenue compared to the previous month.

She added that expenses for the month were also high, citing the continued use of contract labor where vacancies continue and high drug expenses.

PSMC ended October with a net income of negative \$571,010 for the month and negative \$1,755,282 year to date.

■ See Medical A8



Photo courtesy Wings Early Childhood Center

Toddlers and their parents celebrate Thanksgiving at Wings Early Childhood Center with a menu featuring turkey, green beans, cheese and peaches.

**Plastic bag fees to take effect in 2023**

Implementation committee members sought

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

On Jan. 1, 2023, Colorado House Bill 21-1162 will take effect, changing the rules surrounding single-use carryout plastic bags and polystyrene containers across Colorado.

The new law, named the Plastic Pollution Reduction Act, will implement a 10 cent fee, paid by the customer, for each recycled paper or plastic bag carryout bag the customer receives from a store or

restaurant.

Six cents of this fee will be passed on to the county or municipality in which the business resides, while the other 4 cents will be retained by the store, with the remitting of funds beginning on April 1, 2024.

Stores or restaurants that operate solely in Colorado, have less than three locations and are not part of a franchise, corporation or partnership that has locations outside of

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## OUR VIEW

### Make the sausage in public

Have you ever noticed how many varieties of sausage there are to choose from?

You'll find Italian, cajun, breakfast, chorizo, bratwurst, andouille and many more made from a variety of meats including beef, turkey, chicken, venison and others. There are numerous custom blends and gourmet creations. The varieties are endless.

What goes into making your favorite sausage? What are those key ingredients that make the final product so delicious?

There is an old saying that "Laws are like sausages, it is better not to see them being made."

Some decision makers want us to believe that is the case; however, when we vote for elected officials, we are voting for them to make sausage in public.

When you take into account the budgets that many of our local boards will be approving this month, they are making some pretty expensive sausage, no matter how you slice it.

We aren't voting for elected officials to close the door and come out later to

feed us something with undesired additives.

When you are talking tax increases, event center rules and regulations, and short-term rental fees, shouldn't we get to witness the negotiations and thought processes?

We want to see how those we elect make that sausage. What are the key ingredients each elected official individually brings to the table? What are those elected officials' perspectives?

We cannot trust the final product if the process is hidden from us and kept a secret.

No one trusts backroom deals.

Making sausage in public gives us clear perspective about how our leaders make decisions. We voted for you to make those decisions in public.

There are plenty of your constituents who are distrustful of government processes. They want to know what you stand for. We want to know how you arrive at your final decisions.

The process is the time for people's voices to be heard. Including the public

in making sausage can improve the final product. You might even come up with a better recipe.

It may not be comfortable to make sausage in public, but we believe it is what you were elected to do. It is why there are laws that require open meetings.

Watching our local boards make decisions can be frustrating; however, once those decisions are made, just like a deliciously grilled bratwurst, it is well worth the effort.

We implore our elected officials to show us what you stand for by working through tough issues in open forums. It may not be an easy thing to do, but it is part of the job that you accepted when you took your oath of office.

Choose transparency over hidden agendas.

We believe that Jimmy Dean, creator of his own very successful sausage brand, said it best: "Sausage is a great deal like life. You get out of it about what you put into it."

Terri Lynn Oldham House

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
December 1, 1922

The north room of the Hatcher Hdw. Co. building is about ready for occupancy by Earl Sparks, who recently purchased the J.T. Martinez stock of groceries and fixtures, and the transfer of the latter to the new location has commenced. The Martinez building, as soon as vacated, will be occupied by the J.B. Martinez Jr. pool hall, now located in the Carther building.

Beginning next Monday, Dec. 4th, a hot lunch will be served at the High School building each noon under the auspices of the P.T.A. Mrs. J.D. Branson will have charge the first two weeks. A good bowl of hot soup, at a nominal price, will mean much to your child.

The High School play, "Mrs. Temple's Telegram," produced at the Liberty theatre Monday evening, was largely attended and highly enjoyed by all present. A good plot and a well-trained cast formed a pleasing combination to the auditors. About \$80 was realized for the athletic fund of the high school.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
December 5, 1947

Hellzapoppin in Pagosa. Juvenile delinquency received a number of sturdy blows this week, aimed at the problem by the town, the county and the district court.

Brought to a boil by the recent morals charges against three Pagosa men, the problem was discussed by the Town Board Monday night and steps were taken to dovetail enforcements with county and state officials.

Juveniles (16 years and under) and parents were warned that the 9 p.m. curfew ordinance is in full effect and will be enforced.

Marshall Floyd Bramwell was instructed to issue warnings to operators of public places that their cooperation is expected.

At the same time one tavern operator was charged with permitting minors in his place under the loitering statute and fined \$25 and costs in justice court by newly appointed justice F.H. Hughes.

Meanwhile, with the first list of prospective jury members including a heavy percentage of women, the district court prepared to bring the two men to trial December 15 on charges of taking immoral liberties against minor girls.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
November 30, 1972

Four skiers spent a cold night on the side of Treasure Mountain after they became lost en route to the East Fork of the San Juan from the Wolf Creek ski area last Saturday. About 30 persons were involved in the search Saturday night and twice that number on Sunday morning. The four skiers were found walking down the East Fork road after they had spent the night sheltered under a tree. None suffered any ill effects and were unharmed. They were from Denver.

The school board adopted a record budget this past week, with a mill levy hike in the general fund of 4.97 mills. An increase in state aid is also anticipated. A big percentage of the increase was budgeted for teacher salary hikes, although the raises have not yet been approved.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
December 4, 1997

Skating out of bounds and into an avalanche zone at the Wolf Creek Ski Area Sunday earned six men a summons to Creede Dec. 19 where they will have to explain their actions to Albert Wardell, the Mineral County judge.

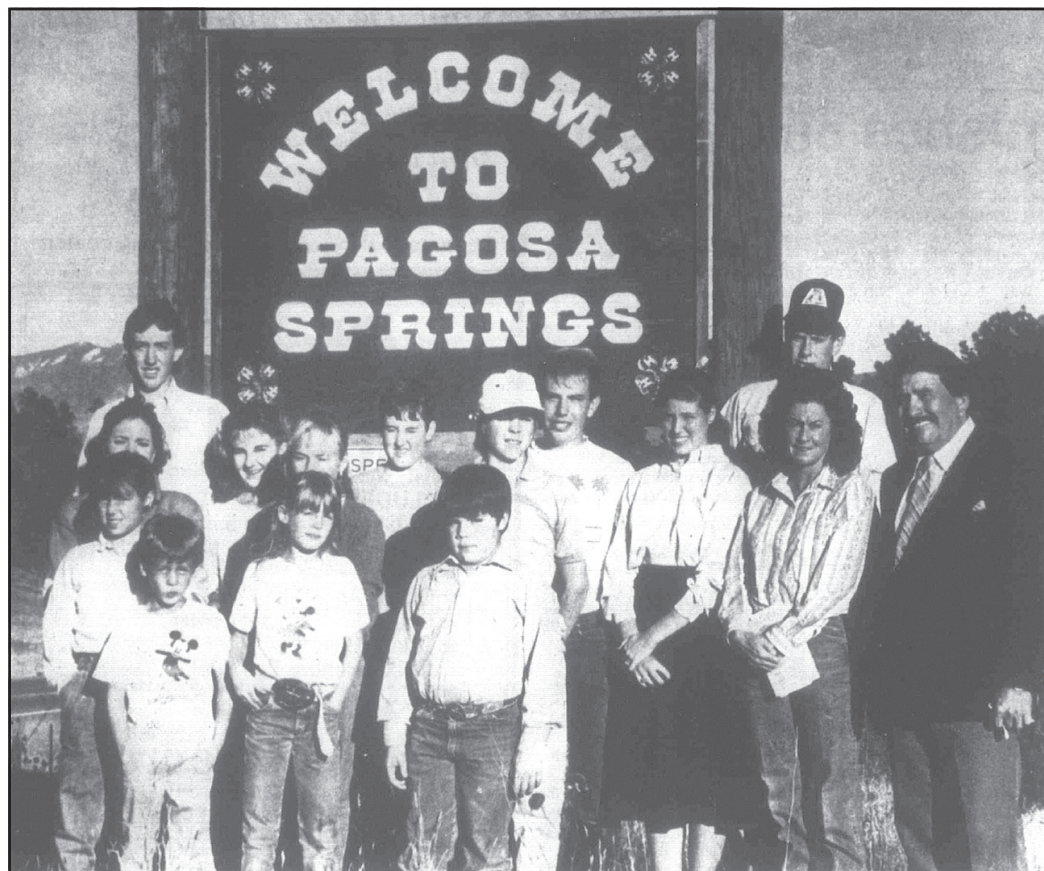
The violation is a Class 2 petty offense under state statutes, according to Phil Leggett, the Mineral County Sheriff.

"The idea is to keep people out of threatening situations when avalanche danger is high," Leggett said. Cross-country skiers and snowmobile enthusiasts should be aware that avalanche danger is extremely high right now in the southern San Juans Mountains, Leggett said.

Cited were four men from Durango, another man from Albuquerque, a 16-year-old juvenile from Rio Rancho, N.M., and three unidentified men, according to Rosanne Haidorfer-Pitcher, Wolf Creek Ski Area marketing director.

"Last year we only issued warning for first offenses," Haidorfer-Pitcher said. "That didn't work. We've adopted a 'zero tolerance' avalanche policy. Avalanche conditions are so bad this year we feel extreme measures are necessary in order to protect the public. We're not going to joke around with it any more."

## LOOKING BACK



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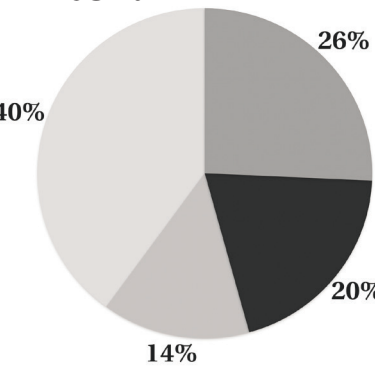
WELCOME TO PAGOSA — Thanks to local 4-H Club members, visitors to Pagosa Springs will now receive a proper greeting. Those involved in the project are, left to right front row: Dusty Higgins, Lisa Higgins and Randy Crouse. In the second row same order are: Sarah Belarde, Sally Belarde and Chance Birdsall. In the third row left to right are: Lanette Shahan, Kelli Eoff, Duane Shahan, Justin Dermody, Cherie Crane, sponsor Betty Shahan and Mayor Ross Aragon. In the top row are Justin Shahan and Eddie Oldham.

## WHADDYA THINK?

How can you tell if it is going to be a really hard winter?

Poll results (102 votes)

When the skunk cabbage grows tall. — 26 percent  
When the weatherperson says it will be. — 14 percent  
When I have to actually wear a coat. — 20 percent  
When the delivery person switches from shorts to pants. — 40 percent



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## Bullies

Dear Editor:  
Not long ago, bullying was vilified for the destructive consequences to the victims using the new technology of social media. This was a reasonable action to protect the victims from harassment. The old saying that "sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me" has been lost to the allowance of being outraged by any little comment. Those that get outraged internally may not find an outlet for relief, and the results can lead to horrific consequences.

Authority figures, like parents, teachers and HR departments, used to take action to stop harassment. Corporations set up mandatory training on harassment. The FBI used to investigate bullying incidents causing the death of a victim. Today, however, the advocates of past victims have turned into weaponized bullies.

Giving agenda-based answers to questions is called indoctrination. What is the effect on a student being shut down for asking opposing questions of a teacher? The soft bullying techniques by school boards and governments must be challenged.

Indoctrination tactics pushed by bureaucratic public school boards and woke universities are only part of our societal ills. The real culprits come from power gluttons like the FBI, CIA, green energy stooges, abortionists, pharmaceutical companies, and humanists that love themselves more than anything.

Is our government the biggest

bully on the block? Or are there still bigger bullies forcing our government puppets to promote their agendas? The answer is becoming obvious. Our country is becoming weak because we are collectively bowing down to the bullies. Genuflecting to radical groups does not make America strong. Bad policies from our current administration show they are aiding and abetting the bullies. Three letter government entities need oversight to stop corruption. They are implicit in the bullying process. All this is culminating into a world order for tyranny, not peace.

More parents need to take a stand against these bullies. The agendas in classrooms need to be developed by parents, not bureaucratic agencies. Little Johnny picking on Suzi doesn't rival the real threat of world subjugation at all levels.

Our world is being pushed to devalue life. We moan about the horrors of war, yet more than 36 million innocent people have been killed worldwide so far this year just from abortion. People do this obediently. World tyrants are the real bullies under Lucifer. Examine the dark rituals that really do exist.

The book of Revelation shows us who the biggest bully is. He is defeated and will be locked up. Lucifer lies, cheats, steals, and murders. Unfortunately, multitudes don't realize they are being bullied, played for fools, and used as tools.

There is nothing of THIS world that can save us. Some have asked Jesus for help. We asked because we had tried everything else to no avail. He alone saves. We cannot save ourselves, and Satan collects unsaved souls.

We must stand on the solid ground of Jesus, not shifting sand of bureaucracies. Only Jesus has the authority to save souls. Eternally trust Him.

E.Fisk

## 'Return to decency'

Dear Editor:  
Well, the 2022 election is in the books. We should be impressed with the gratifying decency of the election. There was no violence and minimal election intimidation. Only a few losing candidates tried to claim election fraud.

Even in so-called swing states, most Americans rejected absurd conspiracy theories and voted for level-headed candidates. In one state with a plethora of 2020 election denials, the people voted down new voter ID requirements.

Ascribing unearned blame for a world-wide inflation cycle was rejected. Attempts to discredit opponents with juvenile name-calling were unsuccessful. Repeated whining by the poster child of sore losers was ignored.

In steadily increasing majorities, Americans are done with unhinged divisiveness and ready to tackle real problems — the resurgence of hate groups, gun violence, opioid addiction, price gouging, political threats and violence, environmental stupidity, and restrictions on personal freedom, to name a few.

I'm gratified to see my faith in America refreshed. We're not back to where we were before MAGA-madness afflicted us, but we're growing stronger (and wiser) with each election cycle.

Thanks to all who support both the return to decency and the steadfast defense of our fragile, yet resilient, democracy. Keep it up. It's

helping us heal.

K. Muth

## Fuel prices

Dear Editor:  
I am getting tired of being taken advantage of regarding the outrageously high gas prices in Pagosa Springs. Recently, when my family was headed back to Denver after the Thanksgiving holiday, I told them to fill up with gas in Del Norte where the gas is only \$3.25 a gallon, which is .65 cents less a gallon than they would have to pay at most of the stations here in Pagosa Springs. We have the highest fuel prices per gallon in the region.

Yesterday, I spoke to an employee at one of our local convenience stores who sympathized with my concerns. She said she had asked one of the fuel delivery persons "why were the prices so high". They told her "Because the companies can get away with it".

So here is my plan, we need locals to stand up and become squeaky wheels. Here are three contacts I would like everyone to reach out to. The first is Colorado's Attorney General, Phil Weiser: Mail the Office of the Attorney General, Colorado Department of Law, Ralph L. Carr Judicial Building, 1300 Broadway, 10th floor, Denver, Colorado 80203. Phone (720) 508-6000. The County Commissioners try to talk to him, but he turned a deaf ear to our concerns.

The second is City Market (King Soopers): Phone (800) 576-4377 the Call Center or (513) 762-4000 Corporate. Mail The Kroger Co., Customer Relations, 1014 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202-1100. Their web site has a complaint form you can use at [www.kingsoopers.com](http://www.kingsoopers.com), found under the Contact Us section at the bottom of the main page. They control the marketplace, if they lower their prices, others will follow suit. I spoke to the new General Manager, who had called his corporate office regarding the gas price concern but has not heard back yet.

The third is Speedway, who I believe is owned by the 7-Eleven Corporation: Email Randy.Vialpondo@7-11.com.

Finally, when you are filling up, you might want to give a note to the attendant regarding your concerns. However, realize the employees

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- Canned Meats (tuna and chicken)
- Canned Pasta Sauce
- Canned Soups (meat and vegetarian)
- Canned Tomatoes (all styles)
- Canned Vegetables (mixed veggies or individual such as green beans, carrots, or corn)
- Carton Milk (non-refrigerated/aseptic containers)

- Crackers, Saltine
- Dried Pinto Beans
- Dry Breakfast Cereal (such as cheerios or corn flakes)
- Dry Milk Powder
- Jelly
- Oatmeal
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# Enjoy plenty of free, fun family events this holiday season

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
Pagosa Springs Area  
Chamber of Commerce

It is a magical time of year in Pagosa Springs. Wishing for just a little more snow and the town decorated so beautifully, we are a picture postcard. There are a number of organizations hosting free, fun family events all throughout the month. Is your calendar marked for one of these festivities?

We start off the month with the 16th annual Festival of Trees being held at the Ross Aragon Community Center Dec. 1 and 2. Dec. 1 is the free viewing and voting for the trees. The doors will be open for the viewing and voting from noon until 6 p.m. You can get a picture with Santa from 3 to 6 p.m. Enjoy cookies, hot chocolate and coffee while you take time to view all the exquisitely decorated trees. The Festival of Trees auction will be held on Dec. 2 with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. There will be live music, food and a cash bar along with the auction. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased from the Community Center or by calling (970) 264-4152.

Centerpoint Church hosts its free Main Street Bethlehem event Dec. 1-3. This event takes place from 6

to 7:30 p.m. each night and is free to the public. Bethlehem in Pagosa will take place at the church at 2750 Cornerstone Drive. Explore the marketplace and follow the street to meet the child. Enjoy this inspirational and creative event.

Also on the first weekend of December there will be a Holiday Market held at the Pagosa Senior Center at 451 Hot Springs Blvd., in the Community Center. The bazaar will take place from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3. Admission is free, although there will be lots of opportunities for you to purchase handmade items such as jewelry, clothing art, food items and much more. Enjoy some free hot spiced cider as you peruse the products.

From Dec. 9-11, the Pagosa Springs Community Choir will present its "Sing We Now of Christmas" annual Christmas concert. This moving musical event features Pagosa's local vocal talent. This free concert will be held at Pagosa Springs High School. On Dec. 9 and 10 the concert will be held at 7 p.m. and at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11. Donations are gratefully accepted; however, this event is free to the community. Don't miss this inspirational concert celebrating the holiday season.

Another free admission Holiday Makers Fair will take place on Dec. 10 at the Pagosa Springs High School from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be live music, gift wrapping, food and drinks available at this market. The Pagosa Community Initiative is the host of this event featuring wonderful handcrafted items from local artisans. Get some holiday shopping done.

The Old Fashioned Christmas walk will be held on Dec. 17 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. This event was such a resounding success last year for its inaugural showing that it is back with even more festivities planned. Come out and walk along the Riverwalk and enjoy booths sponsored by different businesses and organizations. Enter for free to win a Red Ryder BB Gun, enjoy live music, games, giveaways, a hot air balloon glow, hot chocolate and cider, and much more as you walk along the route including Town Park, Mary Fisher Park and the Riverwalk. Hot Springs Boulevard from Hermosa to San Juan Street will be closed to accommodate the pedestrian traffic.

This next activity can be done in stages and is definitely a family-fun event. Get out into the community from now until Dec. 31 and enjoy all the holiday lights that Pagosa

has to offer from a business and residential vantage point. If you would like to vote for your favorite display or home, you will need to do so by midnight on Dec. 18. There are 32 total entries, so you'll need some time to view all the contestants. There is a new category this year — storefront windows. As you drive around, you can vote directly on your phone. Get the app from your app store of choice by looking for the "Visit Pagosa Springs" app. After downloading the app, click on "Tours" and then the Holiday Lights Tour. All the businesses and homes are mapped out for you. After viewing, vote for your favorite display. Only one vote per email account is accepted, and remember to vote in all three categories.

Between events, holiday parties and shopping local, there is so much for you and your family to do this season, and so many activities are free. As mentioned, don't forget to shop local and support your friends and neighbors who live and work in Pagosa year-round and support this community through their tax dollars and many nonprofit contributions.

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behind the counter have no control over the prices so always be courteous. Also, pass the word on to everyone you know and ask them to get involved. The more people out there making some noise on this issue, the better chance we will get their attention.

That's all for now, hopefully everyone is having a great holiday season.

Lee Riley

### Atmospheric carbon

Dear Editor:  
I would like to respond to Dick Reithmiller's letter to the editor published in the November 10 Pagosa Sun. He makes interesting points about other parts of the Earth's carbon cycle, particularly about carbon stored in Mancos shale. However, his presentation of the increase in atmospheric carbon leaves out some important information. The concentration of CO2 in the atmosphere is indeed small, but that means that even smaller changes in concentration can have a large effect. The history of atmospheric CO2 is available at <https://www.climate.gov/news-features/understanding-climate/climate-change-atmospheric-carbon-dioxide>. Concentrations were no higher than 300 parts per million (ppm) for at least 800,000 years until the industrial age starting around 1900. Since then, concentrations have been rising at an increasingly rapid rate, reaching an average of 415 ppm in 2021. That is an increase of 38%.

This is important, because CO2 is a so-called "greenhouse gas" that traps heat from the sun. The sun radiates the Earth with energy at a rate of up to 1300 watts per square meter.

That is enough to boil the oceans and bake everything on Earth, if it were not for the fact that almost all of this heat is reflected, reradiated or otherwise lost to outer space. The temperature of the Earth is determined by a balance between these solar gains and losses to space. It's like sitting at just the right distance from a campfire to keep yourself comfortable on a cold winter night. Heat gains from the fire balance losses to the cold night air.

What happens when we add a 38% thicker "blanket" of CO2 around the Earth? There are lots of thermodynamic details to fully describe the response, but it is obvious that Earth's temperature must rise to increase the losses to space and re-

establish a balance with solar gains. We can back away from the fire, but the Earth is not so easy to move.  
Keith Sharp

### Ghost of a chance?

Dear Editor:  
Ghost guns are invading American cities and committing wanton violence according to the Denver Post. The front-page pictures of these remorseless criminal weapons are chilling.

It seems like science fiction. Why have our loyal guns begun committing acts of mayhem? Reports are vague but I hope self-driving cars are not involved.

