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## County receives funds for additions to justice facility

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

Archuleta County will be able to add on a third courtroom and commons room to the new Harman Park justice facility.

After months of back-and-forth efforts with multiple agencies, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) received word that a 2020 grant from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) would be amended, with that funding set to be used to add a third courtroom and community room to the new justice facility that is currently under construction.

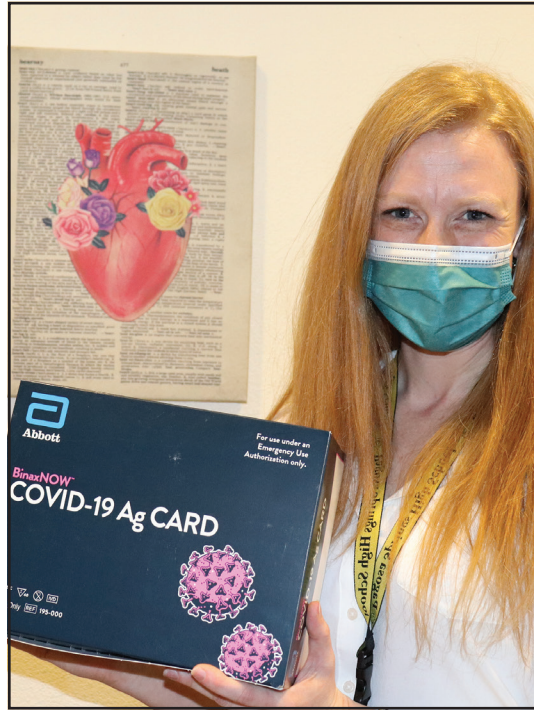
On Jan. 25, the BoCC received a letter from DOLA Executive Director Rick Garcia confirming the total grant amount of \$321,897 to be repurposed.

In April 2020, the county was approved for a grant from DOLA for the design of the new justice facility.

■ See Facility A8

Photo courtesy Archuleta School District

Archuleta School District school nurse Morgan Barnes poses with the BinaxNOW rapid COVID-19 test. The district launched the testing program this week to allow teachers to test themselves at home in as little as 15 minutes. The goal is for asymptomatic serial testing to identify cases sooner and help prevent outbreaks, which will ultimately keep students in school.



## Vaccine distribution guidelines change

19 percent of Archuleta County receives first dose

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

On Friday, Jan. 29, Gov. Jared Polis announced an amendment to Colorado's vaccine distribution guidelines, stating that educators and child care workers in licensed programs and those 65-69 years of age will soon be eligible.

According to the state, providers will be able to begin administering vaccinations for that group, now called Phase 1B.2, on Monday, Feb. 8.

According to San Juan Basin Public Health's (SJBPH) Brian Devine, deputy incident commander for the agency's COVID-19 response and environmental health director, SJBPH is

working to ensure Archuleta County's eligible school staff and child care workers are all able to be vaccinated on schedule when they become eligible.

"People should not expect that they will all be vaccinated in one session because it is quite a few people," he said. "So, the state has told us to basically prepare for a two- to three-week vaccination effort for this population."

Polis also announced that the state estimates that close to March 5, Phase 1B.3 — frontline workers and Coloradans ages 16-64 with two or more high-risk conditions — will also be eligible to receive the vaccine. It's also projected that Coloradans ages 60 and up will

■ See Vaccine A8

## Water main breaks impact downtown businesses, schools, residents

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

Last week, multiple water main breaks were reported downtown, leading to schools, businesses and residents being without water while repairs were made by the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD).

In an interview on Monday, PAWSD Manager Justin Ramsey explained that the breaks were due to the age of the water lines.

According to Ramsey, the lines were installed in the early 1960s.

"They just get old. They are steel pipes. They're 60 years old. They break down," he said.

The leaks were fixed via the use of clamps on the pipes, he described

further.

There were "five or six" breaks reported, Ramsey explained, with the breaks occurring in a stretch from Pagosa Street to the Archuleta County Courthouse.

The most recent break occurred on Sunday, Ramsey explained, noting that all of the breaks have been repaired, but there is some roadway repair left to go.

"All of the water is back on. No one is out of water," he said.

PAWSD will be looking into seeing if it can replace all of the downtown lines, but there are multiple lines running through the area, which causes challenges, he explained.

■ See Water A8



SUN photo/Robert Penton

Multiple water main breaks occurred downtown last week due to Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District's aging water lines.

## Town invites participation in master planning for Yamaguchi South project

By James Dickhoff  
Town of Pagosa Springs

The Town of Pagosa Springs is hosting a two-day public open house event for the Yamaguchi South Master Planning Project. This event will be conducted both in person and online and is intended to allow members of the public to participate on the day and at the time when they are available to attend.

This two-day open house event will provide members of the public an opportunity to review the existing 26.5-acre site base map, review example site component aesthetics, provide comments and ideas for inclusions on the site, and provide input on placement of improvements on the property.

Day one of the event is Wednesday, Feb. 10, from noon to 7 p.m. and day two is on Thursday, Feb. 11, from noon to 5 p.m. It is estimated it will take approximately one hour to review information and provide your comments during the event.

The in-person event will be held at the Ross Aragon Community Center, located at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. Please note that appropriate health safety protocols will be required. The online event will be conducted on MyPagosa.org, the town's new online public engagement platform.

■ See Yamaguchi A8



Photo courtesy Barry Knott

A ferruginous hawk keeps an eye out for its next meal along Trujillo Road recently. These hawks are the largest hawk in North America.

## Upper San Juan Health Service District looking to fill board vacancy

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD) Board of Directors, which operates as Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC), is seeking a new board director following the Jan. 21 resignation of its board treasurer, Dr. King Campbell.

According to PSMC's chief administrative officer, Ann Bruzzese, Campbell submitted his resignation to Board Chair Greg Schulte, stating in part, "Please accept this as my resignation from the PSMC Board. I don't feel that I am doing the Board justice as I seem to have less and less time to review and be present for finance committee and Board meetings."

Campbell's term was set to expire in May 2022.

According to a release from

PSMC, "The USJHSD Board is responsible for steering the Upper San Juan Health Service District toward a sustainable future through sound, ethical high-level governance. The USJHSD mission is to provide quality, compassionate healthcare and wellness where we live."

According to the notice, the board "is made up of volunteer board members who have relevant expertise."

Anyone interested must also be an eligible elector (registered to vote in Colorado and own taxable real or personal property within the USJHSD boundaries). The district spans all of Archuleta County and small parts of Hinsdale and Mineral counties.

Self-nominating forms are available by contacting the board clerk,

■ See Vacancy A8

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## GUEST EDITORIAL

### Celebrating our wetlands

Swamps, wet meadows, floodplains, bottomlands, bogs, freshwater and saltwater marshes, places where the water stands still and the soil becomes inundated to the point of saturation — these are wetlands.

Tuesday, Feb. 2, marked the annual celebration of World Wetlands Day (check out worldwetlandsday.org). Though this day will have passed once this edition of The SUN makes it to print, it's important to note that this often-neglected habitat type is a true reflection of life and biodiversity, so let's celebrate it.

After all, wetlands are the great defenders. They control flooding events by slowing down and spreading out pulse runoff flows, they absorb and purify water by trapping excess sediment, they sequester many impurities by trapping and storing them in their anaerobic soils, thereby protecting the adjacent and often more vulnerable aquatic life in riparian zones. Along coastlines, wetlands act as bulwarks, taking the brunt of tidal shifts and defending inland waterways from erosion.

Why, then, must we continue to undermine and take for granted this portent of necessity and life? In 1990, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife's National Wetlands Inventory determined that between the 1780s and 1980s in what we now call the lower 48 of the United States, we had somewhere close to a net loss of 53 percent of its total wetlands. A startling figure, it's been estimated that during this 200-year period, 60 acres of wetland were lost every hour to devel-

opment and associated means. A more recent (2019-2020) toll included the devastating and uncensored groundwater pumping from the iconic 2,400-acre San Bernardino National Wildlife Refuge in southern Arizona for border wall construction. This wetland complex houses a wide array of diverse life, including two species of native and endangered fish found nowhere else. The bottom line is: We have a long-standing debt to pay back on our wetland take.

Now for the good news. Among other top-line priorities, the current administration plans to restore protections ensured within the Clean Water Act and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), two measures that offer wetlands hope and security. If you have access to water rights and have an interest in re-establishing defunct wetlands, consider contacting the Colorado Division of Water Resources to learn more about what you can do to provide valuable habitat. Additionally, development projects can visit Colorado's Wetland Information Center to learn more about the difference between Compensatory Mitigation vs. Voluntary Restoration.

Ask yourself, how familiar are you with your local wetlands? Consider a visit to a local wetland and ask some questions. If you have children, here are a few activities to try out:

(1) How many different types of plants can you find in and around the wetland? Notice that some of the plants are either partially or fully submerged in the water. These are hydrophytes. What adaptations may these plants have ad-

opted to live in a wetland?

(2) What kind of wildlife can you detect? Though it's still winter time, pay a visit to our warm-water wetlands downtown and with a few minutes of observation, one may note a surprising amount of life. There are roughly 180 species of birds that visit this area yearly. How many can you spot? Once the red-winged blackbirds arrive, watch for their unique breeding and nesting activities.

(3) As we advance toward spring, keep an eye out for increased activity and noises. One spring tradition I have with my daughter is to crawl commando-style on our bellies as close to our neighborhood wetland as possible to see if we can spot the Houdini-act of the boreal chorus frogs as they emanate piercing mating songs. Give it a shot.

(4) For more age-appropriate challenges, visit plt.org/stem-strategies/watch-on-wetlands/ where Project LearningTree offers STEM-based activities ranging from mapping activities to quantifying ecosystem goods and services gained from preserving wetlands.

For more regional-appropriate resources, visit rockies.audubon.org and enter "wetlands" into our search bar. Additionally, learn of upcoming plant and bird walks along the downtown San Juan Riverwalk by following Weminuche Audubon Society events at weminucheaudubon.org and by following Pagosa Wetland Partners, an associated group, on Facebook.

Keith Bruno  
Audubon Rockies

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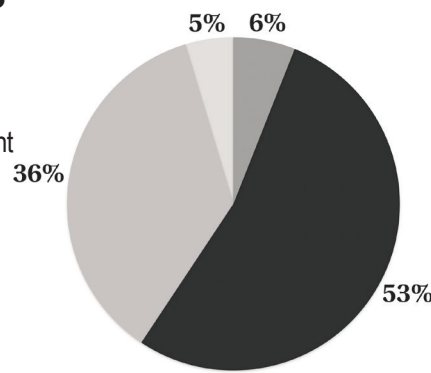
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## WHADDYA THINK?

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## LOOKING BACK



From the Dec. 1, 1983, Pagosa Springs SUN. ON CALL — Mary Carpenter, General Dispatcher at the Sheriff's office finds herself extremely busy when handling normal calls while assisting with calls of a search and rescue mission. Other local dispatchers are Dan and Carol Chase, Mary Fletcher and Frances Yee.

