

# Town council rejects appeal on building project

By Derek Kutzer  
Staff Writer

At its special meeting on Dec. 15, the Pagosa Springs Town Council considered an appeal to a decision made by the town's Design Review Board for a proposed mixed-use development at 232 Pagosa St., currently the empty lots between Pagosa Baking Company and Alley House Grille.

Back in September, the Design Review Board approved a sketch plan for the project, which prompted business owners Kathy Keyes and Kirsten Skeehan as well as neighbor-

■ See Building A8

# County adopts budget

Discusses finance and human resources software

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

At its Dec. 6 meeting, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved the 2023 county budget as well as discussing the fiscal state of the county and the potential acquisition of new human resources and payroll software.

Finance Director Louise Woods, whose final day of employment at the county was Dec. 6, presented the 2023 budget, beginning by explaining that the commissioners would vote on a resolution to adopt the budget, a resolution to appropriate funds and a resolution to set mill levies.

She added that the BoCC would consider a resolution for the certification of levies and revenues for other

■ See County A8



Denise Woods Santille



Shari Pierce



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Randi Pierce

# Old-Fashioned Christmas Celebration

Many in attendance commented that Saturday's Old-Fashioned Christmas Celebration was just like being part of a Hallmark movie, with downtown Pagosa Springs becoming a magical wonderland. Attendees were in awe witnessing the true spirit of a community Christmas celebration. Rumor has it that Santa's elves are already busy planning next year's event. Additional photos of the event are available at PagosaSUN.com.



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## Christmas wishes from our community leaders

There is perhaps no time of year when people are more aligned in heart, mind and spirit than at Christmas.

No matter what your religious beliefs are, this is a time for family and friends, giving, fellowship and kindness toward your fellow man.

With the spirit of Christmas in the air, we invited local leaders to share their Christmas wishes for the community.

Warren Brown, Archuleta County commissioner, shared, "May all of Archuleta County enjoy a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year full of good health and blessings!"

Archuleta County Commissioner Ronnie Maez wrote, "Wishing everyone a very merry Christmas and a blessed new year."

Derek Woodman, county manager, added, "As the Holiday Season is with us, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy all of the wonderful memories that are created during this Holiday Season. May the New Year bring health and prosperity to all."

Town Manager Andrea Phillips wrote, "My wish is for all to have a healthy, happy and fun holiday season!"

Mayor Shari Pierce shared, "My wish for our community is that we take the outpouring of kindness, love, understanding and compassion that we give and receive during this season of holidays and carry it throughout the year to make life better for all."

Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder Kristy Archuleta wrote, "Wishing Archuleta County a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May 2023 bring happiness and compassion to all. Remember...kindness is free."

Archuleta County Treasurer Elsa White shared, "On behalf of the Treasurer's Office we would like to wish the residents of Archuleta County a 'Merry Christmas and Happy New Year', may 2023 bring you all Health, Joy and much Happiness. May we as a community come together for a great and successful 2023!!"

Archuleta County Assessor Johanna Tully-Elliott added, "Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year. May your holidays be blessed with health, love and happiness."

Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Center Emergency Communications Operations Manager Liz Blizzard wrote, "My hope for Archuleta County this holiday season and the coming year is that we experience deep gratitude, genuine love, safety and warm contentment. Happiest of Holidays!"

Pagosa Fire Protection District board chair LeRoy Lattin wrote, "My wish for this Christmas is that everyone in our community has a safe and happy holiday season. Please keep our 1st responders in your prayers so that they can go home to their families. To my PFPD brothers and sisters Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!"

Pagosa Fire Protection District Fire Chief Randy Larson shared, "My Christmas wish is that we continue to grow our relationships and build a strong community based on respect and support for each other; That we can put aside differences and develop long range goals to improve our standard of living throughout the Pagosa Area and beyond. I hope that we can all enjoy a prosperous and loving 2023. Merry Christmas to one and all."

Pagosa Springs Medical Center board chair Matt Mees wrote, "On behalf of the Pagosa Springs medical center, its employees and the Board of Directors I would like to wish the community a very merry Christmas and happy New Year's. We should all feel very blessed to live in this wonderful community and look forward to a healthy and prosperous 2023."

Pagosa Springs Medical Center CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb added, "On behalf of the staff of Pagosa Springs Medical Center, I wanted to thank our community for all of the support shown our medical center and EMS/Ambulance, and to wish for all to have a joyful holiday and Christmas Season."

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office Undersheriff Mike Le Roux added, "On behalf of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, I would like to wish our wonderful community a very happy Christmas and a healthy new year. Be safe out there and take care of yourselves and others."

Pagosa Springs Area Water and Sanitation District board chair Jim Smith wrote, "This is the time of year that we celebrate the greatest gift of all, the birth of Jesus Christ. A time of reflection on our blessings and hope for the coming new year. For all of us who are able, please give to our local nonprofits. May our New Year be filled with a GREAT snow pack, and good health. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!"

The message of Christmas is one of joy, hope and peace on Earth. There is no denying the spirit of love and hope that spreads throughout the community at this time of year.

We mean it, as everyone does, when we wish you warmly a merry Christmas.  
Terri Lynn Oldham House

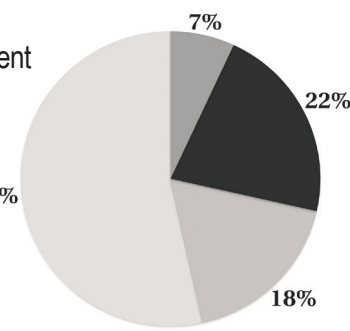


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### LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

#### 100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
December 22, 1922

The upper Piedra cattlemen, who have been waiting in this city for over two weeks with their cattle for shipment, have now received word that they can load out tomorrow. Practically all of the available hay in this vicinity has been utilized in feeding this stock.

Prospects for a good ice crop are much better since the recent freezes.

After a six-day blockade a train came over Cumbres pass Monday and eastern mail and passengers reached this city early Tuesday morning.

The state highway department's 1923 budget calls for the expenditure of \$9,235,000. Archuleta county has been allotted the sum of \$14,000 for the maintenance of state highways within her borders.

If in doubt what Christmas gift to send to your relatives or friends, especially if they are former residents of this county, why not present a year's subscription to the Sun. Two dollars expended in that manner practically means a letter from you regularly once each week for 52 weeks.

#### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
December 26, 1947

Loren Belarde, of Belarde Bros. Sawmills, announced this week the purchase and installation of a large planer, an additional piece of equipment for their mills. They will be able to handle considerable amount of new type business with the equipment.

The three Girl Scout troops of Pagosa Springs were entertained at a Christmas party, with exchange of gifts and refreshments, in the Youth Center Friday afternoon. Sponsoring the affair were the troop leaders, Mrs. H.H. Hughes, Mrs. E.B. Evans, Mrs. Ernest Martinez and Miss Jean Jones.

With the numbers scheduled with clock-like precision, virtually every pupil in the Pagosa schools took part Monday night in the annual Christmas program. Mrs. Margaret Smith, teacher in charge of the arrangements for elementary grades, extended particular thanks to the mothers (for) cooperation on the costumes so colorful.

#### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
December 21, 1972

Beautiful weather has prevailed this past week. Cold, but beautiful. Skies have been clear and bright, moonlight nights have been very bright and there have been no storms.

It has been cold, though with a minimum of 19 below zero registered last Friday morning. The mercury dropped below zero every night during the week except one. There was only one day when the temperature did not rise above freezing. The minimums ranged from 19 below to 3 above.

Town and county coffers were enriched this past week with more than \$31,000 as the first revenue sharing checks from the federal government were received. The money has not yet been scheduled for any particular project but is a welcome addition to treasuries at the time of the year when funds are running low.

Christmas is almost here, with the holiday falling on next Monday. All firms, business houses, offices and other places will be closed that day. Only essential work by linemen, highway workers, and law officers will be carried out.

#### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
December 24, 1997

Retail sales in Archuleta County continue to run above last year's pace, as evidenced by the November county sale tax report.

During November of 1997, sales tax collections in Archuleta County were 10.67 percent ahead of sales tax collections for November of 1996. The dollar volume for this year was \$306,785.99, compared with \$277,198.98 collected for November a year ago.

November's sales tax collections exceeded \$300,000 for the fifth consecutive month. Last year, sales tax collections topped \$300,000 only during July, August, September and October.

Sales taxes collected in Archuleta County are divided equally between the county and Pagosa Springs, each receiving \$153,392.99 during November.

The county's portion is divided among three funds. The general fund received \$61,357.20, the road and bridge fund \$15,339.30, and the road improvement fund \$76,696.50.



# Letters

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## Response to letters

Dear Editor:

I would like to address a few statements made in last weeks paper.

I want to remind Mr Meyer that the Covid-19 relief bill was passed and the massive fraud that occurred with its distribution happened during the Trump Administration. Yes, an incompetent and corrupt administration did an inept job. Surprise, surprise. Mr. Meyer cited \$500 billion stolen, while most estimates are closer to \$200 billion. Still a huge number and the Biden Justice Department is taking action against those who fraudulently applied for and illegally received Covid Relief funds. They have gotten some of that money back, so far only about \$20 billion, but at least they're working on it. People are also going to jail for their fraud.

To Mr. Newton who asks why Biden is working with Venezuela to increase their oil production. As he correctly states, Venezuelans are a large portion of the immigrants at our southern border. President Biden has repeatedly said that to stem the flow of immigrants from South America, we need to address the reasons they're leaving their country. Venezuela's crisis is economic in nature and in large

part due to the collapse of their oil producing infrastructure during a time of political upheaval, policy decisions made over the last two decades and sanctions imposed by the US and other countries. Helping Venezuela increase their oil production and upgrading their oil infrastructure could ease the economic crisis and reduce the number of Venezuelan immigrants. In return the Madura government must negotiate with the political opposition. That would be a good thing.

To Ms. Snyder who is advocating the politicalization of Public Health. Just like the self anointed constitutional experts that seem to abound in this area, she must also be a self appointed health expert. The loud minority of folks who are against mask, vaccine and other mandates want the BoCC making Public Health decisions so they can intimidate County officials to bend to their uninformed demands. One letter recently spoke of government being a bully, but this local minority is bullying town and County governments, teachers and school boards to ignore health care experts. The US leads the world in Covid cases and deaths because of this politicalization and now we enter a fourth year of the pandemic with deaths and hospitalizations on the rise again. A Health Department's job is to follow State Law and Public Health procedures, not to make health decisions based on politics. Doing so reduces the positive affects of public health on the community and leads to corruption in the political arena.

Dave Butcher

## Mail carriers

Dear Editor:

I recently had the pleasure(?) of working with one of Pagosa's very own mail carriers. Prior to this experience, I thought about the difficulties that mail carriers must face in their work—delivering in blizzards/extreme heat, working as general contractors (different from union employees), engaging with frustrated customers, sorting mail day after day like a bad Bill Murray experience (i.e., Groundhog Day), and delivering millions of Amazon packages. From my perspective, this is enough to drive anyone out of their mind, never mind destroy a body. My experience was much more challenging than I had imagined, yet I was fortunate in this experience for three reasons:

First, I worked only half a day. It was a high of 27 degrees Fahrenheit, but with the icy winds and short bursts of snow, it felt bone-chillingly cold. At one point, I thought my fingers would snap off at the knuckles. I was even wearing gloves, which makes the work much more difficult. Forget about the frozen mailboxes that need to be pried open because the locks and doors are frozen or the treacherous terrain that mail carriers navigate around mailboxes.

Second, I served in a supportive role—I was not doing this work alone. I was not driving the icy and at times dangerous roads alone. I was not encountering frustrated customers alone. I was not delivering millions of Amazon packages alone. As an online shopper, I used to get frustrated seeing a "delivered" email only to realize that the package was nowhere to be found.

I would imagine my mail carrier drop-kicking my packages into no-man's land like Ace Ventura. But guess what? Serving in this role made me realize that many times we are the problem, not the mail carrier. When we fail to pick up our packages after delivery, we prevent our neighbors' packages from being delivered, because there are simply too many packages and not enough parcel lockers.

Finally, I worked with a mail carrier that I love and adore, my mom. I know she cares about her work and her customers. She wakes up each morning knowing that although she will face many challenges, she will do so with the utmost integrity. She takes the time to care for her customers, greeting them, delivering to doors (when she is not required to), and even checking in on them after-hours when they have not picked up their mail for too long. The beauty of this care is that sometimes it comes back to her, especially during the holidays. I saw some of her customers thank her for the work she does, the care she gives in a job well-done.

Experiencing this work with my mom was a good reminder that as a customer myself, I can do better to show compassion, regard, and thanks for those who do truly challenging work that is not often recognized and respected. Thank you to those of you who show your care for postal carriers like my mom, they certainly deserve it.

Katherine Martinez

## 'Divide this nation'

Dear Editor:

A few weeks ago, I asserted that the problems that so divide this nation and threaten our democracy are racism and religion. Last week Jan and Tom Carnley took exception and wrote a response, which appears to be taken from a 5th grade catechism lesson with a blind admiration for the greatest con man this country has ever produced. Their response just underlines my point. They epitomize the problem exactly. The great divide wrecking this country are white supremacist Christians who are afraid of losing their previously privileged positions in the governance of this

great nation. They are afraid that to extend the rights, guaranteed in our constitution, to previously disenfranchised groups, i.e., people of color, women and the LGBTQ community among others, will somehow disenfranchise them. When MAGA Trump supporters shout "Take back America" while waving the flag and holding a bible, it translates to "Restore White Supremacy". I repeat, the greatness of this country is not in what we are but in what we aspire to be.

Ernie Otoole

## Carbon debate

Dear Editor:

In his response on Dec 8, Dick Reithmiller makes more good points about factors effecting global temperature, for instance, water vapor and the thermal mass of the Earth.

There is much on which we agree. Water vapor is not the prototypical greenhouse gas, which transmits short wavelength solar radiation, but blocks long wavelength infrared radiation from the Earth. Rather, water vapor block both, which will be familiar to anyone who has noticed the lack of solar heating on a cloudy day and the slower drop in temperature on an overcast night.

Therefore, water vapor can warm and cool the Earth. Because of this, it presents arguably the greatest challenge in predicting future global temperatures.

A good place to start, as Reithmiller suggests, is to assume that water vapor is more or less constant. Changes to global temperature then fall to the true greenhouse gases, such as CO2. Contrary to Reithmiller's view, CO2 already had a large effect even at preindustrial levels.

CO2 absorbs infrared radiation according to Beer's law with an absorption coefficient in the neighborhood of 0.1 per meter. Beer's law being exponential, 10 meters of air with CO2 in it near the surface of the Earth blocks about one third of the radiation, and 30 meters blocks nearly all of it. Greater CO2 concentration makes this optical pathlength even shorter. Focusing on this result alone, some predicted that more CO2 couldn't

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# Health officials see uptick in flu, declines in RSV and COVID

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The region and nation continue to deal with a trio of respiratory illnesses, with influenza, COVID-19 and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) continuing to circulate.

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) Communications Director Megan Graham indicated RSV and COVID are declining across the state, while there was a sharp increase in local flu cases recently.

Pagosa Springs Medical Center reported Monday that the medical center is experiencing a high volume of patients with viral illness.

SJBPH's influenza surveillance indicates that, for the week ending Dec. 17, 31.1 percent of flu tests in Archuleta and La Plata counties came back positive, up from 26 percent for the week ending Dec. 10.

The CDC reports a 25.4 percent positivity rate for the week ending Dec. 10.

For the week ending Dec. 10, the CDC reported that "Seasonal influenza activity remains high but appears to be declining in some areas."

So far this season, Graham reported, there has been one flu outbreak and 13 hospitalizations within SJBPH's service area.

RSV is not a reportable disease locally, limiting the amount of local information available, though Graham reported that hospitalizations for RSV are declining statewide.

Graham noted that RSV outbreaks are reportable statewide, with SJBPH's service area having 13

RSV hospitalizations since October and 23 hospitalizations.

## COVID

COVID is trending down locally and statewide, according to Graham, and hospitalizations locally and statewide are showing a plateau or downward trend.

As of Dec. 15, Archuleta County was in Community Level medium on the CDC Community Levels for COVID-19.

The CDC's Community Levels are updated each Thursday, with the CDC website explaining the agency looks at the combination of three metrics — new COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population in the past seven days, the percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients and total new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population in the past seven days — to determine the COVID-19 Community Level. Hospital data is determined regionally.

As of Dec. 15, the CDC reports 16.9 new COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population, 6.5 percent of staffed inpatient beds in use by patients with confirmed COVID-19 and a new case rate of 42.77 per 100,000 people.

COVID-19 treatments for people who currently have mild to moderate symptoms and are not in the hospital for COVID-19, but who are at high risk of getting very sick, continue to be available.

For more information on those treatment options or the state's telehealth program, visit: [https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-treat-](https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-treatments/)

[ments/](https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-treatments/) or [covid19.colorado.gov/treatments](https://covid19.colorado.gov/treatments).

At-home COVID tests and KN95 masks are available for free at the SJBPH offices in both Durango and Pagosa Springs.

More information on testing can be found at <https://sjbpublichealth.org/testing/>.

## CDC expands omicron booster eligibility to ages 6 months to 5 years

The COVID-19 omicron booster vaccine is now available for children ages 6 months to 5 years.

The CDC approved the use of Pfizer bivalent COVID-19 vaccine for children aged 6 months through 4 years, and Moderna bivalent COVID-19 vaccine for children aged 6 months through 5 years.

"While COVID-19 cases have leveled or declined statewide and in Archuleta and La Plata counties in recent weeks, holiday gatherings provide an opportunity for the virus to circulate," a SJBPH press release states.

According to the press release, children in this age group are recommended to receive an omicron vaccine after receiving two doses of the original COVID-19 vaccines. The omicron vaccine must be the same brand as the vaccines they previously received.

Children 6 months through 5 years who have completed the two-dose Moderna primary vaccine series may receive a single Moderna omicron dose at least two months after their primary series completion.

Children 6 months through 4 years who have either not started or completed the three-dose Pfizer primary vaccine series may receive a single Pfizer omicron dose as the third dose in the Pfizer primary series.

Children 6 months through 4 years who already received the three-dose Pfizer primary vaccine series are not recommended to receive the omicron vaccine at this time. Data to support giving an omicron dose to this subset of children are expected in January.

People ages 5 and older who have received their primary COVID-19 vaccine doses and any number of booster doses should also receive an omicron dose at least two months after completing their primary series or their most recent dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. People who recently had COVID-19 may wait up to three months after testing positive or first started feeling symptoms before scheduling an omicron booster. Talk to your child's pediatrician for guidance.

The COVID-19 omicron booster, including for children ages 6 months to 5 years, is available locally through medical providers, SJBPH clinics and at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's mobile vaccine clinics held throughout the region. To find a vaccine, contact your medical provider or pharmacy, visit [vaccines.gov](https://vaccines.gov), call Colorado's Vaccine Hotline (877-268-2926) or visit <https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/>.

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# Letters

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possibly affect global temperature, because the absorption was already saturated.

Effects at the surface are, however, only a small part of the overall heat transfer problem. CO2 molecules, after absorbing radiation from the Earth, reradiate it, part of it back towards the Earth and part toward space. This occurs all the way to the top of the troposphere at 8,000 – 10,000 meters, where there is little to no water vapor and CO2 density drops to a threshold at which radiation is predominantly to the extreme cold of space. Increasing CO2 concentrations causes the altitude at which this threshold is reached to be pushed higher. With a greater thickness of CO2 impeding heat transfer to space, the Earth must warm to stay in equilibrium. Even with all the complications, the analogy of a "thicker blanket" still works surprisingly well. (For more details written for a broad audience, see Clive Best's blog: <https://clivebest.com/blog/?p=4265>)

Keith Sharp

## County health department

Dear Editor:

I am writing in support of two letters in the Sun last week, from Lynn Fredericks and Candace Jones, regarding the formation of our county health department. A poll of readers by the Sun regarding this issue indicated a vast majority of residents preferred remaining in SJBPH. As this is no longer an option, it is time that we all get serious about the task ahead.