Let's keep in mind the vast majority of American guns are law abiding. Yet we must ask "why?"

Many weapons have spent years on guns racks in man caves overseeing hours of violent movies and video games and listening to inhumane rap and death metal. Is this a possible motivator?

At least two percent of gun crimes are committed by so-called assault weapons, which are, in reality, far from military grade, however aggressively they are accessorized. Perhaps feelings of inferiority and "size matters" insecurity are leading these ordinary weapons to commit

these extraordinary crimes?

Why are the thousands of guns in New York, Los Angeles and Chicago far more likely to commit violent acts than the 2 million guns (many of which are genuine military assault rifles) in Switzerland?

One can sympathize with our president labelling these violent guns as "sick". But is POTUS unwittingly opening up an insanity defense? Can Biden resist far left wing demands to extend bail reform and same day releases to guns who have committed violent acts?

Policing violent guns is certainly a difficult job. Violent guns are armed after all, and how do you handcuff them? But police must respect a gun's right. Obviously, Gun Complaint Review Boards should oversee every police-gun incident.

Hopefully the Justice Department will ensure that American S&Ws and Colts are not given slaps on the grip while Israeli Uzis and the Rugers and Mausers closely associated with safari hunting are targeted by police departments influenced by unconscious bias.

It's only fair that recently manufactured guns ("young guns") will be forgiven their first few (or twenty) violent episodes and that no permanent juvenile record will be held against them when tried for their first

few violent offenses as adult guns. Juries will likely level stark sentences on murderous guns. Yet any disassembly or destruction of murderous guns will naturally require decades of appeals and many candlelight vigils.

What effect will these violent guns have on our communities? How do we handle those large intimidating guns which don't commit acts of outright slaughter but merely snort a little too much Hoppe's No. 9 gun oil and wander the streets threatening and physically abusing downtown store owners and occasionally point themselves at the baby bumps of expectant mothers while requesting a little walking around money? We don't want to create martyrs of these criminal guns and spark a national reaction from law abiding guns here, do we?

Clearly the first step is to open a national conversation with these guns. Is Doctor Dolittle an NRA member?

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# Obituaries

## Phyllis (Ratray) Daleske

Phyllis (Ratray) Daleske died on Nov. 20, a day after her 96th birthday. Known around Pagosa Springs as "The Dancer," Phyl spent the happiest years of her life in this picturesque mountain town ("How lucky was I to move to Pagosa?!").



Phyl grew up in Seattle, attended Goucher College in Baltimore, then returned to Seattle, where she went to secretarial school ("I had to make a living—I was a philosophy major!"). She worked as a secretary at the Seattle Athletic Club and the University of Washington School of Economics.

In the late 1950s, she moved to San Francisco ("just for the hell of it"), where she lived as a single gal in a great apartment in a "beat-nicky" area. It was in SF that she discovered the Unitarian church, which became her lifelong beloved community, giving her a much-needed "something to be connected to."

In 1960 she married Ed Daleske, and they moved to Portola Valley, Calif., where they had two daughters, Sarah and Liz. In 1970 the family moved to suburban Kansas

City, where Phyl was happy to once again find a Unitarian church. That church "saved her life" in relatively conservative Kansas in the '70s, introducing her to people she could relate to, many of whom became lifelong friends. Also in KC she volunteered for the county mental health association before being hired to run a transitional living home and later becoming a caseworker.

When she retired in 1992, Phyl moved to Pagosa Springs ("a miraculous place") and lived here for the rest of her life. She embraced small-town living, developed a circle of devoted friends and enjoyed running into acquaintances and future friends wherever she went.

She helped start the San Juan Outdoor Club and the Pagosa Arts Council, volunteered at the farmers market and more. But most important to her, Phyl was one of the founders of the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Growing up "with morality but not religion," she connected to UU's logic and lack of dogma, appreciating the setting where she "could relate in a reasonable way to people who were on the same track."

More recently, she renewed her love of live music and discovered a new passion: dancing. She spent many an evening listening to music at local venues ("in Pagosa, for crap's sake") and dancing along to her favorite bands.

Phyl made her own choices till the end ("It's been a good life, why not get out while you can?"), making doctors, nurses, and Sarah and Liz laugh out loud with her often-unintentional humor ("I'm on my way out!").

She was out dancing 10 days before she died ("Isn't that a good way to go?").

## Jacky Reece

Jacky Reece passed away peacefully on Nov. 19 at home with family members in attendance. Though born in London, England, she called Pagosa home for the past 50 years. As an accomplished crafts-woman, she kept feet warm in Pagosa for many years. And hearts warm with her smile. Her "wool-

lies," as she called them, were a fixture in wintertime Pagosa.

She is survived by her sister, Audrey Denny, of Cheltenham, England; two sons, Matt Hall, of Los Angeles, and Alex Hall, of Pagosa Springs, as well as her husband, Michael, of Pagosa Springs.

Jacky battled dementia over the past few years and has moved on. A memorial service will be held in the springtime — she loved her gardens as well.

Any remembrances may be sent to the Ruby Sisson Library fund.

## Lester E. Rivas

Lester E. Rivas was born April 16, 1937 to Alfredo Rivas and Isabelle Lister-Rivas. In 1959 he married the love of his life, Lila C. Chavez (Lollipops). On the one-year anniversary of laying their son Anthony to rest, Lester was called home by the heavenly father.

Lester and Lila had four children, Rosemary Salas (Danny), Jeff Rivas (Tanya), Anthony Rivas (Jackie), and Isabel Vita (Eddie). They had seven grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. We were rich, not because we had money, but because we had each other and always music. Rosemary wrote this poem for her dad's retirement party and he loved it so much that the family said she should share it, so



she tweaked it to fit the occasion.

A Tribute to the Urban Cowboy (Lester Rivas' Karaoke Playlist):

It is a "family tradition" that we celebrate dad's going home with music from his nieces, nephews, and god children. He is probably saying "play me some mountain music" to the Rivas family choir. I will "fall to pieces" before this tribute is over but I am going to try and get through this "before the next teardrop falls." Thank you for joining our family to not leave "this long-haired country boy alone."

This "Fireman," along with his Lollipop, "a goodhearted woman," has over the years created a "Ring of Fire" of love for their family, friends and everyone they knew. We are privileged and humbled that you could join us to celebrate the "Honkey Tonk Man" throughout his life.

Over the years, the children of the family have all asked Grandpa, "Tell me about the good ole' days" and he has shared stories about things he did "Under the Neon Moon," "in them old cotton fields" or "under the boardwalk" in his "pink sport coat and a pink carnation." He would talk about "This magic moment" or "The wild thing" with his "Rose Colored Glasses" and "Blue Suede Shoes." But the story he never let us forget is when he saved that "Brown Eyed Girl" from drowning at the spa on Hot Springs Blvd. The rest of the story is in front of your eyes.

From "Las Mananitas" "Hasta la Ultima Parranda," "Un Pobra No Mas" will save us "Un Rinconcito En El Cielo" in his "Mansion on the Hilltop." On Nov. 6, the Lord sent "Seven Spanish Angels" to fly my dad on the "Wings of A Snow White Dove" and my dad is saying to all of us "Turn Me Loose And Set Me Free."

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# Business

## Community Development Corporation discusses 2023 budget

By Dorothy Elder  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC) discussed its 2023 budget at its Nov. 16 work session.

In terms of revenue, the PSCDC is expecting \$25,000 each from the town and the county, with an additional \$15,000 from each entity to support a grant writer, Emily Lashbrooke, executive director of the PSCDC, stated.

"The town has penciled in—not for final approval yet — \$15,000 for the main street program," Lashbrooke said, referencing the Main Street America program that launched this year in the town and is partially overseen by the PSCDC.

Lashbrooke also stated that the organization is expecting \$924,933 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

"All of those funds are going to go towards broadband and they're going to go toward the match on both of our \$2 million grants, not including the NTIA grant," Lashbrooke said, referring to a grant from the National Telecommunica-

tions and Information Administration. "That won't be awarded until next year, so none of the NTIA application is in this, this is just what we know to be true today."

With other revenue sources, such as other grants, interest and program income, the PSCDC is projected to bring in about \$1,377,833 in total in 2023, according to the budget proposal spreadsheet provided by the PSCDC.

There are some aspects of the budget that are still being determined, mostly related to broadband expansion, Lashbrooke indicated.

"We were issued notification about a week and a half ago from CDOT that when they do the construction project next year, they're going to lay conduit and fiber for the town when they relay the asphalt and sidewalks and curbs," Lashbrooke stated about the Colorado Department of Transportation, adding, "What CDOT said is our portion of that build is going to be \$41,800, but we could not have that budgeted anywhere because we did not know what that number was ever going to be.

"I did present this to the town council to let them know that this would be an additional charge this year, but it makes sense to put that fiber and conduit in the ground while they have that asphalt and concrete torn up, so that will be an additional charge."

In addition, the broadband office needed to put the Cloman Park conduit and fiber in before the asphalt paving was done, and as a result, the PSCDC had to take that funding out of the allocated ARPA funds that were planned for Department of Local Affairs grant matches, Lashbrooke explained.

"So, we put it in out of our ARPA funds, but it's going to make our ARPA fund \$51,000 short of our match for our two \$2 million grants," Lashbrooke said.

Lashbrooke explained that both the \$41,800 and \$51,000 expenses were presented to the town and county, and both entities directed her to come back to them in the new year for a special expenditure request because they were both already budgeted for the year at the time of her bringing the cost up.

A total of \$1,007,323 is currently expected to be spent on broadband project management, pending the town and county's decisions on reimbursement.

Also on the expenditure side of the budget, the PSCDC is allocating \$2,270 to advertising, business registration and accounting fees.

Contractors (namely the grant writer), legal fees, staff salaries, events and sponsorships and other expenses related to the daily operations of the PSCDC occupy a majority of the rest of the expenditures proposed for next year.

Put together, the PSCDC is expecting to spend \$1,442,881, putting it \$46,568 over a balanced budget.

Discussing the shortfall, many members felt comfortable with it after Lashbrooke stated that there are some carryover funds (the total of which is to be determined, but Lashbrooke estimated it is between \$75,000 and \$100,000), along with \$25,000 of unrestricted funds sitting in an account, unused.

The PSCDC will meet again to approve its budget on Dec. 14. [dorothy@pagosahun.com](mailto:dorothy@pagosahun.com)

## County supports HomesFund mortgage assistance grant

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

At its Nov. 15 meeting, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved documents, including a resolution prohibiting use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies, a letter of support and an intergovernmental agreement, related to the county's support of local nonprofit HomesFund's application for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs.

Earlier in the day, at the BoCC's work session, HomesFund Executive Director Lisa Bloomquist Palmer presented to the BoCC about HomesFund's activities and its request for support with the grant. She explained that HomesFund is based in Durango and serves five counties, including Archuleta, La Plata, Montezuma, San Juan and Dolores counties.

She stated that the nonprofit's primary focus is providing the educational and financial tools necessary for affordable home ownership in the region through programs like homebuyer education, housing counseling and mortgage assistance.

She added that HomesFund also provides manufactured and mobile home financing and predevelopment financing for developers of affordable housing.

Bloomquist Palmer then high-

lighted the rapidly rising costs of housing in the region, which she indicated is more dramatic in Archuleta County than in any other county in southwest Colorado, particularly compared to wages.

She then explained how HomesFund's programs assist with these problems, including through providing homebuyer education classes that give residents the knowledge needed to be successful homeowners and housing counseling, which provides budget and credit counseling for residents to assist them in applying their knowledge to their own situations.

She added that HomesFund is the only organization in southwest Colorado to provide such services.

Bloomquist Palmer then highlighted HomesFund's mortgage assistance programs, which help fill the gap between high home prices and low workforce wages.

She explained that the mortgage assistance programs include \$24,000 in CDBG-funded assistance per household with income below 80 percent of the area median income (AMI), \$24,000 in Housing Development Grant funded assistance per household with income between 80 percent and 100 percent of AMI, and \$15,000 in HomesFund funded assistance per household with income below 80 percent AMI.

She also discussed two new programs HomesFund is working on launching, including providing up-

to 25 percent of a home's purchase price in Affordable Housing Investment Fund (AHIF) funding assistance per household with income below 80 percent of AMI and up to 17 percent of a home's purchase price in AHIF funding assistance per household with income between 80 percent and 100 percent of AMI.

Bloomquist Palmer then discussed the results of HomesFund assistance in Archuleta County through the second quarter of 2022, which include 16 families purchasing homes using HomesFund mortgage assistance for a total of \$768,049 in assistance, 100 households in the county receiving homeowner education and 59 households receiving housing counseling.

She also stated that 106 homeowners in Archuleta County have used HomesFund's services.

Bloomquist Palmer then requested that the BoCC support HomesFund's application for \$1.8 million in CDBG funding for mortgage assistance for households with incomes below 80 percent of AMI.

She explained that the funds would be available throughout southwest Colorado and the city of Durango would be the fiscal agent while HomesFund would be the subgrantee.

She added that HomesFund has been using CDBG funds since 2009 and that this is simply a new contract, not a new program, although

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# Event center regs on hold, lawsuit continues

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

At its Nov. 15 meeting, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) considered changes to the Archuleta County Land Use Regulations (LUR) concerning event centers and heard public comments, including from plaintiffs and an attorney in a lawsuit against the BoCC and the owners of the Sombrilla Springs Ranch.

The public hearing on the event center regulations opened with Development Director Pamela Flowers explaining the proposed LUR changes, which had been approved by the Archuleta County Planning Commission at its Sept. 28 meeting.

Flowers opened her explanation by clarifying that the new rules would not retroactively apply to event centers already existing in the county, such as Sombrilla Springs Ranch, and would not alter their permits.

She explained that LUR changes would create a new event center use and establish standards for event center permits.

She added that the current regulations only allowed for noncommercial meeting places and that the new regulations would cover commercial meeting places that could be rented for a fee.

Flowers then reviewed the regulations, beginning by explaining that the proposed regulations would require a conditional use permit (CUP) in agricultural forestry, agricultural ranching and agricultural estates zoning districts, and would be a use by right in the commercial zoning district.

She explained that, in Section 3 of the LUR, a new rule was proposed that any site hosting more than two commercial special events a year would require an event center permit.

Flowers then discussed the standards for event center permits, including that structures used for the event center should have a scale and design compatible with the rural environment and that structures, outdoor assembly areas and parking lots associated with the event center should be set back 300 feet from existing residences on adjacent property.

She indicated that the standards require noise from the event center

to not exceed 55 decibels between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. and 50 decibels between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. measured in accordance with the county noise ordinance.

Flowers added that a noise study would be required with the permit application to demonstrate anticipated compliance with these standards.

**In the July 15 settlement agreement, the county and Sombrilla Springs agree that Sombrilla will pay \$26,400 to the county within 14 days of the settlement's completion and \$26,400 within one year, for a total of \$52,800, and will hold no further obligations for road improvements on CR 326.**

According to Flowers, a traffic study would be required detailing the impacts of the center on nearby roads, and the center may be required to upgrade impacted roads to meet county road and bridge standards or to mitigate road impacts.

In addition to these elements, Flowers explained, applicants for event center permits would be required to address the ability of event center structures to comply with fire and building code standards for public assembly uses, and the center's ability to provide sanitation and water delivery services to the property.

Flowers added that applicants would also be required to provide a management plan that includes maximum capacity for event patrons; anticipated frequency of events; plans for obtaining the

appropriate licenses or permits for providing alcoholic beverages, if applicable; and plans for ensuring compliance with noise standards.

Flowers highlighted that conditional use permits, such as those that would be required for event centers, allow the county to apply additional conditions, such as limiting the number of guests or types of events an event center could host.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez commented that there were changes he would like to make to the proposed regulations, but that he would prefer to have additional time before making a final decision.

"I see a lot of restrictiveness in this," Maez commented, "and I'm not a big man on more restriction. So, I wanna see the use of things, but right now I don't like making sausage in public. And, what I'd recommend, there's a lot of information here, there's a lot of opinions that we have, I don't know how my fellow commissioners feel about this but ... I think we probably need to put this out for our next business meeting for a final decision."

Commissioner Warren Brown commented that he was "inclined to agree with" Maez, adding, "I think in general I'm not opposed to this as it will not affect ... the operational ability of current facilities that have these available. But there are some small changes or tweaks that I would like to see before making a decision on this, and I think it would suit us well if we were able to come forward with a clean presentation that's acceptable so we could look at it in its entirety and make the decision based upon what's in front of us at the time."

Commissioner Alvin Schaaf agreed with his fellow commissioners, stating that there were some changes he would like to see "without having to rewrite it in public."

Flowers asked if the BoCC would like to discuss the changes at a work session.

Maez recommended that each commissioner submit his com-

ments to County Manager Derek Woodman, who would relay the requested changes to Flowers.

Flowers explained that she would have to take the changes to the planning commission for approval, which could occur at the planning commission's Nov. 30 meeting.

Following discussion, the group agreed that, due to public notice requirements, the amended regulations would be considered at the BoCC's second meeting in December, on Dec. 20.

The board then unanimously moved to delay the discussion until the Dec. 20 meeting.

The BoCC then, following a recommendation from Brown to do so, heard public comments on the issue.

Kimberly Perdue, of Southwest Water and Property Law LLC, spoke first and highlighted the negative impacts of event centers and their potential incompatibility with agricultural zoning.

She continued to request, if the BoCC decided to allow event centers in these areas, that it require a site-specific compatibility analysis, which would compare the operational plans of the event center with the nature, configuration and surrounding uses in the community.

She added that it is possible that there are agricultural properties that adjoin central roadways or, in other ways, "have some carve out of a purely agricultural way of life," but that in many agricultural areas it is impossible to mitigate the impacts of a commercial event center and it would be useful for the planning commission and BoCC to have a way to distinguish between these communities.

The BoCC also heard comments from Marsha Thom opposing the LUR changes, citing their potential negative impacts on the agricultural character of the county and quality of life.

Perdue is an attorney representing, along with Maya L. Kane, also of Southwest Water and Property

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## Grant

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every new contract requires certain steps and documents.

Bloomquist Palmer then laid out the documents required from the county for CDBG applications, including an intergovernmental agreement between Archuleta County, the city of Durango and the other counties served by HomesFund stipulating the terms of grant; a community development plan laying out housing goals for the county, which she provided a potential version of; a certificate of consistency with consolidated plan stating that the grant aligns with the county's plans; a citizen participation plan outlining that there would be a public meeting on the grant held in Durango; an anti-displacement and relocation plan barring CDBG funds from being used to displace tenants without a relocation plan; and a policy against the use of excessive force by local law enforcement.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez commented that he believed the BoCC had approved a similar request in the past and that it was a "very valuable tool for the people in Archuleta County."

Commissioner Warren Brown stated, "It's obviously helping some folks in our county."

The board then briefly discussed the impact of HomesFund in the county, with the commissioners commending HomesFund's work and highlighting the value of the education the organization offers.

Prior to the vote at the meeting approving the documents, agreements and letter of support needed for the CDBG application, Maez highlighted that HomesFund has helped a large number of residents in the county.

Commissioner Alvin Schaaf and County Attorney Todd Weaver both agreed that HomesFund is "a great program."

The BoCC then unanimously approved the documents.

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# Plastic

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Colorado will be exempt from the fees.

Additionally, beginning on Jan. 1, 2024, stores and restaurants to which the fees apply will be prohibited from providing single-use plastic carryout bags to customers, although the act notes that the prohibition does not apply to inventory purchased before Jan. 1, 2024, and used before June 1, 2024.

Stores can continue to provide recycled paper bags to customers with a 10 cent fee per bag.

Also beginning on Jan. 1, 2024, the act will prohibit retail food establishments, such as restaurants, from distributing polystyrene containers to customers, although establishments will be allowed to use the remainder of their stock purchased before Jan. 1, 2024.

The act also notes that the prohibitions and fees apply only to bags provided at point of sale, not to those provided within the store to package loose or bulk items such as produce or animal feed or to wrap frozen foods and bakery goods.

The restrictions also do not apply to bags related to pharmacy or medi-

cal products.

In a Nov. 29 interview with The SUN, Town of Pagosa Springs Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained the town's plans for implementing the new regulations.

She stated that she is developing a committee of community members to assist with the implementation of the regulations.

She explained that, although the regulations come from state law, there is no funding or assistance from the state for implementing the regulations on a local level and that she intends for the committee to help create a "more supportive" program for implementing the regulations.

Phillips mentioned the possibility of a local design contest to create branding for reusable bags, the creation of a bag drop-off where unwanted reusable bags could be donated to others and the creation of signage for stores to remind customers of the new rules as possible activities to help facilitate implementation.

She added that the bag fees collected by the town could be used to print reusable bags which could then

be distributed to the community.

"It's just education and support and ... hopefully trying to get compliance in a way that ... is a little more fun," Phillips stated.

Phillips indicated that she is unsure how much funding will be generated by the bag fees, although she stated that she expects around 20 businesses to be impacted, including some outside of the town limits.

Phillips emphasized that the town's efforts will focus on education and outreach, and expressed the hope that some businesses not required to follow the regulations will voluntarily do so and be involved in the town program.

She added that, although the town has the ability to enforce the regulations with fines, she is hoping the implementation efforts will be successful through education and support.

Phillips commented that the reports businesses will need to provide on numbers of bags distributed will likely be integrated into the town's current platform for tracking sales and lodgers' tax.

Phillips also indicated that she intends to discuss the possibility of

collaboration with Archuleta County on potential implementation initiatives for the new regulations.

In a Nov. 29 interview with The SUN, County Manager Derek Woodman indicated an interest in discussing the possibility of the town giving the bag fee revenues to the county to enhance the county's recycling program.

Walmart Colorado Communications Director Lauren Willis comments in an email to The SUN, "Beginning Sunday, January 1, 2023, Walmart stores in Colorado will no longer provide single-use plastic or paper bags at checkout or

pickup. Delivery will shift to paper bags. We are working hard to ensure a seamless and convenient shift to reusable bags for our customers and associates. Eliminating single-use bags is part of our commitment to achieve zero waste across our operations and ultimately shift gradually toward a circular economy built on advancing reuse, refill and recycling habits."