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
February 4, 1921

Mrs. Sadie Betzer, county superintendent of schools, visited the Taylor canon school the first of the week, but because of the condition of the roads was unable to visit the Trujillo and Montezuma schools.

Our January and February weather up until today could not be excelled. But the groundhog, having seen his shadow Wednesday, evidently knew what he was doing when he returned to his hole, for the congealed moisture began falling this morning.

Those who failed to see "Every woman" at the Liberty theatre Saturday night missed one of the finest productions of the moving picture industry.

Congressman Edward T. Taylor of this district announces that he is ready to make his annual distribution of free government vegetable and flower seeds to his constituents. Requests for same should be in his hands before March 4th. His address is Room 268, Home Office Bldg., Washington, D.C.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
February 8, 1946

J.B. Belarde purchased a new saw mill in Durango Friday. He will locate it in the spring.

Bob Matthews, member of a San Diego, Calif., Camera Club, has had photographs on exhibition there, and won a number of prizes. He recently sold one of the exhibits to Desert Magazine, and several others to private buyers. Bob, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Matthews of Pagosa Springs, has done photography for the navy during the war, and on the side, has done considerable commercial work in photography.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Montroy turned their pet deer, Jerry, loose to fend for herself Sunday. They had protected her during the hunting season, and enjoyed her pranks since last summer.

Mrs. Pearl McComas purchased the Hi-Way Cafe from Mrs. Lois Kinser, in a deal completed Wednesday afternoon. She took possession this Thursday morning, planning to renovate and remodel the place, without closing. Mrs. McComas will retain her position as manager of the Metropolitan Hotel until March 1st with the help of Mrs. Joe Madrid, an employee there.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
February 4, 1971

Another land development is planned for Archuleta County. A plat for the area, to be known as Aspen Springs, was filed Monday at the court house. Involved is 614 acres, with 339 home sites, on land north of highway 160 at its junction with the Turkey Springs road.

A fire of undetermined origin raced through the Chicken Shack Cafe early Monday morning. The building and contents were described as total losses. The blaze threatened the court house briefly but was brought under control by volunteer firemen.

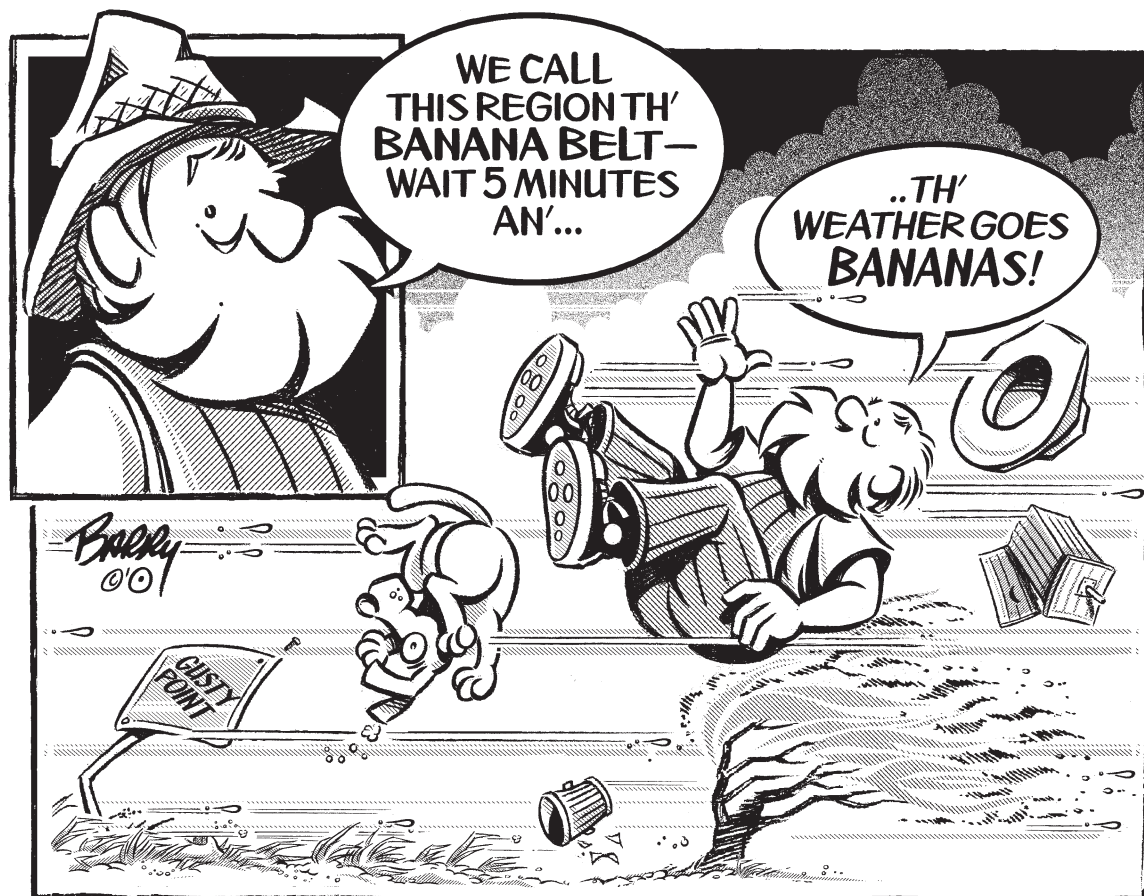
County Commissioners heard a report from the airport committee Monday. The airport committee told the commissioners that it was believed that at least \$35,000 could be raised to complete the work started two years ago. A pledge of \$20,000 towards the completion of the strip has been made by Eaton International, developers of Pagosa.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
February 8, 1996

A search following a bomb threat turned up a dud last Friday, but precautionary measures included the evacuation of Pagosa Springs High School and made for an early end to the school day for the 400-plus students, faculty and staff at the building. A telephone call was received at Archuleta County Dispatch at 8:49 a.m. with the caller using a riddle to notify authorities there was a bomb in one of the public schools in the community. Shortly after the call was received a student apparently discovered a suspicious object behind a toilet in a woman's restroom at the high school. George Byrd — a retired Orange County, Calif. law enforcement officer with experience in bomb squad work was able to drive to Pagosa Springs and arrived at 5 pm. Byrd examined the object and determined it contained no explosives.

Pagosa Springs will have a chance to host as many as 2000 cyclists who will wheel through town as part of the annual Denver Post "Ride the Rockies" bike tour on Monday, June 17.







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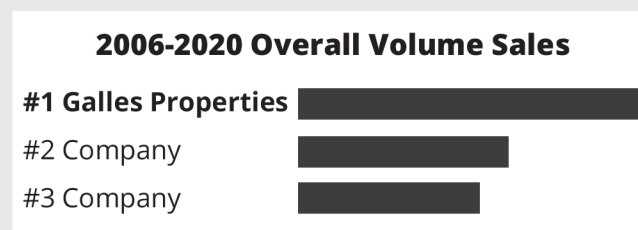
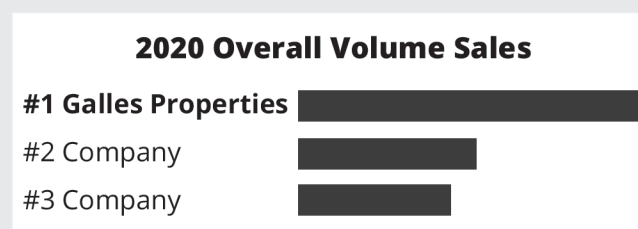


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# Letters

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## GOP

Dear Editor:  
Let's ask ourselves, has the GOP really finally stopped pretending to have any interest in being a functioning political party and just shifted to being the face of domestic terrorism.

Now why would anyone say that, let's review their destructive malevolence, Moscow Mitch and gang destroy any efforts by Obama to help all Americans for eight years, then block anything that threatens the well-being of fascists in Trump's administration, Dictators abroad...hey Donald likes 'em so does the GOP, party...party... party over America and their oaths of office and now...well, gosh Donald didn't mean "fight..fight..fight or you'll lose your country" he only meant..be nice..when we (not me just you) march down there and invade the Capital, hang Pence, kill Ocasio (so urged Ted Cruz) and just raise heck to defend my big lie about the election..go boot-lickers/worshippers..go..and they did just that. Now, Congresspersons need protection from their GOP fellow representatives.

But who would so loudly continue to widen the cultural divide in America? Well clearly an enemy state's spy agents would...has the GOP been infiltrated by Putin's illegal enemy agents..they act like it. Environment..who cares...that's pansy stuff, health care OMG "it's unconstitutional" to provide

medical assistance to 'ordinary' Americans, Russia...we love Putin, China...hate'em but we won't make any legislative effort to help corporations return manufacturing jobs to America, Q Anon...well they're just a bit unusual but heck they vote don't they, Covid-19 my gosh it's just a mild flu so stop all this mask stuff and ICU hysteria and let's wish Kevin McCarthy a safe journey on his pilgrimage trip to... Mecca...or was that Mar a Lago. Oh and let's not forget the GOP's knashing of teeth and crocodile tears for the oil & gas companies when Biden halted drilling on Federal lands...you'd never know that these companies already have hundreds of thousands of acres in signed leases...they haven't touched. Oh, did you know we (tax payers) give these companies roughly \$20 billion a year when our energy consumption has been going down for years...Crocodile tears...fo' sure.

When any normal person looks at the GOP's continuous righteous anarchic insanity, you can only conclude they have become the voice, support and refuge for domestic terrorism.

Dave Blake

## Cleaner Earth

Dear Editor:  
Hello Paula Bain of "Blood on their blades" letter dated January 28, 2021. We surely do shudder to think so many of our migrating birds fly their last flight due to windmills. However, were you also aware that : an estimated 500,000 to 1 million birds are killed annually in oil pits and evaporation ponds. In one study, 51 % of all birds found at oil and gas facilities were in heater-treaters, 30% in various pits, 4% in wastewater ponds, 4% tanks and trays, and 1% spills. Nov 30, 2018. {U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service - Migratory Bird Programwww.fws.gov }birds } entrapment-entanglement-drowning? It seems to us that you are either a climate denier or just misinformed to the complexity of producing viable energy sources. Perhaps you are an oil and gas exploration related family who relies on this industry? Or perhaps you are just not into saving our planet and utilizing the alternative energy sources that will cut omissions that are slowly choking us to death(as in have you seen pictures of China and India?). Whatever your beliefs may be, to just point your verbal finger at windmills as being a source of death and destruction is sadly short sided in understanding the global scope of energy production, utilization, application. and new training programs for those learn new technologies. The truth of the matter lies in utilizing all methods of energy available to us in a SAFE and REGULATED manner. What is needed is the capabilities to switch from one energy source to another viable method if needed in order to preserve our air, water, and land. So, the moral of our submission is would you rather see: "tombstones of birds" or entire populations of humans wiped out due to neglecting our environment in 20 years? We would hope your answer would neither. The upside of your fears is that there are deterrent systems that are new radar technology to protect migratory birds and wildlife as currently in use at many municipal airports and the new Peñascol windfarm in Texas that can be applied to end that nightmare you speak of. Ad-

ditionally, the day the winds stop blowing would mark the end of our planet as in Mother Earth ceases to rotate and no longer would we have consistent weather patterns as we do today. The winds do not need to always be strong in order to move those blades and if regulated and maintained, this form of energy is going to go a long way towards a cleaner Earth.