Our county commissioners state that we will follow the lead of La Plata in forming a new health department. They have called for volunteers to step up as Board of Health members and construct a new health department out of whole cloth. La Plata already has most of the current employees, equipment, real estate and a much larger pool

of volunteers; also a college, which implies some expertise within that community. They also have a paid consultant who is advising their volunteer board. This consultant does research and provides their board with necessary information on which to make decisions regarding structure, functions, personnel, etc., for fulfilling the mission of a public health department.

It would behoove our county commissioners to provide the public with information regarding funding for the formation and maintenance of our health department. What is in the budget for this endeavor? What county staff resources will be provided to this volunteer board to assist them in making vital decisions regarding the staffing of the department, salaries for those positions, equipment procurement, office space, etc.? Will County Human Resources be involved in guiding decisions by the board for the recruiting and hiring of a director and public health nurses and other staff? It is already past time for our county commissioners to become much more transparent about funds and county staff work time that will be budgeted for this endeavor. In other words: who is going to do the work of researching all of the information needed for this rather daunting task?

Boards are established to make policy and provide oversight. They have paid staff to support those tasks. It is unreasonable to assume that there will be qualified people who are willing to take on this enormous task as volunteers without a good deal of paid support. Perhaps the county commissioners should look into hiring the consultant that is currently working for La Plata. That person has already accumulated knowledge that would be useful to this county. Then they can designate county staff that will be responsive to the board's needs.

Letting people know that there

will be this kind of assistance would likely encourage more qualified individuals to step up. It would be helpful if the commissioners would provide a public forum, directed by someone with actual public health expertise, in early January to explain exactly what the board is supposed to accomplish.

I hope that our county commissioners' historically lackadaisical approach to this issue is not indicative of their underlying lack of interest in public health. Need I remind them: they are supposed to be representing all of us.

Lee Stopher

## 'Spread the love'

Dear Editor:

Yes, love is everywhere. I feel loving arms around me, even in my loneliest times. Years ago, when I was strong enough to take my morning walks around the neighborhood, I left the house about the same time every morning, walked the same route.

One morning a Doe, along with her little one, ran across in front of me — they ran up the other side and hid behind an oak bush. I spoke and the Mom came out, ears pricked up, to see what I was all about. I bragged on her little one and complimented her for being such a good Mom. Then, I continued on my way.

Well, this encounter began to happen every morning until it became "routine". Then, one morning, she brought a friend with a little one to join them. All scampered to the other side and all but the original Mom hid in the brush. I had my usual visit that included something about her friend who was with her. Soon, all decided that I must be OK and the other Doe and the 2 little ones all came out and

joined in the conversation. After a bit, I finally said, "Well, I have to go now". I started up the hill but to my surprise, all of them stayed with me until I turned the corner to go home. I felt so honored.

Spread the love around, OK?

Patty Tillerson

## Wreaths Across America ceremony

Dear Editor:

Kudos to Linda, Raymond and Rick for organizing a very impressive and well executed Wreaths Across America ceremony this morning at Hill Top Cemetery, and to Don, Buck and Hal (San Juan Flying Squadron) for their background logistical work for the military honors. Don, Buck and George also made sure that wreaths were laid and honors rendered afterwards at the St. Pope John Paul II and St. Patrick's church columbaria.

Special thanks to my granddaughter Marissa and her fiancé Anthony for the hot refreshments as the temperature was brutally cold. Special thanks to my daughter Emily and her husband Carlos for setting six wreaths at the Edith cemetery.

Few in this material world appreciate such actions, but I am sure 100% of those in the spiritual world, who are the true and intended recipients, do.

Merry Christmas and God bless.

Roy D. Vega

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# Business

## Nominations for community awards due in January

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
Pagosa Springs Area  
Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber has hosted the Community Awards for almost 25 years. This is a time to take a look at the people and organizations that make our community so special. So many businesses give to the community and nonprofit agencies throughout the year. So many nonprofit agencies fill huge gaps in our community providing services that are critical to the residents of Archuleta County. Then there are the people that are the cogs of the wheels, making everything happen. It's time to honor these heroes.

At the Chamber's annual meeting on Feb. 8, 2023, we will do just that — honor and celebrate some of Pagosa's success stories. With the positive feedback of last year's event, we will replicate that format. The Chamber will host community conversations beginning at 4 p.m. The conversations will be centered around what is happening around important topics in our commu-

nity. There will be a panel of presenters depending on the topics. In addition, we will be there to listen to what some of the business concerns are and take even more steps to create actionable items.

After the community conversation, there will be a reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and beverages. At this time, we will honor the winners in the following Community Award categories: Citizen, Volunteer, Non-Profit and Small Business of the Year.

All of the forms to nominate a community award winner are available at <https://pagosachamber.com/2022-community-awards/>. Please fill out the forms completely — you can use a separate piece of paper to tell the full story. These forms allow you to tell a story about why the organization or person should be considered. The more complete your information about the person or organization, the more information the judges have to consider the nominee. The deadline for submitting the forms is Jan. 16, 2023, at 5 p.m.

Tickets for the Chamber annual award event will be available online after the first of the year along with more information about the afternoon's activities and presenters. It is the same price if you attend just the breakout sessions and/or the reception. The whole event will run between 4 and 7 p.m. and will be held at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse. Mark your calendars now for an afternoon of information, celebration, networking and catching up on business and community activities. The event is open to the community; it is not just for Chamber members. Be a part of the village to impart change and positive improvements and find out what is really being done in these areas of concern in our community.

### Thank you

The Chamber would like to extend a thank you to the Tourism Department, Visitor Center staff, nonprofit agencies and businesses and The Pagosa Springs SUN for another wonderful the Old-Fash-

ioned Christmas Celebration walk. The reviews coming in are again great, albeit the weather still was quite cold. As with most events, this endeavor took lots of preparation hours and time from staff and volunteers. Many thanks to all the organizations that participated. The event attracted a mix of visitors and locals alike — a combination that describes our community as a community that welcomes our guests and enjoys participating in the events that make us local. So, thank you to all the hard workers, the creativity, organization and effort it took to put on such a successful holiday soiree.

On behalf of the Chamber Board of Directors and staff, we wish our community a wonderful Christmas season. With the snow on the ground and still expected, visitation numbers will increase as expected. We thank all those in the service industries taking care of our guests and locals.

Enjoy this wonderful time of year in Pagosa, and merry Christmas.

## County unemployment flat in November

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

According to a Dec. 16, press release from the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Archuleta County's unemployment rate stayed steady for the month of November at 3.1 percent, the same rate as October.

County employment has generally decreased over the past year. From October to November, Archuleta County's labor force shrank from 7,462 to 7,128.

For the month of November, there were 6,909 individuals employed in Archuleta County, according to the press release. This figure is down from October's report of 7,233 individuals employed in Archuleta County.

County-level unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

According to the press release, the county with the highest unemployment rate for September was Huerfano County at 7.2 percent, followed by Pitkin County and Las Animas County, both at 5.2.

Next are Pueblo County and San Miguel County, both at 5.1 percent, then Fremont County at 5.0 percent.

The state's unemployment rate decreased from 3.6 percent to 3.5 percent between November and October.

The state's labor force dropped slightly from 3,256,900 in October to 3,252,100 in November.

The press release notes, "Colorado's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased one-tenth

of a percentage point in November to 3.5 percent. The number of unemployed individuals dropped by 2,700 over the same time period to 113,600. Colorado's unemployment rate has ranged between 3.3 and 3.6 percent since April. The national unemployment rate was unchanged in November at 3.7 percent, which translates to approximately 6.0 million unemployed."

Employers in Colorado added 4,300 nonfarm payroll jobs from October to November, bringing the total number of jobs in Colorado to 2,901,900.

Nonfarm payroll jobs measure the number of workers excluding farmers.

The private sector added 2,000 nonfarm payroll jobs and the government sector gained 2,300 jobs.

The press release notes that, over the past 31 months, Colorado has added 456,800 nonfarm payroll jobs, compared to losses totaling 374,500 in March and April 2020.

"That translates to a job recovery rate of 122.0 percent, which exceeds the U.S. rate of 104.7 percent," it states.

The press release also states that, "Since May 2020, Colorado's private sector has grown by 448,500 jobs, compared to declines of 358,800 in early 2020. That translates to a job recovery rate of 125.0 percent and outpaces the U.S. rate of 107.2 percent."

The private-industry sectors with significant job gains in November include:

- Educational and health services at about 2,800.

- Professional and business services at about 2,200.

- Financial activities at about 2,000.

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

- Construction at about 3,400.
- Leisure and hospitality at about 2,600.

"Since November 2021, nonfarm payroll jobs have increased 103,400, with the private sector growing by 90,900 and government adding 12,500 jobs," the press release notes.

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

- Professional and business ser-

vices at about 31,200.

- Educational and health services at about 16,000.

- Leisure and hospitality at about 12,200.

Since October 2021, financial activities jobs have declined by about 700.

According to the press release, "Over the year, the average workweek for all Colorado employees on private nonfarm payrolls was flat at 33.2 hours, while average hourly earnings grew from \$33.07 to \$35.88, over three dollars more than the national average hourly earnings of \$32.82."

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## Fire district and firemen's pension board adopt budgets

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

At their Dec. 13 meetings, the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) Board of Directors and PFPD Firemen's Pension Fund Board of Directors approved budgets for 2023.

Prior to the approval of the pension fund budget, Fire Chief Randy Larson highlighted that transfers from the PFPD general fund had been adjusted slightly due to updated property assessments from the county and that the fund had been "hit hard" in 2022 due to stock market declines.

The pension fund budget includes an expected \$563,526 in additions to the fund and total disbursements of \$364,859.

The net position restricted for pension at the end of 2023 is expected to be \$3,268,492, up from the projected end-of-year 2022 net position of \$3,069,825.

The 2022 projected investment loss for the fund in 2022 is \$735,151.

The PFPD board also approved the PFPD budget for 2023.

Larson explained that there were no public comments made

on the budget and that there had been minor changes made to the budget since the property valuations provided by the county had decreased from the projected numbers, although he noted that this change "made less than \$3,000 difference in our funds."

The PFPD budget message states that the district is placing a priority on increasing staff pay and training in 2023 as well as adding promotional opportunities through an operational realignment creating three new fire driver/operator positions in the district, which will create a new step in the promotional ladder for the district.

The message also indicates that in 2022 the district paid off all current debt and has been able to remain slightly under budget.

The budget includes \$3,021,984 in total revenues balanced by \$3,129,426 in total expenses, including \$225,000 in capital outlay for new vehicles.

The fund balance at the end of 2023 is expected to be \$509,707, down from the \$867,149 projected at the end of 2022.


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# Education

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**Pagosa Springs Middle School's holiday food drive collected 1,548 items of nonperishable food such as cans of stew, noodles and proteins. These food items provided by students and teachers went to the Archuleta County Food Coalition, which is made up of the food pantries in the county. Pictured, front row: Tyler Dimond, Trinity Angle, Trinity Short and Bella Jackson; back row: Reagan Vanatta, Leela Simpson, Jessica Parker and Mila Miller. Student Jessica Parker shared, "We hope our efforts help some people have a happier holiday. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."**



Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs Choral Society  
**Each year, the Pagosa Springs Choral Society's Community Choir awards scholarships to two music students. This year, \$500 music scholarships went to Sienna Rose and Gracelyn Kiker. Pictured are Dan Burch, Rose, Kiker and Wendy McAllister.**

## Pagosa Springs High School students winners of statewide radon video contest

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

Students from Colorado's Stargate Charter School and Windsor Middle School took top honors in this year's annual radon awareness poster contest, and students from Pagosa Springs High School took top honors in the radon awareness video contest.

Kaylee Henlse, Alaura Hughes and Olivia Cardenas, from Pagosa Springs High School, received first place in the radon awareness video contest, \$300, and their video will be entered into the National Radon Video Contest.

"These contests are a fun way to educate students and encourage

residents to test their homes for radon," said Jill Hunsaker Ryan, executive director, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. "Radon testing is easy to do and it's the only sure way to tell whether your home is affected by radon, which occurs naturally in the soil."

The teachers of the top four students received \$100 gift cards as well.

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# Building

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hood homeowners Sarah and Robert Nemeth to appeal the decision. Collectively, the appellants argued that the proposed three-story building would be out of character with the East Village neighborhood and in violation of the Land Use and Development Code (LUDC).

According to Planning Manager Cindy Schultz, the LUDC was originally adopted in 2009 and has been amended various times.

Attendance at the meeting required town staff to limit in-person access in the council chambers and create an overflow area where interested citizens who arrived after in-person capacity had been reached could view the meeting on a big-screen broadcast.

During public comment there was some confusion about the rules of deliberation, as many concerned citizens lined up to voice their opinion on the building project, but were reminded by Mayor Shari Pierce that public comment was not allowed on the issue of 232 Pagosa St., as per the rules stated in the agenda. This led many guests who had signed up for public comment to withdraw.

After public comment passed, Pierce reminded everyone that the council's role was not as a "legislative," but, instead, the council would play a "quasi-judicial" role.

"The burden of proof," she said, would be on the appellants, since



Illustration courtesy Reynolds Ash + Associates

At a special meeting on Dec. 15, the Pagosa Springs Town Council considered an appeal to a decision made by the town's Design Review Board for a proposed mixed-use development at 232 Pagosa St., currently the empty lots between Pagosa Baking Company and Alley House Grille.

the Design Review Board had already approved the sketch plan.

The council's role, then, would be to "affirm, reverse or amend" the Design Review Board's decision, Pierce explained, with an additional option to "remand," which essentially sends the sketch plan back to the Design Review Board for further consideration.

Each party — the two sets of appellants and the building applicants — had 30 minutes each to present their evidence to the council.

Stepping up to the plate first was concerned neighbor Robert Nemeth, who is a retired architect and engineer.

Nemeth carefully outlined nine areas where, he believed, the sketch

plan is in violation of the LUDC.

He expressed worry about the message it would send if the LUDC is "allowed to be violated."

Would future developers attempt to "skirt the rules?" he asked, continuing, "Why have an LUDC if it's not enforced?"

But the applicants, represented by owner Marty Rose and architects

Brad Ash and Lauren Davis, made the argument that out of the nine areas where Nemeth thinks the project is in violation of the LUDC, at least seven of those were open to varying interpretation.

Rose, who is also owner of the adjacent Alley House, argued that the appellants overemphasized the idea of "quaintness" in the neighbor-

hood, pointing out that the original buildings on the lots were torn down some years ago and that many recent building projects — at Voormi, Neon Mallard and other places — have strayed from the traditional Victorian style of the neighborhood.

Instead of "quaintness," Rose emphasized "diversity" as a principle ■ See Building A9

# County

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districts in the county as well as the 2022 budget appropriation adjustments at its Dec. 20 meeting.

She then explained the external forces, internal strategic considerations and statutes and county policies shaping the budget.

She indicated that the external influences included the significant inflation in the region, with the consumer price index (CPI) overall up 8.1 percent year over year and the CPI for energy up 24.1, and the 1.1 percent growth in private industry wages and the 1.9 percent growth in government wages over the year.

Woods added that the economy continues to grow, with gross domestic product growth at 2.9 percent for the third quarter.

She explained that the property tax growth expected in the budget is per Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR) calculations, sales tax is currently 10 percent over the budget in 2022 and is expected to increase by 3 percent in the 2023, and the Highway User Tax Fund (HUTF) revenues are currently 15 percent over budget with the 2023 revenue expectations being taken from state projections for the county.

As a measure of inflation in the region, Woods explained that, according to the Bureau of Labor

Statistics, \$100 in October 2021 has the same buying power as \$108.10 in October 2023.

She commented that the 3.8 percent year-over-year growth in sales tax revenue is less than the rate of inflation, meaning that the county is technically losing money, a pattern Woods expected to continue.

Woods explained that the county's internal priorities include completing the construction of the transportation facility, expected to cost \$4.7 million with \$3.8 million funded through grants, limiting growth in core operating budgets and accounting for a cost-of-living wage increase for county staff of 2 percent, and the potential for merit increases of up to 5 percent.

She added that the transit center project is a carryover from the 2022 budget.

Woods also reported that the county's TABOR reserve is currently at \$541,694 while the operating reserve is at \$6,409,954.

She stated that county department heads were asked to keep budget increases below 3 percent, with exceptions for costs associated with petroleum-based items and the addition of five full-time employees in select departments.

Among the new staff are an additional attorney to bring Depart-

ment of Human Services cases in-house and reduce the workload on current staff, a communication position for administration, a new position split between the assessor and clerk, a new position in the Information Technology Department and a new operator at the landfill for Solid Waste.

Woods explained that the budget is balanced, with expenses not being higher than revenues and the appropriated fund balance, revenue forecasting is conservative, operational expense budgets are fully supported by reliable revenue streams, and capital outlay expenses emphasize replacement and maintenance of existing assets.

She then discussed the comparison of revenues to expenditures in the various funds, which included the fleet fund, where the expenditures of \$2,256,652 outpace the revenues of \$1,824,732 due to capital outlays; the solid waste fund, where the expenditures of \$2,553,127 slightly outpace the revenues of \$2,218,398, although Woods noted the fund is "about level"; the general fund, where the expenses of \$25,143,791 outpace the revenues of \$22,036,666 due to increased wages and the costs of the transportation center; and the road and bridge fund, where expenditures of \$10,519,340

outpace revenues of \$7,316,701 due to road projects, many of which were rollovers from 2022.

Overall, the budget presentation indicates that total revenues for 2023 will be \$45,525,896 while expenditures will be \$53,621,338.

Woods noted that the largest change in the county's debt service is in the solid waste fund, where \$161,915 of debt service is budgeted to pay for a compactor recently purchased for the landfill.

She explained that the overall growth in revenues in 2023 is expected to be 12.3 percent from the 2022 to the 2023 budget, which includes an expected \$257,000 increase in HUTF revenues, an expected \$252,000 increase in sales tax revenues and an expected \$550,000 increase in property tax revenues.

Woods also discussed the changes in expenses, including the general fund, where expenses climbed from \$20,511,166 in the 2022 budget to \$25,143,791 in 2023 due to increased wages, distribution of American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds to subrecipients, a cost increase for software associated with the assessor's office and the distribution of grants for the transit center for Mountain Express; the road and bridge fund, where expenses rose from \$8,989,706 in 2022 to \$10,519,340 due to increased road projects, wages and fuel costs; and the fleet fund, where expenses rose from \$1,542,660 in 2022 to \$2,256,652 in 2023 due to increased fuel costs and vehicle replacements.

Within the general fund, Woods indicated the wage increases will cost up to \$726,000, \$350,000 in ARPA funds will be distributed, \$100,000 will be spent on the assessor software — which she noted is intended to assist multiple county departments — and \$2.157 million will be spent in 2023 on the transit center, although the county funds spent will be only \$900,000.

In the road and bridge fund, she explained, \$900,000 will be spent on increased road projects, \$176,000 on covering increased fuel costs and \$223,000 on wages.

In the fleet fund, she stated, \$355,000 will be spent on covering increased fuel costs and \$266,000 on vehicle replacements.

She noted that the vehicle replacements are for old vehicles and will likely save the county money in the long run on repairs.

The overall growth in expenses from 2022 is 12.1 percent, Woods stated, noting that this is less than the increase in revenues and indicating that the county is "not being careless with this budget, as large as it might seem. We're being very very conscientious and conservative."

Both of these increases were calculated as changes from the 2022 budget, which includes \$40,523,818 in revenues and \$47,849,611 in expenditures.

Woods also covered expenses by object type, indicating that personnel expenses will rise by 16.1 percent, materials and services expenses will rise by 7.4 percent, capital outlay will rise by 19.8 percent, debt service by 9.6 percent and transfers by 1.5 percent.

The increase in personnel ex-

penses is largely driven by the pay adjustments the county performed to correct underpaying of staff in 2022, Woods noted, while the increase in materials and services cost is partially driven by rising fuel prices and inflation as well as the acquisition of a new phone system for the dispatch center to replace the current failing one.

She added that the increase in capital outlay is partially driven by projects rolling over from 2022, such as the transit facility and various road projects, while the increase in debt service is largely driven by the acquisition of a new compactor at the landfill.

Woods then discussed the county fund balances, noting that the balances across all funds were higher than projected in the 2022 budget, which had planned for the spending down of many funds for projects that did not occur in 2022.