A representative for City Market did not respond to an inquiry from The SUN regarding the retailer's implementation of the law by press time.

In her interview, Phillips indi-

cated that there are still openings on the town's implementation committee, which currently includes Pagosa Springs Town Council member Brooks Lindner, among others.

She stated that she is hoping to have "at least ... half a dozen people" on the committee and that she is hoping to hold at least one meeting of the committee before Christmas to clarify messaging before beginning to reach out to retailers.

Citizens interested in serving on the committee can contact Phillips at (970) 264-4151, ext. 236 or at [aphillips@pagosasprings.co.gov](mailto:aphillips@pagosasprings.co.gov).

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# Holiday gift ideas for people with Alzheimer's and their caregivers

By Jim Herlihy  
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Holidays can be stressful enough, but when you add in a person living with dementia, gatherings with family and friends become more complex. Finding the right gift for our loved ones can be challenging.

The Alzheimer's Association offers a caregiver holiday guide that shows how, with careful planning, family celebrations can continue to be a meaningful part of the holidays while ensuring safety, comfort and enjoyment for everyone.

If you have a caregiver or a person with Alzheimer's on your gift-giving list, we've got some suggestions to make your shopping a bit easier.

## Gifts for people with Alzheimer's: in the early stages

Items to help remember things:

- Magnetic reminder refrigerator pads.

- Post-it notes.
- Baskets or trays that can be labeled within cabinets or drawers.
- A small pocket-size diary or notebook.
- Erasable whiteboards for key rooms in the house.
- A memorable calendar featuring family photos. Write in special family occasions such as birthdays and anniversaries.

Items to help with everyday tasks:

- A memory phone that can store up to eight pictures with the names and contact information of family and friends.

- Automatic medication dispenser that can help the person living with Alzheimer's remember to take medicine.

- Nightlights that come on automatically when it gets dark.

- A clock with the date and time in large type.

Items to help keep the person engaged:

- An outing to a movie, play or concert, sporting event, museum or possibly an organized holiday shopping trip with friends and family.
- Favorite musical CDs or a CD with a compilation of favorite tunes.
- A DVD collection of favorite movies.
- Activities such as scrapbooking or other craft projects.

## Gifts for people with Alzheimer's: in the middle-to-late stages

Gifts that stimulate the five senses may bring back pleasant memories:

- Scented lotions.
- A fluffy bathrobe in a favorite color.
- A soft blanket or afghan to keep warm.
- Comfortable clothes that are easy to remove and washable, such as sweatsuits, knits, large banded socks, shoes with Velcro ties, wrinkle-

free nightgowns, nightshirts or robes.

- Music. Research shows that music has a positive impact on individuals with Alzheimer's, bringing them back to good times, increasing stimulation and providing an opportunity to interact with family members.

- Framed photographs or a photo collage. Insert the names of the people in the photo and put in frames or in a photo album created specifically for that person.

## Gifts for caregivers

The most important gift you can give a caregiver is the gift of time:

- Self-made coupons for cleaning the house, cooking a meal, mowing the lawn or shoveling the driveway.
- Time off so a caregiver can do something to meet their needs.
- Gift cards and certificates for restaurants, laundry/dry cleaning services, lawn care services, computer/technology support, maid services, and personal pampering services such as massages and pedicures.

- Books. In addition to giving novels on the caregiver's "must read" list, there are a number of books on caregiving.

The Alzheimer's Association provides information, programs and services at no charge to help families living with Alzheimer's disease. For more information, visit [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org) or call the free 24-hour Helpline at (800) 272-3900.

# Culvert

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complete and the winter shutdown began this week.

"The planned shutdown is necessary due to winter weather conditions. Anticipated snow and cold temperatures will prevent work activity from taking place," the update states.

According to the update, when the project resumes it is expected to have fewer impacts on the traveling public.

"The accomplished work is expected to create fewer impacts to the traveling public next year when the project is restarted. The project will resume work this coming spring when the weather permits. Crews are planning for the project to be completed by Memorial Day weekend, 2023," it states.

# Recount

## Continued from front

tion contest is less than or equal to one-half of one percent of the highest vote cast in that election contest."

The recount will be for the congressional race between incumbent Republican Lauren Boebert and Democrat Adam Frisch, despite Frisch conceding the election.

As of Wednesday, Boebert led across the district with 163,832 votes (50.08 percent) — 554 more than

# Wolves

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reintroduction and management. Shapiro stated that public engagement continued throughout the process.

She noted that the Technical Working Group had also held its final meeting and had produced a report which focuses on bringing field and science-based experience to planning topics such as restoration logistics, livestock compensation and wolf management considerations.

Ernest House Jr., also of the Keystone Policy Center, then gave an update to the commission on tribal consultation work on the reintroduction, including consultation with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.

House noted that these consultations had resulted in progress on

The project, which began in August 2021, was originally anticipated to be completed in September, though the completion date was pushed to December after heavy rainfall over the summer.

In late August and early September, CDOT reported the project area saw just over 8 inches of rainfall in June and July, with the average amount for that period being 1.95 inches.

"The excessive rainfall filled the project area leaving crews unable to remove the existing 84" culverts and retaining wall," an August update from the agency notes.

When work resumes in the spring, according to the update, crews will construct retaining walls, rebuild 6th Street, complete final revegetation, complete drainage features and pave

Frisch's 163,278 (49.92 percent).

On Tuesday, Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder Kristy Archuleta reported to The SUN that the county is currently waiting for all 27 counties within the congressional district to finish their canvasses, and once the results are certified, the order for the recount will be issued.

She indicated that, once the order is issued, the local office will know more about how to proceed

with the recount, but explained that the Canvass Board will have to be present for the entire recount and she will have to bring in judges to adjudicate the ballots.

The recount will have to be completed by Dec. 13, according to Archuleta.

According to the initial final election count, in Archuleta County, Boebert tallied 4,196 votes and Frisch tallied 3,575.

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# Medical

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Keplinger began the report with the monthly look at several hospital statistics, reporting that patient days were up a bit in October and are back up to what's normal, observation hours were back to what's considered normal (around 350) after spiking above 1,000 the previous month, that the rural health clinic continues to be around its new normal, and that the Radiology Department continued to "wow" and had another record month.

She also reported that this October was the lowest October ever in terms of billable EMS/ambulance runs.

"Usually November we see a downturn, but we're seeing a little bit earlier this year," she said, adding they're able to collect on about 50 percent of the runs it makes.

All together, PSMC's total gross revenue for the month was \$5,875,864, which was \$727,846 below budget and \$264,495 above the same month in 2021.

In September, PSMC's gross revenue totaled \$6,188,825.

Year to date, PSMC's gross revenue totaled \$60,722,389, which is \$2,874,448 below budget and \$1,963,113 more than the previous year.

"Although we were down in gross revenue, still the biggest October we've ever had," Keplinger said. "So, we're still trending the right way, it's just not quite as big as what we

budgeted for."

PSMC's net patient revenue, she noted, is roughly where it was in 2020.

For October, PSMC's net patient revenue was \$2,562,908, which fell \$662,834 below budget and \$814,636 below October 2021.

She also pointed out that the end of October and beginning of November of 2021 was when the center began seeing a big uptick in COVID.

Year to date through October, PSMC's net patient revenue totaled \$30,196,496, which is \$845,816 below budget and \$555,599 ahead of the same period last year.

Expenses, according to Keplinger's presentation, were a record high for the month of October.

"Expenses for the month of October were high," she said.

PSMC's expenses for the month were \$3,878,028, which was \$332,739 over budget and \$563,010 more than October 2021.

"So there was a couple of things: Our contract labor, of course, was still high, and then our drug expense was high," she said, indicating there was an illness with medication expenses that were not approved in time to be put in September's expenses, meaning the October report reflects expenses from September and October.

Year to date, PSMC's expenses totaled \$35,318,225 at the end of October, which was \$1,706,623 more than budget and \$2,485,423 more

than the previous year.

Also contributing to PSMC's bottom line for October were \$744,110 in grants, 340B Drug Pricing Program revenue and tax revenue.

Keplinger also informed the board that the number of days in accounts receivable went down in October, the cash collections were above the October norm and the facility had 131 days of cash on hand at the end of the month.

Webb and board treasurer Mark Zeigler also touched on PSMC's cash on hand, with Webb noting PSMC has increased its days of cash on hand over Keplinger's tenure.

Zeigler noted that many other rural hospitals are losing days of cash on hand.

"Where Pagosa Springs Medical Center stands at our cash on hand is pretty amazing compared to others across the nation," he said.

In response to a question, Zeigler explained a lot of rural hospitals were down 20 to 25 percent.

"And we're in almost the best financial position that we've been in," he said.

Staff members clarified PSMC is in the best financial position it's been in.

Zeigler also informed the board that PSMC applied for and was accepted into a federal employee retention program, which should provide more than \$4 million in funds.

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# Lawsuit

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Law, a group of 21 neighbors, including Thom, of Sombrilla Springs Ranch who are currently the plaintiffs in a lawsuit against the BoCC, RTN-LGN LLC, The Barn on the Sombrilla LLC and Sandlin Niccum, an individual doing business as Sombrilla Springs Ranch and/or Sombrilla Springs Events and Escapes.

During her comment, Perdue also stated that the BoCC had received written comments from six households, members of which are also plaintiffs in the suit.

The initial Complaint for Relief Pursuant to C.R.C.P. 106(a)(4) by this group was filed in District Court in Archuleta County on July 19, 2021, following the planning commission's approval at an April 28, 2021, meeting of a lodging establishment CUP for Sombrilla Springs' glamping operation and the June 22, 2021, approval by Flowers of an event venue use-by-right site plan for Sombrilla Springs' wedding and event venue use of a barn located on the property, which is zoned agricultural ranching.

The complaint alleges, among other things, that the approval of event venue use-by-right site plan was improper since the LUR does not allow for an event center use in any zoning district and other similar uses, such as bars, entertainment facilities and restaurants, are prohibited in the agricultural ranching zoning district.

It also suggests that Flowers modified the conditions set by the planning commission upon its approval of the CUP, which had included provisions that the applicant must commission a traffic study to assess traffic from the ranch and undertake any improvements to County Road (CR) 326 identified in Road and Bridge Design Standards after the traffic study was received and reviewed.

According to the complaint, Flowers stated in her June 22, 2021, letter to the plaintiffs that they would only be required to maintain the private access road inside the ranch to the minimum standards of primitive road and to improve CR 326 from U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Road 660 junction to the ranch entrance to the standards of a local access road, despite testimony to the planning commission from residents that CR 326 below the USFS 660 junction also did not comply with Road and Bridge standards.

The complaint also states that Flowers' letter indicates that Sombrilla Springs could continue to operate its glamping and wedding venue activities for 30 days while complying with the conditions and could seek a longer timeline if needed in what the complaint alleges was a "direct contradiction" of Flowers' representation to the planning commission when the CUP was approved.

The complaint requests that the court reverse the approval of the event center use-by-right site plan and Flowers' modifications to the CUP approved by the planning commission.

An answer by Archuleta County Attorney Todd Weaver, representing the BoCC, largely denies the plaintiffs' complaints and states, among other defenses, that Flowers' actions were not judicial or quasi-judicial and thus the court lacks jurisdiction to rule on them under C.R.C.P. 106(a)(4), that her actions were proper, and that the plaintiffs lack standing for the case.

Following a failed motion to dismiss the case filed by Todd Starr, then of Cunningham Swaim LLP and representing the Sombrilla defendants, Starr filed a response to the plaintiffs' complaints along with the Sombrilla defendants' counterclaims and a jury demand on Dec. 2, 2021.

Starr's answer also broadly denies the plaintiffs' allegations and reiterates the defenses offered by Weaver.

The counterclaims include that the Sombrilla neighbors violated Sandlin Niccum's privacy; fraudulently reported Sombrilla Springs to several agencies, including the Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust, the Colorado Department of Revenue Liquor Enforcement Division, the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and the Colorado Department of Water Resources; and trespassed on the Sombrilla Springs property.

Then followed a Dec. 16, 2021, motion by Perdue to partially dismiss the defendants' counterclaims concerning invasion of privacy on the grounds that business entities do not have the same rights to privacy as individuals.

Additionally, a dispute over certification of records between the

plaintiffs and the county began in January.

On May 27, the Sombrilla defendants motioned for a status conference, indicating that, in a May 5 letter, Flowers sent the Sombrilla defendants a notice of violation of approval conditions and suspend use order which had indicated that the events held at Sombrilla Springs were not actually allowed as an "event venue" use by right since no such use exists in the LUR, and were instead permitted as "special events which are accessory to the Lodging Establishment [CUP]" for glamping facilities approved by the planning commission.

This notice also ordered the cessation of glamping and wedding activities at the ranch until the ranch established minimum compliance requirements with the approval conditions for the CUP.

Since these changes in the situation had "undercut or eliminated" two of the primary bases of the plaintiffs' complaints, including the objections to the event venue use-by-right permit and the complaints concerning Flowers modifying the planning commission's conditions by allowing Sombrilla Springs to continue operating before the conditions were fulfilled, the defendants requested a status conference to determine the future of the case.

The situation was elaborated upon at the July 14 status conference, where the defendants' statement from the joint status conference statement indicates that the approval conditions included upgrading a road on the ranch, establishing a timeline for the receipt of an outstanding building

permit and establishing a timeline for upgrading the section of CR 326 that Flowers had indicated that Sombrilla Springs would be responsible for improving in her June 2021 letter.

The statement continues to state that Flowers informed Sombrilla Springs that it had complied with the first two conditions on June 9 and Sombrilla Springs filed an appeal of the road improvement condition to the Archuleta County Board of Adjustment on June 10.

However, between then and the status conference, the statement indicates, the Sombrilla defendants and the county reached a settlement concerning the road improvements.

In the July 15 settlement agreement, the county and Sombrilla Springs agree that Sombrilla will pay \$26,400 to the county within 14 days of the settlement's completion and \$26,400 within one year, for a total of \$52,800, and will hold no further obligations for road improvements on CR 326.

The Sombrilla defendants indicated that these changes in the case removed the two primary complaints and thus asked that the status conference be used to assess if any issues remained.

The plaintiffs' statement disagrees with this assessment, stating that the changing of permitting for the wedding venue "replaces one abuse of discretion with another" and raises concerns that the LUR only allow special events to occur on a property three times a year, a restriction which the statement notes that the violation notice sent by Flowers does not indicate the

county will enforce.

The statement objects to the idea that Flowers ordering the suspension of wedding and glamping activities on the ranch satisfies the requirements of the planning commission that no activities could occur until the approval conditions were met.

The plaintiffs' statement also raises concerns about the county's enforcement of its order that Sombrilla Springs stop hosting events or providing glamping while working to fulfill the approval conditions.

On Aug. 18, Perdue filed a motion to amend the plaintiff's complaint which generally reiterates the concerns raised at the status conference and discusses disputes between Perdue and the county concerning the county's denial of Colorado Open Records Act requests made by Perdue which had delayed her filing of the motion to amend the plaintiffs' complaint.

On Nov. 14, the Sombrilla defendants responded with a motion to dismiss the amended complaint which argues that the events in dispute do not involve judicial or quasi-judicial matters and thus the court lacks standing to review the case under C.R.C.P. 106(a)(4).

On Nov. 15, Weaver joined the Sombrilla defendants' motion to dismiss the amended complaint.

On Nov. 28, it was announced by the county that the planning commission meeting scheduled for Nov. 30 had been canceled, so the amended versions of event center regulations will likely be brought back to the commission at a later date.

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# Education

## School board hears about teacher pay, housing and more

By Derek Kutzer  
Staff Writer

At the Nov. 8 meeting of the Archuleta School District Board of Education meeting, several items of public interest came before the board's consideration, including pay raises for certified staff, a possible partnership with Habitat For Humanity to address workforce housing, and a renewal of the contract with Pagosa Peak Open School, the district's charter school.

One of the items discussed was potential pay raises for certified staff, including teachers.

The item was discussed as part of an update on Superintendent Rick Holt's strategic initiatives, under the topic of retaining and recruiting staff.

"We've identified some recurring general fund dollars that we believe we can move to salaries, and, so, we will be working with teachers to discuss how best to distribute those dollars to the certified salary schedule," Holt said.

Holt could not give an exact number on this proposed salary increase, but did say that he would be able to update the board by next month's meeting.

On the issue of workforce housing, the board listened to a presen-

tation by Leah Ballard, housing services coordinator for Habitat For Humanity of Archuleta County.

Ballard informed the board of the organization's goal to build 15 houses in five years.

According to Ballard, over the last 28 years, the organization has built only one house per year, but recent donations from Archuleta County (11 lots) and Club Wyndham Pagosa (five lots) created a catalyst for the program to build 15 houses in five years.

"We have the land for it," she said.

Ballard's main purpose for being in front of the school board was to open dialogue about the possibility of the district partnering with Habitat Archuleta to help alleviate the continuing workforce housing problem in the area.

Such a partnership could take several different forms, according to Ballard. On the most basic level, the district could simply help bring awareness to their employees about the financial and educational services offered by the organization regarding first time homeownership for working families.

The district could also help promote volunteer opportunities for students, employees and their families, according to Ballard.

The board showed interest in exploring inventive strategies to partner with Habitat Archuleta on the issue of workforce housing during the discussion.

Board President Bob Lynch asked, "Is there a creative way to partner to build a house and then the district decides who gets it later?"

Ballard replied, "Absolutely. Yeah, we are definitely open to that idea," but expressed she wasn't sure "what that would look like."

"Maybe a piece of our current five-year plan or something to work on down the road," she said.

Nevertheless, Habitat Archuleta would be open to finding creative methods to partner with the district, according to Ballard.

On this front, Holt offered personal experience about how this type of partnership could work. For example, Holt's former employer, the Roaring Fork School District, formed a three-way partnership with the Town of Basalt and Habitat for Humanity to build and manage workforce housing for its district employees.

The school district, he said, "donated some land, the town donated utilities or wrote off fees, and then [both] partnered with Habitat to construct the buildings."

The three entities then split up the spaces into workforce housing for the district and the larger community, "and so all three of those partners were getting part of that relationship," Holt said.

Earlier, Ballard had suggested that land owned by the school district could also be developed into workforce housing.

If the district is interested in partnering with Habitat Archuleta on securing grant funding or waivers for building on school district land, the district could then "put housing" on these parcels and those units could be designated specifically for school district employees, according to Ballard.

"To get things done quicker," Ballard pointed to some examples around Colorado where Habitat for Humanity has partnered "with for-profit builders on a project and then sought grant funding or waivers to bring down the cost of the home for the school district employees."

In other business at the meeting, the board voted unanimously, with Amanda Schick recusing herself from the vote, to renew its contract with the district's only charter school, Pagosa Peak Open School, for another five years.

The board also approved filing an audit extension request, which was suggested by the district's auditing firm, as part of the meeting's consent agenda.

According to the agenda, "Our auditing firm (Wall Smith Bate-man) has asked that we file an extension request with the Auditor of State just in case our audit cannot be completed by December 31st. The extension is automatically set for 60 days and must be signed by a Board member. The auditors have expressed their concern because of turnover in their staff."

## Pagosa Peak Open School students celebrate school projects

By Emily Murphy  
Pagosa Peak Open School

After three months of analyzing the conflicts in Sudan, creating windmills, powering potato batteries and studying the rich history of Colorado, Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) students in the fourth through eighth grades celebrated the culmination of these projects with the PPOS community before starting their Thanksgiving break.

The night started with PPOS teachers introducing concepts learned throughout each social studies and science project, priming the audience for what they were about to experience.

Students in Ms. Rue's and Ms. Hamilton's 4/5 grade class spent the first part of the school year analyzing different perspectives throughout Colorado history. After camping in Creede and hearing from a local miner, visiting Mesa Verde and seeing the impact of Puebloan culture, and studying significant events and historical figures, the students got to share a wide variety of viewpoints during their wax museum display during the Showcase Night. Each student dressed up as a historical figure and shared the details of their character's impact on Colorado.

"I got to study Emily Griffith, who opened the Opportunity School in Denver," Quinn, 10, said. "I really liked her because she made sure that adults and children had a place to learn."

Students in middle school used two powerful stories as anchor texts to guide their science and social studies projects: "The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind" and "A Long Walk to Water." Through these projects, students were able to work through the engineering process to create their own windmills with the limited materials they had on hand (as did the boy who harnessed the



Photo courtesy Pagosa Peak Open School

Pagosa Peak Open School fourth- and fifth-graders commenced their Colorado history project with the creation of a wax museum of important Colorado historical figures. Students studied individuals who had an important impact on Colorado and then dressed up as their historical characters to share their stories.



Photo courtesy Pagosa Peak Open School

Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) seventh-grader Brenna shares the historical fiction e-book she created with the PPOS community during her first showcase of the year on Thursday, Nov. 17.

wind), and build compassion and understanding for the Lost Children of Sudan before using this

newly discovered perspective to create their own historical fiction stories.



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# Sports

## SWIM

### Lady Pirates set to dive into season in Salida

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate swim team will dive into the 2022-2023 season next week in Salida with the hope that, with a strong foundation, strong leadership and hard work, the team will be able to meet its goals by the end of the season.

Those goals include having the Lady Pirates' 200-meter medley relay and 200-meter free relay qualify for state, as well as seeing returning swimmers who narrowly missed qualifying for state advance to the season's final meet and newer swimmers develop their skills.

According to coach Heather

Miller, the team currently has 18 swimmers, with a "good mix" of new and experienced swimmers.

"We have half returning from last year or the year before and half new to the team, a couple of the new swimmers to have some limited swimming experience in the past," Miller wrote in an email to The SUN. "So, we have a good mix of new and experienced swimmers..."

Miller also points out the team was able to get in the water to practice "pretty early this year to work on stroke technique with our new swimmers," but that the new swimmers still have a lot to work on.

She notes in the email some of the team's "big goals this season"

include, in addition to seeing relay teams advance to state, having Ivanna Erne and Lynelle Bartz qualify in individual events after both "were very close last year but just missed the cut by hundredths of a second."

She adds, "We also have a couple other individuals who could be close or qualify depending on how the season progresses for them. We also anticipate a lot of improvements from our newer swimmers as they gain more skills and confidence in their swimming."