The Kostins

## Dictator

Dear Editor:  
It looks like the democrats didn't elect a president. They elected a dictator. Joe Biden has issued 25 executive orders so far, more than the last 4 presidents combined. Even the New York Times. The most democratic friendly newspaper in the world has condemned his actions, saying he should go through congress to get his agenda passed. Maybe another impeachment is in order. God help the USA.

John Meyer

## New president

Dear Editor:  
It appears that some readers of the Sun are unaware that we have a new president named Joe Biden. This has become apparent by the rambling Letter to the Editor submitted by Dave Blake in the 1/21 edition of the Sun. Mr. Blake expresses great concern over our previous president, but not a word about the actions of our new president. To help people of his ilk with this oversight, here is some important information. Democrat Joe Biden was sworn in on January 20th as our new president and immediately went to work by issuing more executive orders than any other president in history. One order stopped oil and gas drilling on public lands even though Biden had promised not to do this if he was elected. This, of course, will cost thousands of American's their livelihoods including Native American's who desperately need jobs on their tribal lands. Next Biden stopped the development of the Keystone Pipeline again costing about 10,000 well paying union jobs.

After taking these jobs killing actions, Biden turned to immigration where he overturned the policy of deporting illegal aliens. Suddenly our country was at risk of being overrun with many caravans from South America. Thanks goodness a court put a stop to Biden's foolishness so at least for the moment we are safe.

Lastly, not wanting to leave any group of people unharmed, Biden now has dictated that boys can compete against girls in women's sporting events. How sad for all the hard working girl athletes in high schools who must now compete with boys. What a shame that they won't have the victories and scholarship that they deserve.

Let's hope people like Blake realize that we have a new president and also become aware of the damage he is doing to our country.

Charles Newton  
Highlands Ranch

## Windmills and birds

Dear Editor:  
Reading last week's letter 'Blood on their blades', I was saddened to be reminded that our actions are taking such a toll on animal life. I was also angered to see the writer's concern was so narrowly focused

that a bigger issue is being ignored for a relatively minor but hot topic. A quick search on bird deaths showed; up to 1,000,000,000 (billion) birds die each year flying into windows, 500,000,000 to 2,000,000,000 from cats, 180,000,000 from high tension wires, 80,000,000 from pesticides, 75,000,000 to 200,000,000 from cars, 60,000,000 from communication towers, 2,000,000 from oil waste pits, and finally 40,000 to 600,000 from Windmills (along with similar numbers for oil spills). Windmill deaths are in the thousands while all these other causes are in the millions to billions. Also 389 bird species are in danger of extinction due to climate change.

If concerned about birds, stop spending energy stating but doing nothing about the relatively minor windmill deaths, which are not good but are a better give and take than fossil fuel energy use. Act personally by using new bird deterring glass or decals (I do and they work), stop getting cats for pets, eat organic, stop driving your car so much, and switch to clean energy (maybe do solar instead of a windmill, I did and no birds have died due to them) to stave off mass bird extinctions. Research facts, stop promoting hot topics out of your control, and do something yourself.

Oh, and when I see a giant windmill, I see the beauty of modern clean energy.

Mike Schaefer

## Public health demonstrations

Dear Editor:  
In response to the article about protesters at Health Department's private home in the Jan. 21 Pagosa Sun, I'd like to point out a few items. The staff of San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) have been working from home since last March. Since the public-funded employees of SJBPH have moved their offices to their homes, their homes have become the offices of the agency. Jollon was indeed working from home in the middle of a week day. Demonstrating in front of an empty office building would be quite pointless.

It is not Jollon's job to enforce state orders, mandates and rules that go against the Constitution. "All laws which are repugnant to the Constitution are null and void" Marburg vs. Madison, 5 US(2 Cranch) 137,174,176(1803). Such mandates are not law, and are not binding on the public. SJBPH cannot enforce

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# Town council outlines direction it wants to take in utilizing real estate to accomplish goals

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

During a work session on Jan. 28, the Pagosa Springs Town Council outlined and discussed various goals it has relating to real estate and the Town of Pagosa Springs.

In order to accomplish these goals, the town contracted with real estate company CBRE in order to help guide the town to “make some strategic real estate decisions,” Town Manager Andrea Phillips described during the work session.

Real estate can be a tool to achieve goals on behalf of the local community for things such as leverage for workforce housing and various other public amenities, Phillips added.

CBRE Mountain States Regional Manager Karlen Beitman explained during the work session that CBRE is looking to understand town council’s key priorities and initiatives relating to real estate.

“Of course, real estate activities are not a quick activity or transaction most of the time. We’re really looking at it as a year to two-year viewpoint just so that we can have a roadmap, that we are all working from the same sheet of music,” Beitman said.

Beitman explained that he and Advisory and Transaction Services Vice President Melanie Davis visited Pagosa Springs in November of 2020 and conducted a tour of the town in which the two of them looked at the majority of the town’s owned parcels.

A portfolio of the town-owned assets is also in progress, Beitman added.

“We’re also conducting market research. Being able to understand how much land is available, how

much land has been sold in the last three, four years. We’re not talking just residential. The data for Archuleta County and Pagosa Springs on the residential side, as you can all imagine, is very strong,” he said.

CBRE has spent time looking at market conditions and trends locally in order to assist town council, he added later.

Council member Mat deGraaf noted that, while town council has a high priority on land for affordable housing and river access, there are parcels that surround Reservoir Hill Park that could be something to consider as well.

Additionally, council should also look to identify properties within the opportunity zone, council member Rory Burnett added, citing that relationships with developers will be a “little bit more enticing.”

“If somebody wants to invest in a commercial property and move their business to Pagosa, making sure that we have a solid feel for what is available, maybe looking outside of the municipal boundaries as well, for sure,” council member Madeline Bergon added concerning the things she considers important.

In regard to workforce and affordable housing, CBRE is aware of the steps taken by town council to address the issue, but the firm would like to know the town’s desired delivery method of affordable housing, Beitman noted.

Specifically, CBRE would like to know if the town would like to develop the affordable housing projects themselves or if the town would want to “lean on” private-sector developers to do so.

Bergon explained that the town is going to need the public and private partnership and added that it might not be feasible for the town to do it all on its own.

“We purchased the property on 5th and Apache and we own the property and that’s awesome. But, I don’t know that we know what’s going to happen there or what we’re wanting to happen there,” deGraaf said. “Sometimes, I think about what would happen if the town was the landlord? We keep reaching out and wanting a PHP [Pagosa Housing Partners] or somebody else to handle all of this background information. What would happen if the town just did that and had multiple properties and the town was a landlord? Is that a bad thing?”

An initial concern council member Nicole Pitcher outlined is for government to operate as leanly as the private sector does.

“The South 5th and Apache Street that we already own would be an ideal project to kind of focus in on and see how it could be developed,” Mayor Don Volger said, adding that project is “ripe” for workforce housing.

However, the council should be open to looking into ways to manage the property, Volger explained, citing both Pitcher’s and deGraaf’s ideas.

“My personal preference is that we do some type of public, private partnership and we collaborate with somebody,” Volger added.

The town should also make it a priority to make a distinction between workforce housing and low-income housing, Burnett added.

Landlords within workforce housing could work, Burnett explained, whereas workforce housing “almost has to be a partnership with a company.”

“As far as the two different methods that will accomplish that workforce housing, low-income, whatever you want to call it, by 2036 is really a mixture of methods that are intentional,” Burnett said. “I think that something that’s lacked in years past is an intentionality, making sure that we’re pursuing both methods at the same time.”

Phillips explained she has reached out to various communities to see how they’ve handled their public and private partnership, as

well as how to be a manager of a property as a municipality.

Additionally, Phillips added that she wasn’t sure what model the town prefers as it is too early in the process.

“This is the first time that the town has gotten into the workforce housing business, if you will, in any shape or form instead of trying to provide density bonuses or provide tap fees or something for a project,” she said.

Donating land for workforce housing projects could also be an option, council member Matt DeGuise suggested.

This process would involve the recipient of the land maintaining ownership of the land in exchange for a possible tax incentive which would then decrease the cost of developing the land, DeGuise added.

“It’s another way to acquire land. It might be more tough from a real estate perspective to find these,” he said.

Integrating affordable housing into neighborhoods should also be something that town council looks into, Pitcher added.

“We need to be careful in how we discuss, even this neighborhood conversation, because if we’re not involved as far as purchasing the land, it’s really hard to ask a developer to come in and say, ‘Hey, we need a certain amount of things’ without really knowing what we’re able to offer,” Burnett said.

A key piece in the process is looking at the proximity of utilities and the topography of parcels, Phillips added later in the meeting.

“I think we have a couple of parcels like that,” she said, adding that due diligence needs to be done to see how “buildable” those parcels are.

Following more discussion, Beitman explained that the goal for the town has been defined as housing, a strategy, a disposition of surplus properties and development advisory.

“I think it’s critical that we look at the properties that we want to unload and how we can go ahead and use that to the advantage of other projects that we may be looking at or other things that we want to do,” Volger said. “We’re looking forward to what comes out of it.”

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orders that negatively affect a person’s business without compensation. Read the Constitution. Sending police to private businesses with threats of being shut down is harassment and needs to stop.

Speaking of “the unpredictability of people in a group mentality,” look at what damage the “group mentality” of SJBPH appointed officials have done to so many small businesses across Archuleta and La Plata counties. Getting laid off from one’s workplace as a result of the threats and fears placed on businesses does not make owners and employees secure in their homes. Jollon might miss eating out and being with friends but she hasn’t missed a paycheck unlike the rest of us.

Maybe in the future Jollon could prevent such demonstrations by returning phone calls and emails, engaging with the public and broadening her knowledge. She might learn what the consequences of her actions actually are. She might learn that the citizens of this area are smart, educated, have researched the data and science and are quite

capable of making their own decisions and do require her “to protect them from getting sick and dying.” Maybe SJBPH could have more than one public meeting every 60 days during this critical time while businesses are failing. Maybe the agency could assure their technology actually works so the public can participate in their infrequent public meetings. (The December 29 meeting was not available via Zoom, the next meeting isn’t until February 24th.) The agency might consider allowing the public to engage in conversation thereby presenting itself as an agency of the People rather than an agency of the Governor’s office. The Archuleta County Commissioners are willing to meet with the public in person, SJBPH could do the same. Maybe the staff of SJBPH could go back to work in the publicly-funded building where they belong instead of hiding at home. The demonstration was obviously needed to get Jollon’s attention. Prevention of further spotlighting of this agency’s oppressive actions are in her hands.

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# Obituaries

## Leland Don Taylor Sr.

On Wednesday, Jan. 6, heaven opened up, and Leland Don Taylor Sr., having lived 85 years on this earth, walked into the arms of his loving savior for eternity.