Woods indicated that the county also had unanticipated revenues in 2022.

The ending fund balance indicated in the 2022 budget was \$19,915,080, while the projected 2022 ending fund balance is at \$31,818,996 across all funds.

Woods highlighted that the general fund fund balance will decrease by 17.6 percent or \$3,107,125 and the road and bridge fund by 31.4 percent or \$3,202,639, which she explained is largely due to rollover projects, while the dispatch center fund balance will decrease by 27 percent or \$199,665 due to the purchase of a new phone system.

Overall, she indicated that fund balances are expected to decrease by 23.2 percent or \$7,385,033, going from a projected \$31,818,996 at the end of 2022 to \$24,433,963 at the end of 2023.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez questioned if the funding for software upgrades included the proposed software for the Finance Department, which Woods confirmed.

The board then began a motion to approve the budget before being interrupted by audience member Bill Hudson, who asked if it was a public hearing.

Commissioner Alvin Schaaf agreed it should be and the board then invited comments and received one from Hudson opposing the budget and raising concerns about the transparency of the county budgeting process, specifically that the final budget had not been posted for public review prior to the meeting, and about the financial sustainability of the county's spending, commenting that the county had a 12 percent increase in spending and a 4 percent increase in revenues and, at its current rate of depleting fund balances, the county will have none in three to four years.

Commissioner Warren Brown asked and the board agreed to have Woods respond to Hudson's concerns.

Woods explained that the state requires that the county post the preliminary budget in October and then present the final budget to the board by Dec. 15, after which the final budget will be posted.

Hudson asked the commissioners if this was how they wanted to

interact with the public and stated that the budget had never been presented to the public.

Brown commented that that was what was occurring in this hearing, while Woods noted that the hearings on the county department budgets had been open to the public.

Woods explained that the county's fixed revenue streams, such as sales or property taxes, are projected to increase by 4 percent but that this did not make up all the county's revenues, which also include grant funding and payment in lieu of taxes funds from the federal government.

She added that many projects funded through grants or other mechanisms would only move forward if the county receives the funding.

Hudson concluded by stating that he did not believe that the increase in revenues could come from grants and suggested that he believed it came from reserves instead — a statement Woods expressed her disagreement with.

Brown highlighted that grants are critical to maintaining county programs.

The BoCC then unanimously approved the budget.

Prior to approving the appropriation of funds, Maez raised concerns about the acquisition of new finance and human resources software, indicating that he wanted the software recommendation to be reviewed by the new finance director who would replace Woods and to hear additional feedback from other counties on the software prior to approving the purchase of it.

He noted that he would want a contingency placed on the appropriation of funds to require review by the finance director and a presentation made to the BoCC concerning other counties' use of the software.

Brown agreed that this would be possible assuming this could be done before the end of 2022, although he noted that he fully trusted Woods and her ability to assess the suitability of the software.

Maez noted that desires were not rooted in a mistrust of Woods, but in a desire for due diligence and transparency.

Following a discussion where Maez commented that he was concerned about both the finance and human resources software and that he had not heard comments from other counties on either, the board approved the appropriation of funds with the caveat that the new finance director would need to review the new software.

The board also approved the setting of mill levies.

Prior to the approval, Woods stated that the county mill levy for 2023 would be 18.233 mills with a temporary mill levy reduction of 0.045 mills due to TABOR limitations.

Woods also stated that the amount of property tax revenue necessary to balance the budget is \$7,290,648 and the lowered mill levy would involve rendering a refund of \$17,994.

She added that the 2022 valuation for Archuleta County, as certified by the assessor, is \$399,860,010. [josh@pagosasun.com](mailto:josh@pagosasun.com)

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# Building

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that should be valued in the neighborhood as well.

The word "interpretation" came up over and over throughout the proceedings, and whether or not the three-story building would be "harmonious" with its East Village surroundings and whether it meets the LUDC's provisions on "mass and scale" could largely be in the eye of the beholder, the applicants argued.

Nemeth also brought up the sketch plan's 8-foot setback in the front compared to the LUDC's 15- to 20-foot setback for the East Village neighborhood.

He further made an argument about the LUDC's density standards for this neighborhood, arguing that the building's proposed eight residential units would require a "density bonus" in order to comply with the LUDC.

To these discrepancies, the applicants emphasized that the design submitted and approved by the Design Review Board was only a sketch plan.

As noted that the Design Review Board had already required that the developers address these LUDC discrepancies before the project enters its final major design phase.

"We take those recommenda-

tions," he said, "and bring the changes at final review."

Keyes and Skeehean, owners of Pagosa Baking Company, not only took issue with the LUDC discrepancies, but also stressed the building is out of sync with the Downtown Master Plan (DMP), adopted in early 2007.

On this front, Keyes talked a lot about the "mass and scale" sections within the DMP, stating the proposed building is "an overshoot" of the community vision laid out in that plan.

She cited segments in the DMP's design principles such as: "respect the mass and scale of buildings traditionally constructed downtown; maintain the character of an authentic, rural mountain town; respect established development patterns exhibited by the neighborhood context."

According to Keyes, the proposed large three-story building violates each of these principles.

It was also noted during the meeting that such guidelines could also be considered open to interpretation.

Skeehean agreed, saying, "It is about interpretation."

She added, "We believe that the [Design Review Board's] interpretation was not right. We just think they got this one wrong."

According to Skeehean, both the LUDC and DMP were adopted for situations like this — "to make good neighbors," she said — and, when taken together, the planning commission should have rejected the sketch plan outright.

Schultz explained in a later interview that while the two plans work

in conjunction together, the LUDC "codifies" the "vision plan" laid out in the DMP.

It's the codes in the LUDC, Schultz said, "that detail how we bring about regulation to make the visionary plan occur."

When the Design Review Board deliberates on proposed sketch plans, it's mainly those specific codes within the LUDC determining whether an applicant has met the development code. However, these codes were designed to reflect the guiding principles of the DMP, according to Schultz.

Looking more specifically at the LUDC, the property in question sits within the Mixed-Use Town Center zoning district as well as the Downtown East Village Overlay.

Community Development Director James Dickhoff explained to the council that the Design Review Board's rationale for its previous approval of the sketch plan was "from a code perspective."

Dickhoff acknowledged two areas where the sketch plan did not comply with code — two of the same areas Nemeth had pointed out in his appeal presentation.

The proposed 8-foot setback "does not comply" and the developers would need to apply for a "density bonus" in order to build eight residential units, according to Dickhoff.

But Dickhoff explained that these two issues are still in the process of being worked out with the applicants.

Council member Mat deGraaf later described these as "dynamic issues."

Other than these two sticking points, Dickhoff's opinion was that,

overall, the applicants had "met the intent of the code."

He said, "if council decides we were wrong about anything, they can certainly send it back" for further consideration.

The council then asked questions of both the appellants and applicants, as well as asking Dickhoff some clarifying questions about town codes.

Council member Gary Williams wanted assurances from Dickhoff, asking, "If the appeal is denied, is there opportunity to work out these issues down the road?"

Dickhoff replied, "Yes, I think we can. We are very concerned about starting a precedent, because it's hard to reign that back in."

Next, the meeting moved to council deliberation.

Council member Brooks Lindner, weighing both the DMP and LUDC, said that "aside from the setbacks, it passes muster with the codes."

Council motioned to affirm the Design Review Board's original decision approving the sketch plan for 232 Pagosa St. When it came to a roll-call vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

"Change comes hard to a town. If I were in your shoes," looking straight at the three appellants, "I would feel the same way," Williams said.

deGraaf appealed to the principle of "balance," indicating that the town should seek "balance between our history and where we are going."

Skeehean indicated, when all is said and done, everyone must live together in this small community.

The proposed development will now move to final review.

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## Sixth Judicial District Court judge finalists selected

By Jon Sarché  
Colorado Judicial Department

The Sixth Judicial District Nominating Commission has nominated three candidates for a district court judgeship created by the resignation of the Hon. Todd P. Norvell. The vacancy will occur on Jan. 14, 2023.

Nominees Anthony Baca, of Dolores; Anthony Edwards, of Silverton; and Justin Fay, of Pagosa Springs, were selected by the commission on Dec. 20.

Under the Colorado Constitution, the governor has 15 days from Dec. 21 within which to appoint one of the nominees as district court judge for the Sixth Judicial District (Archuleta, La Plata and San Juan counties).

Comments regarding any of the nominees may be sent via email to the governor at gov\_judicialappointments@state.co.us.

## Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

### Tuesday, Dec. 27

#### Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session.

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

### Tuesday, Jan. 3

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#### Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners meeting.

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## Community turns out in support of Wreaths Across America 2022

By Linda Hobbs  
Wreaths Across America

On a beautiful and cold Saturday morning, Dec. 17, veterans, civilians and children gathered at Hill Top Cemetery to lay wreaths at the graves of our veterans interred there.

Hill Top participated in Wreaths Across America for the second time and was just one of thousands of cemeteries to participate in the almost 20-year tradition.

Worldwide, 2.7 million wreaths were laid to further the mission of "Remember the fallen, Honor those who serve and Teach our children the value of freedom."

The San Juan Squadron, Pagosa's formation flying team, began the ceremony at 10 a.m. with a four-plane double flyover, including the Missing Man.

Raymond Taylor and Rick Walker, members from the American Legion and Veterans for Veterans, performed the duties honoring our veterans with military honors of posting colors, receiving remembrance wreaths, rifle volley and playing taps.

Eve Taylor, Gold Star Mom, and Niara Isley, Air Force, retired, led the Pledge of Allegiance and the "National Anthem," respectively, and Rick Walker led the opening prayer.

All of these duties and wreath

laying were performed in an honorable, dignified and quiet setting by the flagpole at Hill Top.

Brady Walker, grandson of Rick Walker, presented eight remembrance wreaths to the wreath guards representing each branch of the service, in memory of those who served and are serving in the armed forces: Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines and the 92,000-plus POW/MIA.

Linda Hobbs, location coordinator, and vice regent of the Sarah Platt Decker Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, and life member of Vets for Vets, emceed the ceremony.

Duties of remembrance wreath guard, color guard, honor guard and bugler were fulfilled by Jim Huffman, George Love, Tom Zilhaver, Frank Matthews, Amanda Rivers, Raymond Taylor, Ed Griggs Jr., Buck Frisbee, Shawna Snarr, and Ed Griggs III, Roy Vega and Kenny Rogers.

Mayor Shari Pierce read the town's proclamation proclaiming Dec. 17 as Wreaths Across America Day.

Afterward, volunteers placed wreaths on graves of our veterans, including some at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church Columbarium and St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Memorial Garden. Hill Top regularly honors our veterans on Memorial Day with the placing of

flags at graves and a Veterans Day ceremony.

An event like this cannot happen in a vacuum; many volunteers stepped up to assist with transportation, marking graves, prepositioning the wreaths, refreshments, not to mention wreath sponsorship leadership. All volunteers are appreciated.

Wreaths are sponsored by individuals, groups, corporations, etc. for \$15 each, and are made by loving volunteer hands in Maine. They are shipped all over the world to be laid simultaneously on Wreath Day in December annually. Each participating cemetery may have many sponsoring groups to help achieve the mission. This year, more than 2.7 million wreaths were laid at over 3,700 cemeteries.

Now through Jan. 15, 2023, the wreaths organization is matching each wreath sponsored one-for-one. Year-end sponsorships can help be a great gift for those who have everything, fulfill charitable contributions for the year or be a great way to start the year. For more information about sponsoring groups, volunteering or more information about the matching offer, please contact Linda Hobbs, Hill Top Cemetery location coordinator, at (713) 304-2028 or Linda-Hobbs713@gmail.com.

This community is so lucky to be veteran focused.



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# 2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

2022 was an interesting year in Pagosa Country. There was no want for good news, bad news, controversial issues, and no lack of interesting news to keep SUN readers focused on local events, situations and personalities. The SUN is taking a look back at some of those events, selected by SUN staff writers. This week, we look back at April, May and June.

## April

- The Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) Pirate track and field teams placed first and second in back-to-back meets on April 1 and 2 in Mancos and Bayfield, respectively.

- Three Pagosa Springs teams competed at the Destination Imagination tournament in Denver on April 2. Two other teams chose to turn in videos at a later date for appraisal.

- On April 5, town electors selected Shari Pierce to serve as mayor and three Pagosa Springs Town Council members were elected: Matt DeGuise, Madeline Bergon and Gary Williams. The citizen-led initiative to impose a per-bedroom fee on certain short-term rentals (STRs) was passed by an 11-vote margin.

- Also on April 5, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) voted 2-1 to allow those who had made offers to purchase the county building at 449 San Juan St. to revise their bids. Commissioner Ronnie Maez voted against it.

- It was announced in early April that a federal judge refused to dismiss a wrongful death lawsuit against La Plata and Archuleta counties for the 2019 suicide of a 21-year-old man who hung himself in jail and remained undiscovered for more than two hours, despite being on suicide watch.

- Saul Hernandez de la Torre was arrested in Archuleta County but housed in the La Plata County jail because of an agreement between the jurisdictions.

- The premiere episode of "Building Roots," featuring Pagosa Springs' Ben and Cristi Dozier, aired on HGTV on April 10. The series features the couple as they build, design and renovate properties in and around Pagosa Springs.

- On April 11, the Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD) Board of Directors, which oversees Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC), voted to move forward with the possible purchase of 75 S. Pagosa Blvd. That 2.25-acre property, owned by James Pruitt Properties LLC, is adjacent to the property where PSMC sits.

- In April, the Pagosa Fire Protection District announced its annual awards, which are selected by the winners' peers at the department. Those awards went to Sarah Wirth for Firefighter of the Year, Taylor Banks for Rookie of the Year and Capt. Marvin Johnson for the Lifetime Achievement Award.

- In mid-April, workers installed the refurbished and repainted marquee at the Liberty Theater. The theater has been said to be the fourth oldest cinema in the state.

- At its April 19 meeting, the BoCC unanimously accepted a bid from Ronnie Urbanczyk for the purchase of the 449 San Juan St. building and agreed to move into negotiations with Urbanczyk.

- On April 18, Pagosa Springs Elementary School (PSES) Principal Justin Cowan was selected to be the new superintendent and elementary school principal for Aguilar School District — a role he would begin July 1 following his resignation from Archuleta School District (ASD).

- Conflict erupted at the April 18 San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) meeting during a discussion of fiduciary duties, conflicts of interest and the reappointment of then-board member Bill Hudson. The meeting also included the resignation of John Porco from the board.

- At its April 20 meeting, the Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) Board of Directors accepted the resignation of board member Gary Hedgecock. Hedgecock resigned effective April 19 via a letter sent to the rest of the board.

- At its meeting on April 21, the town council began discussing the implementation of the voter-approved per-bedroom STR fee.

- PSHS's Arden Blakemore and Vinicio Carranza were crowned prom queen and king on April 23.

- On April 26, the BoCC heard citizen concerns about San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH), including transparency and com-

munication by SJBPH, the appropriateness of SJBPH's policy and programs for Archuleta County, and SJBPH's activities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The group emphasized that these concerns could be addressed by the county forming its own health district with greater control by the BoCC and requested that the county form another task force to investigate leaving SJBPH and starting a county health district, citing that the previous Health District Investigative Committee, on which some of these citizens served, had not been able to complete its investigations in the time frame given.

- In late April, the public was asked to remove bird feeders and water sources for birds until the spread of avian influenza was better contained and understood. The avian flu was confirmed in La Plata County on April 14.

- Also in late April, the USDA Forest Service announced the San Juan National Forest would receive over \$3 million for restoration work through the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (CFLRP). This investment was set to expand the impact of existing projects in southwest Colorado over the next 10 years. The CFLRP award is to complete restoration and resiliency work throughout the San Juan National Forest's 1.9 million acres.

- On April 28, the SJBPH Board of Health (BoH) discussed the potential withdrawal of La Plata County from SJBPH and a recommendation for the dissolution of the district.

Six of the BoH's seven members were present in person in Durango for the meeting. Archuleta County Commissioner Alvin Schaaf, who represents the BoCC, was present by Zoom at the meeting but was not allowed to participate due to his attending via Zoom.

Following a discussion of the structure and role of the BoH, La Plata County Commissioner and BoH member Marsha Porter-Norton stated that she was "reading the tea leaves" that "the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners desires to not be in this relationship anymore. ... By what they say in meetings, by what they do not say in meetings, by their forming of an investigative committee, which I have said to all three of them is perfectly their right to do. ... I think the pandemic has driven a giant wedge between our two counties ... I think one thing that is very difficult for us, as the La Plata County commissioners, to see this dragging on and on and on and on."

- Representatives of the Town of

Pagosa Springs, town council, Colorado State Forest Service and Combined Parks and Recreation Advisory Board gathered at Yamaguchi Park on April 29 to celebrate Arbor Day and to recognize Pagosa Springs as Colorado's newest Tree City USA. Following a short ceremony, town staff planted new trees in the park.

- A fire reported on April 29 in the area of Devil Mountain and Forest Service Road 626 burned 3.7 acres, with officials reporting it looked like it was caused by a human.

## May

- On May 2, the Colorado Department of Transportation announced that Stevens Field was the recipient of \$509,788 in Colorado Discretionary Aviation Grant and Federal Aviation Improvement Program funding, which the county explained would be used for crack filling and sealing on the airport runway and taxiways.

- The ASD Board of Education announced three finalists for its superintendent position on May 3: Chris Burr, Rick Holt and Laura Mijares.

- Four were elected to three-year terms on the USJHSD Board of Directors on May 3: Martin Rose, Kate Alfred, Jason Cox and Barbara Parada.

The board oversees PSMC.

- In early May, SJBPH reported that Archuleta and La Plata counties were currently seeing the highest positivity rate of influenza reported all season.

- On May 3, the town's public works director reported progress in the implementation of emergency safeguard efforts and staffing for the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District (PSSGID).

- Also on May 3, the town council discussed criteria for new sites in its plan to create workforce housing, either for future developments or to potentially replace the site planned at South Pagosa Park that was met with controversy.

- The Lady Pirate soccer team wrapped up its season at home against Alamosa on May 5 with a 1-0 loss to the Mean Moose.

The Pirates ended the season with an overall record of 4-9, including a league mark of 0-6.

- The Pirate track and field teams found victory at the Terry Alley Invitational in Pagosa Springs on May 7. Both the girls' and boys' teams placed first.

- At its May 10 work session, the BoCC discussed a recent landfill inspection and the future of the landfill.

Julie Linn of Short Elliott Hendrickson presented the results of the recent state landfill inspection to the BoCC, explaining the violations found in the inspection included a financial assurance update that was not completed in 2021 or 2022, a lack of a training plan for landfill staff in detecting types of waste as they arrive at the landfill, a deficiency in the application of intermediate cover to areas of the landfill that will not be used for months or years, an accumulation of windblown trash off of the landfill site and an accumulation of 20-40 inches of leachate at the bottom of the liner, in excess of the state regulations that allow up

to 12 inches.

- On May 10 meeting, the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission reviewed a planning development overlay application for a new RV park that would feature a food truck court.

The development, officially being called The Mill RV Park & Food Court Park, was proposed for an area that previously housed a 28-unit RV park that closed.

Applicant James Prutsman explained that this park would "revitalize and reactivate" the old park by updating 23 of the existing RV units with full hook-ups and reserving the other five for food truck spots, a multiuse building with a commercial kitchen and cold/frozen food storage for the food truck operators' use, as well as indoor seating, bathrooms and a bar area for customers.

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# Review

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The rezoning application for the proposed development was approved on May 24.

The Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) seated three board members at its May 12 meeting after the district canceled its May election due to having only as many candidates as positions up for grabs: Blake Brueckner (who was already serving on the board), Hudson and Drew Mackey.

As of approximately 8 p.m. on May 17, the Plumtaw Fire—identified earlier in the day—had grown to more than 600 acres and evacuation notices had been issued for residents of the Lost Valley of the San Juans subdivision in Mineral County. The fire was on national forest land 7 miles north of Pagosa Springs, 2 miles west of the intersections of Plumtaw and Fourmile roads.

Fire restrictions were put into effect by several area agencies around the same time due to high fire danger, and PAWSD urged residents to conserve water due to worsening drought conditions.

By the following week, much of southwest Colorado was under fire restrictions.