She further notes that the team's experienced members are providing leadership and helping to shape the team's culture.

"Having many seniors on our team this year we have a lot of leadership and some really good swimmers who have helped to establish a team culture of hard work and supporting each other," Miller wrote. "Because of our team culture and the fact we have been able to swim for a couple months we have a pretty good foundation in freestyle and backstroke for most swimmers and our returning swimmers have a good foundation in all strokes."

Miller suggests next week's Salida Swim Meet, which is slated to begin at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 7, "will be a great way to see where we are with our training and help us see what we need to work on in the next few weeks."

The results of the Salida meet will be printed in the Dec. 15 edition of The SUN.

"We are really lucky to have such a great group of swimmers and such strong leadership from our seniors," Miller wrote.

#### Schedule

The following schedule was accurate as of Tuesday, but is subject to change.

Following next week's Salida Swim Meet, the Lady Pirates will be back in action on Dec. 10 at 10 a.m. for the Farmington Swim Meet in Farmington, N.M.

On Dec. 12, the team will head to the Adams State Swim meet, which is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m.

Following a hiatus for the holi-

days, the team will be back in action on Jan. 7, 2023, for the Montrose Swim Meet. The start time has not been announced.

On Jan. 13, 2023, the Pirates will take part in the Delta Swim Meet, which is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m.

The following morning at 11 a.m., the Lady Pirates will take part in the Grand Junction Swim Meet.

On Jan. 20, 2023, the team will travel to Gunnison for the Gunnison Swim Meet, which is set to begin at 5 p.m.

On Jan. 28, 2023, the team will close out the regular season with the Sargent Swim Meet. The start time has not been announced.

The regional meet is set for Feb. 4 and 5, 2023, at Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction.  
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Photo courtesy Brigette Hinger

The Pagosa Springs Special Olympics team took gold at State Fall Classic for bowling in Englewood on Nov. 19. Pictured are team members Jesse Aragon, Levi Brown, Breille Hinger and Meredith Irons.



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# WRESTLING

## Pirate grapplers set to open season in Bayfield

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate wrestling team will begin its season this week with a quad in Bayfield on Dec. 2.

Coach Dan Janowsky expressed confidence in the team's capabilities this season, highlighting the community's strong wrestling tradition and previous titles.

"We're going to have a solid lineup. ... It might take a little bit to put it together, but I think we're going to have a solid lineup by mid-season," Janowsky stated. "I think we have three or four kids at least that are potential state medalists. If three or four kids are able to fulfill that, we'll probably be a top-10 finish team. We expect to contend for the league championship for sure."

He explained that the Intermountain League for wrestling contains Alamosa, Centauri, Pagosa Springs, Bayfield, Montezuma-Cortez and Monte Vista, and is highly competitive, with success in the league making the team well-prepared for state competition.

Janowsky also highlighted the leadership qualities of three players

on the team who qualified for the state tournament last year: senior Heath Fulbright, junior Connor Kelly and junior Luke Tressler. Fulbright entered the 2022 state tournament with a 22-10 record and won one match and lost two in the 160 pound weight class.

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**Coach Dan Janowsky**

Janowsky stated that he expects Fulbright to compete in the 175-pound weight class.

Kelley entered last year's state tournament with a 9-12 record, where he competed in the 220-pound weight class and lost two matches.

The coach stated Kelley will be

wrestling in the 190-pound weight class.

Tressler entered the state tournament with a 21-12 record, where he competed in the 120-pound weight class. He won one match and lost two.

Janowsky indicated that Tressler will likely be wrestling in the 132-pound weight class.

The coach also mentioned the leadership abilities of two other seniors, Chandler Mazur and Jacob Miller, who he commented may also qualify for the state tournament.

### Schedule

The following schedule was accurate as of Wednesday, but is subject to change.

Following the Dec. 2 quad, which is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m., the team will compete in the Columbine Tournament in Littleton starting at 9 a.m. on Dec. 10, followed by the Warrior Classic in Grand Junction on Dec. 16 and 17. Competition at the Warrior Classic is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. both days.

Next, the team will return home for a dual against Durango at 10

a.m. on Dec. 21.

After a break from competition over the holidays, the team will host the Rocky Mountain Duals on Jan. 6, 2023, beginning at 6 p.m.

The Pirates will then host the Rocky Mountain Invitational on Jan. 7, 2023, beginning at 8 a.m.

The team will then attend the Mel Smith Invitational in Florence on Jan. 13 and 14, 2023, with action scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. both days.

Next comes the Bayfield Dual in Bayfield on Jan. 20, 2023, which is set to begin at 6 p.m.

The Centauri Tri in La Jara will take place the following day at 9 a.m., and the Pirates will host Montezuma-Cortez for a dual at 6 p.m. on Jan. 26.

The Butch Melton Invitational in Ignacio on Jan. 28, 2023, will follow beginning at 9 a.m., with the League Champions Dual occurring at 6 p.m. on Feb. 2, 2023, in Pagosa Springs.

The season will conclude with the regionals at Basalt on Feb. 10 and 11, 2023, and the state wrestling tournament at Ball Arena in Denver on Feb. 16, 17 and 18, 2023.

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# BASKETBALL

## Pirates looking for strong defense to start season

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate basketball team will again be looking to hang its hat on its defense as it opens the season this week.

The Pirates will open the season with the Wolf Creek Classic today, Thursday, Dec. 1.

On Dec. 1, the 4A Pirates will host the 4A Delta Panthers at 6:30 p.m.

On Friday, Dec. 2, the team will take on the 5A Montrose Red Hawks at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, the team will take on the 3A Bayfield Wolverines at 4:30 p.m.

"I think the kids are working hard, and we're gettin' things put in as we want and gettin' into condition, and we'll know a lot more after this weekend," coach Wes Lewis said.

The coach suggested there are some good teams coming to the Wolf Creek Classic and he hopes the Pirates' defense can keep the team in games, gain transition points when there is an opportunity to and execute half-court offense.

Lewis noted that, while the team lost three seniors last year, it has other kids returning who saw a lot of playing time last year and others who moved up from JV.

He added the members of the team had a good summer club basketball season.

"We're excited about where we're at," he said.

And, as in years past, the team will again look to prioritize its defense.

"We want to definitely hang our hat on our defense and make sure that our defense is solid," he said. "We're not a real big team, so we need to make sure that we play great help team defense."

Lewis pointed out that with the team's lack of size it's going to be disciplined and see an all-in effort on rebounding.

"We don't have that 6-8, 6-9 guy that's going to come in and clean up the glass for us, so we're gonna have to rebound the ball as a col-

lective group," he said. "Anybody and everybody that's gettin' playing time, that's in the game, has gotta really buy in to doing their job with rebounding because we're not the biggest team in the state. And so

**"Our kids are really unselfish, and that's one thing I really like about them."**

**Coach Wes Lewis**

I think that's an area we've really gotta focus in on."

He added that the team is shooting the ball well, but will hopefully continue to improve on shooting the ball.

"Our kids are really unselfish, and that's one thing I really like about them," he said, adding they share the ball and don't care who scores.

New this season, the Colorado High School Activities Association has split schools into six classifications instead of five for basketball,

with the Pirates now falling into the 4A classification.

The Intermountain League (IML) this year includes both 3A and 4A teams: 4A Alamosa, 4A Pagosa Springs, 3A Bayfield, 3A Centauri, 3A Ignacio and 3A Montezuma-Cortez.

The Pirates finished last season with a 15-8 record and 5-3 record in the 3A IML, which landed them third in the league.

The team entered the postseason as the No. 13 team in the 3A playoffs. They fell out of contention in the Sweet 16 round.

### Schedule

The following schedule was accurate as of Tuesday, but is subject to change.

After this week's Wolf Creek Classic, the Pirates will continue tournament play on Dec. 9 and 10 at the Heritage Tournament, with the Pirates' opponents not yet announced. The Pirates will play at 7 p.m. on Dec. 10 and 3 p.m. on Dec. 10.

The Pirates will again be on the road on Dec. 15 for a game against the 3A Salida Spartans, with that matchup set to tip off at 7:30 p.m.

The following day, the team will play in Buena Vista against the 3A Demons. The game is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

The Pirates will return to their home court on Dec. 21 to take on the 5A Durango Demons, with the affair set to start at 5:30 p.m.

Following the holidays, the Pirates will host the 2A Sanford Mustangs for a 7 p.m. game on Jan. 5, 2023.

The team will again hit the road on Jan. 13, 2023, this time in La Jara for a 7 p.m. matchup with the Centauri Falcons.


The following evening, the Pirates will host Ignacio at 7 p.m.

The team will again be at home on Jan. 20 and 21, 2023, to host Alamosa and Bayfield, respectively. Both games are set to begin at 7 p.m.

■ See Pirates A13

### Triple Impact Student-Athlete of the Week

**Ivana Erne Swimming**



**Favorite subject:** Music and math  
**Comments from coach:** "The Girls' Swim Team would like to nominate Ivana Erne for Triple Impact Athlete this week. "Ivana has been a varsity swimmer since her freshman year. Now a senior, Ivanna demonstrates what it means to be a triple impact athlete in practice and in competition. Ivanna has been swimming since (probably) before she could walk. She has mastered all the strokes and always gives 110% whenever she is in the water. At every practice she sets the tone

by pushing herself. This display encourages and inspires other swimmers on the team to give their all. At our recent time trials, Ivanna made sure that she was behind every lane, cheering on her teammates to achieve their best times. Instead of focusing just on herself, she focuses on members of the team and how she can help each of them conquer their fears and reach their goals. She is our #1 cheerleader and always makes time to support her teammates in school and in the water."

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## BASKETBALL

# Lady Pirates set to open season at Wolf Creek Classic

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate basketball team will kick off its 2022-2023 campaign with this week's Wolf Creek Classic and with a new coach at the helm.

Taking over the head coach position for the team this season is Sarah Osborn, with this year's Lady Pirate squad one that is younger and has a lot of potential.

"I am excited for our season!" Osborn wrote in an email to The SUN. "We have a lot of potential, we have 4 returning varsity starters and a good group of younger girls ready to fill the remaining starting spot."

Osborn lists the returning core as one of the team's strengths early in the season.

"Our strengths starting the season are our returning varsity players," she wrote. "We have strong senior leader Chantelle Caldwell who has a lot of varsity experience and will be our leader out on the court. We also have another strong post Annie O'Donnell, and our two returning guards Elizabeth Currier and Karsyn Shahan."

She also wrote about the team's potential and readiness.

"We are a younger team, which means we have a lot of opportunity for growth," she notes. "But these girls are hungry and ready to prove themselves."

The team will open the season by hosting the Wolf Creek Classic beginning Thursday, Dec. 1.

At 5 p.m. on Dec. 1, the team will face the 4A Delta Panthers.

At 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 2, the Lady Pirates will take on the 5A Montrose Red Hawks.

At 3 p.m. on Saturday, they will take on the 6A Rocky Mountain

Lobos.

"Going into The Wolf Creek Classic we are looking forward to seeing all varsity players contributing on the court both on offense and defense," Osborn wrote. "We have been focusing hard on defense and getting out in transition, hoping to

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**Coach Sarah Osborn**

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## Pirates

Continued from A12

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The team will be back on its home court the following day to face the Falcons at 4 p.m.

The Pirates will be on the road on Feb. 2, 2023, this time for a game against the Ignacio Bobcats at 7 p.m.

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Also new this season is the alignment of leagues and classifications within the state.

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The Pirates will again be on the road on Dec. 15 for a game against the 3A Salida Spartans, with that matchup set to tip off at 6 p.m.

Pagosa's road games will continue on Feb. 10, 2023 with a trip to Bayfield for a 7 p.m. affair.

The team will return home the following day to host Montezuma-Cortez at 7 p.m.

The Pirates will end the regular season on the road, traveling to Monte Vista to take on the 2A Pirates on Feb. 14, 2023, and to Del Norte to take on the 2A Tigers on Feb. 17, 2023. Both games are scheduled for 7 p.m.

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The following day, the team will play in Buena Vista against the 3A Demons. The game is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m.

The Pirates will return to their home court on Dec. 21 to take on the 5A Durango Demons at 4 p.m. Following the holidays, the Pirates will host the 2A Sanford Mustangs for a 5:30 p.m. game on Jan. 5, 2023.

The team will again hit the road on Jan. 13, 2023, this time for La Jara for a 5:30 p.m. matchup with the Centauri Falcons.

The following evening, the Lady Pirates will host Ignacio at 5:30 p.m. The team will again be at home on Jan. 20 and 21, 2023, to host Alamosa and Bayfield, respectively. Both games are set to begin at 5:30 p.m.

The Lady Pirates will hit the road on Jan. 27, 2023, to take on Montezuma-Cortez in Cortez at 5:30 p.m.

The team will be back on its home court the following day to face the Falcons at 2:30 p.m.

The Pirates will again be on the road on Feb. 2, 2023, this time for a rematch with the Ignacio Bobcats at 5:30 p.m.

The following day, the team will travel to Alamosa for a 5:30 p.m. game.

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### RECREATION NEWS

## Registration underway for youth basketball league

By Trevor Gian  
Town of Pagosa Springs  
Parks and Recreation

The Recreation Department is now accepting registrations for the 9-12 basketball league.

The registration fee is \$40 for the first child and \$20 for the second child. The registration deadline is Dec. 23. Practices will start in January 2023, with games starting in late January and running through February.

Practices and games will be Mondays through Thursdays at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

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

### Gymnastics

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

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PAGOSA PREMIER PROPERTIES

# The Blotter

Items listed in The Blotter report where an alleged incident occurred and the nature of the incident. Readers should not assume employees or owners of a place of business or a parking lot reported as the scene of an event are involved as perpetrators of the incident.

## Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

- Calls for service for two weeks: 394.
- Nov. 14 — Child abuse, reckless endangerment, Quartz Court.
- Nov. 14 — Failure to register as a sex offender, Harman Park Drive.
- Nov. 14 — Reckless endangerment, possession of weapons by previous offenders, Great West Ave.
- Nov. 16 — Agency assist, Lewis Street.
- Nov. 16 — Drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, failed to drive in a single lane (weaving), resisting arrest, second-degree introducing contraband, open container in a motor vehicle, Trails Boulevard/Bonanza Avenue.
- Nov. 17 — Possession of weapons by previous offenders, violation of restraining order, false reporting to authorities, Hilltop Drive.
- Nov. 17 — Warrant arrest, Hilltop Drive.
- Nov. 17 — Warrant arrest, warrant arrest, South Pagosa Boulevard.
- Nov. 17 — Violation of restraining order, violation of restraining order, South Pagosa Boulevard.
- Nov. 18 — Information only, Aspenglow Boulevard/Monument Avenue.
- Nov. 18 — Disorderly conduct-misdemeanor, first-degree assault-aggravated-weapon, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Solomon Drive.
- Nov. 19 — Agency assist, West U.S. 160.
- Nov. 19 — Information only, East Log Hill Road.
- Nov. 20 — Information only, Cat

## Creek Overlook.

- Nov. 22 — Drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, West U.S. 160.
- Nov. 23 — Information only, San Juan Street.
- Nov. 23 — Dog at large (first offense no injury), Starbright Court.
- Nov. 23 — Criminal mischief, Driftwood Drive.
- Nov. 24 — Under investigation, no location listed.
- Nov. 24 — Information only, Capitan Circle/North Pagosa Boulevard.
- Nov. 24 — Violation of restraining order, East Golf Place.
- Nov. 26 — Trespass warning, West U.S. 160/Aspen Village Drive.
- Nov. 26 — Information only, Inspiration Drive.
- Nov. 27 — Information only, West McCabe Street.
- Nov. 27 — Under investigation, no location listed.

## Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

- Calls for service for two weeks: 307.
- Nov. 12 — Criminal mischief, Eagle Drive.
- Nov. 12 — Driving under restraint-alcohol, South 14th Street.
- Nov. 12 — Criminal mischief, careless driving, left scene without providing information after striking, unattended vehicle, Lewis Street.
- Nov. 14 — Criminal mischief, shoplifting, Pagosa Street.
- Nov. 14 — Third-degree assault, Talisman Drive.
- Nov. 14 — Unauthorized use of financial transaction device, Hot Springs Boulevard.
- Nov. 14 — Violation of restraining order, South 9th Street.
- Nov. 16 — Violation of restraining order, Hot Springs Boulevard.
- Nov. 16 — Shoplifting, Aspen Village Drive.
- Nov. 17 — Shoplifting, Eagle Drive.
- Nov. 18 — Driving under the influence, blood alcohol content 0.08 or more, failed to drive in single lane, Pinon Causeway.

Nov. 19 — DUI, unlawful use of a driver's license, possession while under the influence, illegal possession/consumption of alcohol by minor, failed to drive in single lane, operated vehicle with defective head lamps, U.S. 160/Majestic Drive.

Nov. 20 — DUI, possession while under the influence, failed to drive in single lane, failure to use turn signal, San Juan Street/Pagosa Alley.

Nov. 24 — Animal running at large, North 6th Street.

Nov. 25 — DUI, drove vehicle without valid driver's license, failed to drive in single lane, speeding, U.S. 160/Pike Drive.

## Pagosa Springs Municipal Court

No report. Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

- Nov. 16 — Travis Ryan Richey, violation p/o-criminal, 12 months probation, fines and costs — \$869.50.
- Nov. 16 — Kevin Ray Nelson, harassment-telephone-threat/obscene, 10 days jail, 18 months probation, fines and costs — \$1,192.50.
- Nov. 16 — Luke Jeffrey Dyleski, driving ability impaired-with prior conviction, 390 days jail, 365 days jail suspended imposition, 24 months probation, 48 hours community service, fines and costs — \$1,920.50.
- Nov. 16 — Kenneth Williams Bedford, driving under restraint, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$271.50.
- Nov. 16 — Ricky Belarde, careless driving, fines and costs — \$228.50.
- Nov. 16 — Virginia May Buck, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$155.50.
- Nov. 16 — April E. Burgett, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$161.50.
- Nov. 16 — Andrew Dignum, improper pass-sign/markers, fines and costs — \$172.50.
- Nov. 16 — Alan Herrera, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$233.50.

Nov. 16 — Thomas John Kerdoorn, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.

Nov. 16 — Waldo Sean Huggins, driving under restraint, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$271.50.

Nov. 16 — Jersey D. Mangrella, speeding 20-24 over limit, fines and costs — \$279.50.

Nov. 16 — Kevin R. Nelson, throwing missiles-vehicle, fines and costs — \$89.50.

Nov. 16 — Sarah E. Netanya, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$233.50.

Nov. 16 — Lisa Sue Norris, driving under restraint, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$236.50. Nov. 16 — Michael Pepper, driving under restraint, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$236.50. Nov. 16 — Wynn Wayne Potter, obedience to official traffic control device, fines and costs — \$170.

Nov. 16 — Justin Allen Runyan, tail lamps/reflector, defective stop lamps/turn signals, fines and costs — \$141.

Nov. 16 — William Zachary Smith, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$155.50.

Nov. 16 — William T. Sweitzer, speeding 20-24 over limit, driving under restraint, fines and costs — \$395.50.

Nov. 16 — William Tyrell Sweitzer, driving under restraint, fines and costs — \$142.50.

Nov. 16 — Francisca P. Vigil, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$161.50.

Nov. 16 — Abel Mauricio Zelaya, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$155.50.

Nov. 16 — Dylan Ray Boyd, littering-first offense, fines and costs — \$56.

Nov. 16 — Tamara Gayhart, driving under the influence-with prior conviction, 365 days jail suspended imposition, 24 months probation updated sentence, 10 days electronic surveillance, 48 hours community service, fines and costs — \$2,590.70.

Nov. 17 — Ryan P. Mason, marijuana-use or consume in vehicle, fines and costs — \$122.30.

Nov. 17 — Faith Silva, violation p/o-civil, 12 months probation revoked, 90 days jail suspended imposition, fines and costs — \$897.50.

Nov. 17 — Darryl Samuel Knight Jr., speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$192.

**6th Judicial District Court: Judge Justin P. Fay**

Nov. 16 — Dominique Shaquella Haines, reckless driving, fines and costs — \$531.50.

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

No report.