Don was born in Oklahoma City, Okla., on Sept. 4, 1935, to Walter and Lola Taylor. He grew up in Oklahoma City and graduated from Southeast High School in 1954. From 1954 through 1964, Don served his country in the Air Force Reserve. On Jan. 27, 1955, Don married the love of his life, Marlene Husted. Together, they began their family and embarked on a journey of love and commitment that would endure for almost 66 years. In 1957 the couple welcomed their first child, Leland Don "Mick" Taylor Jr. A few years later, Julie Minyon Taylor Long joined the family. And a few years after Julie came Robert Bryan "Bob" Taylor. Don and Marlene's family grew throughout the years to include two daughters-in-law, nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. In 1957, Don began what would be a 20-year career with the Oklahoma City Police Department. During those years, he rose in ranks from patrolman, to detective and eventually head of the Youth Bureau. After retiring from OKCPD in 1977, Don continued his service to the state of Oklahoma as an auditor for the Motor Fuel Division. Don's service to the state ended in 1994.

Those who knew Don know that it is impossible to talk about his life without mentioning the church. A devout Christian, he attended church regularly — instilling a love for the Lord and the church in his family. Always a servant-leader, he served the churches he and his family attended as a deacon or an elder. In 1995, Don and Marlene answered the call to become missionaries to Guatemala through an organization called CAM International. For the next eight years, the couple would travel to the Central American country and minister to

other missionaries as well as the Guatemalan people. In 1999, Don and Marlene chose Pagosa Springs as their home and have been residing here since that time.

During his years in Oklahoma, Don developed a love for gardening and brought it with him to Pagosa. During the summer months, he could be found in his greenhouse or on his back deck tending his beautiful tomato plants or concocting potions to keep the neighborhood deer away from his beloved flowers and vegetables.

Don was greeted in heaven by his parents; sisters Billie Taylor, Glenna Wall and Janelle Taylor; his brother, James Robert Taylor; his first granddaughter, Natalie Taylor; his daughter, Julie Taylor Long; and his nephew, Greg Wall. He is survived by his wife, Marlene; sons Don and Bob Taylor and their wives, Jan and Jazniya; grandchildren Cody Long and wife Aubrey, Aubrey Edwards and husband Luke, Nick Long and wife Randi, Christian Taylor and wife Ashley, Bryan Long and wife Meggan, Evan Meacham and wife Leah, Lucas Meacham, Leilane Taylor and Giovanni Taylor; great-grandchildren Avery Sloan, Easton Sloan, Jett Sloan, Emersyn Edwards, Knox Taylor, Austen Taylor, Brooklyn Taylor, Laney Long, Reed Long, Ashlyn Long and Jackson Long; brothers-in-law Steve Patrick and wife Jane, and Rick Patrick and Sue Ann Clark; niece Linda Karanian and her husband, Richard; great-nieces Jennifer Karanian and her husband, Charlie Myers, their children Gael and Valen, Jasmine Norcross and her children, Stella and Lucy; and former daughter-in-law Jill Bowler.

Don's life was characterized by the word "service." Service to his God. Service to his family. Service to his country. And service to his state. His family and friends will forever remember him as a funny man who loved them well and lived his faith out loud for the world to see. He was a black and white man who lived in an increasingly gray world — a student and a teacher who taught without saying a word. By watching the way in which he lived his life, we all learned so many valuable lessons.

## Bonnie Jean Nigh

Bonnie Jean Nigh passed away peacefully early morning on Jan. 25 at Pine Ridge Extended Care Center in Pagosa Springs, Colo., where she was a resident/patient for the past four months due to multiple health issues.



Bonnie Jean was born in Gillette, Wyo., on Aug. 16, 1930, to Glenn G. and Harriet M. Clark.

After completing high school, she enrolled in and graduated from the National School of Business in Rapid City, S.D.

On April 30, 1952, Bonnie Jean married Clarence R. Nigh in Gillette, Wyo., and started their life's journey together for 53 years until Clarence passed away on Aug. 18, 2004. They lived in 10 different states in the USA and in foreign countries such as Colombia, Australia, Mexico and Peru. In April of 1979, Bonnie Jean moved to England to be closer to her husband while he was employed to work in six different African countries. During their many moves, their first son, Rick, was born in Miles City, Mont., and their daughter, Colleen, and son, Michael, were born in Bogota, Colombia.

On Aug. 30, 1980, they started building their home in Pagosa Springs, Colo. In November 1980, Bonnie Jean moved back from England to Houston, Texas, and in April of 1981 along with her husband moved to Denver, Colo., where he continued to work until he retired. On June 1, 1986, Bonnie Jean and Clarence moved permanently into their home that they had built themselves in Pagosa Springs, Colo. Bonnie Jean and Clarence enjoyed square dancing in different towns of Colorado and New Mexico,

where they established many life-long friends.

Bonnie Jean worked at Colby's Gifts and the Christmas Store in Pagosa Springs for many years before and after her husband passed away and enjoyed getting to know many of the locals and developing many new relationships and friends.

Everybody that knew Bonnie Jean enjoyed listening to her many life stories. She also had a great love for cats and enjoyed the company of the numerous feline friends she brought into her home over the years. She loved to shop and acquire antiques and other artifacts from the many places she lived in the USA and around the world.

Bonnie Jean is survived by her son, Rick Nigh, of Norman, Okla.; her daughter, Colleen, and husband David Letchford, of Pagosa Springs, Colo.; and her son, Mike, Nigh, wife Ann and their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, of Waller, Texas; her grandchildren, Tessa Letchford, Christopher Letchford and wife Mariana, Harrison Letchford, wife Mary and their two sons, all of Texas; her sister-in-law, Mary Beth Foushee, of Katy, Texas; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

We love and will miss you, Mom/Grandmom/GMOM.

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## Services

### Bessie Montoya

Funeral services for Bessie Montoya are as follows: Rosary, Monday, Feb. 8, at 6 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

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## Medical center's board approves meeting times, location

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

As part of its Jan. 26 meeting, the Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors, which oversees Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC), approved a resolution outlining the meeting dates, times and posting locations for the district in 2021.

Per that resolution, the district's designated posting location for public meetings will be the district's website, www.pagosapring-smedicalcenter.org.

The resolution further outlines that, "In the event of exigent or emergency circumstances, such as a power outage or an interruption in internet service, that prevents the public from accessing the on-line designated posting location or prevents the District from posting a notice at the online designated

posting location," the district will post notice of public meetings at least 24 hours prior to the meeting at PSMC 95 S. Pagosa Blvd.

The resolution indicates that the board will continue to meet at 5:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month except for the month of November, with those meetings taking place at PSMC.

The board is slated to meet on Nov. 16, which is the third Tuesday.

"Questions concerning meetings should be directed to the Clerk of the Board, Heather Thomas, at 95 S. Pagosa Blvd., Pagosa Springs, Colorado, telephone number 970-731-3700," the resolution states.

The resolution was unanimously approved as part of the meeting's consent agenda.

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Deb Jennings

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Archuleta County Combined Dispatch is up and running in its new facility in Harman Park. Pictured on the left is the old dispatch office and on the right is the new office.

## New Archuleta County Combined Dispatch center up and running

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

Archuleta County Combined Dispatch (ACCD) is getting settled into its new home at Harman Park. ACCD Executive Communications Director Kati Harr explained in an email what the move was like for the department and how the staff was able to get through it while still being able to provide basic dispatch functions throughout the entire process.

According to Harr, "Dispatch migrated its operations to the back-up center at approximately 0700hrs on Tuesday, January 12th."

Operations at the new Harman Park center went live 10:20 p.m. on Jan. 15.

Harr noted that the successful relocation of the dispatch center was due in large part to a "massive effort contributed to by multiple parties."

She explained how the county IT Department played an integral role in assisting with equipment preparation, relocation and installation.

The Office of Emergency Management, "provided back-up center functionality out of their Emergency Operations Center (EOC)" during the course of the move, Harr noted.

She also explained that the Durango/La Plata Emergency Communications Center guarded ACCD's 911 lines while it was operating out of the EOC by transferring callers to the back-up center as they were being received.

With some "very orchestrated timing from our vendors and IT, our staff were able to continue providing basic dispatch functions to our community and user agencies," Harr wrote.

The county's Building and Grounds and Weed and Pest departments assisted with the removal of old equipment in the previous location.

The Pagosa Fire Protection District assisted with moving equipment over from the old center to the new center.

Elk Mountain Technologies provided project management and

overall support.

"Moving an entire 911 communications center is no small endeavor. Maintaining operations while removing, relocating, and reinstalling critical equipment was our main concern," Harr wrote.

She explained ACCD also migrated to the new equipment during the move. ACCD is now using the 911 emergency services IP network (ESInet).

She noted this brought on its own set of technical issues and challenges.

"All systems in the center integrate in various ways, so accounting for timing and effective communications amongst multiple vendors was demanding, to say the least," she wrote.

Harr commended the dispatch staff for how they were able to handle the stress of the move.

"Dispatch staff handled the move with their trademark resiliency and dedication. Dispatchers stayed late, came in early, spent hours training on their days off, assisted me in trou-

bleshooting and problem-solving, and maintained grace and gratitude throughout," she wrote.

Harr mentioned that the new location and equipment provide the opportunity for the ACCD to provide higher levels of service to the community and other user agencies.

"Getting Dispatch into a safe, secure, and appropriate facility with working equipment means our Dispatchers are valued and respected for the arduous and highly demanding 24/7 service they provide," she wrote.

Harr noted that with the new location and equipment, ACCD will have effortless access to real-time 911 wireless caller location updates on most wireless 911 calls.

She also mentioned responder safety will be increased due to functioning radio consoles with clear audio output.

The new equipment will also allow for "seamless 911 transfer capability to surrounding agencies, including provision of the caller location information database," Harr wrote.

Another important feature with the new equipment is the headsets with phone and radio arbitration which will provide "confidentiality while speaking on the phone with the public and simultaneously handling radio traffic," she said.

The only thing left for the department to do in order to get settled in at its new location is to "continue to fine-tune, troubleshoot, and problem-solve through small bumps in the road as they arise," Harr wrote, "But overall — we are up and running."

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## Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

### Thursday, Feb. 4

**Dispatch Executive Management Board meeting.** 9:30 a.m. Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7186713647>, meeting ID: 718-671-3647.

**Town of Pagosa Springs Combined Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting.** 5:30 p.m. See town website for participation information.

### Monday, Feb. 8

**Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors regular meeting.** 5 p.m., 7 Parelli Way.

### Tuesday, Feb. 9

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session.** 8:30 a.m. Call 264-8300 one to two

days before the meeting to obtain the login information.

**Archuleta County Republican Women's meeting.** Noon, Boss Hogg's, 157 Navajo Trail Drive.

**Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board meeting.** 4 p.m. See town website for participation information.

**Town Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments and Design Review Board.** 5:30 p.m., via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/91299357590> or dial (346) 248-7799 or (669) 900-6833, webinar ID: 912 9935 7590.