Eleven athletes from the Pirate track and field team qualified for the state meet in eight events: Rylie Carr, Lexie Valdez, Annabelle Parker, Reece Peterson, Sienna Rose, Chantelle Caldwell, Annie O'Donnell, Nell Taylor, Jordan Lindstrom, Breck Wilson and Wil Aucoin.

The Pirate baseball team's season officially ended on May 17 with the statewide closing of the season, despite the team playing its last game on May 3 in Durango.

When they played their final game, the Pirates were ranked 32nd in the state, giving them a chance at making the playoffs. However, at the end of the regular season, the Pirates were ranked 34th, shy of making the 32-team postseason.

The Pirates went 7-14 on the season and 3-5 in the Intermountain League.

At its May 19 meeting, the town council unanimously appointed Brooks Lindner to serve as a council member. Lindner's seat on council opened after Pierce was elected mayor and vacated her regular town council position.

At the same meeting, the town council gave instruction to town staff to move forward with two areas that each have multiple available parcels that seem fit for its plan to create workforce housing.

At the meeting, Town Manager Andrea Phillips and Planning Director James Dickhoff presented the council with 15 options for sites based on the criteria that council members provided Phillips and Dickhoff with at town council's May 3 meeting.

In other business at the same meeting, the town council approved the second reading of Ordinance 982, "Short Term Vacation Rental Fee Implementation," at its May 19 meeting.

The ordinance followed voters approving Ballot Question A in the town's April election.

The state track meet, which was scheduled for May 19-21 in Lakewood, was delayed by one day due to snowy conditions. While no Pirates placed at the meet, some ran their best times.

On May 23, Gov. Jared Polis made a stop at the wildlife underpass and overpass project on U.S. 160 near Colo. 151. Polis stopped at the site in advance of his signing of Senate Bill 22-151, Safe Crossings For Colorado Wildlife And Motorists, which will provide more funding for similar projects.

On May 24, the Board of Education unanimously approved a resolution declaring that Holt would be the ASD's next superintendent, with Holt slated to begin a three-year contract with the district on July 1.

The USJHSD Board of Direc-

tors celebrated the "best of the best" at its meeting on May 24 when it recognized nurse Trauma Nurse Coordinator and Nurse Manager Memi Fox, who was honored with the 2021-2022 Trauma Nurse Coordinator (Level III-IV) Award by the Colorado Trauma Network.

In May, it was announced that the Million Dollar Highway and Pagosa Springs were among six western Colorado area attractions named to Travel Lemming's list of the 150 best things to do in the United States in the summer of 2022.

The online travel guide's list highlighted unique experiences where travelers could play a role in the recovery of the U.S. tourism industry.

As of May 25, the Plumtaw fire had burned 721 acres and was 62 percent contained.

On May 26, ASD and PSES unveiled a sign designating the fields adjacent to the elementary school as the Lindsey Kurt-Mason Athletic Fields in honor of Kurt-Mason's years of service to the district and community. The sign was unveiled during the closing ceremony of the Pagosa Springs Elementary School Olympics.

Archuleta County residents honored service members who gave their lives to protect the United States during a Memorial Day ceremony at Hill Top Cemetery.

## June

On June 1, several local business owners and community members filled the Tennyson Event Center to learn more about the Main Street America program and Pagosa Springs' effort to become a full member of the organization.

Main Street America is a national program that helps to promote preservation-based economic development and community revitalization across the country.

In early June, PSMC announced it had presented five automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) to the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) for the benefit of the community.

The AEDs are a portable medical device used in the case of cardiac arrest to analyze heart rhythm and deliver a shock to restore the heart rhythm to normal. It was announced the units would be housed in five ACSO vehicles.

The final update on the Plumtaw Fire was given on June 2, with the fire listed at 721 acres and 91 percent contained.

PSHS staff, students, friends and family members celebrated 81 graduating seniors during a ceremony on June 4 at Golden Peaks Stadium. Later that afternoon, San Juan Mountain School celebrated its second annual commencement ceremony.

The San Juan Back Country Horsemen celebrated National Trails Day on June 4 by cleaning up the gateway to Pagosa Springs: Treasure Falls.

The dispute surrounding the reappointment of Hudson to the SJWCD board continued in June, with Judge Jeffrey Wilson, who makes appointments to the board, setting a June 6 hearing to receive additional information regarding the situation.

The district court hearing followed a vote at the April 18 SJWCD meeting where a motion to not recommend the reappointment of Hudson failed 3-2, with directors Joe Tedder, Susan Nossaman and Hudson voting against and directors Al Pfister and Doug Secrist voting for.

Following that meeting, Pfister sent a letter to the judge, dated April 21, reiterating his complaints about Hudson's conduct and opposition to Hudson's reappointment.

On June 9, Wilson denied Hudson's reappointment.

At its June 7 meeting, the town council unanimously approved the cancellation of the Fourth of July fireworks show due to fire danger.

The motion was approved with

the provision that town council look into the potential of rescheduling the show.

At the same meeting, the town council approved the rezoning application for the proposed Mill RV park.

Following a delay in a decision by the town planning commission due to unanswered questions about sanitation, on June 7, the PSSGD board unanimously approved the issuance of a prohibitive and contingent will-serve letter to a proposed 80-acre development along U.S. 160 Put Hill near PSES.

According to the development application, the site would create a mixed-use residential community with two-story townhomes, three-story condominiums and apartments, one-story cottages and a luxury RV park.

At its June 7 work session, the BoCC discussed potential regulation options for STRs.

Development Director Pamela Flowers presented four potential schemes of STR regulations to the board. As a preface, she highlighted that the BoCC had decided at an earlier work session that supporting tourism, preserving the small-town rural character of the county and promoting affordable housing are core priorities in new potential regulations on STRs.

At its meeting later that day, the BoCC discussed and tabled increases to landfill fees.

The proposal would have raised dumping costs at the landfill for most materials by approximately 100 percent, with county staff reasoning that the landfill had been "lacking for years now," with problems including repeated violations of state regulations and fees behind those of other nearby landfills. It was suggested that the fee increases would help cover the costs of improvements.

The item was tabled after members of the public disagreed with the mathematics used for pricing waste compared to other landfills and made other suggestions.

In June, it was announced that Tucker Jacobson had recently finished the 2022 Colorado State Junior High Rodeo Finals as state champion in the bull riding and reserve champion in the bareback steer riding. Tucker competed in 18 rodeos around Colorado from August 2021 to May 2022. He qualified for the National Junior High Finals Rodeo, in Perry, Ga., June 19-25.

At the national event, he finished 30th out of 84 bareback riders from around the world. He finished 22nd in the world for bull riding out of 111 riders.

In June, it was announced that a number of Pirate athletes were honored for their work during the spring sports seasons.

For track and field, Wilson, Lindstrom, Peterson, Valdez, Carr, Rose and Aucoin received all-conference honors.

For soccer, Liz Currier, Lauren Monterroso, Jeidy Moreno-Echavarría (honorable mention) and Trista Tully were honored. In addition to being named the conference's Keeper of the Year, Tully also garnered an honorable mention for the all-state team.

For baseball, Rhead Kay (honorable mention), Hunter Pouyer and Kaison Clifford received all-conference honors.

On June 9, the PAWSD Board of Directors began consideration of the inclusion of the proposed PagosaViews development into the PAWSD water system.

On June 14, the Board of Education picked Kelly Vining, then assistant principal, to be the new principal at PSES.

As part of the consent agenda at the same meeting, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Laura Mijares as assistant superintendent.

The consent agenda also included the hiring of Mijares as the Pagosa Family School Spanish teacher.

The PPOS Board of Directors welcomed two new members during the board's June 15 regular meeting.

After interviewing the prospective board members during a work session prior to the meeting, the board unanimously voted to add Lawrence Rugar and David Pribble to the board.

In mid-June, it was noted that the continuing drought across the southwest was impacting Navajo Reservoir, then at its lowest levels for that time of the season in the last 10 years.

According to the Lake Navajo Water Database, the lake was at 56.4 feet below full pool, an elevation of 6,028.6 feet, on June 12 and at 55.78 percent by volume of full pool on that same date. Before this year, the lowest level that had been observed in Navajo Lake on June 12 in the last 10 years was in 2013, when the lake was at 6,029.17 feet of elevation. In 2021, the water level on June 12 was 6,041.47 feet of elevation.

In June, it was announced there was a critical blood shortage, with donations encouraged and local blood drives announced.

In mid-June, several area agencies increased their fire restrictions to Stage 2. By later in the month, rain and moderating fuel conditions led to the stepping down of restrictions.

Thirteen plaintiffs filed a complaint against the Town of Pagosa Springs in June questioning the validity of recently enacted Ordinance 982, which outlines the implementation of the town's STR fee stemming from its April election.

The complaint asks that the court "enjoin the town from applying and enforcing the STR Amendment and Ordinance 982."

The seven-page complaint outlines claims about the alleged invalidity of the ordinance and amendment.

The SJWCD interviewed and voted to recommend the appointment of four candidates to the district's board of directors at its June 20 meeting. The four candidates were Candace Jones, Bill Nobles, Rod Proffitt and Rachel Suh.

The BoCC voted to eliminate county recycling fees at its June 21 meeting.

A June 21 press release from PAWSD announced that low river flows in the San Juan River triggered drought stage 1 for the district. Soon after, the district implemented Level 1 water-use restrictions.

Flowers presented options on new STR regulations at the June 22 Archuleta County Planning Commission meeting and at two public forums on June 24 and 25. She presented the same options she previously presented to the commissioners.

Sheriff candidate Mike Le Roux and commissioner candidate Veronica Medina were selected to move on as the Republican candidates for their respective races

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# Sambrito Wetlands restoration project beginning in January at Navajo State Park

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A project to restore an additional 34 acres of wetland and streamside habitat is set to begin its final phase in January at the Sambrito Wetlands Complex at Navajo State Park. The area will be closed to the public during construction and will be well marked with closure signs.

This project, coordinated by the Bureau of Reclamation, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and Ducks Unlimited, will bring to life the vision of a myriad of partners who have participated in various planning efforts for the project during the last decade.

"We are happy to see this project come to fruition after multiple years of work and planning," said CPW Deputy Southwest Region Manager Heath Kehm. "Through the work of key partners and funding through several grants, we are eager to see this area of Navajo State Park restored for the benefit of wildlife, wildlife viewing and waterfowl hunting here in southwest Colorado."

The Sambrito Wetlands are on federal land owned by the Bureau of Reclamation and managed under agreement by CPW. Sambrito is part of a wetland complex in Colorado that was enhanced to benefit wildlife during construction of Navajo Dam on the San Juan River.

Since its construction, the water infrastructure and ditches have fallen into disrepair, resulting in diminished environmental and recreational benefits.

In 2012, CPW commissioned a management plan that identified

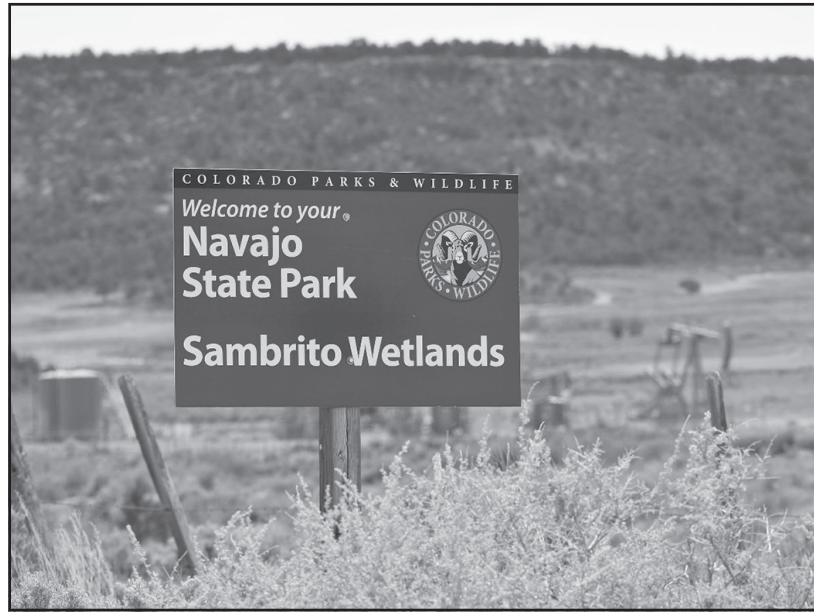


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The Sambrito Wetlands at Navajo State Park will undergo a project to restore 34 acres of the wetlands and streamside habitat beginning the first week of January.

several areas where infrastructure improvements could be made to restore wetland function and increase recreational opportunities. In 2013, CPW funded an initial phase of work which was completed in 2016.

This current project will continue and complete all work identified in the management plan published in 2013 to restore the Sambrito Wetlands to full functionality.

The Sambrito and adjacent Miller Mesa Wetlands Complex were intensively managed for wildlife between 1964 and 1993 through habitat improvements, food production units and wetland creation and enhancements. However, the

complexes were not as actively managed in the intervening years and became dilapidated because of limited resources.

The current project will reinvigorate waterfowl habitat and improve recreational opportunities by renovating and repairing the existing water diversion and conveyance system, which will deliver water from West Sambrito Creek (Vallejo Arroyo) to five wetland impoundments. The project will also restore hydrologic functions to a section of West Sambrito Creek and potentially benefit the endangered New Mexico meadow jumping mouse.

Strategies to avoid and minimize impacts to the New Mexico

meadow jumping mouse and its habitat guided development of the project, and Bureau Reclamation staff will be on-site to monitor construction activities occurring in critical habitat.

Ducks Unlimited designed and engineered the wetland improvements and will lead as the project manager. Geringer Construction, a contractor from the San Luis Valley experienced in wetland restoration, will work on the project from early winter through spring 2023.

"We are very excited to move forward with this project," said John Denton, Colorado Manager of Conservation Programs for Ducks Unlimited Inc. "The habitat improvement work in this unique and important wetland complex will highlight this great conservation partnership and will pay dividends for wildlife and the public for years to come."

CPW will provide any ongoing management and maintenance for the wetlands.

Funding for this project has come through the Colorado Water Conservation Board Water Supply Reserve Fund grant, the North American Wetlands Conservation Act grant, and the CPW Colorado Wetlands and Wildlife Program grant.

The Southwest Wetlands Focus Area Committee has also been a champion for the project through its continued leadership and support.

CPW's Wetlands for Wildlife Program is a voluntary, collaborative and incentive-based program to restore, enhance and create wetlands and riparian areas in Colorado. Funds are allocated annually to the program, and projects are recommended for funding by a CPW committee with final approval by the director.

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in the June 28 primary. Le Roux ran against Boyd Neagle in the primary, and Medina ran against Alvin Schaaf.

In a 3-2 vote, the town planning commission approved a zoning sketch application for the proposed Pagosa Views development on June 28.

At its June 28 meeting, the town planning commission, acting as the Design Review Board, unanimously approved a major design review sketch application for a three-building development

that will be dedicated to commercial and residential space.

The development, called the Bison Shops, was proposed to offer retail space in three proposed buildings, totaling about 7,685 square feet of commercial space, according to the application. One building was also set to include five residential apartments. The proposed development would be located at 3101 Cornerstone Drive.

The USJHSD approved moving forward with the purchase of the property at 75 S. Pagosa Boulevard on June 28. Board members noted the purchase of the property would be a strategic move for the medical center.

On June 29, the San Juan National Forest announced a final decision notice for the Valle Seco 2019 Land Exchange. The decision signifies the end of lengthy negotiations between the involved parties, namely the federal government and Bootjack Ranch LLC, the owner of the nonfederal land up for exchange.

"The Responsible Official has chosen to implement Alternative 3 Modified for this project," a press re-

lease on the decision states. "Alternative 3 Modified involves exchanging nine Federal parcels on the San Juan National Forest totaling approximately 379 acres for one non-Federal parcel totaling 880 acres."

At its June 30 meeting, the SJBPH BoH heard an update from Porter-Norton on the status of La Plata County's considerations of withdrawing from the district.

Porter-Norton explained that the La Plata County Board of County Commissioners held an executive session to discuss the legalities of separating from the district followed by a public work session on the topic, then directed staff to perform "due diligence" to determine the financial situation and personnel policies of SJBPH and inform the commissioners before any decision was made.

In late June, PAWSD was providing water for Chama, N.M., with that community facing a water shortage and lack of running water. The district was working with the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to provide water.

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### Youth group

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# Sports

## WRESTLING

### Pirates exceed expectations at Warrior Classic

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate wrestling team exceeded expectations at the Warrior Classic tournament in Grand Junction on Dec. 16 and Dec. 17, according to coach Dan Janowsky.

The Pirates finished 11th out of 39 teams with 72 points.

Janowsky noted that the team was only able to take 10 wrestlers to the tournament due to difficulties with illness.

"I was really pleased with the way we wrestled," he commented. "I saw us as underdogs and even big underdogs goin' into that tournament ... to a large portion of the field, and that's a tough tournament. ... We wrestled hard. I thought the effort was just everything you could ask of kids trying to learn how to compete. They were the underdogs in most cases ... and they did not let that affect them. We are lacking experience in certain situations. Some of those situations are like technical skill, some of them are just in knowledge of wrestling, the strategy of wrestling. And that's why we lost when we lost. We never lost because of a lack of effort. We never lost because we didn't believe in ourselves. ... Those two things are not uncommon in high school, so they have every reason to feel good about their performance and their progress."

Anthony Manzanares, in the 106-pound weight class, went 1-2 and scored three points, receiving a bye in the first championship round before being pinned in the second.

Manzanares then pinned his opponent in the second consolation round before losing by a 5-4 decision in the third consolation round.

At 126 pounds, Colton Lucero went 4-2 and placed fifth, scoring the 13 points for the team.

Lucero pinned his opponent in the first championship round before winning by a 7-4 decision in the second championship round and scoring a 6-4 sudden victory win in the quarterfinal round.

He was then pinned in the semi-final round and defeated by a 5-1 decision in the consolation semi-final before winning the fifth-place match in a 4-2 decision.

Janowsky noted that Lucero, a freshman, was in a "tough" weight class with a bracket containing state medalists and that he "beat some really good wrestlers."

Luke Tressler, in the 130-pound weight class, went 4-3 in the tournament, taking sixth place and



Photo courtesy Stacey Barker

Pirate wrestler Heath Fulbright grapples with his opponent in the 175-pound weight class during the Warrior Classic in Grand Junction on Dec. 16 and Dec. 17. Fulbright went 3-2 in the tournament.

scoring 17 points.

Tressler pinned his opponents in the first two championship rounds before being defeated in a 6-4 decision in the quarterfinals.

**"All of our guys wrestled above their predicted finish and we lost on some ... little things that really come with experience. And, so, it's a very hopeful performance for sure."**

**Coach Dan Janowsky**

Tressler then pinned his opponents in the fourth and fifth consolation rounds before being pinned in the fifth-place match.

"You could make an argument that Luke Tressler had maybe our best tournament even though he finished sixth and a couple of other guys finished fifth," Janowsky commented, adding on Tressler's quarterfinal match, "But, Luke ended up wrestling the No. 1 ranked ... 3A wrestler. ... Luke was, I believe, ranked seventh. So, when you go

seven against one you're a significant underdog and he fell behind then wrestled hard the last half of the match and lost a close one, 6-4. We were in on ... what would have been ... the tying attack that would send it into overtime when the buzzer sounded."

Janowsky noted that Tressler's opponent is a "heavy favorite" to win the state championship this year and that the match had "raised some eyebrows" due to the match being unexpectedly competitive.

Janowsky noted that, in his next match, Tressler faced the No. 3 ranked wrestler in 3A, who narrowly defeated him with a last-minute escape.

Wyatt Hoover, in the 138-pound weight class, went 0-2 in the tournament, being pinned in the first championship round and the first consolation round.

At 144 pounds, Jacob Miller went 2-2 in the tournament and scored five points, pinning his opponent in the first championship round before being pinned in the second.

He then won by a 4-3 decision in the second consolation round before being pinned in the third.

Chandler Mazur, in the 150-pound weight class, went 4-2 in the tournament, taking fifth place and scoring 19 points.