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# Public Notices

DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO  
 Court Address: 109 Harman Park Dr/PO Box 148, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
 Phone Number: (970) 264-8160  
**Plaintiff:** SAWMILL CREEK RANCH TIMBER & CATTLE COMPANY, LLC  
**Defendant:** THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION.  
**Submitting Attorney:** Duke Eggleston, #24965, Eggleston Kosnik LLC, 160 E. 12th Street, Ste 7 Durango, CO 81301  
 Phone Number: (970) 403-1580  
 E-mail: deggleston@e-klaw.com  
 Case Number: 2022CV30066

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
**PLAINTIFF SAWMILL CREEK RANCH TIMBER & CATTLE COMPANY, LLC**  
**TO THE BELOW NAMED DEFENDANTS:**  
**ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION**  
**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court. If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice. This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff and to the real property situated in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows: A Tract of land located in the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section 27 and the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section 28, Township 34 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M., Archuleta County, Colorado. Said tract of land being more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Beginning the northeast corner of the tract herein described, from whence the northwest corner of said Section 27 bears N01°53'51"W, 1349.73 feet distant; Thence along the arc of a curve to the left with an arc length of 418.32 feet, and a radius of 603.00 feet, the long chord of which bears S30°10'40"E, a distance of 409.99 feet.; Thence S50°00'42"E a distance of 639.00 feet to the projection of the westerly line of Parcel 1 as shown on Survey Deposit Map S1694; Thence S08°32'05"W along said projection a distance of 23.59 feet to the northerly corner of said Parcel 1, which corner is a point on the southerly right-of-way of County Road 399; Thence S08°32'05"W along the westerly line of said Parcel 1 a distance of 117.67 feet to the westerly corner thereof, which corner is a point in the center of the Rio Blanco; Thence N 27°32'44" W along the center of said Rio Blanco a distance of 68.49 feet; Thence N 17°57'11" W along the center of said Rio Blanco a distance of 37.86 feet; Thence N 10°02'01" W along the center of said Rio Blanco a distance of 58.56 feet; Thence N 28°46'51" W along the center of said Rio Blanco a distance of 34.13 feet; Thence N 38°09'55" W along the center of said Rio Blanco a distance of 38.60 feet; Thence N 54°52'10" W along the center of said Rio Blanco a distance of 24.40 feet; Thence N 59°00'41" W along the center of said Rio Blanco a distance of 41.73 feet; Thence N 58°29'49" W along the center of said Rio Blanco a distance of 24.79 feet; Thence N 56°35'27" W along the center of said Rio Blanco a distance of 50.73 feet; Thence N 51°00'55" W along the center of said Rio Blanco a distance of 47.20 feet; Thence N 58°54'30" W along the center of said Rio Blanco a distance of 119.17 feet; Thence N 76°14'18" W along the center of said Rio Blanco a distance of 53.88 feet; Thence N 81°01'41" W along the center of said Rio Blanco a distance of 66.03 feet; Thence N 80°35'54" W along the center of said Rio Blanco a distance of 79.96 feet;

Thence N 67°05'59" W along the center of said Rio Blanco a distance of 68.16 feet;  
 Thence N 68°06'11" W along the center of said Rio Blanco a distance of 73.92 feet to a point on the boundary of that parcel of land described in Reception Number 22105549;  
 Thence N 53°51'02" W along the center of said Rio Blanco and the boundary of said Reception Number 22105549 a distance of 132.20 feet;  
 Thence N 42°42'41" W along the center of said Rio Blanco and the boundary of said Reception Number 22105549 a distance of 91.50 feet;  
 Thence N 31°58'45" W along the center of said Rio Blanco and the boundary of said Reception Number 22105549 a distance of 139.20 feet;  
 Thence N 24°02'47" W along the center of said Rio Blanco and the boundary of said Reception Number 22105549 a distance of 105.44 feet to a point on the boundary of that parcel of land described in Reception Number 21706896 and shown of Survey Deposit Map S2041;  
 Thence leaving the center of said Rio Blanco and the boundary of said Reception Number 22105549 N65°57'49"E along the boundary of said Reception Number 21706896 a distance of 25.68 feet;  
 Thence along the boundary of said Reception number 21706896 on the arc of a non-tangent curve to the right with an arc length of 59.64 feet, and a radius of 510.00 feet, the long chord of which bears N69°30'37"E, a distance of 59.61 feet;  
 Thence along the boundary of said Reception number 21706896 on the arc of a non-tangent curve to the right with an arc length of 65.92 feet, and a radius of 510.00 feet, the long chord of which bears N76°10'33"E, a distance of 65.88 feet;  
 Thence N 80°09'20" E a distance of 149.32 feet to the place of beginning.  
 Containing 3.72 acres, more or less.  
 Respectfully Submitted this 8th day of November, 2022.  
 Published in The Pagosa Springs Sun  
 First Publication: November 17, 2022  
 Last Publication: December 15, 2022  
 Eggleston Kosnik LLC  
 /s/ Duke Eggleston  
 Duke Eggleston, #24965  
 160 E. 12th St., Ste. 7  
 Durango, CO 81301  
 (970) 403-1580  
 Published November 17, 24, December 1, 8 and 15, 2022 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 Estate of David Owen Cluck, aka David O. Cluck, aka David Cluck, aka David Owen Cluck Sr., aka David O. Cluck Sr., aka David Cluck Sr., Deceased  
 Case No. 2022PR30052  
 All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before March 20, 2023, or the claims may be forever barred.  
 Emily Bolan  
 149 Autobahn Dr.  
 Stevensville, MT 59870  
 Published November 17, 24 and December 1, 2022 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL REAL PROPERTY**  
**WITHIN THE TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS. SANITATION GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** to all interested persons that a Petition for Inclusion of additional real property into the boundaries of the Town of Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District ("District") has been filed with the Board of Directors of the District. A public hearing on the Petition shall be held Tuesday, the 6th day of December, 2022, at the hour of 5:00 p.m., and on Tuesday, the 3rd day of January 2023 at the hour of 5:00 p.m., at 551 Hot Springs Boulevard, Pagosa Springs, Colorado. The name(s) of the Petitioner(s) is/are:  
 Kelly P. Miller  
 Patricia L. Miller  
 The property requested to be included into the District is described as follows:  
 Subdivision: MOUNTAIN VIEW Block: 1 Lot: 2 Sec: 18 Twn: 35 Rng: 1W and  
 Subdivision: MOUNTAIN VIEW Block: 1 Lot: 1 Sec: 18 Twn: 35 Rng: 1W  
 All interested parties may appear at such hearing to show cause why such Petition should not be granted. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS SANITATION GENERAL  
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# San Juan Outdoor Club to meet tonight

**By Steven Earle**  
 San Juan Outdoor Club

The San Juan Outdoor Club monthly meeting will be held today, Thursday, Dec. 1, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave.

This month's presentation will be "Six Backpackers Tackle Alaska's 7-Pass Route" by Jana Hoyer and Bryan Weitzel.

Social time starts at 6 p.m. with light refreshments, and the public is welcome.

For more information, please email sanjuanoutdoorclub@gmail.com.

# Eight apply for La Plata County Court judgeship

**By Jon Sarché**  
 Colorado Judicial Department

The Sixth Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet at the La Plata County Courthouse on Dec. 9 to consider candidates for a vacancy on the Sixth Judicial District Court.

Eight candidates have applied for this vacancy. They are Anthony Baca and Matt Margeson, both of Dolores; William Baird, of West Sacramento, Calif.; Vance Davis, Jason Eley and Christian Hatfield, all of Durango; Anthony Edwards, of Silverton; 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 Maria E. Berkenkotter, 2 E. 14th Ave., Denver, CO 80203, and to judicial.vacancies@judicial.state.co.us no later than 4 p.m. on Dec. 6.

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**The Pagosa Springs SUN**

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IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT. TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS SANITATION GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT By: /s/ April Hessler, Secretary Published in: Pagosa Springs Sun

Request for Proposal: The Town of Pagosa Springs is soliciting proposals from qualified law firms and individuals to provide legal services to the Town as a Town Attorney.

Request for Proposal: The Town of Pagosa Springs is soliciting proposals from qualified firms and individuals to serve on an as-needed basis as a Municipal Court Prosecutor on behalf of the Town.

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COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS 938-38-103 FORECLOSURE

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On September 20, 2022, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Public notice is given on September 26, 2022 that a Petition for a Change of Name of an Minor Child has been filed with the Archuleta Court.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED BUDGET FOR ARCHULETA COUNTY: Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to Archuleta County for the ensuing year of 2023: a copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the office of the County Clerk & Recorder.

Archuleta County, Colorado North Pagosa Boulevard Resurfacing (Station 9+00 to 52+25) Archuleta County, Colorado is in the process of finalizing the above listed project constructed by PAP, LLC.

Archuleta County, Colorado is in the process of finalizing the above listed project constructed by PAP, LLC, P.O. Box 758, 39108 Highway 160, Bayfield, Colorado 81122.

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners is seeking volunteers to serve on the Archuleta County Planning Commission. Applicants must be County Residents with duties to include: recommendations regarding subdivision regulations, zoning, and development projects along with amending the Community Plan and Land Use Regulations.

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado Court Address: 109 Harman Park Dr., P.O. Box 148 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

Barry Wayne Cornell, et al Defendants Case No.: 2022CV30025 COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM SHERIFF SALE 2022-07

This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Ptarmigan Townhouses, recorded on February 18, 1988, Reception No 0152360, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered September 22, 2022, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements, and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof Owner(s): Barry Wayne Cornell Patricia A Heller Robert O Bunney Barbara K Bunney Kathleen K Semrau Thomas F Ela, Trustee of the Ela Family Trust Betty R Ela, Trustee of the Ela Family Trust Becky Rodriguez Anthony R Phillips Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Ptarmigan Townhouses, recorded on February 18, 1988, Reception No 0152360, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt secured by the Declaration: Ptarmigan Property Owners Association, Inc. Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorney's fees and costs.

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S): STEVEN VARGAS

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST: THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will, at 11:00 o'clock A.M., on January 27, 2023 Sale Number 2022-07 in the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147 sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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.

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Piedra Park Metropolitan Improvement District (PPMD) Board of Directors for the calendar year 2023. The proposed budget is available for public inspection at 55 MILTON LANE ARBOLES, CO. Copies are also available upon request by email at PIEDRAPARK@YAHOO.COM or phone at (970 749-5988).

Unpaid Assessments: \$2,689.54 Interest: \$396.03 Late Fees: \$50.00 Costs: \$305.60 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$4,441.17 PATRICIA ANN HALL and PATRICIA A HELLER (C#178919223) Unit Weeks Numbers 39, Unit Number 7218, Building Number 9, Phase III Unpaid Assessments: \$2,189.77 Interest: \$331.66 Late Fees: \$50.00 Costs: \$305.60 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$4,471.22 KATHLEEN K SEMRAU (C#178904637) Unit Weeks Numbers 35, Unit Number 7228, Building Number 14, Phase IV Unpaid Assessments: \$1,983.08 Interest: \$312.36 Late Fees: \$305.60 Costs: \$75.00 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$3,500.99 THOMAS F ELA AND BETTY R ELA, TRUSTEES OF THE ELA FAMILY TRUST (C#178905592) Unit Weeks Numbers 25, Unit Number 7228, Building Number 14, Phase IV Unpaid Assessments: \$1,983.08 Interest: \$316.11 Late Fees: \$75.00 Costs: \$305.60 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$3,929.79 BECKY RODRIGUEZ (C#179203585) Unit Weeks Numbers 28, Unit Number 7202, Building Number 10, Phase III Unpaid Assessments: \$3,298.54 Interest: \$608.34 Late Fees: \$50.00 Costs: \$305.60 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$5,262.48 ANTHONY R PHILLIPS (C#179811377) Unit Weeks Numbers 40, Unit Number 7206, Building Number 3, Phase I Unpaid Assessments: \$1,983.08 Interest: \$316.11 Late Fees: \$75.00 Costs: \$305.60 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$3,929.79 In Ptarmigan Townhouses. All as tenants in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Ptarmigan Townhouses as depicted on the Plats recorded under Reception Numbers 153256, 156199, 136303, 159241, 179510, subject to the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Ptarmigan Townhouses recorded as Reception Number 153557, as has been amended, supplemented, and/or restated, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Published December 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2022 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Tel. 970.264.2400 Village Pointe Property Owners Association, Inc. Plaintiff v. Inus H Wilson, et al. Defendants Case No.: 2022CV30024 COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM SHERIFF SALE 2022-06

This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums, recorded on January 6, 1989 at Reception No. 160495, Book 239, Page 2, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered September 22, 2022, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof Owner(s): INUS H WILSON WILLIAM C WILSON JR JOHN E JONES EVELYN E JONES RAMONA CAROLYN DAUPHIN AS TRUSTEE OF THE RAMONA CAROLYN DAUPHIN TRUST DATED DECEMBER 7, 2001 DONALD MAX DAUPHIN AS TRUSTEE OF THE RAMONA CAROLYN DAUPHIN TRUST DATED DECEMBER 7, 2001 JACK W LOGGINS JANICE F LOGGINS Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums, recorded on January 6, 1989 at Reception No. 160495, Book 239, Page 2, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Published December 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2022 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

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Table with columns: VENDOR NAME, DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT. Includes entries like KILGORE COMPANIES, LLC. (694,226.91), PAP, LLC. (207,551.90), CIGNA HEALTH AND LIFE INSU. (142,694.36), NUNN CONSTRUCTION, INC. (104,161.24), CROSSFIRE AGGREGATE SERVICE (83,626.69), etc.

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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 Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed this 25th day of October, 2022. Rich Valdez, Sheriff, Archuleta County, Colorado By: /s/ Lorena Medina Lorena Medina, Office Manager EXHIBIT "A" Village Pointe Condominiums Matter Amount INUS H WILSON and WILLIAM C WILSON JR (C#179817266) Unit Weeks Numbers 43, Unit Number 7513, Building Number 4, Phase II Unpaid Assessments: \$2,668.96 Interest: \$393.78 Late Fees: \$100.00 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Cost: \$349.18 Judgment Amount: \$4,511.92 JOHN E JONES and EVELYN E JONES (C#179007018) Unit Weeks Numbers 6, Unit Number 7518, Building Number 5, Phase III Unpaid Assessments: \$2,668.96 Interest: \$393.78 Late Fees: \$100.00 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Cost: \$349.18 Judgment Amount: \$4,511.92

RAMONA CAROLYN DAUPHIN AND DONALD MAX DAUPHINAS TRUSTEES OF THE RAMONA CAROLYN DAUPHIN TRUST DATED DECEMBER 7, 2001 (C#179014139) Unit Weeks Numbers 1, Unit Number 7530, Building Number 6, Phase III Unpaid Assessments: \$2,627.33 Interest: \$299.23 Late Fees: \$50.00 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Cost: \$349.18 Judgment Amount: \$4,511.92 Of Village Pointe Condominiums, all as tenants in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Village Pointe Condominiums as depicted on the Plats recorded under Reception Numbers 0168713, 171189 and 176324 according to the Condominium Map as recorded, subject to Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums as recorded as Reception Number 1309304 and amendments and supplements thereto, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Published December 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2022 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

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COUNTY ELECTRICITY 7,036.07 CLERK - COMM REAPPRAIS 6,800.00 COUNTY DENTAL INSURANCE 6,459.86 DHS-ATTY FEES AUG-22 5,623.90 COMMISS - TASK FORCE AD 6,112.23 SO CONVECTION OVEN 5,240.00 ADMIN - SURVEY SALES TAX 5,000.00 B&G - PARTS&SUPPLIES 3,860.48 FLEET - PARTS&SUPPLIES 3,722.22 EXT-3RD QTR FORMULA R. YOUNG 3,675.00 AIRPORT-LANDSCAPING 3,625.00 FLEET- PARTS&SUPPLIES 3,559.65 AIRPORT - SECURITY MAINT 3,421.00 ACSO-DET. UNIFORM 3,335.68 AIRPORT - AWOS 3,222.00 DISP - CELL & DATA 3,080.71 DHS-TANF CDR & FSS CONTRACT 2,820.44 SO LAW ACADEMY 2,800.00 COUNTY COPIER CONTRACT 2,721.47 FLEET- PARTS&SUPPLIES 2,589.10 R&B - SKL BUCKET 2,585.00 ELECTIONS-GENERAL ELECTION 22 2,500.00 ELECTIONS/DHS - OFFICE SUPPLIES 2,333.58 DHS-TANF CONT. JULY 2,319.52 FAIR - LIGHT TOWER RENTALS 2,280.80 FLEET - PARTS&SUPPLIES 2,270.98 PLNG - VRBO PROGRAM 2,115.00 FAIR- JANITORIAL SRVC 2,095.00 COUNTY PHONE & LONG DISTANCE 2,027.65 COMMISS-HABITAT HOMES WATER 2,007.69 DHS-CW & APS CALL CENTER 20TR 1,909.00 LIVESTOCK - PHOTO PLAQUES (75) 1,875.00 FLEET - PARTS&SUPPLIES 1,835.27 R&B - ASPHALT 1,797.14 FLEET - PARTS&SUPPLIES 1,784.54 COUNTY ELECTRIC SRVC 1,752.16 DHS-TANF CONTRACT SVCS AUG. 1,667.00 COUNTY INSURANCE PREMIUMS 1,615.43 COUNTY GAS SERVICES 1,555.00 CORONOR - AUTOPSY FEE 1,551.00 FAIR - ADVERTISING YARD SIGNS B&G - SUPPLIES 1,489.87 FLEET - PARTS&SUPPLIES 1,409.17 FLEET - PARTS&SUPPLIES 1,392.27 ACSO/JAIL/DISP-WKLY JUR SRVC 1,383.01 EMPLOYEE LIFE INSURANCE 1,383.00 COUNTY WATER & SEWER 1,336.94 ACSO - PILOT SVRC 1,306.00 R&B - CDL TRAINING 1,194.00 FAIR/ACSO - DISPOSAL FEES 1,140.00 FLEET - PARTS&SUPPLIES 1,125.00 ACSO-JAIL SUPPLIES 1,102.48 HR-BACKGROUND CHECKS 1,100.00 TRANS-TRAVEL REIMBURSE 1,047.73 EMP MED AIR TRANS PREM 1,025.00 ACSO - AC - VETERINARIAN SRVC 1,003.71 ASSR ELECTIONS-ENVELOPES, SIGNS R&B - GENERATOR MAINT 969.50 ADMIN/SW - FIRST AID SUPPLIES 952.44 IT-ERGOLOGIC MONITOR 939.91 DISP - 911 SVCS OCT 914.00 ACSO - FINE COLLECTION REMITTANCE 860.00 FAIR - FAIR ENTRIES/CHUCKWAGON 854.00 ACSO - PARTS&SUPPLIES 818.54 W&P - CHEMICALS 815.02 B&G - PEST CONTROL 811.00 R&B- SIGNAGE 791.21 ACSO - JAIL SUPPLIES 760.34 AIRPORT - FIRE SUPPRESSION 760.00 ACSO-ADMIN SVRC CALL 753.75 ACSO - VEHICLE MAINT 753.12 ACSO-JAIL ANNL CORR POLICY MAN 690.75 DHS-CW FUEL TO TRANSPORT CHLD 688.82 ACSO - ELECT MONITOR SVRC 630.00 B&P - REIMBURSE PERMIT FEES 630.00 ELECTRICAL SRVC 620.00 ACSO - SHERIFF CONF ENTERTAINM 600.00 HR - DRUG TESTING 585.00 B&G - LIGHT FIXTURE 577.50 HR - EMP ASSIST PROG 555.45 PRTA TOILET RENTAL - CLOMAN CLERK - RENEWALS 550.00 LIVESTOCK -CHASE REG. SCHLRSP 500.00 ATTY - SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTION 497.40 DISP - TRAINING 490.00 B&G - PARTS&SUPPLIES 484.90 DHS-CW SUPPORT 475.81 HR - PSYCH EVAL 450.00 CORONOR - LAB SVRC 441.00 FLEET- PARTS&SUPPLIES 440.00 PLNG-REIMBURSE PERMIT 434.80 TRANS - CASTA CONF REIMBURSE 428.00 AIRPORT - PARTS&SUPPLIES 427.32 IT - TRANSFER STM INTERNET 421.40 DHS-TANF MEN'S CLASSES JULY 416.66 ACSO - JAIL SUPPLIES 415.16 FLEET-PARTS&SUPPLIES 410.53 FLEET-PARTS&SUPPLIES 409.48 CORONOR - AUTOPSY SUITE RENT 400.00 LIVESTOCK - PHOTOS 400.00 B&G - GLASS REPLACEMENT 392.99 B&G-PARTS & SUPPLIES 391.42 DHS-PSSF & CW TRNG PER DIEM & MLG 389.43 ACSO- INMATE LOGGING 363.66 R&B - PIEDRA ROAD RESURFCT 333.00 IT - SERVER & STORAGE MGMT 320.00 VETS - CONF REIMBURSE 310.50 HR - BACKGROUND CHECK 304.20 CORONOR - ON CALL 300.00 SW - PERMIT CO900980 298.00 ACSO-JAIL SUPPLIES 280.85 TRANS - EMB SHIRTS 262.70 DISP - PLNTRONICS BATTERY 251.90 ACSO-JAIL MONITORING MAINTENANCE 210.00 SW-REIMBURSE CDL LICENSE 209.99 FLEET- PARTS&SUPPLIES 207.09 CORONOR - AUTOPSY FEES 200.00 CORONOR - ON CALL 200.00 ELECTIONS- CANVASS BRD RECOUNT 200.00 ELECTIONS- CANVASS BRD RECOUNT 200.00 DHS-ADMIN 3QTR PSTG MACH LEASE 197.34 FAIR - TABLE LINENS 188.10 LIVESTOCK-REIMBURSE MEAL 187.33 ACSO - DET. 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# 'Tis the season

SUN photo/Terri House  
 Town of Pagosa Springs Streets Supervisor Brad Lattin and Equipment Operator Anthony Mestas set up Christmas decorations along the Riverwalk. The community Old-Fashioned Christmas Celebration will be held Dec. 17 from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

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## Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

### Tuesday, Dec. 6

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

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners and elected officials quarterly work session.** 11:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 91609048375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners meeting.** 1:30 p.m. Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 91609048375,

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

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

**Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District board meeting.** 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosaprisngs.civicweb.net/portal/>.

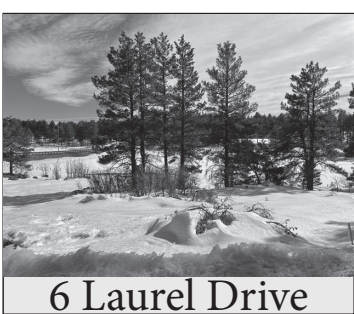
### Wednesday, Dec. 7

**Upper San Juan Library District board meeting.** 4 p.m., Sisson Library. Join Zoom meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83398449146>.

*Public meeting information should be sent to [editor@pagosasun.com](mailto:editor@pagosasun.com) with "Public Meeting" in the subject line. The deadline is noon Monday each week prior to publication for that week's issue.*



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The Pagosa Springs Community Choir will present its annual free Christmas concerts on Friday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 11, at 4 p.m.

## Pagosa Springs Community Choir to present 'Sing We Now of Christmas' concerts Dec. 9-11

By Heidi Tanner  
Pagosa Springs Community Choir

Please join the Pagosa Springs Community Choir for our annual free Christmas concerts.

You will have three opportunities to enjoy this wonderful concert: Friday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 11, at 4 p.m.

The Community Choir is and has been in past years under the direction of Dan Burch, who is the music director at Pagosa Springs High School. Dan's wife, Venita Burch, is the choir's accompanist. The Burchs volunteer their time and talent to our choir and make singing in the choir both fun and educational for all our members. We thank them heartily.

This year's concert will feature many familiar favorites such as the spiritual "Go, Tell It On The Mountain" and "The Little Drummer Boy." Another well-known carol — "Sing We Now of Christmas" — is our theme this year. This wonderful French carol dates back to the late 15th century and speaks of the news of the birth of the Christ child in Bethlehem. French families would gather in their homes and in their town squares and sing this carol together in celebration of Christmas, and the Pagosa Springs Community Choir is continuing that French tradition.