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

**Pagosa Fire Protection District Board of Directors meeting and Board of Trustees of the Pagosa Fire Protection District Fire-**

**men's Pension Fund regular meeting.** 6:30 p.m., administration building, 165 N. Pagosa Blvd.

### Wednesday, Feb. 10

**Yamaguchi South Planning Open House Day 1.** Drop in via Zoom or in person between 1 and 8 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd., or Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/92266855391>, or dial (346) 248-7799 or (669) 900-6833, webinar ID: 922 6685 5391.

**Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation regular meeting.** 5:30 p.m. Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89609739191?pwd=N2lmVWpXcG8yVHZeWZsSlJlSkIQT09>. To access the agenda: [www.pagosapragosadcd.org/knowledge-base/cdc-meetings/](http://www.pagosapragosadcd.org/knowledge-base/cdc-meetings/).

## Sixth edition of local author's media relations textbook is published

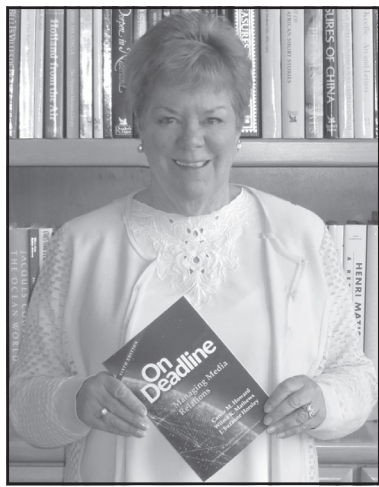
Chicago-based publisher Waveland Press has announced the publication of the sixth edition of "On Deadline: Managing Media Relations" by local author Carole Howard.

Called "a tangible blueprint for tomorrow's communication leaders" by one reviewer, the new book covers planning and implementing a media relations program, building relationships with reporters, arranging news conferences and media events, integrating media relations into marketing communication strategy, spokesperson training, crisis management, global media relations, ethics and legal issues, measuring results and becoming a counselor to management.

Sales show that "On Deadline" is the foremost textbook on media relations in the academic, corporate, nonprofit and government sectors. As one reviewer remarked, this book is "like having a professional mentor and media consultant on speed dial." Its practical advice draws on current case studies and Howard's extensive media relations experiences in the U.S. and around the world.

Howard continues in the role of lead author of the text. Her new co-author for the sixth edition is Suzanne Horsley, assistant dean and associate professor of communication at The University of Alabama, with experience in the government, nonprofit and academic sectors. The name of Wilma Mathews, Howard's co-author for the first five editions, remains on the cover, per publishing tradition.

Thomas J. Curtin, senior editor at Waveland, said it is unusual for audience demand to warrant a sixth edition of a textbook. "On Deadline" has achieved that distinction "because of its clear, fast-moving style and the extensive experience of its authors," he said. As a reviewer wrote in the Public Relations Journal: "It would take



Carole Howard

years of painfully learning from your mistakes to develop the knowledge about working with the media that has been assembled in 'On Deadline.'

Howard is the retired vice president of public relations and communications policy for The Reader's Digest Association, Inc. in New York with global responsibilities and staff in 15 countries. Previously she worked for AT&T in public relations positions in Seattle, New York and New Jersey. She has written more than 100 magazine articles on global PR, media relations, employee communication and integrated marketing and has contributed chapters to 11 other books. A frequent speaker to PR and business organizations and guest lecturer at universities around the world, her speeches have been published in three textbooks, including in Italy.

The first edition of "On Deadline" was published in 1985. The fourth edition also was published in Chinese. Over the decades the book has documented trends as the media relations profession has adapted and thrived, with globalization and communication innovations via the in-

ternet and social media transforming lives and working environments.

The sixth edition features new case studies documenting successful media relations programs and events from locations as diverse as Alabama, New York, San Francisco, Washington, D.C., London, England and Vancouver, Canada. In addition, several Pagosa Springs sources are highlighted, including case studies featuring The Pagosa Springs SUN, the Ruby Sisson Memorial Library and Thingamajig Theatre Company. The text also recognizes our local KWUF radio station and our community's two online news sites, Pagosa Springs Journal and Pagosa Daily Post. Two other residents also are mentioned in Howard's biography: ginger cats Lucy and Marmalade, who were adopted from the Pagosa Springs Humane Society.

Howard and her husband Bob moved to Pagosa Springs full-time in 1995. She writes the weekly Library News column for The Pagosa Springs SUN and Pagosa's two local online news sites, as well as articles for Thingamajig Theatre Company. She is president and blogmaster of the local Pi Beta Phi sorority alumnae club. Previous volunteer activities in the community include serving on the Music in the Mountain steering committee and heading its publicity efforts, acting as secretary and publicity chair for the Pagosa Springs Women's Golf Association, and president and newsletter editor for the Gray Wolf Ski Club.

The publisher has donated a copy of the sixth edition of "On Deadline: Managing Media Relations" to the Ruby Sisson Memorial Library. It also is available as a paperback and e-book on Amazon and on the publisher's website at [www.waveland.com](http://www.waveland.com), as well as in campus bookstores when it has been assigned for a class by a professor.

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# Vaccine

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be able to start receiving the vaccine around March 5.

"But, I wouldn't put a lot of stock in that date," Polis said Tuesday, noting that while he hopes Colorado will be able to move into 1B.3 sooner than March 5, the state doesn't know the vaccine quantities it will receive in March.

According to a Wednesday press release from San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH), almost 6.8 percent of Colorado's total population has been vaccinated, which is higher than the national average of 6.5 percent.

As of Tuesday, an estimated 19 percent of Archuleta County's total population had received its first dose of vaccine, including an estimated 42 percent of the county's 65 and older population (vaccine and census data is tracked for the age category 65+, though only those above 70 are eligible until Monday), according to SJBPH data.

Those figures include Phases 1A and 1B.1, which are high- and moderate-risk health care workers, long-term care facility staff and residents,

first responders and Coloradans age 70 and older.

As of Tuesday, Archuleta County had given 2,701 first and second doses, including 1,585 first doses for the 65+ group and 437 second doses to that group.

Of the 2,701 doses given as of Tuesday, SJBPH data indicates that Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) had done 2,601, Pagosa Medical Group had done 230 and City Market had done 62.

"They are probably one of the leading vaccine providers in the state relative to their size — their staff size and their budget," Devine said in thanking PSMC for its effort, adding, "Archuleta County ... is certainly, in terms of the total population and the 65-plus population vaccinated, one of the highest counties in the state."

PSMC reported in a press release Wednesday it had administered more than 2,694 doses since Dec. 16, 2020.

PSMC has been holding weekly mass-vaccination events (done through appointments only) and stated it plans to continue doing so as long as there is a supply of the

vaccine.

"We're prepared to administer 600 to 1,000 doses a week, but that's possible only if we receive enough vaccine supply," said Kathee Douglas, PSMC's chief operating officer and chief nursing officer. "We don't know how many doses we'll receive in a given week until a few days before they are shipped, so scheduling vaccinations is a challenge."

"Our weekly vaccine events require an enormous amount of advance scheduling and organization so that they run efficiently and safely for everyone. We have nurses, paramedics and administrative staff assuming a significant amount of additional work to assure that vaccines are reaching our community. While it is a real challenge for PSMC, we recognize it is one of the most important things we can do for our community," said PSMC CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb, adding that SJBPH does not have the staff to administer the vaccine or schedule appointments.

Archuleta County has four enrolled vaccine providers: Pagosa Springs Medical Center, Pagosa

Medical Group, City Market and Walmart.

SJBPH also suggests that people who have been vaccinated should follow quarantine guidance if they develop COVID-19 symptoms after getting the vaccine because it can take a few weeks to build immunity after vaccination. That means a person could be infected just before or just after vaccination.

The agency added that quarantine is not necessary once a person has received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine and two weeks have passed after the second dose. People who live or work in high-risk congregate settings may still be required to quarantine, even if fully vaccinated.

If an individual has COVID-19 symptoms after getting the vaccine, or at any time, they should contact their health care provider and get tested, the organization explained in a press release.

## I'm eligible now. How do I get the vaccine?

Archuleta County has four enrolled vaccine providers: Pagosa Springs Medical Center, Pagosa Medical Group, City Market and Walmart (Walmart is enrolled directly with the federal government).

PSMC and PMG are taking information for eligible community members who would like to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

For more information on vaccines through City Market, visit <https://www.citymarket.com/rx/guest/get-vaccinated>.

For more information on vaccines through Walmart, visit <https://www.walmart.com/cp/1228302>.

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**PSMC:**  
To make a reservation with PSMC, persons 65 and older and child care workers who live in Archuleta County should visit <https://pagosapringsmedicalcenter.org/vaccine> to complete and submit registration forms.

The following information was provided by PSMC.

Once the forms are received by PSMC, PSMC will add the eligible person to a master reservation list and thereafter PSMC will email that person an appointment time as doses become available.

Those who are unable to access the form online can call PSMC's vaccine line at 507-3995 and leave a message with six pieces of information:

- Full name.
- Date of birth.
- County of residence.
- Phone number.
- Email address.
- Which group applies to you.

PSMC will call those on its list to set up vaccine appointments.

People scheduled for vaccination must arrive for their appointment on time. Everyone arriving will be screened for temperature and COVID-19 symptoms, will need to sign a consent, receive a vaccination and be observed for a period of time post-vaccination. The entire process typically takes 30 minutes.

## PMG:

PMG will reach out to its eligible patients through phone calls, emails and portal messages to see if they would like the vaccine if they haven't

been able to get it yet.

To get an appointment, text 372-0456 (preferred), call the same number or email [info@pagosamedicalgroup.org](mailto:info@pagosamedicalgroup.org).

## State hotline:

Colorado also launched an additional COVID vaccine resource this week: 1-877-COVAX CO (1-877-268-2926).

That line is available Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Answers are available in multiple languages.

## I'm in another group. When will it be my turn?

Phase 2 of the plan, which is expected to begin in the spring, includes people aged 60-64, people 16-59 with certain health risk factors, and other essential workers.

Phase 3 is expected to begin in the summer and will include members of the general public aged 16-59.

SJBPH has launched a form — available at <https://bit.ly/35dzCLW> (English) or <http://bit.ly/2LvUI0v> (Spanish) or through SJBPH's vaccine page, <https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/> — for interested individuals to share their contact details to receive notifications when a vaccine becomes available for the phase they qualify for.

SJBPH explained that information provided to SJBPH will only be used to generate notifications of COVID-19 vaccine appointment availability. Email updates will likely come from a range of sources other than SJBPH.

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# State set to release COVID 'Dial 2.0'

By **Randi Pierce**  
Staff Writer

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) is expected to release an updated COVID-19 dial framework this week, called the "Dial 2.0."

That updated framework is anticipated to include special consideration for counties under 20,000 population.

The dial is "a tool that allows Colorado to balance the ongoing need to contain the COVID-19 virus with the need for localized guidance during the pandemic," a press release announcing the draft framework states.

On Tuesday, Gov. Jared Polis stated he anticipated the updated framework would be released Thursday or Friday.

"Coloradans have made significant sacrifices to reduce disease transmission, so it is time to update the dial to reflect this reality, plus the increasing number of people who are immunized," Jill Hunsaker Ryan, CDPHE executive director, is quoted as saying in the press release.