Mazur pinned his opponents in the first and second championship rounds as well as the quarterfinals

before being pinned in the semi-finals. He then entered the consolation semifinals, where he lost by a 5-1 decision before winning the fifth-place match by an injury default.

Janowsky noted that Mazur's performance was "very unexpected ... based on what other people would say of him."

He noted that Mazur did not qualify for state last year and that his placement in the tournament was "a huge step up for him and our team."

Derek Carter, in the 157-pound weight class, went 1-2 in the tournament and scored four points, being pinned in the first championship round before receiving a bye in the first consolation round and winning the second with a pin.

He was then pinned in the third consolation round.

Tucker Haines, in the 165-pound weight class, went 0-2 in the tournament, being pinned in the first championship round and the first consolation round.

At 175 pounds, Heath Fulbright went 3-2 in the tournament and scored eight points, pinning his opponent in the first championship round before being pinned in the second.

He then won the first consolation round with a pin and the second with a 7-2 decision before being defeated in a 5-0 decision in

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## BASKETBALL

# Lady Pirates fall to 0-7 with road losses

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate basketball team dropped a pair of games last week by identical scores: 38-31.

The losses came against the 3A Salida Spartans and 3A Buena Vista Demons on the road Thursday and Friday, Dec. 15 and 16.

"I am proud of how my team keeps fighting and we continue to cleanup the details and are getting better each week," coach Sarah Osborn wrote in an email to The SUN.

The Lady Pirates took on the Spartans Thursday evening.

Pagosa trailed Salida 10-5 at the end of the first and 17-14 at half-time after outscoring their hosts 9-7 in the second.

The Lady Pirates again outscored the Spartans in the third, 11-7, to take a 25-24 lead. Unfortunately for the Pirates, they scored six in the fourth while Salida scored 14 to pick up the 38-31 win.

Elizabeth Currier put up 17 points in the game, which included a trio of 3-pointers, as well as pulling down two rebounds and logging an assist and four steals.

Chantelle Caldwell logged a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds. She also had a rebound, four steals and a block.

Karsyn Shahan had three points from a 3-pointer, two rebounds, four assists, two steals and a block.

Kylie Ketchum had a point, two rebounds and two assists.

Annie O'Donnell contributed two rebounds and a steal.

The Lady Pirates made three of 10 attempts from the free-throw line and turned the ball over 13 times.

The following evening, the Lady Pirates took on the Demons in Buena Vista.

Buena Vista held a 10-8 lead at the end of the first half, but increased that lead to 11 points by halftime, 20-9.

The teams were even in the third with 10 each, leaving the Pirates on the wrong end of the 30-19 score going into the fourth.

Osborn notes three of the team's starters were in foul trouble early in the second and the whole fourth quarter.

The Lady Pirates outscored their hosts in the fourth, scoring 12 while holding the Demons to eight, but it was not enough to overcome the deficit, sending the Pirates home with a 38-31 loss.

Currier and Shahan each contributed seven points, with each landing a 3-pointer. Currier also had two rebounds, two assists and a block. Shahan's stat line also includes seven rebounds, three assists, four steals and two blocks.

Ketchum and O'Donnell picked up six points each. Ketchum also had a rebound, three assists and



Photo courtesy Rebecca Aucoin

Lady Pirate Karsyn Shahan looks for a play during the team's 38-31 loss to Buena Vista Friday. Shahan had seven points, seven rebounds, three assists, four steals and two blocks in the game.

a block. O'Donnell also had three rebounds, one assist, two steals and two blocks.

Caldwell had five points, four rebounds, two assists, a steal and a block.

Daveyann Snarr logged a block in the game.

The Pirates made five of seven free-throw attempts and turned the ball over 20 times.

"We are getting better at a few things at a time," Osborn wrote.

"Our execution on offense has improved, we just need to finish the easy buckets."

Looking forward, Osborn wrote, the team needs to "crash the offensive boards harder" and play defense without fouling.

"We pushed defense and rebounding hard in this next week of practice," she wrote.

The Pirates returned to their home gym to take on the 5A Durango Demons on Wednesday.

Results of that matchup will be in next week's issue of The SUN.

Heading into Wednesday's contest with Durango, the Pirates were 0-7 on the season and the Demons were 7-1.

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## Wrestling

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the third consolation round.

Janowsky commented that Fulbright was "not feeling good the entire tournament," noting that he is "one of our best guys" and was "still two matches out just cause that's such a big tournament."

Connor Kelley went 1-2 in the tournament and scored three points for the team, receiving a bye in the first championship round and being pinned in the second.

Kelley then pinned his opponent in the second consolation round before being defeated in the third consolation round in a 13-0 major decision.

Janowsky commented on the tournament as a whole, "All of our guys wrestled above their predicted finish and we lost on some ... little

things that really come with experience. And, so, it's a very hopeful performance for sure."

The coach explained that the team would focus on maintaining its effort to win and belief in giving its best effort for the dual with Durango at home on Dec. 21.

He added that he was uncertain how the team would fill its lineup

due to break absences.

Janowsky also explained that the team would work on improving takedowns as well as elements of wrestling from the bottom position to prepare for the dual.

The results of the dual will be reported in next week's issue of The SUN.

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## BASKETBALL

# No. 4 Pirates improve to 6-1

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate basketball team picked up two more wins

The Pirates are now ranked 9th in the 4A coaches' poll and No. 2 in the Ratings Percentage Index (RPI), which helps determine postseason seeding.

The first win came on Thursday, Dec. 15 in Salida in a back-and-forth affair with the 3A Spartans.

"On Thursday night against Salida I thought the boys played really well defensively," coach Wes Lewis said.

The Pirates trailed 14-11 at the end of the first quarter, but cut that deficit to one, 21-20, by halftime.

Lewis noted the game was a close, back-and-forth affair.

By the end of the third, the Spartans held a 29-25 lead.

"We got down nine in the fourth and went on a 5-0 run," the coach highlighted.

Lewis described that Kayson Shahan hit a 3-pointer, but was fouled on the shot. That gave the Pirates the ball on a baseline out of bounds, and they were able to get it in, with Shahan hitting a jumper in the lane.

"And so we went from being down nine and in about 15 seconds we were back to within four," he said, "and kind of did what we do. We played good defense and found a way to hit some buckets when we needed to."

The team then took a two-point lead with about 47 seconds left, Lewis highlighted, and the Spartans tied the game with about 27 seconds left.

As the game progressed, Lewis noted Blake Laner had a mismatch on him, so the team quickly changed set calls and ran an opportunity for Laner.

Laner, the coach added, "threw a double-team" and, after recognizing the defender game from Gunner Dozier, "he went inside out with the ball and kicked it back out to Gunner, and Gunner drained a 3" with about 12 seconds left.

Salida, he added, had a couple of attempts after that, but Aaron Aucoin got the rebound with about two seconds left to help secure the win.

"So, I was really proud of the kids defensively, especially getting down nine," he said, adding the kids didn't give up. "We were good across the board. Everybody that stepped on the floor did a good job, did their job, and it was able to make us successful."

The coach also noted Salida is one of the biggest teams they'll face this year.

"Across the board, Salida's one of the bigger teams we'll see all season," Lewis said, adding that one Salida player in particular is 6-foot-6 and "jumps out of the gym."

He added the Pirates did a good job of boxing him out.

"That's one of his best weapons, is he's really quick to the basket and he's a quick jumper and he loves to crash the glass and get put-backs, ... but it felt like we did a pretty good job on him, making him certainly work for everything he got," he said.

Dozier picked up 17 points in the game to lead the Pirates — an effort that included a trio of 3-pointers. He also logged two rebounds and a steal.

Laner had 10 points on the night, as well as five rebounds, an assist and a block.

Shahan had seven points, including a 3-pointer, as well as five rebounds.

Aaron Aucoin had four points and four rebounds.

Colt Lewis had three points, which came in the form of a 3-pointer, as well as a rebound, two assists and three steals.

Chase Harper pulled down one rebound in the game.

The team logged 12 turnovers.

The next evening, the Pirates took on the 3A Buena Vista Demons in Buena Vista and returned home with a 52-21 win.

Wes Lewis noted the team was "sluggish" at the beginning of the game and found themselves in foul trouble in a couple positions.

"It took us a while to get going," he said.

The Pirates led 6-4 at the end of the first and 18-9 at halftime. The team picked up another 14 points in the third and 20 in the fourth while holding the Demons to four and eight, respectively.

Laner logged 16 points, three rebounds, three assists, four steals and two blocks.

Colt Lewis picked up 12 points, which included three 3-pointers.



Photo courtesy Rebecca Aucoin

Pirate Aaron Aucoin puts up a shot against the Buena Vista Demons on Friday. Aucoin had two points, five rebounds, two steals and two blocks in the Pirates' 52-21 win.

He also had two assists and a steal.

Shahan had 11 points, three rebounds, one assist and four steals.

Harper had seven points, which included a 3-pointer, and had a rebound, four assists and two steals.

Aucoin and Nathaniel Kinsley had two points each. Aucoin also had five rebounds, two steals and two blocks. Kinsley also had an assist.

Creede Dozier and Seth Zeigler each had one point. Zeigler also had a rebound.

Gunner Dozier contributed four rebounds, three assists and a steal. Seth Aucoin had a rebound, and Trey Garcia had a rebound and a block.

The team made 18 of 33 free-throw attempts and had 14 turn-

overs.

The Pirates also took on the 5A Durango Demons on Wednesday at home. Results of that matchup will be in next week's issue of The SUN.

Heading into Wednesday's contest with Durango, the Pirates were 6-1 on the season and the Demons were 2-6.

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## Public Notices

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION  
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE  
SALE NO. 2022-007

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.

Original Grantor(s) Michael Schumacher  
Original Beneficiary(ies) James C. Cunningham  
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt James C. Cunningham

Date of Deed of Trust May 25, 2021  
County of Recording Archuleta  
Recording Date of Deed of Trust May 25, 2021  
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 22103836

Original Principal Amount \$49,083.00  
Outstanding Principal Balance \$41,390.48  
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(v), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Non-Payment

**THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 735 AS 6 Sec: 16 Twn: 34U Rng: 3W**  
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**THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCLUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.**

### NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 01/19/2023, at the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office at 449 San Juan St. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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DATE: 09/20/2022  
Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado  
By: /s/ Elsa P. White, Public Trustee

The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:  
Daniel L. Fiedler #47916  
Daniel L. Fiedler 190 Talisman Dr. Suite D-6, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 (970) 507-8528  
Attorney File # Cunningham 01

The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

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**Wyndham Vacation Resorts, Inc.**  
Plaintiff

**darvin Patrick, et al.**  
Defendants  
Case No.: 2022CV30062

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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 in rem action of judicial foreclosure on your timeshare interest(s) for failure to pay the Monthly Payments to Wyndham Vacation Resorts, Inc. The legal description for your real property is below.

Plaintiff Attorney: Christopher B. Conley, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901.

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/s/ Christopher B. Conley  
Christopher B. Conley  
Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC  
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District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado  
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**Ptarmigan Property Owners Association, Inc.**  
Plaintiff

**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 0153260, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered 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 Ann Hall  
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  
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Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Ptarmigan Townhouses, recorded on February 18, 1988, Reception No 0153260,

as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: 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 attorneys' fees and costs.

Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901  
Association Assessments Due to: Ptarmigan Property Owners Association, Inc.

Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A"  
Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"  
Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act

**THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCLUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.**

The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTERESTS:**

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.

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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 IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed this 25th day of October, 2022,  
Rich Valdez, Sheriff,  
Archuleta County, Colorado

By: /s/ Lorena Medina  
Lorena Medina, Office Manager

**EXHIBIT "A"**  
Ptarmigan Townhouses  
Matter Amount  
BARRY WAYNE CORNELL (C#178906592) Unit Weeks Numbers 26, Unit Number 7205, Building Number 3, Phase I  
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,689.54  
Interest: \$396.03  
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Costs: \$305.60  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
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Unpaid Assessments: \$2,189.77  
Interest: \$331.66  
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Costs: \$305.60  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$3,877.03

ROBERT O BUNNEY and BARBARA K BUNNEY (C#178902813) Unit Weeks Numbers 39, Unit Number 7225, Building Number 13, Phase IV  
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,719.59  
Interest: \$396.03  
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: \$1,908.03  
Interest: \$312.36  
Late Fees: \$305.60  
Costs: \$75.00  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$3,000.99

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: \$3,879.79

BECKY RODRIGUEZ (C#179023585) Unit Weeks Numbers 28, Unit Number 7220, 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

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**May these be yours  
during this  
holiday season.**

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**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 for Archuleta County, Colorado.  
 Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Village Pointe Property Owners Association, Inc.  
 Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.  
 Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901  
 Association Assessments Due to: Village Pointe Property Owners Association, Inc.  
 Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A" Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"  
 Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act

**THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.**  
 The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.  
**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST**  
**THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will, at 11:00 o'clock A.M., on January 27, 2023 Sale Number 2022-06 in the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147 sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.**

**First Publication:** December 1, 2022  
**Last Publication:** December 29, 2022  
**Name of Publication:** The Pagosa Springs Sun  
**NOTICE OF RIGHTS**  
**YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF THE STATUTES WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS IS ATTACHED HERETO.**  
**IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.**  
**THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.**  
**IF YOU BELIEVE THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN §38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN §38-38-103.2, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL (1-800-222-4444), THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (1-855-411-2372), OR BOTH, BUT THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.**

The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:  
 Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901  
**INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147, 970-264-8434. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed this 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#178917268) 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 DAUPHIN AS 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: \$4,325.74  
**JACK W LOGGINS and JANICE F LOGGINS (C#179021506) Unit Weeks Numbers 51, Unit Number 7522, 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 DAUPHIN AS 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: \$4,325.74  
**JACK W LOGGINS and JANICE F LOGGINS (C#179021506) Unit Weeks Numbers 51, Unit Number 7522, 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  
**OT 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*.

County Court, Summit County, Colorado  
 Court Address: PO Box 269  
 Breckenridge, Colorado 80424  
 Plaintiff: Winston Financial Services, LLLP, assignee of Skier's Edge Condominium Association, Inc.  
 v.

Defendants: Richard A. Lane a/k/a Richard E. Lane a/k/a Richard Lane a/k/a Rick Lane a/k/a Richard Anthony Lane  
 and  
 Caprice D. Lane a/k/a Caprice Dea Lane a/k/a Caprice D. Eldridge-Lane a/k/a Caprice D. Eldridge a/k/a Caprice Eldridge a/k/a Caprice Lane Eldridge a/k/a Caprice Boyd a/k/a Caprice D. Boyd a/k/a Caprice Dea Boyd  
 Attorney for Plaintiff:  
 Douglas A. Turner, P.C.  
 602 Park Drive Drive, Suite 240  
 Golden, Colorado 80401  
 Phone: 303.273.2923 FAX: 720.746.3027  
 E-mail: sarah@douglasturner.com  
 Atty. Reg. #: 43826  
 Case Number: 2011c1518  
 Division: C Courtroom

**TO THE JUDGMENT DEBTORS: Richard A. Lane and Caprice D. Eldridge-Lane**  
 You are hereby notified that pursuant to and under the authority of a WRIT OF EXECUTION issued by the County Court of Summit County, Colorado, directing the Sheriff of Archuleta County, Colorado, to levy upon and seize certain real property owned by you to pay the claim of the Plaintiff, Winston Financial Services, LLLP. The property being held or taken is described as: Lot 382, PAGOSA HIGHLANDS ESTATES, County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. Also known by street and number as: 29 Moon Court, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
 You have legal rights that may prevent all or part of your money or property from being taken. That part of the money or property that may not be taken is called "exempt property." A partial list of "exempt property" is shown below, along with the law which may make all or part of your money or property exempt. Notwithstanding

your right to claim the property as "exempt", no exemption other than the exemptions set forth in Section 13-54-104(3), C.R.S., may be claimed for a Writ which is the result of a judgment taken for arrearages for child support or for child support debt. The purpose of this Notice of Levy is to notify you about these rights.  
 If the money or property which is being withheld from you includes any "exempt property", you must file within 14 days of receiving this Notice of Levy a written claim of exemption with the Clerk of the Court, describing what money or property you think is "exempt property" and the reason that it is exempt.  
 You must act quickly to protect your rights. Remember, you only have 14 days after receiving this Notice of Levy to file your claim of exemption with the Clerk of Court. Your failure to file a claim of exemption within 14 days is a waiver of your right to file.  
 Date: November 17, 2022  
 By: /s/ Rich Valdez  
 Archuleta County Sheriff

**PARTIAL LIST OF EXEMPT PROPERTY (Numbered statutory references are subject to change)**  
 1. All or part of your property listed in Sections 13-54-101, 13-54-102, 13-54-103, including clothing jewelry, books, burial sites, household goods, food and fuel, farm animals, seed, tools, equipment and implements, military allowances, stock-in-trade, certain items used in your occupation, bicycles, motor vehicles (greater for disabled persons), life insurance, income tax refunds, money received because of loss of property or for personal injury, equipment that you need because of your health, or money received because you were a victim of a crime.  
 2. All or part of your earnings under Section 13-54-104, C.R.S.  
 3. Workers' compensation benefits under Section 8-42-124, C.R.S.  
 4. Unemployment compensation benefits under Section 8-80-103, C.R.S.  
 5. Group life insurance benefits under Section 10-7-205, C.R.S.  
 6. Health insurance benefits under Section 10-16-212, C.R.S.  
 7. Government social benefits under Section 10-14-403, C.R.S.  
 8. Family allowances under Section 15-11-404, C.R.S.  
 9. Teachers' retirement fund benefits under Section 22-64-120, C.R.S.  
 10. Public employees' retirement benefits (PERA) under Sections 24-51-212 and 24-54-111, C.R.S.  
 11. Social security benefits (OASDI, SSI) under 42 U.S.C. §407.  
 12. Railroad employee retirement benefits under 45 U.S.C. §23.  
 13. Public assistance benefits (OAP, AFDC, TANF, AND, AB, LEAP) under Section 26-2-131, C.R.S.  
 14. Policemen's and firemen's pension fund payments under Sections 31-30-117, 31-30-5-208 and 31-31-203, C.R.S.  
 15. Utility and security deposits under Section 13-54-102(1)(f), C.R.S.  
 16. Proceeds of the sale of homesteaded property under Section 38-41-207, C.R.S.  
 17. Veteran's Administration benefits under 38 U.S.C. §5301.  
 18. Civil service benefits under 5 U.S.C. §8346.  
 19. Mobile homes and trailers under Section 38-41-201.6, C.R.S.  
 20. Certain retirement and pension funds and benefits under Section 13-54-102(2)(s), C.R.S.  
 22. A Court-ordered child support and maintenance obligation or payment under Section 13-54-102(1)(u), C.R.S.  
 23. Public or private disability benefits under Section 13-54-102(1)(v), C.R.S.