This year's annual concerts will be held in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. The doors will open Friday and Saturday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

■ See Concerts on next page

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The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Glenn Unrath, 5 p.m.
- Wednesday**  
The Den: Karaoke, 8 p.m.

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## Archuleta County Genealogical Society announces potluck

By Carolyn Paschal  
Archuleta County Genealogical Society

This Saturday, Dec. 3, the Archuleta County Genealogical Society will host a potluck gathering for our members and friends.

We will meet at 10 a.m. at the Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St., in the fellowship hall.

There will be a short business meeting followed by appetizers, coffee, tea and dessert.

The genealogical society meets on the first Saturday of each month. It hosts guest speakers on a wide range of topics relating to genealogy and history, including the rich history of our local area. It is a member of the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies, where it has access to professional speakers from across the state. The society has also partnered with the Town of Pagosa Springs in its ongoing efforts to research and improve our local cemeteries.

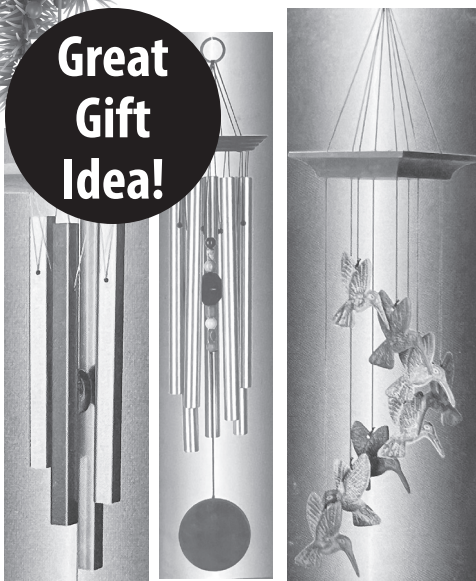
Visitors are welcome to attend our potluck to meet our members and learn more about our group. For more information, check out our website, [acsgenealogy.org](http://acsgenealogy.org), or contact Carolyn Paschal at [carolyn-paschal@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn-paschal@gmail.com).

## Concerts

continued from previous page and on Sunday at 3:30 p.m.

The concerts are free for your enjoyment. Donations will be gratefully accepted. The Community Choir is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, and a tax-deductible receipt can be provided for your gifts.

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## Annual Christmas in Arboles celebration planned for Dec. 11

By Susan Halkin  
TARA Community Center

On Sunday, Dec. 11, the TARA Community Center will hold its annual Christmas in Arboles celebration.

Activities will include a holiday cookie contest, vendors selling holiday items, a silent auction, cookie plate sales and a Thrift Store Christmas Corner.

This event is from noon to 4 p.m. at 333 Milton Lane in Arboles.

If you are interested in entering the cookie contest, bring in three dozen of your favorite cookies at noon to be sampled and judged by the attendees. For more information, call Susan at (970) 883-0017.

Come and join the fun.

## Drop your letters to Santa off at The SUN

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Just in time for the holiday season, The SUN has teamed up with Santa and his elves to help deliver letters to the guy in the big red suit.

Children are invited to drop their letters to Santa off at The SUN's office at 457 Lewis St. There will be a special mailbox in the front office for the letters.

Letters can also be emailed to editor@pagosasun.com.

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The holiday season is a special time of year. Individuals often spend a little more on gifts, indulge a little more on rich foods and treats and make a concerted effort to enjoy more time with their loved ones during the holidays.

The tendency to overdo things during the holiday season can create a lot of waste. In fact, Americans produce 25 percent more garbage from

Thanksgiving through the end of the year, according to Waste Advantage magazine, a publication of the waste and recycling industry.

Extra food, plastic and paper waste is generated this time of year, but people can be mindful of the potential to go overboard and take some steps to be more waste-conscious as they entertain.

- Reuse a small portion of wrapping paper or look for other wrapping items. Sunday comics, news-

print, colorful magazine pages and even pieces of fabric can be used to wrap gifts in lieu of purchasing new wrapping paper. Collect used wrapping paper and reuse it next year, doing the same with boxes and bows.

- Skip disposable party items. It's certainly easy to use disposable plates, napkins and cups when hosting holiday parties. Opt for durable, reusable products that can be packed away and used each year during holiday events.

- Buy durable and reusable items as gifts. Avoid fad gifts and focus on items that will have staying power.

- Remove your name from catalog lists. Call companies and ask to be taken off promotional mailing lists to reduce paper waste.

- Send a photo. Mail holiday card recipients photos of the kids or the entire family in lieu of cards. They're apt to save the photos and display them, helping to keep even more paper trash out of landfills.



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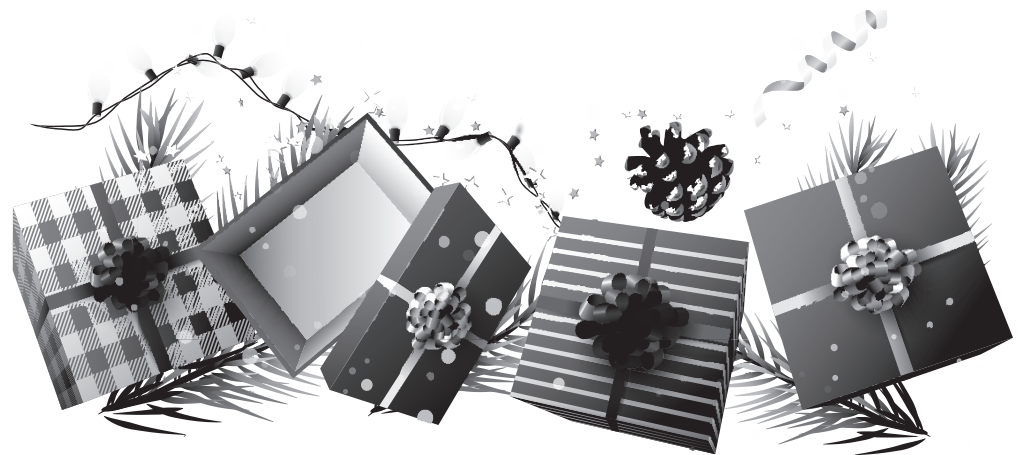
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## Christmas celebrations for kids of all ages planned

By Frank and Connie Porter  
 Child Evangelism Fellowship of Colorado

Christmas celebrations for elementary-age kids will be held in two different locations. The celebrations will include games, songs, the Christmas story, crafts, snacks and more.

The first ones are scheduled on Dec. 2 and 9 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive.

The second ones are scheduled for Dec. 6 and 13 from 3:15 to 4:45 p.m. at Pagosa Springs Elementary School, in the school library.

Kids Kare, for 3- to 5-year-old

little ones, will also have a Christmas theme. It meets each Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. through Dec. 14.

If your child has not registered for a club this school year, go to coloradocef.org/southwest and click on “Register for a Club.” For more information, email Connie at frank.connie@colorado.org.

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# Six new signs unveiled on Riverwalk as Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership prepares for 2023

By Sally High  
Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership

The Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) and the Town of Pagosa Springs began planning six signs for the GGP site way back in April 2021.

The tourism director contacted GGP and encouraged partnering in the new permanent signage. The new signs are ready to beautify our Riverwalk and inform locals and visitors about Pagosa Springs' remarkable educational nonprofit in Centennial Park.

The GGP manages three dome greenhouses with the help of community volunteers. The signs are being installed by GGP volunteers and walkers on the Riverwalk will see them soon.

Each full-color sign is 24 inches wide and 18 inches high. The de-



Photo courtesy Sally High

**The familiar handmade Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) amphitheater sign will remain on the Riverwalk. Six new informational signs will soon be added by GGP volunteers.**

sign is a standard template that the Tourism Department is using for other new signs to be seen soon around Pagosa Springs.

The GGP's Education Dome is open each Monday, Wednesday and Saturday morning. Visitors can stroll through to see the thriving vegetable gardens that demonstrate year-round agricultural pro-

duction made possible by geothermal direct-use heat. Perhaps, there will even be some fresh produce to take home for your family's table.

The GGP invites the community to the Old Fashioned Christmas Celebration on Dec. 17. Our Old Fashioned Christmas Celebration is yet another partnership the Tourism Department makes with various Pagosa Springs groups. Bring the family to see the GGP's new signs and stroll the Riverwalk.

To volunteer with the GGP, contact [ggp@pagosagreen.org](mailto:ggp@pagosagreen.org). To make your year-end tax-deductible donation, go to [www.pagosagreen.org](http://www.pagosagreen.org) and link to [www.coloradogives.org/geothermalgreenhousepartnership](http://www.coloradogives.org/geothermalgreenhousepartnership).

The GGP is "growing food and community with local energy." See you on the Riverwalk.

# Friends of Peace Corps to host Dec. 2 gathering

By Jenny Marsh  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Peace Corps is a federal government agency created in 1961 to, according to its website, provide "a service opportunity for motivated changemakers to immerse themselves in a community abroad, working side by side with local leaders to tackle the most pressing challenges of our generation."

The mission of the Peace Corps is "to promote world peace and friendship by fulfilling three goals:"

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3. To help promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans.

U.S. citizens live in their assigned communities in developing countries around the world and work with host country nationals in a variety of ways. Volunteers serve as teachers, community health care workers, agroforestry specialists, fish farmers, environmental educators, community economic development promoters, and water and sanitation specialists, among other things.

There are opportunities to serve for a 27-month tour. Shorter tours and virtual service opportunities may also be available. Speak with a Peace Corps recruiter to learn more about the different ways to serve.

While the Peace Corps brought back to the United States its 6,700-plus global volunteers in March 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic, the agency is now again recruiting applicants to serve as

volunteers. Interested individuals can view current openings at <https://www.peacecorps.gov>.

Also, they can read profiles of the countries where Peace Corps volunteers serve at <https://www.peacecorps.gov/countries/>.

Former volunteers in southwest Colorado are hosting an informal happy hour event this Friday, Dec. 2, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Alley House Grille (in the bar area) at 214 Pagosa St. (U.S. 160).

The purpose of the event is to provide an opportunity to talk with former volunteers and friends.

All are welcome — please just show up. Look for folks wearing hats, shirts and other items identifying them as Peace Corps friends.

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# Registration open for children's winter theater camp at Pagosa Spring Center for the Arts

By Laura Moore

Thingamajig Theatre Company

Thingamajig Theatre Company brings in professional performers from around the country to bring beautiful stories to life on stage at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

This winter season is no exception, with an influx of performers coming to rehearse "A Charlie Brown Christmas" opening Dec. 16 and a heartwarming selection of holiday music for "A Merry Little Christmas Concert," which will play three nights in December.

The actors also lend their expertise, training and joy for the art to the Whatchamawhozit Children's Theatre program each summer, teaching a theater program at the Center for the Arts, and this winter they are here providing another wonderful opportunity for our local kids.

The Whatchamawhozits Winter Theatre Camp is open to kids 7-14 (6-year-olds can apply with special permission). The kids will be treated to dance, singing and acting lessons from the professional performers as they work to put on a production of the hilarious and heartwarming "A Year with Frog and Toad KIDS."

Camp runs 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 20-29 with public performances Dec. 30 and 31.

## WHIPS announces holiday luncheon

By Nancy Ford

Women Helping In Pagosa Springs

WHIPS, Women Helping In Pagosa Springs, will have its November/December holiday luncheon Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 11:30 a.m. at Ole Miner's Steakhouse for \$15. Dress festively.

All ladies are welcome, but we need you to RSVP by Dec. 4 to (970) 946-1895.



Photo courtesy Thingamajig Theatre Company

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Camp also includes an audition workshop on Dec. 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. as well as an extended camp day and an invite to come see their counselors perform in "A Charlie Brown Christmas" on Dec. 21 at 3 p.m.

This camp is perfect as an introduction to theater or as a way to get extra attention for seasoned young

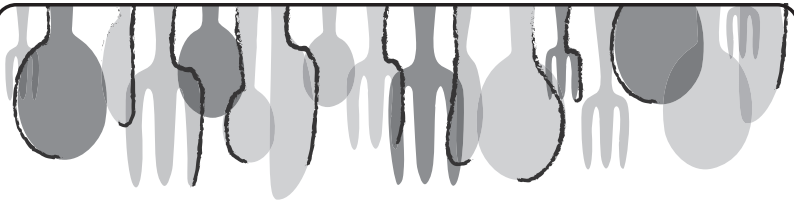
performers as the camp size this winter is extremely limited. The age limit has been extended to 14 for this winter camp to reflect the small class size and more intimate teaching capabilities of our winter camp.

Register at [www.pagosacenter.org](http://www.pagosacenter.org). For questions about the camp, please email [thingamajigbox@gmail.com](mailto:thingamajigbox@gmail.com).



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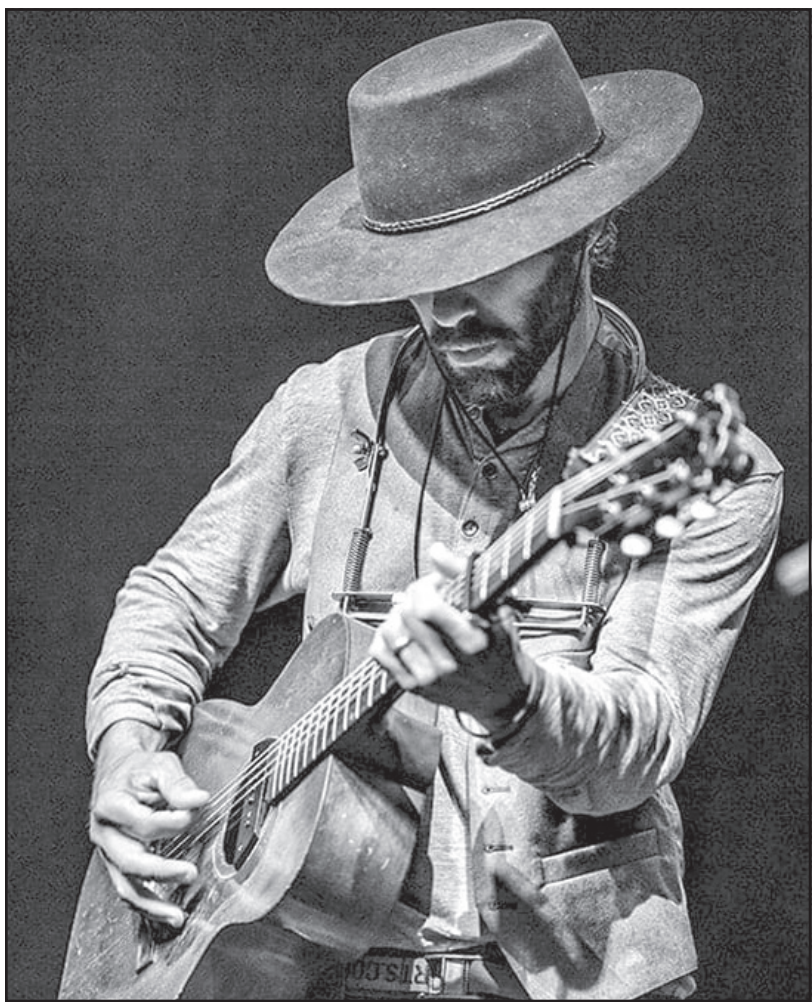


Photo courtesy Bob Hemenger

The Americana Project class at Pagosa Springs High School will present a concert on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. featuring guest artist Thom Chacon. The Americana Project students will be opening the show with a 45-minute set. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students, and for those 12 and under are free. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with general seating. Tickets are only available at the door by cash or check.

## Americana Project class, Thom Chacon to present concert on Dec. 13

By Bob Hemenger  
Pagosa Springs High School

The Americana Project class at Pagosa Springs High School will be holding a very special concert on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium.

This year's special guest artist is singer-songwriter Thom Chacon. Based in Durango, Colo., as both a fly-fishing guide and family man, Chacon has literally traveled around the world playing his songs: from the intimidating confines of Folsom Prison to Thai-

land, India and Europe. His ability to write deeply moving songs that reflect both the natural world and the human experience has brought him attention and accolades from all around the world.

The talented Americana Project students will be opening the show with a 45-minute set. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students, and for those 12 and under are free. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with general seating. Tickets are only available at the door by cash or check. Donations for the program will also be accepted.

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When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. <sup>11</sup>And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2: 1, 2, 9, 11

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**The Operation Christmas Child drop-off center at Grace in Pagosa was a busy place Nov. 14-21, with 30 volunteers unloading, packing, counting and filling large cartons for shipping.**

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# Pagosa gives 2,443 boxes to Operation Christmas Child

By **Linda George**  
Operation Christmas Child

Children around the world will experience the joy of knowing that Pagosa Springs really cares about them this Christmas.

Many volunteers made Operation Christmas Child a success this year by promoting the shoeboxes around town in several stores, churches, and groups. The drop-off center at Grace in Pagosa under the direction of Linda George was a busy place Nov. 14-21, with 30 volunteers unloading, packing, counting and filling large cartons for shipping.

On Monday, Nov. 21, a 26-foot truck donated by a generous business owner was loaded to capacity and headed to Denver Processing Center in preparation for flight. Soon, our 2,443 boxes packed with toys, clothes, toiletries, school supplies, and even personal notes and photos will be on their way to bless needy children this Christmas.

Six youth groups in Pagosa filled shoebox gifts. They were Colorado

Kids, Shady Pines, Rocky Mountain Riders and Wolf Creek Wonders from 4-H, as well as the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in the high school and middle school. Several churches in our little mountain town brought hundreds of boxes to our drop-off center on Park Avenue. They were Amazing Grace, Calvary Home Fellowship, Centerpoint, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Community United Methodist Church, Grace in Pagosa, Jicarilla Apache Reformed, Open Door, Our Savior Lutheran, Restoration and the Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

We hope that you will be part of the world's largest Christmas project next year with Operation Christmas Child. To find out more, go to [samaritapurse.org/OCC](http://samaritapurse.org/OCC).

Many short videos will show you the "Power of a Simple Gift!" You can even fill a shoebox online; it's not too late.

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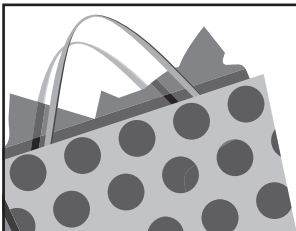
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Trevor Brown, left, and Kristi Contreary, right, shown here in their roles in “Miracle on 34th Street: A Live Musical Radio Play” last Christmas, are among the favorite alumni returning to Thingamajig Theatre Company this month to perform in “A Charlie Brown Christmas” and a special holiday concert at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. “Charlie Brown,” an uplifting family-friendly musical priced at family-friendly rates, opens on Dec. 16 and continues through the month of December. The holiday concert will showcase the singing and dancing skills of the cast on Dec. 22, 23 and 26.

## Favorite actors return to Thingamajig for ‘Charlie Brown’ and a special holiday concert this Christmas

By Carole Howard  
Thingamajig Theatre Company

Charlie Brown and your favorite Peanuts characters are coming to Pagosa Springs this month when Thingamajig Theatre Company presents “A Charlie Brown Christmas,” an uplifting family-friendly musical priced at family-friendly rates at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

Live performances start Dec. 16 and continue through the month of December.

In this show you’ll watch Charlie Brown and his friends, including Lucy, Linus, Sally, Schroeder and Snoopy, among the most iconic group of youngsters on the planet, as they sing, dance and learn the true meaning of Christmas.

“Charlie Brown” is a nostalgic show that features the imaginary children created by Charles Schultz. It is based on the 1965 hit animated TV special of the same name.

These beloved characters will be brought to life on the Thingamajig stage by a cast that includes several favorite Thingamajig alumni and a few new faces.

As well, the actors will perform a holiday concert titled “A Merry Little Christmas” that will showcase the singing and dancing skills of the actors.

The announcement was made by Tim Moore, the theater’s producing artistic director.

“It’s a special treat for us to present such a heartwarming show about Charlie Brown and his friends for kids of all ages as well as a special holiday concert that will appeal to everyone who loves joyful Christmas music,” he said.

### Actor and director favorites return

This musical features seven professional actors, many playing multiple roles, some of whom are hugely popular with local and out-of-town audiences from previous performances at Thingamajig.

They include Trevor Brown, a perennial favorite, who most recently wowed audiences playing leading roles in “Guys and Dolls” and “Bright Star” this summer; Jesse Cordis, who brought new life to the role of Nathan Detroit in “Guys and Dolls”; Rosa Campbell, a veteran of “Men in Boats” and stage manager this summer; and Kristi Contreary, a star of “Miracle on 34th Street: A Live Musical Radio Play” last Christmas.

“Charlie Brown” will be directed and choreographed by Andrew Barrett Lewis, who directed and choreographed “Bright Star” this summer, “Miracle on 34th Street: A Live Musical Radio Play” last

Christmas and “A Grand Night for Singing” during Christmas 2019.

As well, Lewis has conceived and is directing the holiday concert, which takes advantage of his creative skills and the impressive dancing and singing talents of the actors. This holiday concert will be performed three times, at 7 p.m. on Dec. 22, 23 and 26.

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Pagosa Brass perform during a previous “Heralds of Christmas” concert. This year’s concert will be at 3 p.m. on Dec. 18 in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.

## ‘Heralds of Christmas’ coming Dec. 18

By Rick Artis  
Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society

Continuing the holiday tradition, the Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society will once again present “The Heralds of Christmas.”

This year’s performance will be sure to delight the entire family, with a varied selection of familiar favorites with a few surprises thrown in.

Mark your calendars now for Dec. 18 at 3 p.m. Join us in the

Pagosa Springs High School auditorium for an afternoon of holiday favorites performed by many of our local seasoned veterans. They will be joined by some new faces as well.

The presentation is our gift to the community and is presented free of charge. Donations will be gratefully accepted. All proceeds help fulfill our mission of supporting the music programs in the local schools.

This is a can’t-miss afternoon of Christmas entertainment. We will see you there.

## Thingamajig

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Of course, as befitting good holiday experiences, the audience will be treated to childhood exuberance, wonderful singing and dancing, an inspirational message and a happy ending in “Charlie Brown.” We promise that after the 45-minute performance you will be humming all the way home — and the same will be true after the holiday concert.