According to the press release, draft changes to the framework included:

- "An increase in the range of incidence metrics for all colors to better balance disease suppression with economic hardship, while preventing a breach in hospital capacity."
- "Moving to a 7-day metric of incidence rate, percent positivity of testing, and hospitalizations instead of a 14 day metric to more quickly respond to local conditions."
- "Decreasing the metric requirement for testing positivity rates in the yellow and orange levels to continue to promote testing as an important disease containment strategy."
- "Special consideration from CDPHE for counties under 20,000 population to determine the level

on the dial, accounting for weekly variability in the percent positivity of tests and disease incidence rates."

San Juan Basin Public Health's (SJBPH) Brian Devine, deputy incident commander for the agency's COVID-19 response and environmental health director, explained Tuesday that the agency got its first preview of the "Dial 2.0" on Saturday.

He added SJBPH has started internally looking at the seven-day numbers in order to be prepared when the dial is put into place.

"I think probably Archuleta County will start in whatever dial phase is indicated and because of its smaller population, there is the possibility that it would bounce around, and so there may be more consultation between San Juan Basin Public Health, the CDPHE and the county because, especially when you're going to seven-day metrics, with smaller populations, one day ... will really throw those numbers off," he said.

Devine also pointed out that testing will continue to be important for Archuleta County under the updated framework, noting that the number of tests completed in a day will be "really relevant" with a smaller population.

He noted that SJBPH wants to make sure that people continue to get tested if they have symptoms or have been notified of an exposure.

He added the people should test regularly if they are in a high-contact position.

"That would be a way to keep the positivity low," he said.

## Testing available

The free COVID-19 testing site at the fairgrounds, located at 344 U.S. 84, continues to be operated in partnership with COVIDCheck Colorado.

The testing takes place under the

all-weather Hughes Pavilion, with the site open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

You can register for your free test by going to [www.covidcheckcolorado.org](http://www.covidcheckcolorado.org) and selecting "Get My Test."

According to a COVIDCheck Colorado flier, "COVIDCheck Colorado uses a highly sensitive and reliable nasal mid-turbinate swab PCR test that is administered by licensed medical professionals. Please arrive wearing a mask."

Testing also continues to be available at a number of local health care facilities, including:

- Archuleta Integrated Health-care: 264-2104.
- Pagosa Medical Group (including rapid testing if deemed appropriate by a provider): 372-0456.
- Pagosa Springs Medical Center: 731-3700. The facility offers testing for symptomatic patients through its clinic.

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) encourages residents to get tested if they are symptomatic, think they've been exposed, or work in a high-contact position.

## Archuleta County COVID numbers

As of Wednesday's reported data, Archuleta County had 612 cumulative cases among Archuleta County residents since March, and three active outbreaks were listed on SJBPH's data dashboard.

On Jan. 1, Archuleta County was reported to have 491 cumulative cases.

Archuleta County was listed as having one death among COVID-19 cases as of Wednesday.

As of Tuesday afternoon, Archuleta County's two-week cumulative incident rate was 278.5 new cases per 100,000 population — in the orange range for the metric.

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# Facility

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The county did not initially accept the grant for design work as other funds were obtained through the Underfunded Courthouse Facility Commission (UCFC), which ensured that the county would have enough money to cover the design and construction costs of the new facility.

However, the BoCC still needed more funds to complete the facility with the additional courtroom and community room.

The county was denied an additional grant from the UCFC in December 2020. The county requested around \$800,000 for the addition and completion of the third courtroom and community room.

After being denied by the UCFC for the additional grant, the BoCC began looking into alternatives in order pay for a third courtroom and community room.

The commissioners have insisted that the third courtroom and community room will be essential to have with the new facility.

During a Jan. 26 special BoCC meeting held to approve a change order with Nunn Construction, Commissioner Warren Brown brought up the question of how much it would cost to have the third courtroom and community room constructed at a later time.

According to Nunn Construction Senior Project Manager Vinnie Mattivi, the cost to have the additional

courtroom and community room included with the current construction of the facility is estimated to be about half of what it would be to add the two rooms on at a later time.

Mattivi explained that, to have the rooms added at a later time, it would cost extra to have construction crews mobilized and stationed at the site again.

He also mentioned more costs would be incurred by having to demolish an exterior wall to add on to the facility at a later time.

Additionally, he noted the county may not be able to utilize part of the facility if the county were to have the additions constructed at a later time.

The additional grant from DOLA will allow the BoCC to build a shell for the additional rooms. More funding will be required to complete the interior of the rooms.

With construction already underway for the new facility, the BoCC has worked with DOLA to have the county's initial grant from April 2020 amended.

The amendment to the grant will allow for the funds to be put toward construction costs for the new facility.

According to the change order form presented at the meeting, the total additional costs for adding on the third courtroom and community room is \$405,470.63. This brings the total cost for the construction of the new facility to \$5,293,506.63.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez explained that the remaining \$83,573.63 required to build the shell for the third courtroom and community room will be budgeted from the county's Strategic Reserve Fund.

Maez also explained that the BoCC may be able to obtain additional funding at a later point to finish the interior of the additional rooms. He did not mention a specific time line as to when the interior of the additional rooms would be completed.

The new expected completion date of the construction of the justice facility is Oct. 20.

## Project manager resigns

In other related news, the project manager for the new justice facility, Joe Aldrich, owner of Synergy Construction Concepts, has resigned from his position as the justice facility project manager.

The BoCC accepted the resignation letter as part of its consent agenda at the board's Feb. 2 meeting.

Aldrich turned in his letter on Jan. 16, in which he stated, "It is clear to me that the county doesn't feel that the services of a Project Manager are useful for the construction of the courthouse building."

In a later interview, Aldrich stated, "The county is going to get a courthouse and it's going to be a nice building," but declined to comment any further on his resignation.

# Water

## ■ Continued from front

"There's geothermal lines right next to it. There's gas lines right next to it, there's electrical. All of it is in a really tight area, so it makes it very difficult to pull it all out and replace it all," he said.

In addition to navigating the crowded line space, Ramsey explained that it would also be a significant cost.

"It's not that the cost of the line is that much, it's just the manpower is going to be very difficult. You

can't just go out there with a backhoe and start digging because there are all those other lines. You pretty much got to suck it all out with a vac truck. It's going to be very difficult," he said.

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# Yamaguchi

## ■ Continued from front

Following the open house event, there will be a wrap-up summary presentation on Thursday, Feb. 11, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Ross Aragon Community Center, also available for in-person attendance or online attendance via the Zoom meeting platform. The summary meeting

will review the results of the public comments and data received during the open house event.

You can access the Yamaguchi South project background information, existing base map, online open house event and the summary presentation Zoom meeting link at [MyPagosa.org](http://MyPagosa.org).

For more information, you may contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 264-4151, ext. 231. Please visit [MyPagosa.org](http://MyPagosa.org) to learn more about the Yamaguchi South project and other upcoming town projects and to share your thoughts at different stages of projects as they progress.

# Vacancy

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That search committee, it was determined, will be Schulte and board director Karin Daniels.

In a memo to the board, Bruzese outlined a proposed timeline.

Per that timeline, the board clerk will verify the residency requirements of applicants the week of Feb. 22.

Over the weeks of March 1, March 8 and March 15, the search committee will review qualifications, resumes and statements of applicants, and will interview applicants "as needed/desired."

The committee will then form a recommendation to the board. The

search committee will make that recommendation to the board for a vote of the board on March 23.

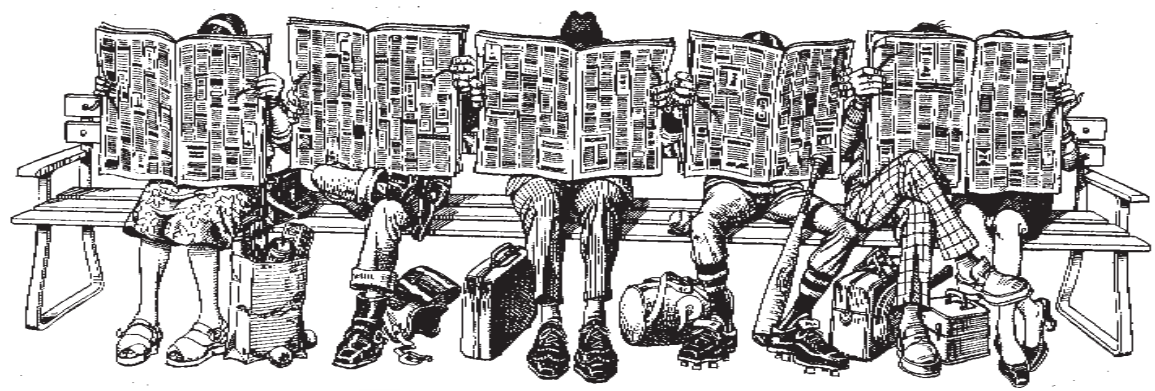
Per the bylaws, vacancies must be filled within 60 days following a resignation or removal, with Schulte pointing out, "So, coincidentally enough, the 60th day is our March board meeting."

Schulte also noted that board director Mark Zeigler volunteered to serve as interim treasurer following Campbell's resignation.

That meeting is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. and is open to the public via Zoom.

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# Business

## County unemployment rate climbs to 7.7 percent

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

Archuleta County's December unemployment rate fell below the state's unemployment rate despite climbing from the previous month, according to a Jan. 22 Colorado Department of Labor and Employment press release.

According to the press release, the state unemployment rate for December 2020 was listed at 8.4 percent.

Archuleta County's unemployment rate was listed at 7.7 percent for December 2020.

The state's unemployment rate is up from the last press release in December 2020, which listed it at 6.4 percent for November 2020.

Archuleta County's unemployment rate is also up from the last press release, which listed the county's unemployment rate at 5.8 percent for November 2020.

The latest press release states,

"According to the survey of households, Colorado's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased in December to 8.4 percent. The national unemployment rate was unchanged from November at 6.7 percent."

According to the press release, the number of nonfarm payroll jobs in the state decreased 20,300 from November 2020 to December 2020.

This statistic is based off survey responses from business establishments and government.

Nonfarm payroll jobs measure the number of workers excluding farmers.

Private-sector payroll nonfarm jobs also decreased, by 20,600, while 300 government jobs were added.

The press release states, "Since December 2019, nonfarm payroll jobs have decreased by 150,900, with losses totaling 120,100 in the private sector and 30,800 in government."

Private-industry sectors with significant job gains in December 2020 include:

- Trade, transportation and utilities at about 10,200.
- Professional and businesses at about 5,100.
- Construction at about 1,000.
- Education and health services at about 1,100.

Significant job loss occurred in leisure and hospitality, at about 36,100.

Colorado's rate of job loss over the past year is listed at -5.4 percent, while the U.S. rate of job loss is listed at -6.2 percent, according to the press release.

The state's labor force grew by 42,400 in December 2020, bringing the total labor force to 3,212,600.

The state's labor force reached its highest level since February 2020, when it was listed 69.4 percent.