**REMEMBER THAT THIS IS ONLY A PARTIAL LIST OF "EXEMPT PROPERTY";** you may wish to consult with a lawyer who can advise you of your rights. If you cannot afford one, there are listings of legal assistance and legal clinics in the yellow pages of the telephone book.  
 Published December 8, 15 and 22, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

DISTRICT COURT,  
 ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO  
 Court Address: 109 Harman Park Dr/PO Box 148,  
 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
 Phone Number: (970) 264-8160

**Plaintiff:**  
**AMIN M. SEGOBIANO AND BRITNEY H. SEGOBIANO**  
 v.  
**Defendants:**  
**NATIONAL RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, LLC; TEXTRON FINANCIAL CORPORATION; PAGOSA LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION; ELSA P. WHITE as Public Trustee 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 St., Ste 7  
 Durango, CO 81301  
 Phone Number: (970) 403-1580  
 E-mail: deggleston@e-klaw.com  
 Case Number: 2022CV30069

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
**PLAINTIFFS BENJAMIN M. SEGOBIANO AND BRITNEY H. SEGOBIANO**  
**TO THE BELOW NAMED DEFENDANTS:**  
**NATIONAL RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, LLC AND 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 Plaintiffs in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows:  
 Lots 277 and 278, in Chris Mountain Village at Pagosa Unit Two, according to the Plat thereof filed for record June 14, 1973 as Reception No. 77868.  
 Respectfully Submitted this 5th day of December, 2022.  
 Published in Pagosa Sun  
**First Publication:** December 15, 2022  
**Last Publication:** January 12, 2023  
 Eggleston Kosnik LLC  
 /s/ Duke Eggleston  
 Duke Eggleston, #24965  
 Eggleston Kosnik LLC  
 160 E. 12th St., Ste 7  
 Durango, CO 81301  
 Phone Number: (970) 403-1580  
 E-mail: deggleston@e-klaw.com  
 Case Number: 2022CV30070

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
**PLAINTIFF LIVE OAKES LAND LLC**  
**TO THE BELOW NAMED DEFENDANTS:**  
**NATIONAL RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, LLC AND 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 in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows:  
 Lot 200, in Chris Mountain Village at Pagosa Unit Two, according to the Plat thereof filed for record June 4, 1973 as Reception No. 77868.  
 Published in Pagosa Sun  
**First Publication:** December 15, 2022  
**Last Publication:** January 12, 2023  
 Eggleston Kosnik LLC  
 /s/ Duke Eggleston

DISTRICT COURT,  
 ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO  
 Court Address: 109 Harman Park Dr/PO Box 148,  
 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
 Phone Number: (970) 264-8160  
**Plaintiff:**  
**LIVE OAKES LAND LLC**  
 v.  
**Defendants:**  
**NATIONAL RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, LLC; TEXTRON FINANCIAL CORPORATION; PAGOSA LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION; ELSA P. WHITE as Public Trustee 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 St., Ste 7  
 Durango, CO 81301  
 Phone Number: (970) 403-1580  
 E-mail: deggleston@e-klaw.com  
 Case Number: 2022CV30071

**Duke Eggleston, #24965**  
**160 E. 12th St., Ste 7**  
**Durango, CO 81301**  
**(970) 403-1580**  
 Published December 15, 22, 29, 2022, January 5 and 12, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado  
 Court Address: 109 Harman Park Dr., P.O. Box 148  
 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
 Tel. 970.264.2400  
**Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc.**  
 Plaintiff  
 v.  
**Robert J Gilmore, et al**  
 Defendants  
**Case No.: 2022CV30028**  
**COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM SHERIFF SALE 2022-09**

This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded on August 2, 1990, at Book 303, Page 104, 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):  
**ROBERT J GILMORE**  
**JOYCE GILMORE**  
**LOWELL ROSE, TRUSTEE OF THE LOWELL ROSE REVOCABLE TRUST DATED AUGUST 25, 1983, UNDIVIDED ONE-HALF-INTEREST AND LOWELL L ROSE, TRUSTEE OF THE NORMA R ROSE REVOCABLE TRUST DATED JUNE 29, 1998, UNDIVIDED ONE-HALF INTERESTARY ANN GARCIA**  
**NORMA ROSE, TRUSTEE OF THE LOWELL ROSE REVOCABLE TRUST DATED AUGUST 25, 1983, UNDIVIDED ONE-HALF-INTEREST AND NORMA R ROSE, TRUSTEE OF THE NORMA R ROSE REVOCABLE TRUST DATED JUNE 29, 1998, UNDIVIDED ONE-HALF INTEREST**  
**JACK C HICKS**  
**SUSAN HICKS**  
**DONN M O'MORROW**  
**SHIRLEY O'MORROW**  
**JAMES W JONES JR, TRUSTEE OF THE JAMES & JENNETTE R JONES REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST**  
**JENNETTE P JONES, TRUSTEE OF THE JAMES & JENNETTE R JONES REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST**  
**FRANK P DICKSON JR, SURVIVING JOINT TENANT WITH RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP OF ELINOR M DICKSON, DECEASED**  
**DOROTHY W WILLIAMS**  
**IMOGENE WRIGHT BOWEN**  
**RUSSELL D STEIN**  
**RAMONA L STEIN**  
**ANN L DANIEL-HARTUNG**  
**ROD L GOODE**  
**CAROL L GOODE**

Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses, recorded on August 2, 1990, at Book 303, Page 104, 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: Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc.  
 Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.  
 Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901  
 Association Assessments Due to: Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc.  
 Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A" Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"  
 Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act

**THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.**  
 The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.  
**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST**  
**THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will, at 11:00 o'clock A.M., on February 10, 2023 Sale Number 2022-10 in the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147 sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.**

**First Publication:** December 15, 2022  
**Last Publication:** January 12, 2023  
**Name of Publication:** The Pagosa Springs Sun  
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**IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.**  
**THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.**  
**IF YOU BELIEVE THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN §38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN §38-38-103.2, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL (1-800-222-4444), THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (1-855-411-2372), OR BOTH, BUT THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.**

The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:  
 Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901  
**INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147, 970-264-8434. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed this 25th day of October, 2022.  
 Rich Valdez, Sheriff,  
 Archuleta County, Colorado  
 By: /s/ Lorena Medina  
 Lorena Medina, Office Manager  
**EXHIBIT "A"**  
 Peregrine Townhouses  
 Matter Amount  
**ROBERT J GILMORE and JOYCE GILMORE (C#179603725) A 105,000 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7803-7806 in Building Number(s) 2 & 3,**  
 Unpaid Assessments: \$892.44  
 Cost: \$234.03  
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
 Total: \$2,126.47  
**LOWELL L ROSE and NORMA R ROSE, TRUSTEES OF THE LOWELL L ROSE REVOCABLE TRUST DATED AUGUST 25, 1983, UNDIVIDED ONE-HALF INTEREST AND OWELL L ROSE AND NORMA R ROSE TRUSTEES OF THE NORMA R ROSE REVOCABLE TRUST DATED JUNE 29, 1998, UNDIVIDED ONE-HALF INTEREST (C#179603766) A 105,000 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7807-7810 in Building Number(s) 2 & 3,**  
 Unpaid Assessments: \$1,038.20  
 Cost: \$234.03  
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
 Total: \$2,272.23

**JACK C HICKS and SUSAN HICKS (C#179801089) A 126,000 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7811-7820 in Building Number(s) 9 & 10,**  
 Unpaid Assessments: \$1,327.98  
 Cost: \$234.03  
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
 Total: \$2,582.01  
**DONN M O'MORROW and SHIRLEY O'MORROW (C#179016299) A 77,000 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7807-7810 in Building Number(s) 4 & 5,**  
 Unpaid Assessments: \$761.38  
 Cost: \$234.03  
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
 Total: \$1,995.41

**ANN L DANIEL-HARTUNG and CAROL L GOODE (C#430003855) A 105,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7873-7874 in Building Number(s) 37,**  
 Unpaid Assessments: \$1,106.61  
 Cost: \$234.03  
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
 Total: \$2,340.64  
 In Peregrine Townhouses. All as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said buildings as depicted on the Plats recorded in Reception Numbers 173553-173555, 98002629, 99006555, 99011974, 20005495, 20010666, and 99055555, subject to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded as Reception Number 173556, 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 15, 22, 29, 2022, January 5 and 12, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**JAMES W JONES JR and JENNETTE P JONES, TRUSTEES OF THE JAMES & JENNETTE R JONES REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST (C#179607072) A 105,000 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7807-7810 in Building Number(s) 4 & 5,**  
 Unpaid Assessments: \$1,802.85  
 Cost: \$234.03  
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
 Total: \$3,036.88  
**FRANK P DICKSON JR, SURVIVING JOINT TENANT WITH RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP OF ELINOR M DICKSON, DECEASED (C#179607932) A 105,000 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7807-7810 in Building Number(s) 4 & 5,**  
 Unpaid Assessments: \$960.85  
 Cost: \$234.03  
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
 Total: \$2,194.88  
**DOROTHY W WILLIAMS and IMOGENE WRIGHT BOWEN (C#171305923) A 145,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7833-7834 in Building Number(s) 17,**  
 Unpaid Assessments: \$1,433.74  
 Cost: \$234.03  
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
 Total: \$2,667.77  
**RUSSELL D STEIN and RAMONA L STEIN (C#139903496) A 154,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7843-7844 in Building Number(s) 22,**  
 Unpaid Assessments: \$1,522.76  
 Cost: \$234.03  
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
 Total: \$2,756.79  
**ANN L DANIEL-HARTUNG (C#179914890) A 77,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7859-7860 in Building Number(s) 30,**  
 Unpaid Assessments: \$1,322.09  
 Cost: \$234.03  
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
 Total: \$2,556.12  
**Rod L GOODE and CAROL L GOODE (C#430003855) A 105,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7873-7874 in Building Number(s) 37,**  
 Unpaid Assessments: \$1,106.61  
 Cost: \$234.03  
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
 Total: \$2,340.64

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District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado  
 Court Address: 109 Harman Park Dr., P.O. Box 148  
 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
 Tel. 970.264.2400  
**Teal Landing Vacation Owners Association, Inc.**  
 Plaintiff  
 v.  
**Chal M Rascoe, Sr., et al.**  
 Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901  
**Case No.: 2022CV30027**  
**COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM SHERIFF SALE 2022-09**

This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Vacation Owners Common Ownership Act Reception Number 20007580, 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):  
**DONNETTE L THOMAS**  
**WILLIAM D THOMAS**  
**RALPH DEE BAKER**  
**CONNIE BEA BAKER**

Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium, recorded on August 10, 2000, Reception Number 20007580, 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: Teal Landing Vacation Owners Association, Inc.  
 Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.  
 Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901  
 Association Assessments Due to: Teal Landing Vacation Owners Association, Inc.  
 Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A" Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"  
 Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act

**THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.**  
 The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.  
**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST**  
**THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on February 10, 2023 Sale Number 20**



# Winners of the 2022 Holiday Lighting Contest announced

By Jennifer Green  
Visit Pagosa Springs

The Pagosa Springs area has been bright with holiday cheer this season. The Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board and The Pagosa Springs SUN are pleased to announce the winners of the 2022 holiday lighting contest.

We want to thank all of the participants. Voting was conducted online, with more than 200 votes submitted between Nov. 25 and Dec. 18.

The winners of the Residential Lighting Contest are the following:

First place: Mulberry family, 184 Sweetwater Drive.  
Second place: Clark family, 506

Morro Circle.

Third place: Erickson family, 585 Shenandoah Drive.

The winners of the Business Lighting Category are the following:

First place: Pine Ridge Rehab and Healthcare Center.  
Second place: Club Wyndham.  
Third place: Kip's Grill and Cantina.

The winners of the Storefront Window Display Category are the following:

First place: Chow Down Pet Supplies.  
Second place: Goodman's Department Store.  
Third place: Two Old Crows.

Thanks again to all of the participants. We are already looking forward to next year's contest.




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# Letters To Santa

Once again, The SUN teamed up with Santa and his elves to help deliver letters to the guy in the big red suit, with the promise we could share those Christmas wishes with our readers, as they were written.

Dear santa this christmas i would like you to give me a black and white stuffed dog, an electric skateboard or a nintendo switch with mario bros games or a drone. this year i behave very well and i would like you to please me with some of these toys I guess I deserve it. thank you santa i love you so much I'm Valentina Rodriguez from third grade remember I'm 9 years old :)

querido santa en esta navidad me gustaría que me regalaras un perro de peluche negro con blanco, un patín eléctrico o un nintendo switch con juegos de mario boss o un dron. este año me porte muy bien y me gustaría que me complacieras con alguno de estos juguetes supongo que me lo merezco. gracias santa te quiero mucho. soy valentina rodriguez de tercer grado recuerda que tengo 9 años :)

Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? This year I tried to be good, I am working on it. This year, I only have three things on my list: one: hypno-glasses. Two: skateboard. Three: Black panther nerf slash claw.

Sincerely,  
Logan  
Age 8

Dear Santa,

I miss you.

I would like a real brother for Christmas. I want wheel shoes, Pokemon, a tree house, and electric drum set. I have been a good boy. Hows the weather up there in the arctic?

Love, Michael, 6 years old

Dear Santa,

I want to have a rainbow hover board, turquoise bean bag chair, tv, kid sewing machine, kindle, skel-ton costume, and that is it that I want for christmas.

from Lindsey Braun

Dear Santa/Saint nick -- right back wich one you like more

Merry cristmas to you I was wondering if you could give me one of those tents that hang from your seeling. Also a our generation kithen play set and last of all a barbie vacation house. I hope you know how grateful I am for you and mis claws.

love Maheyle Witting!

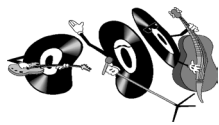
By the way i'm 9 years old

Dear Santa,

How are you? I have been good. Will you plese give me an orb that turns me into a wolf. A puppy would

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## Live Performers



### Friday

The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Bob Hemenger, 5 p.m.

### Saturday

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

### Monday

Alley House Grille lounge: Bob Hemenger, 5:30 p.m.  
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Jason Rose, 5 p.m.

### Tuesday

The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Dustin Burley, 5 p.m.

### Wednesday

The Den: Karaoke, 8 p.m.  
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Americana Music Group, 5 p.m.

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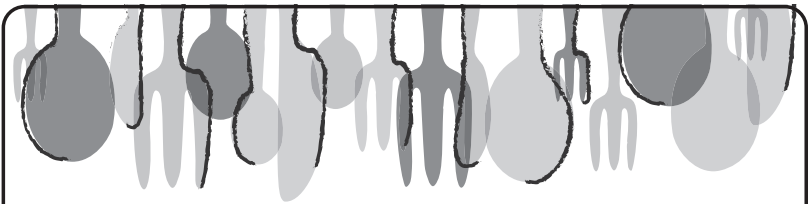


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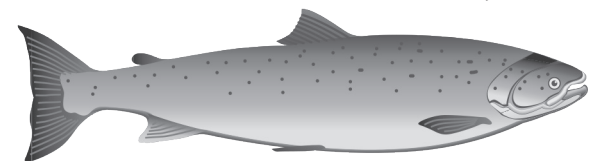


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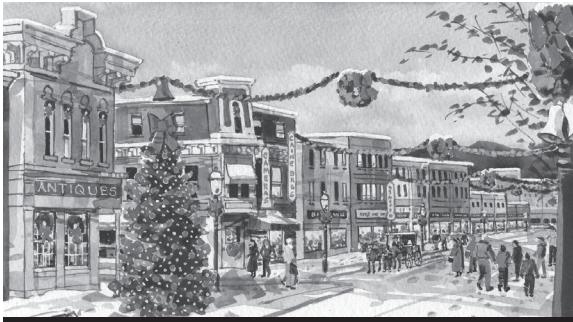
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make me so Happy. And what kind of dog I would like is a Corgi! Please. And an arcade game would be nice. The thing I want most is frindship and magic.

your freind,  
Paisley, age 8

Dear Santa,

I hope you are going well this christmas. This Christmas i would like a real kitten and I would her name to be Ruby. I promise to take really good care of her. That is my #1 wish.

Love Estevan

Dear Santa,

Ive been a really good boy this year. I even have all good grades. This year for Christmas I would like to ask for one thing.

I wona gas gawil th run thu lik the fril the is a toct.

I hope you are doing well. Say hello to everyone at the north Pole for me. Merry Christmas.

Love, Emilio

Dear Santa,

Hello my name is Hunter. I am 7 years old.

I have been realy good this year. I would like a Nintendo switch for christmas. How do your reindeer fly?

Love, Hunter

Dear Santa,

Hello my name is Hennessey. I am seven years old. I have been really good this year! I would like a nintendo for christmas. Do you like hot cocoa?

Love, Hennessey

Dear Santa,

Hello my name is Knox. I am — years old. I have been really good this year! I would like a dinasaur for christmas.

Love, Knox

Dear Santa, Hello my name is Elijah. I am 6 years old I have been really good this year! I would like

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pokemon cards for christmas.  
How do reindeers fly?

Love, Elijah

Dear Santa,  
Hello, my name is Lily. I am 7 year old. I have been really good this year! I would like a nintendo for Christmas. Do you think you can get it for me?

Love, Lily

Dear Santa,  
Hello my name is Jack. I am 6 years old. I have been really good this year! I would like pokemon cards for Christmas.

Love, Jack

Dear Santa,  
Hi, my name is Kali. I am 6 years old. I hase been really good this year. I would like a makeup for Christmas! Do you have elf on the shelf?

Love, Kali

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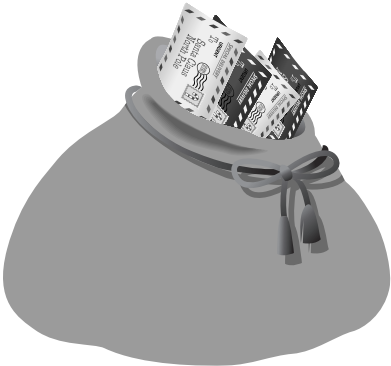


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## Letters

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Dear Santa,  
Hello, my name is Carter. I am 7 years old. I have been really good this year. I would like a scooter for Christmas. How do you get down a chimney if it is burning?  
Love, Carter

Dear Santa,  
Hello my name is Maverick. I am 6 years old. I have been really good this year! I would like a big t rex for Christmas.  
Love, Maverick

Dear Santa,  
Hello, my name is Levi. I am 7 years old. I have been really good this year! I would like Pokemon cards for Christmas. How do you eat that many cookies in one night?  
Love, Levi

Dear Santa,  
Hello my name is Tyler. I am 7. I have been really good this year! I would like a whole deck of Pokemon cards binder. Do you really have a reindeer name Rudolph?  
Love, Tyler

Dear Santa, Hello my name is Kyla. I am six years old. I have been really good this year! I would like a stuffy for Christmas. Do you know how to ride a reindeer?  
Love, Kyla

Dear Santa,  
Hello, my name is Kaden. I am 7 years old. I have been really good this year. I would like a Nintendo for Christmas.  
Love, Kaden

Dear Santa, Hello my name is Serenity. I am 7 years old. I have been really good this year! I would like a snow globe for Christmas. Do you really have a reindeer Rudolph with a nose that glows?  
Love, Serenity

Dear Santa, Hello my name is

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### Saturday, Dec. 24

#### Candlelight Christmas Eve Service.

5-6 p.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Celebrate Christmas with our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, which will include singing Christmas carols, reading the Christmas story, special music and a short message. Nursery will be provided.

**Candlelight Service.** 5-6 p.m., New Thought Center, 3505 W. U.S. 160. Candlelight service with potluck after. This is in place of our Sunday service.

**Christmas Eve Service.** 5 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Children will share the message of the angels as we gather for a nativity play and worship for all ages, ending with Eucharist and song offered by candlelight.

**Candlelight Service.** 6 p.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. Join in celebrating the mi-

raculous event of the incarnation. There will be Christmas carols, a children's choir, Christmas videos, the retelling of the Christmas story as seen through the eyes of the shepherds and the singing "Silent Night."

**Candlelight and Carols Service.** 6 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St.

**Christmas Eve Service.** 7 p.m., Trinity Anglican Church, 246 Harman Drive. A service of nine lessons and carols.

**Christmas Eve Service.** 7:30 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. We will enjoy instrumental Christmas hymns. A liturgy of Holy Eucharist, with song by candlelight, begins at 8 p.m..

### Sunday, Dec. 25

**Online Christmas Service.** Centerpoint Church. There will be an online service only on Christmas morning. Join whenever is best for your family at [www.centerpointpagosa.com](http://www.centerpointpagosa.com).

**Christmas Day Service.** 10 a.m., Community United Methodist

Church, 434 Lewis St.

**Christmas Day Service of Holy Communion.** 10 a.m., Trinity Anglican Church, 246 Harman Drive.

**Christmas Day Service.** 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Prayer and song on Christmas morning.

### Sunday, Jan. 1

**New Years Day Service.** 11 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Celebrate the new year at a music-filled Eucharist service.

**Burning Bowl Ceremony Service.** 11 a.m., New Thought Center, 3505 W. U.S. 160. With Shayla White Eagle.

### Thursday, Jan. 5

**New Years Day Service.** 5:30 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Celebrate the end of the Christmas season with us as we remember the journey of the Magi, and consider our own dreams and callings. After a short gathering for prayer and song, we'll gather for a potluck supper in the adjoining Parish Hall.