### Tickets available now

“Charlie Brown” opens on Dec. 16 and will be performed most days through Dec. 29. Evening performances are at 7 p.m. with Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. “Charlie Brown” tickets are priced at the family-friendly rate of \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids 12 and under.

Tickets for the “A Merry Little Christmas” holiday concert are \$35 for adults and \$20 for kids 12

and under.

You can order tickets for “Charlie Brown” and the holiday concert on the theater’s website at [pagosacenter.org](http://pagosacenter.org) or by phoning (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Treating your family and friends to these events makes a very special holiday gift for everyone, yourself included.

Thingamajig Theatre Company was co-founded in 2011 by Tim and Laura Moore. It is an award-winning professional nonprofit 501(c)(3) theatre in residence within the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Its talented actors, directors and designers come from across the U.S. and Canada to produce musicals, comedies and dramas for local and out-of-town audiences. As well, Thingamajig is dedicated to providing educational opportunities for youth and teens in our community.

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Photo courtesy Community United Methodist Church

A new organ recently installed at the Community United Methodist Church recently will be dedicated on Dec. 4. Pictured in back, left to right, are Sally Neel, Kathy Isberg and Nancy Bush. In front are Rick Seaton and Sarah Riehm.

## Community United Methodist Church to dedicate new organ on Dec. 4

Community United Methodist Church

Last month, the Community United Methodist Church (CUMC) installed a new organ in its sanctuary. The new instrument is a three-manual Rodgers electronic organ, installed by Church Organs of Colorado, based in Denver. The instrument will be dedicated in worship on Dec. 4 at both the 8:15 and 11 a.m. services.

“This new instrument has lots of bells and whistles that will greatly enhance our worship experience,” said organist Sarah Riehm. “The organ’s internal computer provides almost countless varieties of organ stops and solo instruments. As an example, the solo flute and oboe sound like an instrumental soloist is live in the room. The organ can also replicate the sound of an English cathedral organ, French Romantic-era organ or German Baroque instrument.”

The old organ, a 1970s vintage Johannus organ, died about two years ago, and it was too old to find replacement parts to repair it. The response to the fundraising drive last August was swift. Within 30 days, the congregation raised enough money for this new instrument, which will be among the finest church organs in Southwest Colorado.

The lead gift came from the Pagosa Springs Girls’ Choir.

“When the Girls’ Choir dissolved, we had money to donate,” said Linda Price Parker, choir director at CUMC and former director of the Girls’ Choir. “The board wanted to do something that would create

a legacy for all the girls, parents and board members who had been part of the choir. We are thrilled to have helped this beautiful instrument become a reality for the church. Community UMC was so generous to the Girls’ Choir, allowing us to have our concerts there. It was a joy to give the money to such a worthy cause.”

“This amazing new electronic wonder will be a great addition to the musical palette of CUMC,” according to CUMC Music Director Kathy Isberg. “We are fortunate that not only did the seed money from the former Pagosa Springs Girls’ Choir provide a healthy jumpstart in providing for its purchase, but also that many generous church members contributed so freely to accomplish its acquisition. In addition, we are fortunate to have a very accomplished musician and church member who has the expertise to play it.”

CUMC wishes to thank all the donors that made this possible.

CUMC hopes that this instrument will provide a centerpiece to present high quality music for the entire community for years to come.

“Our downtown location, along with the outstanding acoustics in our sanctuary, offers a perfect venue for community-wide musical events,” said Riehm. “We have a number of concerts planned for the future, including a dedication concert in June 2023 featuring a variety of community musicians — plus Lenten meditation services, a community hymn sing, an all-Bach

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ANSWER:

# Preview Calendar

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

## Thursday, Dec. 1

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

**Festival of Trees Public Viewing and Voting.** Noon-6 p.m., Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. Walk around and look at the trees decorated by local nonprofits while enjoying holiday music, cookies, coffee and/or hot chocolate. You can meet and take pictures with Santa from 3-6 p.m. Admission to the viewing is free. Voting is \$1 per vote. For more information, call (970) 264-4152.

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

**English as a Second Language.** 4-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call (970) 264-2209 or email for more information. Beginning students are encouraged to attend from 4-5 p.m., intermediate and advanced students from 5-7 p.m.

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

**Wolf Creek Classic: Pagosa Springs Varsity Girls' Basketball.** 5 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Delta.

**Main Street Bethlehem.** 6-7:30 p.m., Centerpoint Church. Experience the sights, sounds and smells of first-century Bethlehem.

**Wolf Creek Classic: Pagosa Springs**

**Varsity Boys' Basketball.** 6:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Delta.

## Friday, Dec. 2

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

**COVID-19 Booster Vaccine Clinic.** 10 a.m.-noon, Pagosa Senior Center. Please call us at (970) 264-2167 to sign up for the booster so we know how many to plan for. The clinic will be performed by San Juan Basin Public Health.

**Christmas Celebration for Kids.** 2-4 p.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. A Christmas celebration for elementary-age kids that will include games, songs, the Christmas story, crafts, snacks and more. For more information, email Connie at frank.connie@colorado.org.

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

**Friends of the Peace Corps Gathering.** 4-6 p.m., Alley House Grille, 214 Pagosa St. Former Peace Corps volunteers in southwest Colorado are hosting an informal gathering. All are welcome; please just show up to speak with a former volunteer. This is not an official Peace Corps agency event.

**Wolf Creek Classic: Pagosa Springs Varsity Girls' Basketball.** 5 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Montrose.

**Festival of Trees.** 5:30 p.m., Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. The doors will open for the 16th annual Festival of Trees will open at 5:30 p.m., with the tree auction at 7 p.m. Live music will be provided by Steve Blechschmidt. Food will be provided and a cash bar will be available. Tickets are \$25 and are available by advanced sale only at the Community Center. For more information, call (970) 264-4152.

**Main Street Bethlehem.** 6-7:30 p.m., Centerpoint Church. Experience the sights, sounds and smells of first-century Bethlehem.

**Wolf Creek Classic: Pagosa Springs Varsity Boys' Basketball.** 6:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Montrose.

## Saturday, Dec. 3

**GriefShare.** 10-11:30 a.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone

Drive. Through Dec. 3, no meeting Nov. 26. A grief support group for those grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent or other family member or friend. A caring and safe place. We know it hurts and we

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■ continued from previous page program for organ aficionados — even a Halloween special featuring all your spooky favorites!”

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want to help. There is no charge.

**Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Pagosa Senior Center. Archuleta Seniors Inc. will be hosting a holiday arts and crafts fair featuring local vendors in the Senior Center dining hall. If you would like to participate as a vendor, please contact (505) 331-0448. Festive holiday snacks will be available for purchase.

**Makerspace.** 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Build, design and create at the library. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Wolf Creek Classic: Pagosa Springs Varsity Girls' Basketball.** 3 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Rocky Mountain.

**Wolf Creek Classic: Pagosa Springs Varsity Boys' Basketball.** 4:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Bayfield.

**Main Street Bethlehem.** 6-7:30 p.m., Centerpoint Church. Experience the sights, sounds and smells of first-century Bethlehem.

## Sunday, Dec. 4

**Bingo.** 5:45 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. 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, Dec. 5

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

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

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

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

**Holiday Ornament Craft.** 1:15 p.m., Pagosa Senior Center. Do you want to learn how to make a beautiful and easy gift box for the holiday? The best part is that it is made from last year's Christmas cards. No art skills are needed, no experience is required, and all materials are provided for you. We will be cutting circles that have been traced on the cards and gluing them together in a special way. Our teacher will be Denise Fisk, a former elementary school art teacher. Come join us for some holiday fun.

**Swing Time.** 6-7 p.m., Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. Beginning West Coast swing class. You will learn seven to nine basic patterns in a progressive format

with two or three new patterns each week. A partner is not required, but is strongly encouraged to maintain a leader/follower balance. Wear smooth-soled shoes and come with a smile. For more information, contact Wayne at (970) 264-4792.

## Tuesday, Dec. 6

**Pagosa Springs Stitchers.** 10 a.m.-noon, Community Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Bring your current stitching project and a snack/drink if you wish and enjoy the fellowship of other stitchers. Open to all.

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

**Tech Time.** 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. We are happy to help you resolve your basic technology questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets and other electronic devices. We can also provide in-depth assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**WHIPS (Women Helping in Pagosa Springs) Holiday Luncheon.** 11:30 a.m., Ole Miner's Steak and Chophouse, 3821 E. U.S. 160. It will be \$15 and all adult women are always welcome. Please RSVP by Dec. 4 to ensure a seat: (970) 946-1895.

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

**Adult DIY: Holiday Wreath.** 1-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Come make your own holiday wreath with local greens. Bring your gardening gloves; all other supplies will be provided. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

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

**Christmas Celebration for Kids.** 3:15-4:45 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School library. A Christmas celebration for elementary-age kids that will include games, songs, the Christmas story, crafts, snacks

and more. For more information, email Connie at frank.connie@colorado.org.

**Dungeons and Dragons.** 3:45-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 4th-12th grades. Join the adventure. Contact the library to register; space is limited. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**English as a Second Language.** 4-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call (970) 264-2209 or email for more information. Beginning students are encouraged to attend from 4-5 p.m., intermediate and advanced students from 5-7 p.m.

**Online Author Talks: Geraldine Brooks.** 5 p.m.. We will gather virtually with Geraldine Brooks, bestselling author of "Horse." Part of a virtual series featuring New York Times bestselling authors and thought-leaders giving live, professionally moderated book discussions you can view on your computer, tablet or smartphone with Internet access. You also have an opportunity to ask questions. Go to <https://pagosalibrary.org/adult-services/> to learn more.

**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

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aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

## Wednesday, Dec. 7

**Pickleball.** 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Beginner lessons, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Loaner paddles are available.

**Kids Kare Club.** 9:30-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. For ages 3-5 years old. The program includes songs, games, crafts and an exciting Bible story with lots of interaction with the kids. To register your child, go to [coloradocef.org/southwest](http://coloradocef.org/southwest) and click on "Register for a Club."

**Family Storytime: Free Play.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Plenty of fun toys will be available for this hour of open playtime. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

**Weminuche Audubon and Audubon Rockies Presents Winter Birds 101: Songbirds.** 6-8 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. For virtual sign-on information, consult [www.weminucheaudubon.org](http://www.weminucheaudubon.org). For more information about the Christmas Bird Count, visit <https://www.audubon.org/conservation/join-christmas-bird-count>.

## Thursday, Dec. 8

**Insurance Enrollment and Resource Fair.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m., San Juan Basin Public Health Pagosa office, 502 S. 8th St. Join San Juan Basin Public Health to meet with programs supporting health for you and your family, and get assistance with insurance enrollment. Review eligibility for low-cost/no-cost insurance and find out about coverage available regardless of immigration status. Food will be provided. For more information, email [kmaloney@sjbpublichealth.org](mailto:kmaloney@sjbpublichealth.org) or call (970) 585-6121.

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

ing are required.

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## Friday, Dec. 9

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

**Pi Beta Phi Christmas Angel Luncheon.** 11 a.m., home of Carole Howard. Guests are asked to dress in festive holiday attire. Please bring an anonymous wrapped angel gift to exchange, a dish for the potluck and 10-15 canned or packaged goods for the Healthy Archuleta food distribution center and travel-sized toiletries for Rise Above Violence. RSVP to Carole and say what you are bringing to the potluck to avoid duplications.

**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.

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

**Christmas Celebration for Kids.** 2-4 p.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. A Christmas celebration for elementary-age kids that will include games, songs,

the Christmas story, crafts, snacks and more. For more information, email Connie at [frank.connie@colorado.org](mailto:frank.connie@colorado.org).

**Gaming.** 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Enjoy video gaming on the Xbox

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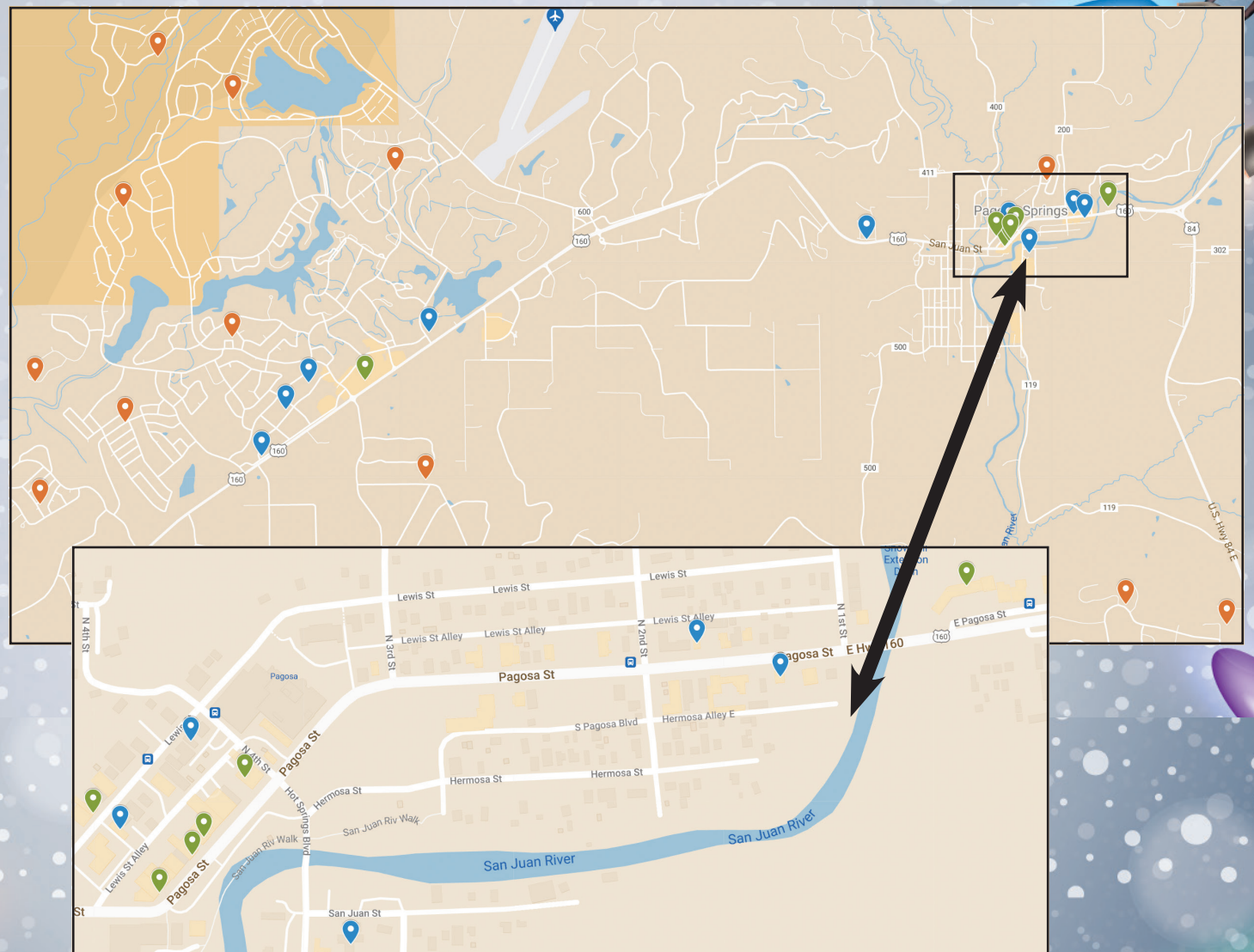
# Holiday lights

Entrants for the 2022 Pagosa Springs Area Holiday Lighting contest have been announced, with participants turning on their lights for viewing every evening from 6 to 8 p.m. between Nov. 25 and the end of the year.

Vote for your favorite between Nov. 25-Dec. 18 at <https://bit.ly/2022LightingContest>. Contest winners will be announced in The Pagosa Springs SUN on Dec. 22.

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181 Inspiration Drive  
113 Holiday Ave.  
83 Grey Rock Court  
226 Wilderness Drive  
301 Bonanza Ave.



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Pine Valley Rental & Sales - 305 Bastille Drive  
Mountain & Meadow Real Estate - 409 Lewis St.  
Kip's Grill and Cantina - 121 Pagosa St.  
Club Wyndham - 42 Pinon Causeway  
Rudd Fotos Fine Art Photography Gallery - 633 Navajo Trail Drive  
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## Top 125 most-borrowed books of all time in Brooklyn

By Carole Howard

PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

In celebration of its 125th anniversary, the Brooklyn Public Library has just released its list of most-borrowed books of all time.

The sprawling list includes dozens of picture books and plenty of classics including F. Scott Fitzgerald's "The Great Gatsby" and George Orwell's "1984" as well as more modern hits like "Game of Thrones" by George R. R. Martin, which inspired the hit TV series, and "Twilight" by Stephenie Meyer, the vampire-themed fantasy romance novel.

Here are Brooklyn's top 10 most-borrowed books. The full list is available at [bklynlibrary.org](http://bklynlibrary.org).

1. "Where the Wild Things" Are by Maurice Sendak.
2. "The Snow Day" by Ezra Jack Keats.
3. "The Cat in the Hat" by Dr. Seuss.
4. "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens.
5. "Are You My Mother?" by P.D. Eastman.
6. "Wuthering Heights" by Emily Bronte.
7. "Naruto: Volume 1" by Masashi Kishimoto.
8. "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain.
9. "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee.
10. "Little Women" by Louisa May Alcott.

### Flu season protocols

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

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

### New format for activities calendar

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

### All-ages DIY holiday wreaths

Next Tuesday, Dec. 6, from 1 to 3 p.m., join us to make your own holiday wreath with holiday greens — all for free. Bring your gardening gloves; we'll supply all other materials.

### Online author talks continue

There are three more events this month in our free online virtual series featuring New York Times bestselling authors and thought leaders giving live, professionally moderated book discussions you can view on your computer, tablet or smartphone with Internet access. You also have an opportunity to ask questions.

Next Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 5 p.m. will feature Geraldine Brooks, bestselling author of "Horse."

Saturday, Dec. 10, at noon we'll

interact with Fredrik Blackman, author of "The Winners," the third installment of the Beartown series.

Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 10 a.m. will showcase Nicole Eustace, author of "A Story of Murder and Indigenous Justice in Early America."

Go to <https://pagosalibrary.org/adult-services/> to learn more.

Your library has a year-long subscription through June 30, 2023. At that time we will evaluate the popularity of the series in order to decide whether or not to renew our subscription. If you would like to provide feedback to Meg or Judy, they would welcome your comments. Contact Judy@pagosalibrary.org or Meg@pagosalibrary.org.

### Gaming tomorrow

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This year Lauren became the first broker in PSAAR history to earn both awards in the same year! And for those of us that have had the pleasure to work with her, we know both awards are well-deserved.

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**Pagosa Springs Community Choir Christmas Concert.** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. Listeners can look forward to many of their favorite carols such as "Sing We Now of Christmas," "Sleigh Ride" and "Jingle Bells." You will also be treated to some lesser-known Christmas music such as "Still of the Evening," which is a beautiful Christmas melody that will warm your heart.

Submit your calendar items to editor@pagosasun.com; mail them to The Pagosa Springs SUN, P.O. Box 9, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or deliver them to The SUN office by noon Monday.



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# Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the dark-eyed junco.

Instead of heading off to warmer climates, this colored sparrow shows up in late fall to spend the winter in our fields, parks and yards. Called snowbirds since their arrival at feeders is often followed by snowy weather, their numbers seem largest when winter weather is at its worst. Their feather coats are 30 percent heavier in winter than in summer.

In summer, the dark-eyed junco is one of the most common forest birds in North America, breeding in Alaska, across Canada and in mountainous regions in eastern and western states. Northern populations move south in winter to more open habitats across the United States. In our area they are year-round residents who move from our yards to higher forested elevations in summer.

Dark-eyed juncos are primarily seed eaters, adding insects to their diets during breeding season. They are energetic little birds found hopping on the ground while pecking and scratching for food. In winter they are one of the most common species reported by bird-watchers in Project Feeder Watch. They will feed on platform feeders and on the ground underneath seed feeders, uncovering food that other birds spill.

In winter, juncos band together in large flocks, often with other sparrows and bluebirds. Within the flock, a dominance hierarchy based on age and sex is formed. Banding programs have determined that these birds can live to be 11 years old in the wild.

Dark-eyed juncos all have white outer tail feathers that flash in flight and a pale bill, but several subspecies which differ in plumage coloration are recognized. The ones that we see here are either mostly gray, gray with pink patches or light brown with pink tones and a dark hood.

If you invite birds into your yard with feeders, remember that a source of clean water is essential to birds in all seasons.

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

## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

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- 6 Sleeveless top
- 10 Santa's spot, often
- 14 Do penance
- 15 Revival cry
- 16 Mixed dish
- 17 Worn through, as carpeting
- 19 Gravy dish
- 20 Big bother
- 21 Barracks residents
- 23 OH to MA direction
- 24 December 24 and 31
- 26 ROFL alternative
- 27 American frontiersman
- 28 Plaything for two
- 32 Word in a Pee-Wee movie title
- 36 Trapper's ware
- 37 More raucous
- 38 Audiophile's collection
- 41 Twiggy digs
- 42 Financial expert
- 44 Wipes out
- 47 Fluster
- 48 Psychic's claim
- 49 Legal title
- 50 Presidents' Day mo.
- 53 Fanciful yarn
- 57 Shoot for, with "to"
- 59 Face shape
- 60 Gamer's device
- 62 Puff of a joint
- 63 To \_\_\_ his own
- 64 Change, chemically
- 65 Pitcher in paintings
- 66 Patella's place
- 67 Doo-wop song, "\_\_\_ Angel"

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  - 4 Aces, sometimes
  - 5 "Madam Secretary" star
  - 6 Barfly's bill
  - 7 Stockpiler
  - 8 Roman ruler
  - 9 Solemn tolls
  - 10 Prefab in a park
  - 11 Balm ingredient
  - 12 Truth twister
  - 13 A whole bunch
  - 18 Give, as time
  - 22 Forest denizen
  - 25 Get used (to)
  - 27 Any Stephen King novel
  - 29 Voice of the iPhone
  - 30 Tosses in
  - 31 Adam or Mae
  - 32 King Charles' only sister
  - 33 Person of action
  - 34 Way to pay
  - 35 Lose ground?
- DOWN**
- 1 Take to the tub

- 39 Win over
- 40 Lip affliction
- 43 Marching chant
- 45 NY time zone
- 46 "Coal Miner's Daughter" star
- 50 Threadlike
- 51 Standing tall
- 52 Ship's mooring place
- 53 Carryall bag
- 54 Assert
- 55 Camp site, often
- 56 Student aid
- 58 "Guilty," e.g.
- 61 Bite-bullet link

### Answers to Previous Crossword:

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**A. 5 25 15 8 11 12**  
Clue: Very sweet

**B. 2 16 5 5 16 11 23**  
Clue: After-dinner meal

**C. 18 8 14 2 12**  
Clue: Sweet food

**D. 13 8 5 23 11 12**  
Clue: Doughy dessert

Answers: A. sugary B. dessert C. candy D. pastry

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on the Xbox 360 Kinect tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 2, from 3 to 4 p.m.