The number of people employed in Colorado decreased by 24,400 in December 2020 to a total of 2,943,400, "which represents 63.3 percent of the state's 16+ population," the press release states.

The press release also notes that 191,500 of the 342,300 nonfarm payroll jobs lost between February and April 2020 have been gained back.

The press release states, "That translates to a job recovery rate of 55.9 percent, which marginally exceeds the U.S. rate of 55.6 percent."

According to the press release, the county with the highest unemployment rate is Pueblo County at 11.3 percent, followed by Huerfano County at 11 percent, Gilpin County at 10.6 percent, Costilla County at 10.1 percent and Clear Creek County at 9.6 percent.

According to the press release, "Over the year, the average workweek for all Colorado employees on private nonfarm payrolls decreased from 33.8 to 33.3 hours."

Meanwhile, "Average hourly earnings rose from \$31 to \$31.18, over a dollar and thirty cents more than the national average hourly earnings of \$29.81."

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## Biz Beat



Buckaroos Horse-Drawn Rides is a brand-new sleigh and wagon ride business in downtown Pagosa Springs. Owner-operator Buck Kois is pictured here driving Barb and Sue, a pair of 1,800-pound Percheron draft horses, while a family enjoys the ride. During the 30-minute experience, guests meet and pet the friendly horses, are entertained with fun facts and jokes from Buck, and sip hot cocoa while snuggled up on the sleigh. Views of the San Juan Mountains, hot springs and San Juan River provide plenty of photographing opportunities and lasting memories — and don't forget to take selfies with the horses. Reservations and walk-ups are welcome for all ages. Buckaroos is operating at the vacant lot next to 323 Hot Springs Blvd. now through March, and plans to offer wagon rides all summer long. For more information and booking, visit [BuckaroosRides.com](http://BuckaroosRides.com).

## Coulehan named Region 9 Economic Development Leader of the Year

By Stephani Burditt  
Region 9 Economic Development District

Mary Jo Coulehan, Archuleta County resident and director of the Pagosa Springs Chamber, has been awarded the Ed Moran Economic Development Leader of the Year by the Region 9 Economic Development District Board of Directors.



Coulehan

Coulehan was recognized at Region 9's board of directors meeting held Jan. 28. She was honored for her volunteer involvement to improve local, regional and state communities.

Every year, Region 9 honors a southwest Colorado resident that goes beyond their paid position and makes a significant positive impact in our regional economy. This year, they honored one of their own as Coulehan has served on the board of directors of Region 9 for nine years. She serves on the Executive Committee of Club 20, the El Pomar SW Regional Council and numerous Archuleta County based boards of directors.

"Mary Jo has been nominated before, but due to her position on the Region 9 board, she would pull her name from consideration. This year, the board overrode her hesitation and approved this nomination," said Laura Lewis Marchino, executive director of Region 9.

For more information, please contact Region 9 at 247-9621.

## Region 9 executive director elected chair for state economic development organization

By Stephani Burditt  
Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado

Laura Lewis Marchino, executive director of the Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado, has been elected chair of the Economic Development Council of Colorado (EDCC) Board of Directors for 2021.



Lewis Marchino

Marchino, who has served on the EDCC board since 2015 as a southwest Colorado representative, was approved at the December meeting. The EDCC is a statewide association that works to strengthen Colorado's economy through the training of economic development professionals, local and state leaders as well as advocating public policies that enhance economic opportunity.

"I think just about everyone is

happy it is 2021 and I just hope to help support our economic development professionals across the state. I know how important economic development professionals are in good times, not to mention helping our economy recover and stay resilient," said Marchino.

Marchino has worked in economic and community development since 2000 and has a BA in journalism and mass communications, master's in business administration and is a Certified Economic Developer. She serves on numerous boards of directors, including the National Association of Development Organization's Board of Directors since 2009.

The EDCC Board of Directors is made up of members and officers that represent communities across state, state agencies and private-sector economic development stakeholders. They include members from five state regions, five discretionary, executive and ex-officio members.

For more information on the EDCC, please go to <https://edc-online.org/>.

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## County approved for new 5 Star State Certification Program

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

Businesses in Archuleta County may be able to operate under reduced restrictions through the new 5 Star State Certification Program being rolled out by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE).

On Jan. 28, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) received a letter from the CDPHE notifying them that the county has been approved for the program, "contingent on metric eligibility."

The program is designed to help businesses accelerate in their reopening process.

According to the CDPHE website, "Depending on where their county or municipality falls on the COVID-19 dial, certified businesses are eligible for less restrictive capacity caps."

The letter notes that the county meets the percent positivity and hospitalization metric criteria for the program, but has not met the incidence rate metric criteria.

Once the county meets the two-week cumulative incident rate of less than 350/100,000 population and sustains it for seven consecutive days, the CDPHE will confirm that the county is approved to proceed.

Attached in the letter is a graph depicting the county's two-week cumulative incident rate as 364.2 per 100,000 from Jan. 14 through Jan. 27.

Meanwhile, the CDPHE has allowed the county to pre-certify businesses "so that they may begin operating under the 5 Star program as soon as the county receives final approval from CDPHE," the letter states.

Additionally, in order to be approved and continue operating

under the 5 Star program, the county is required to provide weekly updates to San Juan Basin Public Health and the CDPHE that must include the following:

- Number of new applications from businesses for the program.
- Number of trained inspectors.
- Number of inspections conducted.
- Number of businesses that fail the inspection.
- New certifications granted to businesses.
- Any complaints received at the county level.
- Any warnings issued to certified businesses.
- And, if any certifications have been revoked.

The CDPHE notes that businesses may receive only one warning for noncompliance before having their certification revoked.

According to the letter, "once Archuleta County meets the disease

incidence rate metric and can begin implementing the program, CDPHE will be reviewing your metrics within 14 days to determine continued participation in the program."

The letter also notes that if Archuleta County sees a significant rise in cases, percent positivity or hospitalizations, the CDPHE may suspend the 5 Star program.

Additionally, the program will be suspended if the ICU hospital capacity reaches 90 percent in the county.

According to a graph attached in the letter, Archuleta County's ICU hospitalization capacity was at 64 percent as of Jan. 27.

For more information on the program and how to apply, visit the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation website at: <https://pagosaspingscdc.org/business-in-pagosa-springs/5-star-program/>.

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## BoCC approves contract with engineering consultant for solid waste facilities

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

At a Jan. 19 regular meeting of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), the BoCC voted unanimously to approve a contract with Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH) as engineering consultants for the county's solid waste facilities.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez noted that SEH is based out of Durango, making it more feasible for the county to contact them with any questions or concerns about the county's solid waste facilities.

In November 2020, a tear in the geomembrane of the county's landfill led to the discovery of excessive amounts of leachate gathering in the landfill.

Leachate is water that leaks down through the garbage in the landfill. This fluid is then pumped from the bottom of the landfill to the surface in order for it to evaporate.

Maez explained that SEH will be assisting in reversing the damage caused to the landfill's geomembrane, along with other operations.

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## Colorado tax incentives available for wildfire mitigation

By Bill Trimarco  
Wildfire Adapted Partnership

Wildfire is the greatest natural threat across most of Colorado. The state is well aware of this and has a generous incentive for those who do mitigation work on their property. If you did work in 2020 to make your property safer, you can subtract 50 percent of the costs from your taxable Colorado income, up to a maximum of \$2,500.

If you are a resident and have done work to reduce fuels and wildfire threats, you can claim this subtraction on your Colorado state tax return. You cannot count your own time and labor, but payments

to a contractor, the purchase of a chain saw or rental of an all-terrain vehicle, truck, tractor or trailer are eligible. The chain saw or equipment rental must be primarily for mitigation work that follows the standards for creating defensible space around structures, creating fuel breaks, thinning vegetation for wildfire and various methods for dealing with woody slash.

The Colorado State Forest Service, Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control, and the National Fire Protection Association all have similar guidelines for wildfire mitigation that can help protect your home. Wildfire Adapted Partnership, a local nonprofit, works with these organi-

zations to offer guidance and planning for your wildfire protection.

FYI Income 65 explains all the details. You will need to provide copies of receipts to back up your claim. The Colorado Department of Revenue publication can be found at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/Income65.pdf>.

The income subtraction will remain in effect through 2024 if you are planning more work for the future, too.

If you have any questions about this or other wildfire protection issues, you can contact Bill Trimarco, Wildfire Adapted Partnership, at [btrimarco@wildfireadapted.org](mailto:btrimarco@wildfireadapted.org) or 398-0305.

## Southwest Colorado has four counties that qualify for enhanced Enterprise Zone tax credits

By Stephani Burditt  
Region 9

The Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) has updated the list of counties that qualify for Enhanced Rural Enterprise Zone (EREZ) status, and Dolores, Montezuma and San Juan counties, as well as eligible areas in Archuleta, make the list beginning in 2021. They join 31 other counties with a higher level of economic hardship and are provided additional incentives to encourage job creation and improve economic conditions.

Every two years, OEDIT is charged

by the statutes (C.R.S. 39-30-103.2) to evaluate specific economic distress metrics for rural counties that contain Enterprise Zones (EZ), and to designate such EZs as EREZs if they meet two of the five criteria. Montezuma is new to the list in 2021.

Businesses within designated EZs in EREZ counties can earn an additional \$2,000 Colorado income tax credit for each new employee hired on top of the \$1,000 EZ Employee Tax Credit; if the business is an agricultural processor, there is an additional \$500 credit. The other EZ tax credits, including the Investment Tax Credit, are the same as those for non-EREZ areas.

The evaluation criteria includes:

- County unemployment rate greater than 50 percent above state average.
- County per capita income less than 75 percent of state average.
- County population growth rate less than 25 percent of state average.
- Total nonresidential assessed value ranks in lower half of all counties.
- County population less than 5,000.

For more information on the program, call the Region 9 Economic Development District at 247-9621 or go to <https://oedit.colorado.gov/enterprise-zone-program>.

## Town council approves one-year lease extension with Chamber of Commerce

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council approved a one-year lease extension for the Pagosa Springs Visitor Center between the Town of Pagosa Springs and the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce at a regular meeting on Tuesday.

The town has rented out space within the Visitor Center to the Chamber of Commerce for various uses, according to agenda documentation.

These uses included office and conference room use, and agenda documentation outlines that this rental agreement has been in place since May of 2016.

In 2019, a new agreement was executed which gave a one-year initial term with two optional extensions that had to be mutually agreed upon, agenda documentation explains.

The one-year extension for 2021 include no proposed changes to the terms of the agreement, Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained.

Currently, the Chamber pays \$971.18 per month, 50 percent of

utilities and five-sixths of the phone bill costs.

Phillips noted that there are plans to repave the parking lot and for a roof replacement at the Visitor Center for this year.

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# Education

## Pirates place at state speech and debate tournament

By Kristin Morehouse  
Pagosa Springs High School

Six Pirates competed at the Colorado state speech and debate tournament hosted by the Colorado High School Activities Association on Jan. 29 and 30.

Junior Caroline Smith (Pagosa Springs High School) placed ninth in Colorado and sophomore Amaris Webb (San Juan Mountain School) placed eighth in Colorado.