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Love, Wyatt

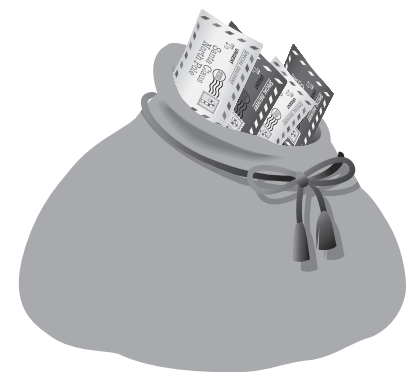
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Love, Clarke

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Love,

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# Centerpoint Church Christmas Eve service set for 6 p.m. on Dec. 24

By Jon Duncan  
Centerpoint Church

The words of so many of our favorite Christmas carols seem to fit Pagosa perfectly — the new-fallen snow has made our beautiful corner of Colorado almost magical and the frigid temperatures keep us close by the fire.

Flickering firelight, blinking lights on our Christmas trees and the long, dark nights that deepen as we fast approach the shortest day of the year



## Letters

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with my family and enjoy the magic of Christmas. I just want to have fun times with my mommy on Christmas Day. Maybe we can just go sledding and play with my stuffies together. Also, thank you for sending my elf, Hala, back to me again this year.

From, Elijah

Dear Santa

I want a Barbie dreamhouse for Christmas

Love  
Cassidy

Dear Santa,

I want a snow board and a micro 1/29 truck rc car for Christmas.

Love Noah

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like Gabby's Dollhouse stuff. Thank you for bringing all the boys and girls gifts.

Love,  
Amelia, age 7

all contribute to that special feeling in the air. Christmas is almost here; the carols on the radio remind us of this daily and the anticipation is building as our children and grandchildren fixate on their favorite day of the year.

Why do we celebrate Christmas? What is the reason why we make so much of this holiday? It is to help us remember; busy, distracted, preoccupied people weighed down with worries and cares need to be reminded of the great events in history. And there is no greater event in all of human history than the birth of Jesus just over 2,000 years ago.

The Almighty stepping into His created world in order to reveal Himself to a race that could never possibly know Him otherwise. An eternal God who revealed Himself to Abraham in the glory cloud of the covenant ceremony, to Moses in the burning bush, to the Israelites in the pillar of fire in the wilderness, to the nation of Israel in the tabernacle and again in the temple. An infinitely holy God who was willing to meet broken and lost mankind on a level never before imagined — not just between the cherubim above the mercy seat behind the thick veil in the Holy of Holies, but now in the person of the God-man, Jesus Christ, messiah, savior of the world. An event that goes against the very laws of nature, against all that we as humans could even imagine — God becoming man, Spirit becoming flesh to reveal Himself to us that we might come to know Him intimately and personally. To enable us to begin to understand His desire for us to become members of His family and move to heaven when we leave this earth. To make it possible for us to approach the Creator of the universe without fear of rejection or destruction. To offer to us here and now the promise of the very Spirit of God to live in us, guiding us to the peace, joy and contentment that we all spend our life looking for. It was — and continues to be — the

single greatest event in the history of mankind: that God Himself was willing to come to earth, be born of a virgin, live a sinless life and die a criminal's death — all for us.

Our prayer is that this event is more to you than just the story that is told at Christmas or the story that is contained in so many of the songs that you sing. May it be the affirmation of your new life through faith in the risen Savior who was that very babe in the manger just a handful of years before.

Come join us at Centerpoint Church as we celebrate the miraculous event of the incarnation this Christmas Eve at our Candlelight Service, which will begin at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 24. There will be Christmas carols, children's choir, Christmas videos, the retelling of the Christmas story as seen through the eyes of the shepherds, and we will finish with our candlelight service as we sing "Silent Night" together. We would love to welcome you into our family, as we wonder together

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### Christmas Services Schedule

Regular Sunday Service, Dec. 18, 8:15 AM

Christmas Cantata Service, Dec. 18, 11 AM

Candlelight and Carols Service, Dec. 24, 6 PM

Christmas Day Service, Dec. 25, 10 AM

Community United Methodist Church • 434 Lewis St.





# Christmas, New Year's schedule at St. Patrick's announced

By Anthony Aldwell  
Saint Patrick's Episcopal Church

At Christmas, we remember and pray for travelers and those who are displaced from their homes, as we remember the Holy family who traveled and became refugees.

In this spirit, Saint Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 South Pagosa Blvd. (just south of the hospital), warmly welcomes all Pagosa community members and visitors to celebrate Christmas at any and all of the following services:

- Saturday, Dec. 24, at 5 p.m., Christmas eve: Join in as our children share with us the message of the angels as we gather for a nativity play and worship for all ages. Our worship will end with Eucharist and song offered by candlelight.

If a child or teen in your household would like to participate in the nativity play, please contact us at [st.patricks.pagosa@gmail.com](mailto:st.patricks.pagosa@gmail.com). Roles are available for all who may want to participate, even at the last minute. Feel free to wear your own costume or to choose one when you arrive at St. Patrick's.

- Saturday, Dec. 24, at 7:30 p.m., Christmas eve: At 7:30 p.m., we will enjoy instrumental Christmas hymns. A liturgy of Holy Eucharist, with song by candlelight, begins at 8 p.m.

- Sunday, Dec. 25, at 10 a.m.,



Photo courtesy Saint Patrick's Episcopal Church

A Christmas lamb in St. Patrick's Episcopal Church's nativity play.

Christmas day: We'll rejoice together in prayer and song on Christmas morning.

- Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023, at 10 a.m., New Year's Day: Celebrate the new

year at a music-filled Eucharist service.

■ See Schedule on next page

## Service

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"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and

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There will be an online service only on Christmas morning; join our family whenever is best for your family at [centerpointpagosa.com](http://centerpointpagosa.com) to participate in our special Christmas service.

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# A Christmas prayer: what Christmas means

By Sami Fortin  
PREVIEW Columnist

Lord, as we celebrate the Christmas story of Christ coming to set up your Kingdom on earth, show us what it's all about.

It all started in a little town called Bethlehem, where there was a hustle and bustle to get all the people counted. It was here that your High Priest, Jesus, came to earth with a message of love.

Micah 5:2 says, "But you, Bethlehem Ephrahah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, and from everlasting."

Lord, you came to seek those who've lost their way and not living the way you intended. They don't know how to make a change. You are the change. The angels came first to shepherds in a field, the ones who couldn't get to town to worship, the ones who might have felt the loneliest, and they led them straight to the manger where you were born as a little babe.

There had been stories told and retold when and where you'd be born, so it's no wonder when the time was right, Mary and Joseph brought you to a man who had grown old waiting for the prophesy to come true. He blessed you and thanked God for keeping him alive to witness this event in history. He called you a light for revelation to the common people and glory to your people Israel.

You set Anna in the temple to

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confirm that this child was the very One they had been waiting for. You lit the star in the sky to guide a multitude of wise men, to proclaim the praises of the Lord (Isaiah 60:6).

There were those who foretold your coming and those who wanted to end your life. That is our first mistake trying to take things into our own hands when you already have a plan set in place from the beginning of time. Your coming set everything in motion for all the prophecies to be realized.

Then came a man called John lighting the way for the Christmas child, preaching the way of repentance. If we will only believe and call on the name of the Lord, so shall we be saved and receive power from the Holy Spirit and have eternal life.

If there's longing in our hearts, Lord, for something the world cannot satisfy, show us that you are the true Christmas gift. Prepare our hearts and shine your light on your word. There's no doubt nor can we deny that you came to save us from the power of the enemy.

When your son grew, He began His mission to seek all those who were weary and heavy laden. You came healing and providing food, bringing sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, and life back to

the dead.

What causes us to doubt that you are who you say you are? The lies of the enemy are strong, but you will make us even stronger. Let your word ring true in our ears. Let us take to heart the meaning of Christmas — Your coming to earth — for us to have a relationship with the living God. You have given us a spirit of love and power so we can be free of the enemies' rule over our hearts and minds.

For man does not live by bread alone, but by every word spoken by you. Jesus, you never wrote any books, but you did write on our hearts and you are still doing that today. You tell us the truth for the Spirit of the Lord is upon you. You've been calling your people into service since the first disciples were named. It's through us that others can find your great love for humanity. You are the only One that can satisfy our need for peace, joy, love, patience and kindness.

You are what our hearts long for. Christmas means you can be trusted. Your coming to earth opens a way for us to make room for you. Your coming takes away the fear that things can't change. There's hope in the Son of Man. Thank you Jesus for all you've done and are willing to continue to do as we obey you. In Jesus' name, amen.

There are still some who have not heard the Christmas story. How will you get involved with His story and share His love? What will you do with your Christmas gift?

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

## Schedule

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• Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.: A Twelfth Night Celebration, Epiphany Prayers and dinner. Celebrate the end of the Christmas season with us as we remember the journey of the Magi, and consider our own dreams and callings. After a short gathering for prayer and song, we'll gather for a potluck

supper in the adjoining Parish Hall.

As an active participant in the Pagosa Springs community, St. Patrick's aspires to serve as a refuge and place of rest for members of our community of every age, as well as for those who may be traveling through or visiting Pagosa. Our door is open to all as we celebrate this enduring Christmas message.



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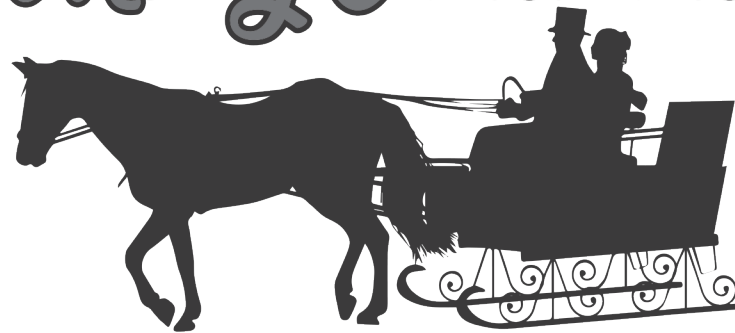


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# New Thought to present Christmas Eve candlelight ceremony

**By Shayla McClure**  
New Thought Center for  
Inspirational Living

On Saturday, Dec. 24, there will be a Christmas Eve candlelight ceremony on keeping “The Light of God Shining Within” at 5 p.m. with SpiritHeart Band and Shayla White Eagle. There will be refreshments after.

There will be no service on Sunday, Dec. 25. Enjoy your families and friends in celebration of “goodwill toward all.”

Spiritfire store: Join us Friday, Dec. 23, from noon to 4 p.m. for Christmas shopping to support our 501(c)(3) at the New Thought Center and by appointment.

## Upcoming events

## Be aware this holiday season

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Know what to look for and be alert. Scammers don’t take days off and neither should you when it comes to making sure you identify suspicious communications and report it. If you receive a questionable call, text or email, hang up or don’t respond and report it at [oig.ssa.gov/report](http://oig.ssa.gov/report). Scammers frequently change their methods with new tactics and messages to trick people.

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## Saturday, Dec. 24

**Vaccine Bus.** 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Walmart, 211 Aspen Village Drive. The Vaccine Bus will be offering no-cost flu and COVID vaccines for all ages. Walk-ups are welcome. For details and appointments, visit [www.mobilvax.us/southwest](http://www.mobilvax.us/southwest).

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## Monday, Dec. 26

**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.

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## Tuesday, Dec. 27

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

**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.

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

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

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

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

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3	8	7	2	5	9	1	6	4
4	1	4	2	1	8	5	7	3
9	3	8	9	2	4	7	5	1
6	9	5	7	3	1	4	2	8
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**Wednesday, Dec. 28**

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

**Family Storytime.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for great stories, fun songs, and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It’s a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. All ages. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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**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.

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The feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is celebrated each year by Catholic churches around the world on Dec. 12. Following tradition, the children of Immaculate Heart of Mary and Pope John Paul II Catholic Church performed traditional dances at a gathering of approximately 75 attendees.

## How to suspend holds when you're busy with travels, visitors and other holiday activities

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

If your life is unusually busy at this time of year with travels, visitors and so many fun holiday activities, you may want to take advantage of the library's program that allows you to freeze — or suspend — your holds at any time.

The best part is you do not lose your place in line. When your hold is thawed, or released, you go right back in to the same place in your hold line; you do not go to the end of the line.

To freeze your holds online, first log into your account. On the left side of the page, click on "Titles on Hold." A list of all items you have on hold will appear. If they are not currently in transit, you can freeze the hold until you return from your travels or are ready to receive your hold again. To freeze your hold, click on the button that says "Freeze Hold." The freeze will begin immediately.

### Christmas and New Year's closures

Your library will close at noon on Dec. 24 and also be closed on Dec. 26 because Christmas falls on a Sunday this year. Similarly, we'll close at noon Dec. 31 and also be closed on Jan. 2 for New Year's.

### Flu season protocols

The curbside service that we

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

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

### 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 streamlined format combines all the activities and events for children, teens and adults on one handy two-sided page.

### Gaming tomorrow

Enjoy free all-ages video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect tomorrow,

Friday, Dec. 23, and Dec. 30 from 3 to 4 p.m.

### Homework help and tutoring

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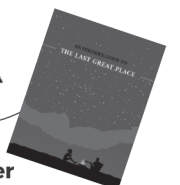


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Free homework assistance and elementary tutoring are available for students in kindergarten through fourth grade on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. There is a registration packet for parents and guardians to fill out to enroll your child that you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

## Family storytimes

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

## ESL classes

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

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Mark is available for his free PALS sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m. to help with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. No registration is required.

## Tech Time

Free in-person slots are available from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays. Judy will help you with basic questions relating to computers, smartphones and tablets and also provide assistance in accessing any of the library's online resources. You do not need an appointment for these drop-in sessions. Note there will be no Tech Time today, Dec. 22.

## Writing challenge

A new all-ages writing challenge was posted Dec. 12 on the library's Facebook page. We hope you will challenge your creativity by participating in this free activity.

## Downloadable books

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help you set up your device if you need assistance.

## Christmas book

"The Penguin Book of Christmas Stories" edited by Jessica Harrison is a collection of holiday classics and little-known treasures from around the world.

## Large print

"Dawnlands" by Philippa Gregory is book three of the Fairmile historical fiction series. "Robert Ludlum's The Blackbriar Genesis" by Simon Gervais is a Blackbriar thriller set in Prague. "Clive Cussler's The Sea Wolves" by Jack Du Brul is an Isaac Bell adventure.

## Books on CD

"A World of Curiosities" by Louise Penny is a Chief Inspector Armand Gamache mystery set in Quebec. "The Murder Sorority" by Marshall Karp is an NYPD Red mystery. "Hunting Time" by Jeffery Deaver is a mystery about a woman and her daughter on the run. "Murder at Black Oaks" by Philip Margolin features Robin Lockwood, defense attorney.

## DVDs

"Reacher" is season one. "Recipes for Love and Murder" is series one. "Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile" is based on the bestselling children's book series. "Call Jane" follows a woman with a life-threatening pregnancy. "Theodore Roosevelt" is the History Channel documentary. "Ghosts" is season one. "The Homeschool Awakening" is a documentary exploring frequently asked questions about home-schooling. "Optimizing Brain Fitness" is part of the Great Courses series.

## Mysteries and thrillers

"The Couple at the Table" by Sophie Hannah is a psychological thriller set at a posh couples-only resort. "I Am The Light of This World" by Michael Parker follows a man released from prison 40 years after being sentenced for a crime he did not commit. "The Lemon" by S.E. Boyd looks at the aftermath of the apparent suicide of a famous culinary travel show host. "Oath of Loyalty" by Kyle Mills is a Mitch Rapp adventure.

## Other novels

"The Fall of Numenor" by J.R.R. Tolkien is a new chronicle of Middle-earth. "The Presence of Absence" by Simon Van Booy explores the views of a young writer who lies dying. "The Color Line" by Igiaba Scego, based on true events, intertwines the lives of two Black female artists. "Honor" by Thrity Umrigar explores love across a cultural divide. "Her Hidden Genius" by Marie Benedict focuses on a scientist who sacrifices her life to discover the nature of DNA.

## Nonfiction

"How To Read The Wilderness" by the Nature Study Guild is an illustrated guide to North American flora and fauna. "The Stories We Tell" by Joanna Gaines is a memoir in which the author shares stories of her personal journey. "Born to

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“Polar Exposure” by Felicity Aston documents the experiences of women from 10 countries on their expedition to the North Pole. “Surrender” by Bono tells the story of his life weaved around 40 U2 songs. “Tiny Beautiful Things” by Cheryl Strayed is the updated 10th anniversary edition of this book by the advice columnist Dear Sugar.

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## Quotable quote

“The holidays make me very creative because I’m happy ... And I draw from the spirit of Christmas. That Christ spirit. Even if you don’t

believe in Jesus, the spirit is really about giving and tolerance, understanding and acceptance.” — Dolly Parton, country music singer-songwriter, actress, philanthropist and businesswoman.

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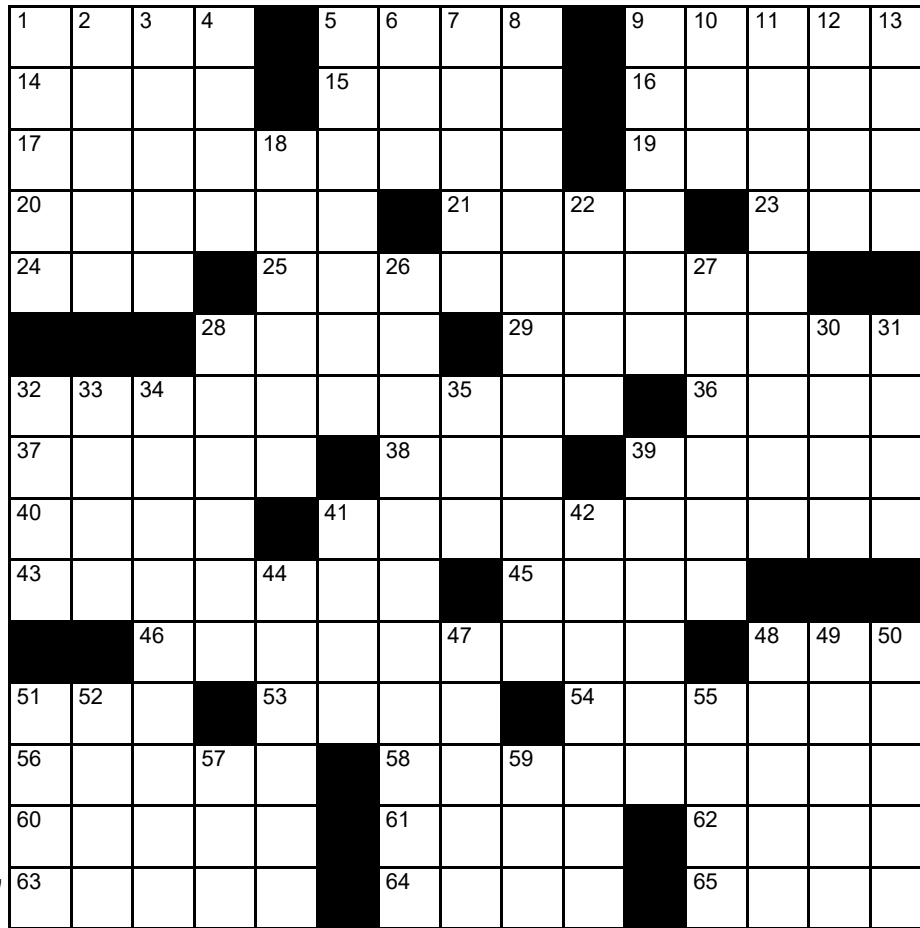
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# The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

## ACROSS

- 1 Stridex target
- 5 Give a nudge to
- 9 Grocery holders
- 14 Pond dweller
- 15 Garage job
- 16 Eyelashes
- 17 French and Spanish, e.g.
- 19 Moving right \_\_\_\_\_
- 20 Click the OK button
- 21 Soothsayer
- 23 Altar avowal
- 24 Bashful
- 25 Cabernet holder
- 28 "All the Old Knives" actor
- 29 One of the Brat Pack
- 32 Reinforce
- 36 "National Velvet" author Bagnold



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- 37 Coming up
- 38 Greedy type
- 39 Sesame oil source
- 40 Good news on Wall Street
- 41 "Hurry up!"
- 43 O-shaped
- 45 Container weight
- 46 Fatten for slaughter
- 48 And so on, briefly
- 51 Make a scene?
- 53 Age, as tires
- 54 Destructive beetle
- 56 Less than stable
- 58 Raven's remark
- 60 Holmes or Couric
- 61 Orator station
- 62 Big furniture retailer
- 63 Asparagus stalk
- 64 SNL segment
- 65 Lab procedure

- 2 Whistle wearer
- 3 1980's White House name
- 4 Boundary
- 5 Metal coating
- 6 Toupee, slangily
- 7 Having a lot to lose?
- 8 End racial separation
- 9 Egyptian beetle
- 10 Feel poorly
- 11 Decorative enamelware
- 12 Warm-hearted
- 13 Palm starch
- 18 Safe from a skunk
- 22 Carolina college
- 26 Amsterdam setting
- 27 Record holder?
- 28 Type of butter or brittle
- 30 Drunkard
- 31 First garden
- 32 Long story
- 33 Comparative word

- 34 Bring back
- 35 Word before dog or shot
- 39 Rio Grande region
- 41 Battering wind
- 42 "I'm No Angel" actress
- 44 Grisham character
- 47 Flip (out)

- 48 Bring up
- 49 Michelins, e.g.
- 50 Golf shoe feature
- 51 Makes inquiries
- 52 Get cracked, as lips
- 55 "Mite" anagram
- 57 Sportage maker
- 59 Caesar's seven

## Answers to Previous Crossword:



## DOWN

- 1 Rand McNally product

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Solve the code to discover words related to Christmas.  
Each number corresponds to a letter.  
(Hint: 17 = A)

**A. 26 13 18 5 1 17 23**

Clue: Special day

**B. 19 17 22 25 17**

Clue: Bearded gift-giver

**C. 15 8 18 8 3 7 17 25 8**

Clue: Engage in fanfare

**D. 21 13 18 18 23**

Clue: Happy and cheerful

Answers: A. holiday B. Santa C. celebrate D. jolly

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# Home-delivered meals via MET Transit will end Dec. 23

By Rose Chavez  
PREVIEW Columnist

The program for transportation services from the State Unit on Aging has been revised, curtailing delivery of meals through Archuleta County MET Transit. The transit service will still be available to those who require transportation to dine in at the Community Cafe Monday through Thursday.