## Makerspace on Saturday

Kids, tweens and teens are invited to a free Makerspace session on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 11 a.m. to noon when we'll provide the materials so you can build, design and create.

## Dungeons and Dragons

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This program has been a big hit because it helps build essential skills in core subjects. You still can

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## PALS/GED adult education

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## Tech Time

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## Writing challenge

A new all-ages writing challenge was posted Nov. 26 on the library's Facebook page. We hope you will challenge your creativity by participating in this free activity.

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## Nonfiction

“Dirtbag, Massachusetts” by Isaac Fitzgerald is a confessional memoir written in essays. “An American Martyr in Persia” by Reza Aslan is a biography of Howard Baskerville, a 22-year-old Christian missionary from South Dakota killed in 1909. “Half American” by Matthew F. Delmont is the story of more than 1 million African Americans who fought in World War II. “The Book of Boundaries” by Melissa Urban is a practical guide to establishing boundaries to protect your energy, time and health. “The Grandest Stage” by New York Times baseball columnist Tyler Kepner is a history of the World Series. “Waxing On” by Ralph Macchio celebrates the legacy of “The Karate Kid” in cinema, pop culture and the actor’s life.

## Large print

“Killing the Legends” by Bill O’Reilly and Martin Dugard explores the lives and deaths of Elvis, John Lennon and Mohammad Ali. “The Winners” by Fredrik Backman focuses on tensions between two towns that turn to violence. “Forever Texas” by William W. and J.A. Johnstone is a western. “The Maze” by Nelson DeMille is a Detective John Corey mystery. “The Guns of C.C. Ellis” by Ralph Cotton is book one of the Long Riders western series.

## Books on CD

“The Ink Black Heart” by Robert Galbraith, a pseudonym for J.K. Rowling, is an online mystery. “Livid” by Patricia Cornwell is a Kay Scarpetta medical examiner mystery. “Triple Cross” by James Patterson is an Alex Cross thriller. “Lost in Time” by A.G. Riddle is a time travel thriller features a young woman whose father is still alive 202 million years later. “The Passenger” by Cormac McCarthy tells of two siblings contending with enigmas and their own demons.

## DVDs

“Facing Suicide” is a PBS documentary that investigates this urgent health care challenge and

reviews the new research to curb the crisis.

## Mysteries and thrillers

“Anywhere You Run” by Wanda M. Morris focuses on two Black sisters on the run after murders in Jim Crow Mississippi. “Livid” by Patricia Cornwell is a Kay Scarpetta forensic pathology mystery. “The Bequest” by Joanna Margaret is a gothic novel about a chain of betrayal. “The Poison Machine” by Robert J. Lloyd, sequel to “The Bloodless Boy,” is a historical thriller set in 1600s London.

## Other novels

“The Memoirs of Stockholm Sven” by Nathaniel Ian Miller follows a man living a solitary life in the Arctic Circle who meets a group of unlikely visitors. “Happily Ever Amish” by Shelley Shepard Gray is the first book in a new series about a small Amish community in Ohio. “The Revivalists” by Christopher M. Hood is set in the aftermath of a pandemic that wiped out two-thirds of the planet’s population. “When We Were Sisters” by Fatimah Asghar features three orphans coming of age as Muslims in America. “Ancestry” by Simon Mawer looks back at the varied lives of ancestors who lived 200 years ago. “The Passenger” by Cormac McCarthy tells of two siblings contending with enigmas and their own demons. “Daughters of the New Year” by E.M. Tran features the extraordinary mother and three sisters within a Vietnamese immigrant family.

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## Quotable quote

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## Spiritual Experiences Group to host discussion: ‘Clean Out Your Karmic Closet: Make Room for Love’

By **Laurah Brock Young**

Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs

Would you like to understand more about reincarnation and karma? Reincarnation and karma are significant reasons why we are here in this world and have many of the experiences we encounter each day.

It is the Law of Karma that causes us to continue to reincarnate. Why? So that we can work off the karmic debts we have accumu-

lated from past lifetimes. There are ways to know what those debts are and how to work through them if we choose.

Would you like to know how to change your karmic patterns and bring more love and wisdom into your life? Please join the Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs for a lively discussion called “Clean Out Your Karmic Closet: Make More Room for Love.” It’s a perfect topic for our last discussion of the year. Beginning to

clean out your karmic closet could be your New Year’s resolution. Learn how you can live free from karma and rebirth.

Please join us for this special discussion presented by the Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs and sponsored by Eckankar as a community service. Eckankar, the path of spiritual freedom, is a spiritual resource for people of all faiths and beliefs. It is an individual, creative practice to experience and explore your own unique relationship with the divine.

The discussion is free and open to all people: friends and family. It will be held at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse, 230-A Port Ave., at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11.

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

## New Thought topic: ‘One Year to Truly Live’

By **Shayla McClure**

New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

The Sunday service at 11 a.m. on Dec. 4 will be with Dr. Elaine Harding: “One Year to Truly Live. Wake Up and Love Up.”

“Even though you may want to move forward in your life, you may have one foot on the brake.”—Mary Morrissey, global inspirational speaker.

### Upcoming events

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

Dec. 24, 5 to 6 p.m.: Christmas Eve candlelight service with potluck after. This is in place of our Sunday service.

Dec. 25: No service. Enjoy the beauty of goodwill toward all.

Dec. 31, 7 to 10 p.m.: New Year’s Dance and Celebration with live music. Tickets are on sale for \$20.

Jan. 1, 11 a.m.: Sunday service with Burning Bowl Ceremony with Shayla White Eagle.

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### About us

The New Thought Center pro-

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

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# If the shoe fits, hide it

By **Betty Slade**  
PREVIEW Columnist

My Sweet Al became the darling in my “Artist’s Lane” column for The SUN newspaper. This character of mine has a mind of his own. When did he happen? It was when frustration set in and I used humor to write about his nonsense. The readers loved him, and I found my niche and voice among my angst.

Fictitious or real, this character is famous. Sweet Al is at the top of the Google list. People recognize him in the grocery store and call him Sweet Al. Older women teehee around him. My male readers are concerned that I’m not taking care of my Sweet Al and his dog, Whiskey. Please, Al and Whiskey get plenty of attention.

My latest angst: I bought two pairs of comfortable shoes, black and brown. This week, Al found my new shoes and was wearing them out to his muddy barn. When I saw them on his feet, I came unglued. He said he didn’t ruin them. He would clean the mud off and they’d be like new again. I sighed. This could be my next article.

We were having dinner with our children when Al salted his food and my food.

Frustrated, I said to my daughter, “Your dad put all that salt on my food. I can’t eat it. Is this what happens when couples live together for years? They no longer have boundaries? They dawdle around in each other’s shoes and eat from each other’s plate? I’m not ready for this next season.”

Years ago, I taught a group of writers how to write humor out of frustration. The most important emotion a character feels is not love, hate, anger or desire. It’s frustration. Without it, there’s no plot. The characters’ response to frustration will create and develop your story.

I asked the writers’ group how they handled their characters’ frustrations. Some said they argued, others got angry, pulled back and sulked. Others threw things. I told them I use humor when I write about this character of mine who frustrates me beyond words.

I met this character when I was 16. Al Slade was at a party. A young girl was crying and he was consoling her. I saw a sweet tender side to him and I was totally attracted to him. I didn’t know he was the one who made her cry.

Apparently, he told her he found a new girlfriend. After he had taken care of his old girlfriend and his new girlfriend, he offered me a ride home. He was 19, good-looking, with a thick head of hair, combed back in a ducktail. He drove a new Plymouth with a wolf-call button on the floor. All I needed was a ride home and he gave me one. A year

## Artist’s Lane

Betty Slade



*My latest angst: I bought two pairs of comfortable shoes, black and brown. This week, Al found my new shoes and was wearing them out to his muddy barn.*

news. I didn’t know I had a voice and a humorous side. I supposed Irma and I dealt with frustration in the same way.

Bombeck wrote about going on a trip with her husband. He took everything from his closet and packed several suitcases. She took one small suitcase. By the end of the trip, he had transferred his camera and tripod into her small suitcase and she was carrying all of his stuff.

This was my story and it was too close to home. Al has moved all his stuff into my space. Our 50-slot shoe rack, once equally divided, now has become Al’s. I’m still hanging on to five slots and five pairs of shoes. With his shoe fetish, he’s enjoying the rest.

This morning, my daughter said when she saw her dad in his camouflage top and Bronco pajama bottoms, “Isn’t Daddy so cute? I just love him.” I said, “Me, too. But, it all depends on the day and if he’s wearing my shoes or not.”

Final brushstroke: Sixty-two years of marriage have clicked by, 14 years writing about My Sweet Al in the newspaper. I live with my character and write about him. In these last few years together, in the midst of frustration, humor is still the best way to go. I can vouch for him. He is true to his character.

Send your comment to [betty-slade@centurytel.net](mailto:betty-slade@centurytel.net).

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later, he was mine.

Like any good romance story, the plot starts with infatuation, then love, reality, and ends with endearment. Thank God for humor.

My fictional and real character is getting older. We are moving into our senility years: memory loss, difficulty in concentration, confusion about time and place, and not able to follow a conversation. I believe laughter is still the best emotional escape during these reality and endearment years.

I remember Phyllis Diller and her stand-up comedy routine. She talked about her husband, Fang. I thought she was funny and I questioned if Fang even existed. Was he real or made up? No one had seen him. He stayed in the background. Then we heard they got a divorce. Apparently, humor didn’t relieve their frustration.

At first, people told me my writings reminded them of Irma Bombeck’s writing voice. It was great

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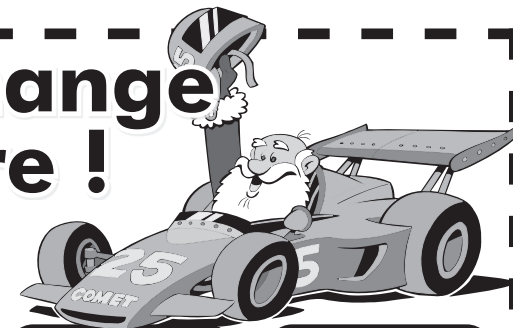
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A grizzly bear near the B Bar Ranch in Gardiner, Mont.

# Living with grizzlies as neighbors

By Molly Absolon  
PREVIEW Columnist

When I was working with a Kenyan outdoor instructor in Wyoming's Wind River Range a couple of decades ago, he surprised me one day by saying, "Hiking here feels like a walk in the park."

With armed guards, he was used to moving through wild places in Africa full of dangerous animals. He said he always felt vigilant on those trips, but in Wyoming's Winds? We weren't going to be threatened by anything larger than a GORP-seeking squirrel.

But now, grizzlies have returned to the Wind River Range, a 100-mile string of craggy peaks southeast of Yellowstone National Park. The big bears once owned the West, and now they are reclaiming some of their traditional turf.

At their peak, as many as 50,000 grizzly bears roamed the western United States. By the time the Endangered Species Act passed in 1975, however, their numbers had dwindled to less than 1,000 in the Lower 48, and they inhabited a mere 2 percent of their former range there. Only 220 to 320 grizzlies were believed to live in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem at the time of listing.

Once protected, grizzlies expanded out of the park and are now found throughout the region. For me, that makes a difference. It's not just that I carry bear spray and store my food in bear-proof containers, or that I make noise when I'm hiking through areas of low visibility. It's subtle: I've become hyper-aware.

Sudden noises make me start. I don't like to be alone unless I have an unobstructed view of my surroundings. I never wander off in the dark by myself. Yet being in bear country feels invigorating.

"Grizzly bears are what makes a

## Writers on the Range

place wild for me," said Barb Cestero, who directs The Wilderness Society's Greater Yellowstone and High Divide Landscape Program in Bozeman, Montana. "It's about being present, in the moment, alive, and aware that you have to avoid surprising a bear and getting into trouble. That's a lot of words to describe the indescribable."

Indescribable or not, most people feel a mixture of fear and awe in bear country. Whether you like those feelings depends on your perspective.

As most of us know, development and climate change have squeezed the grizzlies' habitat. These days, people in the Northern Rockies encounter grizzly bears on backpacking trips but may also run into them in their neighborhoods. The bears are getting into food sources like garbage, livestock, bird feeders, chicken coops, apple trees and beehives.

That means people pay attention when they leave their houses because stumbling outside in darkness can be dangerous — as Tim Henderson learned in 2007.

Henderson lived in a cabin in the western foothills of the Teton Range near Teton, Idaho. One evening, after hearing his dog barking, he went outside to check. She barreled toward him with a grizzly bear in pursuit, and the bear turned on Henderson.

"I like to refer to the encounter with the bear as just that, an encounter," Henderson said. "Unfortunately, what makes splashy headlines is 'an attack,' which hospitalized him with injuries to

his head and elsewhere.

Yet he said he thinks of himself as the intruder.

"Keeping that in mind lets me enjoy the reason I moved here —

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# 'Adopt A Senior' campaign announced

By Rose Chavez  
PREVIEW Columnist

To round out our year-end fundraising efforts, Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) and the Pagosa Senior Center are announcing our "Adopt A Senior" campaign.

As food costs continue to rise and the cost of living grows in our beloved Pagosa Country, we are hoping the community will stand in solidarity with our Pagosa Springs seniors and help pay for wholesome and nutritious meals, medical monitoring and social activities for our community in need.

We have a variety of price points that can fit anyone's budget: \$10 equals one senior meal, \$50 equals five senior meals, \$250 equals 25 senior meals \$650 feeds a senior for three months, \$1,300 feeds a senior for six months and \$2,600 feeds a senior for one year. You are welcome to make your donation via snail mail, online on our website at [www.psseniors.org](http://www.psseniors.org), or feel free

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to walk in during our office hours and drop off your donation.

### COVID-19 booster vaccine clinic

Please join us for a drop-in clinic performed by San Juan Basin Public Health on Friday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Senior Center located in the Ross Aragon Community Center. Please call us at (970) 264-2167 to sign up for the booster so we know how many to plan for on the day of the event.

### COVID-19 test kits available

Stop by the Senior Center to pick up a pack of five free COVID-19

tests kits for your personal use. These kits are available to anyone in the public that needs affordable access for health promotion and disease prevention.

### Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair

ASI will be hosting our inaugural Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair featuring local vendors in the Senior Center dining hall on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

If you would like to participate as a vendor, please contact us at (505) 331-0448.

Festive holiday snacks will be available for purchase.

### Holiday ornament craft

Do you want to learn how to make a beautiful and easy gift box for the holiday? The best part is that it is made from last year's Christmas cards.

Join us on Monday, Dec. 5, at 1:15 p.m. in the Senior Center dining hall to learn how to make this wonderful gift box. No art skills are needed, no experience is required, and all materials are provided for you. We will be cutting circles that have been traced on the cards and gluing them together in a special way.

Our teacher will be Denise Fisk, who is a former elementary school art teacher. Come join us for some holiday fun.

### Text reservations

Text us at (970) 264-2167. The Community Cafe is now accepting text messaging for meal reservations, cancellations and/or communication of any kind. When texting, please include your name, phone number and the days you want a meal. If you are calling to cancel a reservation, please include your name, phone number

and the days you want to cancel.

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

### Mobile food pantry service available for seniors

The Senior Center would like  
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■ continued from previous page for the mountains," he said.

But these days, Henderson carries bear spray even in places where most people think it's unnecessary.

Encounters between grizzlies and humans usually go badly for the bears. By August, wildlife managers had killed 11 grizzly bears in 2022 because of conflicts with people. Statistics aren't available for human fatalities from bear attacks for 2022, but 2021 was a particularly deadly year with five deaths. Still, you can't call that a trend.

Frank van Manen, a research biologist for the Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team, told Backpacker Magazine that in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, human fatalities from bear attacks are rare.

"There was a fatality in 1986," he said, "Followed by a 25-year

period with no fatal incidents, and then several years with multiple incidents."

As grizzly bear territory merges with human territory, the potential for conflicts will surely increase. Many communities are trying to cope by passing ordinances to help minimize the risk of dangerous encounters.


It's not easy living with grizzlies. But we can choose whether to embrace the awe and fear that their presence brings, or we can begrudge them. For me, those emotions make me feel more alive.

*Molly Absolon is a contributor to Writers on the Range, writer-sontherange.org, an independent nonprofit dedicated to spurring conversation about the West. She writes in Idaho. Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN.*


## Guess Who?

I am a singer born in Illinois on December 23, 1964. I worked as a security guard outside a hotel to raise money for my music. I am best known as the lead singer of a popular '90s alternative rock band.

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In order to participate in this program, community members must visit with Barbara Noriega at the Senior Center, located in the Community Center, to fill out an application to qualify for hot meal delivery service and/or the mobile pantry service.

The application, called the dining assessment form, is also available on our website at the bottom of the Community Cafe page: <http://www.psseniors.org/community-cafeacute.html>. For more information, contact us at (970) 264-2167.

## Mahjong

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

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## Hand and foot card game

Hand and foot card game to start up again at the Senior Center. Whether you are new to hand and foot or interested in learning, please join us most Thursdays at 1:15 p.m. at the Senior Center. This card game involves four rounds of playing until the final round is reached — some two to three hours later. Plan to stay and meet some new friends or catch up with those you have missed over the last couple of years. No experience is necessary so come willing to learn.

## Share your pictures

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

people's active lifestyles, families, culture and more. We would like to use these pictures in our grant applications, on social media and our website. Please email all pictures to [rosa@psseniors.org](mailto:rosa@psseniors.org).

## Wingspan and new programming

ASI is looking to expand our programming options. Wingspan, a game for bird lovers, was donated to the Senior Center and is looking for a champion to help facilitate this engaging board game. Come learn more about this fun game or suggest other ideas to help us find some new and meaningful opportunities to connect over and have fun. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to volunteer or for more information.

## Volunteers needed

The Community Cafe at the Senior Center is requesting volunteers to help with kitchen tasks and substitutes for our Meals on Wheels drivers. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to volunteer or for more information.

## Board vacancies

The ASI Board of Directors has multiple vacant positions open. The terms are three years with an option to renew for an additional term. Potential candidates should be at least 55 years of age or older and must have a passion for adult and aging services.

## Community Cafe menu

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Monday, Dec. 5 — Pumpkin ravioli with marinara, vegetable medley, garlic bread, salad and fruit.

Tuesday, Dec. 6 — Ginger lime shrimp with grits, caribbean beans, salad and fortune cookies.

Wednesday, Dec. 7 — Bacon cheeseburger with bun, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle and potato chips, salad and fruit.

Thursday, Dec. 8 — Pork kielbasa, German potato salad, sauteed cabbage, salad and fruit.

Friday, Dec. 9 — Chicken tortilla soup with garnishes including tortillas and avocados, salad and fruit.

## Grab-N-Go meals

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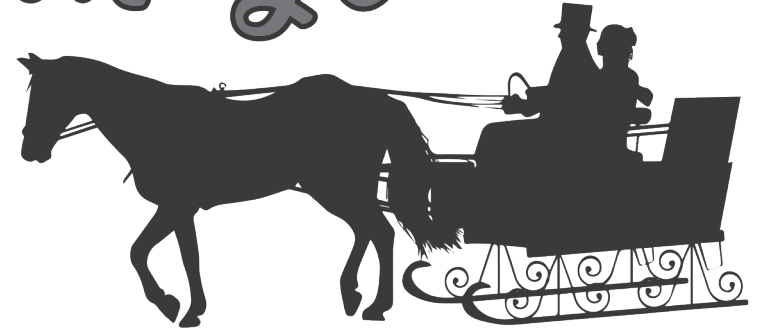
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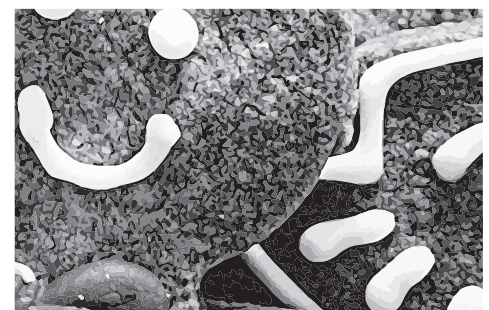
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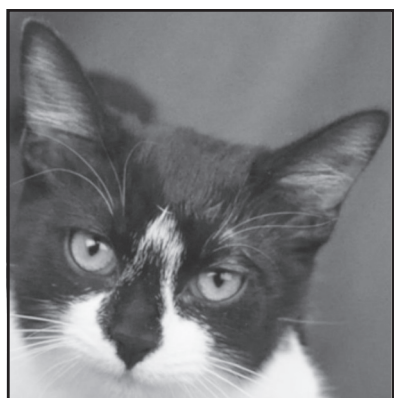
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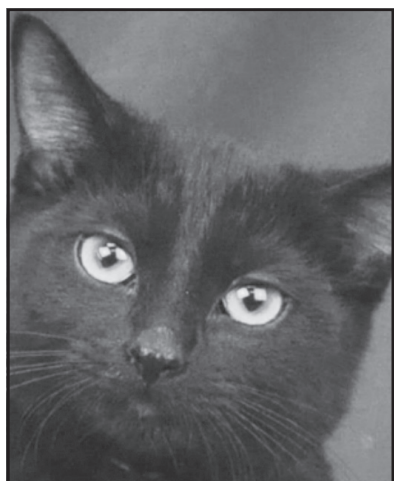
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