Community members who received delivery services from the Pagosa Senior Center through our Meals on Wheels program will continue to receive these services through volunteer drivers coordinated by the center. We apologize for any inconveniences this may cause and invite the community to use our drive-through services to pick up meals to go Monday through Friday or join us and dine in person Monday through Thursday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

## Support the Senior Center by 'adopting' a senior

To round out our year-end fundraising efforts, Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) and the Senior Center are announcing our "Adopt A Senior" campaign.

As food costs continue to rise and cost of living grows in our beloved Pagosa Country, we are hoping the community will stand in solidarity with our Pagosa 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 to walk in during our office hours and drop off your donation.

## COVID-19 tests

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.

## 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

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cancel a reservation, please include your name, phone number and the days you want to cancel.

Texting services are available for dining-in meal reservations, Grab-n-Go meals and Meals on Wheels recipients.

## Mobile food pantry service available for seniors

The Senior Center would like to remind the community about our mobile food pantry services we provide in partnership with Archuleta County MET to seniors age 60 and older throughout most areas of Archuleta County.

In order to participate in this program, community members must visit with Barbara Noriega at the Senior Center, located in the Ross Aragon Community Center, to fill out an application to qualify for the mobile pantry service.

The application, called the dining assessment form, is also available on our website at the bottom of the Community Cafe page: <http://www.psseniors.org/community-cafeacute.html>. For more information, contact us at (970) 264-2167.

## Mahjong

Mahjong is a 19th century Chinese tile-based game that is commonly played with four players. Each player receives 13 tiles with a goal to make matching sets and pairs (like poker). To win, a player must form four sets and one pair. Come to the Senior Center to learn or play every Tuesday at 1:15 p.m.

## Medicare call by appointment

For anyone who needs help enrolling and navigating Medicare plans, we help with parts A, B and D. We can also help you with fraud concerns and troubleshooting any billing issues you may be having. By appointment only. Please call our Medicare line at (970) 264-0501, ext 4.

## Bridge

The longest-played bridge game in Archuleta County takes place on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1 p.m. Bridge is a four-player card game with partners sitting opposite each other around a table. It is a trick-taking card game using a standard 52-card deck. Come alone or bring a partner.

## 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.

## 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 oppor-

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# Chestnuts, Christmas and tree disease linked forever through song

By Jeff Burbrink  
PREVIEW Columnist

I heard the classic Christmas song by Nat King Cole officially titled “The Christmas Song,” more frequently known as “Merry Christmas to You,” on the radio today. It got me thinking — have I ever had a chestnut that was roasted on an open fire? I don’t honestly know.

American chestnuts were nearly wiped out in the last century when some imported Japanese chestnuts, planted in New York, spread an exotic fungus to our continent. Once a major forest species in the eastern U.S., billions of the trees died. By 1950, the trees were nearly gone, except a few scrubby trees sprouting up from root systems, similar to what we see when ash trees have been infested by the emerald ash borer.

Efforts to breed resistant stock have been ongoing for years by the USDA, several universities and the American Chestnut Foundation. Most of the efforts involve cross-

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ing the America chestnuts with chestnuts from the region where the cryphonectria fungus is native. Since it takes years for a tree to reach maturity, these efforts are very slow and if the hybrid is not fully resistant, it can feel like years have been wasted.

Other efforts to create resistance to the fungus involve transferring genes from resistant plants to the native chestnut. This method can speed up the process to develop resistant varieties, but it raises question in some minds about unintended consequences that could arise. Either way, through the traditional method of crossing of pollen or through the use of genetic transfer technology like

CRISPR, the genetics of the original species get changed. One method just takes longer. Protocols are in place, using either method, to observe the plants before they are released into the wild.

As these modified plants inch their way to marketplace, I hope that someday I will be able to enjoy the sights, smells and tastes of some chestnuts roasted over a fire.

For more information about chestnuts and the efforts to restore this favorite of trees, visit the American Chestnut Foundation at acf.org.

*Jeff Burbrink is an Extension educator with Purdue Extension Elkhart County.*

### Upcoming classes

Jan. 23, 2023 — Cottage Foods Online certification, 1 to 5 p.m.

Jan. 31, 2023 (six weeks) — Colorado Building Farmers Online class. This class will help you build a business plan.

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## Senior

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tunities to connect over and have fun. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to volunteer or for more information.

### Kitchen and desk volunteers needed

The Community Cafe at the Pagosa 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.

The ASI Board of Directors has multiple vacant positions open. 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

Thursday, Dec. 22 — Potato leek soup with crackers, glazed carrots, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, Dec. 23 — Sliced ham with cherry sauce, mashed sweet potatoes, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Monday, Dec. 26 — Closed for Christmas holiday.

Tuesday, Dec. 27 — Barbecue chicken, sweet corn, buttermilk biscuit, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, Dec. 28 — Beef pot roast with roasted vegetables and focaccia bread, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Thursday, Dec. 29 — Seafood

Veracruz with rice pilaf, dinner roll, garden salad, fruit, milk and pistachio pudding cake.

Friday, Dec. 30 — Pork posole soup with garnishes, tortilla, garden salad, fruit and milk.

### Grab-N-Go meals

Grab-N-Go meals reservations and cancellations are required. Please call or text by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you want to pick up a meal. A suggested donation of \$5 helps to sustain our program. No one will be turned away for their inability to donate. For ages 59 and younger, the cost is \$10.50. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to make a reservation.

### Meals on Wheels

We deliver fresh Meals on Wheels five days a week (and pro-

vide frozen Meals on Wheels for weekends) to homebound Archuleta County residents. Call or text us at (970) 264-2167.

### Requesting donations

ASI has an immediate monetary need to support ongoing operations and programming that provide critical services to some of the most vulnerable in Archuleta County. Please consider donating to ASI.

You may mail your donation to P.O. Box 3444, Pagosa Springs CO 81147 or please visit our website: <http://www.psseniors.org/>. Donation checks can be written to: Archuleta Seniors Inc. We are located at 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

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# The wisdom of giving gifts

To give or not to give: That's the question. We're in the season of giving, but does that mean throwing caution to the wind and giving into reckless abandonment? Some will, some won't.

We find ourselves pulled in two directions. The need and the needy. The gift and the giver. The need is there, but the giver hasn't either the means or the desire to meet the need.

Proverbs 22:9 says, "He who has a bountiful eye shall be blessed, for he gives of his bread to the poor" (Amplified).

There is a God kind of giving. A bountiful eye has more to do with the heart. To give with a bountiful eye is not to see what we don't have, but what we do have. We're connected to the One who owns it all. If God asks us to give, He will give us the means to do it.

I always felt if I had the means to give, I needed to do so. I knew

## Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



all the scriptures about giving. "I've been freely given so then I need to freely give" — Matthew 10:8 (KJV). Or, "It's more blessed to give than to receive" — Acts 20:35.

I've said to my children many times, "It's better to err on the side of giving." I learned a very valuable lesson this week. There is something I've been missing: discernment. Giving without discernment is suicide. Did I ask God if I should give or not? No. If I had it to give, I gave.

It wasn't that I was so noble or compassionate, but I loved the feeling of making others happy.

Later, I would hear a small voice say inside, "I didn't ask you to give that away, but you didn't ask me. This was my provision for you."

Lack of discernment made me a target for many religious and secular people who knew how to work the system. It was a lack in me that drew me in. I got caught up in the moment and didn't ask God if I should give or not. The moment swept me away. Later I felt deceived, used and even a fool.

Another lesson I learned about giving: For 21 years, my Sweet Al and I held Christian artists' and writers' retreats. We enjoyed being with our guests and we couldn't do enough for them. When we started to count the cost, our hearts closed to the people we gave to. No longer were we cheerful givers. We began to resent what others expected.

I asked one of my friends who always came alongside and worked with us to provide accommodations for a weekend of fun for our 30-plus guests.

"We spend months preparing for these retreats; we always come up short financially. We give freely.

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Feb. 8, 2023 (six weeks) — Seed to Supper. A growers guide to low-cost vegetable gardening in Archuleta County, 6-8 p.m. in the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association conference room.

March 2, 2023 — Livestock and Forage Growers Online Update. A Western Slope outlook.

March 18, 2023 — Seed Class and Swap, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Look for upcoming classes on the Colorado State Univer-

sity (CSU) Extension — Archuleta County Facebook page.

### CPR and first aid classes

CPR and first aid certification classes are offered monthly by the CSU Extension office, generally on the second Monday and Wednesday of each month from 6 to 10 p.m. The cost for the classes is \$80 for combined CPR/first aid and \$55 for CPR, first aid or recertification. Call the Extension office at (970) 246-5931 to register.

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# Make better brain health your top New Year's resolution for 2023

By Jim Herlihy  
Alzheimer's Association

Alzheimer's disease is expected to impact nearly 13 million Americans by 2050, including 76,000 Coloradans today, according to the Alzheimer's Association. So, as you contemplate your New Year's resolutions for 2023, consider there are steps you can take yourself to maintain and improve your cognitive function.

Research has shown lifestyle changes like improving diet and exercising regularly have helped drive down death rates from cancer, heart disease and other major diseases. These same lifestyle changes may also reduce or slow your risk of cognitive decline, which is often a precursor to Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.

"There is increasing evidence to suggest that what is good for the heart is good for our brains," said Meg Donahue, director of Commu-

nity Engagement at the Alzheimer's Association of Colorado. "Keeping our brains healthy is not something we should worry about only as we get older. It should be a lifelong effort."

## Healthy brain tips

Looking for tips on how to protect your cognitive health? Here are several ideas borne from research supported by the Alzheimer's Association:

- Cut back on "ultra-processed" foods. People who consume the highest amount of ultra-processed foods have a 28 percent faster decline in global cognitive scores — including memory, verbal fluency and executive function — compared to those with lower consumption, according to research involving half a million people living in the UK. High consumption was defined as more than 20 percent of daily caloric intake. Ultra-processed foods are those that go through significant

industrial processes and contain large quantities of fats, sugar, salt, artificial flavors/colors, stabilizers and/or preservatives.

Examples include sodas, breakfast cereals, white bread, potato chips, and frozen foods, such as lasagna, pizza, ice cream, hamburgers and fries.

- Get vaccinated. Getting an annual flu vaccination was associated with a 40 percent decrease in the risk of developing Alzheimer's disease over the next four years, according to researchers from The University of Texas' McGovern Medical School who found that even a single flu vaccination could reduce the risk of Alzheimer's by 17 percent.

- Get vaccinated (part two). Getting a vaccination against pneumonia between the ages of 65 and 75 reduced Alzheimer's risk by up to 40 percent, according to a Duke University's Social Science Research Institute study.

- Manage your blood pressure. People treated by FDA-approved

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Does anyone know what it takes to get ready for a retreat? Does anyone know the cost?"

In her wisdom, she said, "They're not supposed to know."

Many years before, I stood at another similar crossroads in my life. The Lord warned me, "Don't curse what you've blessed. What you and Al gave, don't take away the blessings of those years by closing your hearts. Those blessings are alive and will continue. You planted a seed. That little seed is producing great harvest. You gave in the spirit of giving and people will carry your labor of love into many generations."

Why was I whining? Because I was looking at my empty pocketbook and a possible burnout, not on God's riches from heaven.

I wished I could say we had accepted grace enough for everything

and everyone who came our way, who passed our doors, slept in our beds and ate at our table, but at times I lost sight of God's grace. God doesn't ask any more than what He has given us.

Even when we lacked discernment and our grace ran thin, the Lord was still blessing us and our efforts. Today, He is still teaching us about His kind of giving. It's a lifetime lesson.

Final brushstroke: This is the season of giving. God showed us how much he loved us by giving His Son. God knew the whole ramifications of His Son coming, being born in a world that needed him, but would reject Him. Did He not freely give? Do we know the cost? Even if we don't, he would have still given.

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# Tips to prepare to host holiday guests

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They're back: Family, friends and acquaintances are once again taking up residence on cots and fold-out sofas across the country as loved ones gather to celebrate the holiday season. That's welcome news nearly three years after a pandemic first restricted such gatherings. But hosts must ask themselves: Am I ready to host house guests?

Travel is a big component of the holiday season. According to a 2021 survey by The Vacationer, a travel tip and vacation guide, nearly 63 percent of Americans age 18 or older planned to travel for at least one holiday in 2021, with most traveling in December. That marked a 37 percent increase in travel from a year prior. Holiday travel for 2022 may be even higher as families adapt to life

during the pandemic.

As individuals get ready to host holiday guests, here are some strategies to maximize space and make guests feel comfortable:

- Discuss plans in advance. Every traveler is different. Some people thrive on making lists and following itineraries. Others fly by the seat of their pants. It's reasonable to ask potential house guests how they envision their visit, including if they plan to stay long and if it will include sleeping over. This way you can make accommodations accordingly, particularly if guests request to borrow a vehicle or want to see the sights.

- Create some extra privacy. While some homes are equipped to handle guests comfortably, smaller homes may not be equipped with such luxuries. Folding screens can

be used to create a barrier and add some privacy in open spaces where guests will be staying.

- Stash away travel samples. Travel-sized soaps, shampoos and lotions can make guests feel welcome. Stock up at the grocery store or pharmacy and leave them in the room where guests will be staying.

- Stock up on new linens. Treat guests to fluffy towels and new bed linens, especially if it's been awhile since you restocked these items.

- Ask about food preferences. Your guests may not want to munch on kale chips and tofu hot dogs apart from the holiday meal. Don't push your food restrictions on others. Ask guests what they typically eat and then fill the pantry and refrigerator with some of the items they mention. When guests need snacks, they'll have familiar foods on hand.

Hosting for the holidays requires a little creativity and flexibility. All that effort is well worth it when loved ones have a good time while staying over.

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## Health

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- Be social. That's right; add "hang out with friends" and "have fun" to your New Year's resolutions list. For example, enroll in a dance class with a friend. Alzheimer's researchers are now looking into whether increased socialization, along with a "cocktail" of lifestyle interventions including improved diet, exercise, cognitive stimulation and self-monitoring of heart health risk can protect cognitive function. The Alzheimer's Association's U.S. study to protect brain health through lifestyle intervention to reduce risk (U.S. Pointer) is a two-year clinical trial that hopes to answer this question, and is the first such study to be conducted of a large group of Americans nationwide.

"There's currently no certain way

to prevent Alzheimer's and other dementias," said Donahue, "but there is much to be gained by living a healthy lifestyle and adopting brain health habits that you enjoy."

For those with questions about memory loss or personality changes that may be associated with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia, the Alzheimer's Association has a free Helpline staffed 24/7 by trained professional staff members: (800) 272-3900.

Alzheimer's by the numbers:

- More than 6.5 million people in the U.S. are living with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia in 2022 — 55 million people around the world.

- Nearly one person in nine (10.7 percent) in the U.S. age 65 and older has Alzheimer's dementia.

- More than 76,000 Coloradans are living with dementia.

- Approximately two-thirds of those living with Alzheimer's are women.

- People of color are more likely to develop Alzheimer's: Black Americans are twice as likely as whites, while Hispanics are 50 percent more likely than whites.

## Guess Who?

I am an actor born in New York on December 27, 1995. I made my childhood acting debut in a short film. I was nominated for an Academy Award in 2017 for my first leading role.

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# Bring the year to a close with a Healing Circle workshop

By Stefanie Little  
Rise Above Violence

2022 is nearing the end and, with that, we are also celebrating our first full year of Healing Circle workshops—a joint effort between Rise Above Violence and PMAB + Movement.

This year, we have explored so many different healing modalities, all specifically aimed for trauma survivors looking for alternative ways to find growth and healing. This year we have offered workshops on self-massage, reiki circles, flower essences, the art of council, sound healing and various forms of movement.

Back about a year ago, at the end of 2021, the two organizations sat down for some brainstorming. The weekly peer-supported talk therapy women's group wasn't working, but we knew that survivors in the community were searching for something. We talked about how Rise had been doing this work for so long that now we have a community of trauma survivors who may well be long past the immediate crisis of their situation, have moved on, stabilized their lives and no longer require Rise's services necessarily, but there was still healing to be done. We realized that survivors are moving more toward alternative healing methods to continue that deeper personal work.

These Healing Circle mini-workshops came into being for that purpose. How we heal from trauma is different for everyone; one may feel pulled toward sound healing as opposed to art therapy, while another may greatly benefit from some guidance on self-massage, rather than energy work. Oftentimes, you won't know until you give it a try.

PMAB + Movement hosts these workshops once a month for free for any trauma survivors. They take place every fourth Thursday of the month from noon to 1 p.m. at the PMAB studio. We feel the holidays

are just as important for grounding and healing as any other time of the year (perhaps even more so for survivors), and our workshop for this month, on Dec. 22 at noon, will be based around gentle yoga and meditation: "We will do gentle yoga for grounding as well as some heart opening poses, to prepare ourselves for Loving Kindness (Metta) Meditation for oneself. It will be 20-30 minutes of guided meditation after asana practice, for some extra support for oneself, gift giving for oneself, before the holiday. Led by Andrea Peltier."

If you are a trauma survivor in Pagosa, please come join us.

We are already gearing up for 2023, with January's workshop topic about personal transformation, and we have hypnotherapy and homeopathy on the calendar as well. If you or someone you know is a survivor in Pagosa, searching for community and alternative healing, we hope you will join us at PMAB for these amazing, transformative and healing mini-workshops. If you have any questions, feel free to call PMAB at (970) 903-9278.

These healing workshops are just one way that Rise works with the community to support victims and survivors. Advocates at Rise also offer safety planning, emotional support, help victims navigate the legal system and much more. Research shows that supportive services that are trauma informed are the best way to get to those who have experienced domestic violence on the path to healing.

Join us each month on the fourth Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. for a healing circle.

Rise is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides 24-hour support and advocacy services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault or other forms of violence, serving around 400 victims each year. Rise also works to eliminate violence through education for youth and our community. All programs and services are free and confidential,

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## Glory in the Highest: Luke 2

<sup>8</sup> Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. <sup>10</sup> Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. <sup>11</sup> For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

<sup>12</sup> And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

<sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

**<sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"**



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