Both Smith and Webb competed with 10-minute performances that were different types of literature stitched together to make a powerful message.

Both of these program oral interpreters made strong social statements of their own by combining

published works of others including dialogues, songs, statistics and poems. They took the opportunity to view the world in a critical light while also delivering a positive empowering message to their listeners.

Two students, a freshman and another sophomore, Marie Smith and Carter Kasson, held civil yet impassioned debates with students from across the state of Colorado in One on One Value Debate. Kasson advanced out of prelims to octofinals before being eliminated. Topics discussed were varied and included whether or not schools should require a computer class as a graduation requirement and whether or not grocery stores should sell out-of-season fruit.

One on One Value Debate is an

impromptu event which offers each competitor 30 minutes to craft two opposing debate cases, one that affirms the resolutions and one that negates it. Debaters then flip a coin (virtually) with their judge. One person selects the side they prefer and their competitor selects whether they want to speak first or second. Competitors must be able to think flexibly and quickly as well as be able to keep their thoughts organized while they are expressing them.

Listening is a key component in debate as in life. You cannot have a civil conversation, an academic debate, without listening to the ideas of your opponent and reflecting on them. Value Debate and Lincoln Douglas debate both have an overt discussion of the underlying values impacting the issues of the round. This is called the framework because it is the lens that each debater wants the round to be judged through.

Ruth Ann Morehouse and David Morehouse competed in Lincoln Douglas Debate, which requires re-

search and evidence. The resolution that they affirmed and negated was whether or not states ought to ban lethal autonomous weapons. Arguments they made and encountered were in the realm of international affairs, STEM artificial intelligence, and moral philosophies of killing and war. They both had several very close rounds and displayed excellent sportsmanship with their competitors.

This is the Pirates' fourth year to attend the Colorado state competition and they have improved each year. This marks the end of the state season.

The team will complete a community outreach tournament that teaches service while introducing elementary and middle school students to the world of speech and debate on National Speech and Debate Education Day in March. Details of the virtual event will be shared soon. The speech and debate team has been training together virtually since September.

## School district receives behavioral health grant, amends budget

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Archuleta School District (ASD) was recently notified that it would be receiving \$200,000 in behavioral health grant funding from the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) for the next five years — part of about \$2 million in grants recently obtained by the district.

ASD Superintendent Dr. Kym LeBlanc-Esparza told the ASD Board of Education about the grant at its Jan. 12 meeting, explaining, "This week we were approached by CDE regarding health and wellness. The state's been awarded \$1.8 million per year for the next five years to put toward behavioral and mental health support for students through a project called Project Aware."

She noted that the state approached her to see if ASD, in partnership with Ignacio, would be willing to be one of three local education agencies across the state.

"It would mean \$200,000 per year for the next five years toward behavioral health and mental health. And, as you've heard this evening, our students need that," she said. Prior

to the announcement, the board heard from families and educators concerns over students' mental health with the pandemic and remote learning.

LeBlanc-Esparza followed the news with the fact that ASD has netted an increase of \$2 million in grant funds for the district since the beginning of the school year.

Those grants include about \$1.2 million in additional COVID-relief stimulus and \$241,000 in Secure Rural Schools funding and were reflected in the district's budget amendment approved on Jan. 26.

The budget amendment also included a number of adjustments to reflect the revenues and expenses being realized by the district compared to the original budget.

The district's 2020-2021 adopted budget included net revenues of \$16,268,683, expenses of \$16,974,771, leaving the district with a budget deficit of \$706,088.

The revised budget approved last week reflects net revenues of \$15,852,271, expenses of \$16,176,787, and past and pending staffing changes of \$62,300, leaving the district with a budget deficit of \$262,216.

## Speech competitors place in virtual tournament

Pagosa Springs High School

Amaris Webb from San Juan Mountain School placed first and Caroline Smith from Pagosa Springs High School placed second in the virtual Pennsylvania Towanda Tournament on Jan. 31.

Both students competed with original arrangements in program oral interpretation, making statements about modern-day equity issues using poems, song, books and statistics.

Their voices and their interpretive pieces have blossomed since they began their work the first week of school in early September. Their success is hard won and the strength of their performances has been appreciated all the way to Pennsylvania. Their accolades are hard won and well deserved.

Coach Kristin Morehouse wrote in an email, "... a kind generous lady in Pennsylvania made [it] happen for our speech students. When she

had to reschedule the tournament because her husband was in the hospital, I said that it was the same weekend as our state tournament and that we would not be able to cover our judging obligation. She offered to still allow our entries. Her husband was sent home on hospice the day the tournament was to run, she went forward with the tournament even though he needed quite a bit of care. A generous donor paid for all of the tournament entry fees, so our students received awards at the hands of anonymous hardworking strangers committed to the good for our society speech activities bring forth. Truly and literally, the gifts of strangers in Pennsylvania, in the midst of a pandemic, brightened our lives here in Pagosa Springs."

## Pagosa Peak Open School receives RISE grant

Colorado League of Charter Schools

The Colorado League of Charter Schools recently announced that Colorado charter schools have been selected to receive \$1.48 million in a grant from Colorado Gov. Jared Polis' Recovery Innovation and Student Equity (RISE) fund. The fund supports innovative solutions to help state students affected by the economic, social and health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$1.48 million grant will be shared among 13 charter schools and one Denver Public Schools innovation zone school. The schools will use the funds to improve engagement — and subsequently achievement — for students, including diverse learners, through the Increasing Diverse Learner Engagement and Achievement (IDLEA) Project. The project focuses on assessing student engagement, creating support and tools for schools to increase that engagement, and then sharing those lessons with the state's 261 public charter schools and 4,570 traditional public schools across the state.

The schools involved in this grant are Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS), Academy 360, Animas High School, Carbondale Community School, Girls Athletic Leadership School (high school), Girls Athletic Leadership School (middle school), Global Village Academy, McAuliffe International School (Denver Public Schools innovation zone school), New Legacy Charter School, REACH Charter School, Rocky Mountain Classical Academy, Steamboat Montessori (formerly Mountain Village Montessori), STRIVE Prep Montbello and Thomas MacLaren School.

"PPOS looks forward to collaborating with the other charter schools to improve our practices related to student engagement. We are always looking for ways to engage all learners in real-world projects. This opportunity will allow us to grow as educators and share the knowledge we gain with other schools," said PPOS School Director Angela Reali-Crossland. "As education adjusts to these difficult times, we hope to lead the way for innovation in our region."

## Pagosa Springs Elementary School Scholar of the Week



Photo courtesy Kendra Bridges

Kynsley Williams is fearless, volunteering to read and share her thoughts to the class. She is hardworking and maintains her focus until all her work is done. She is persistent, ready to fix her mistakes and try again. She is vibrant, both with her smile and the way she interacts with her classmates.

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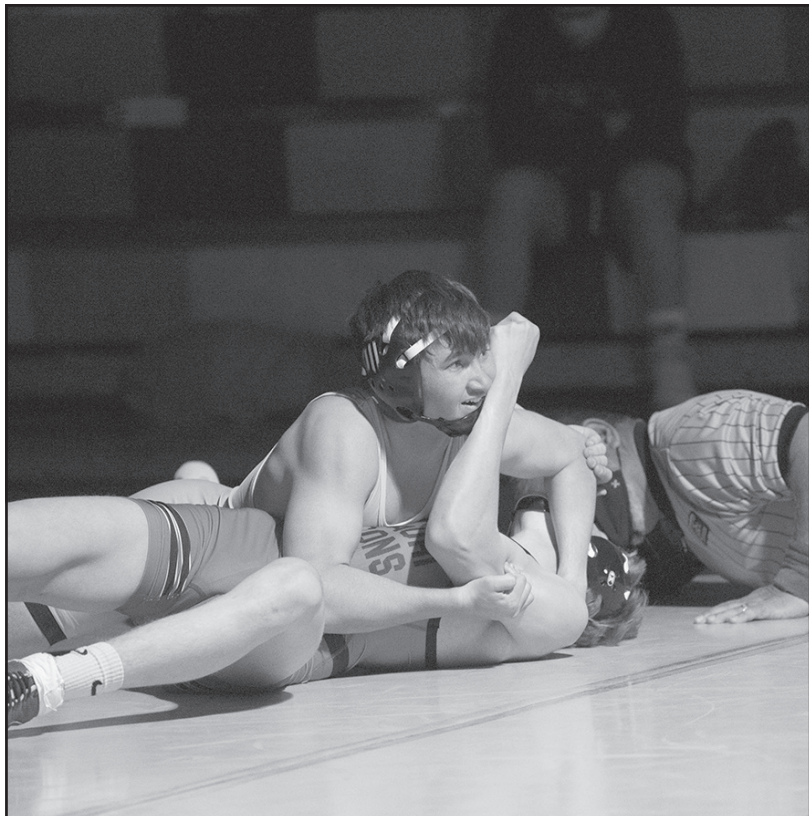


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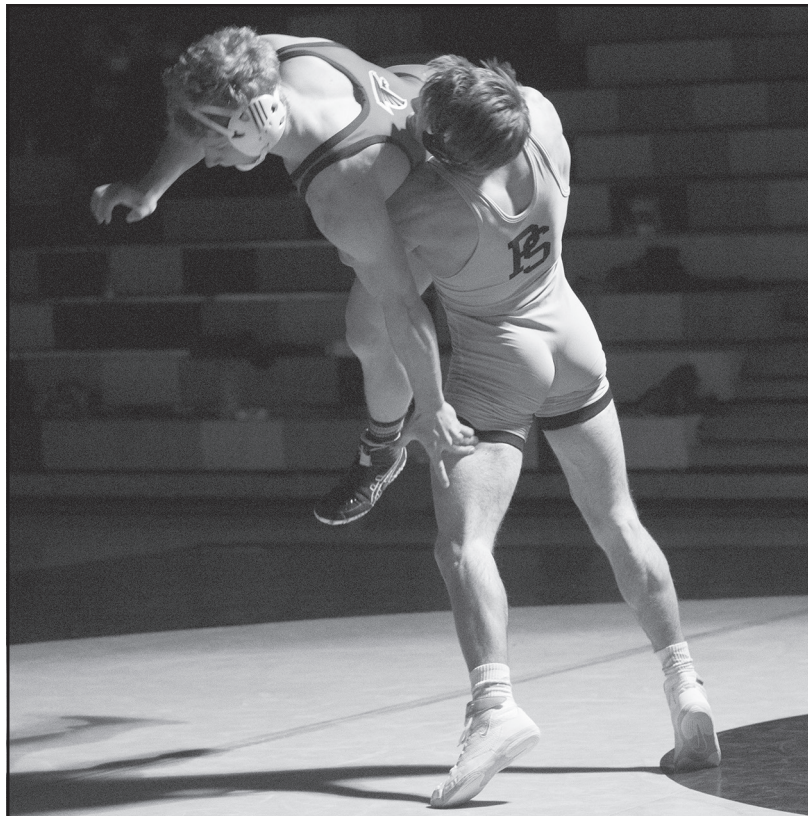


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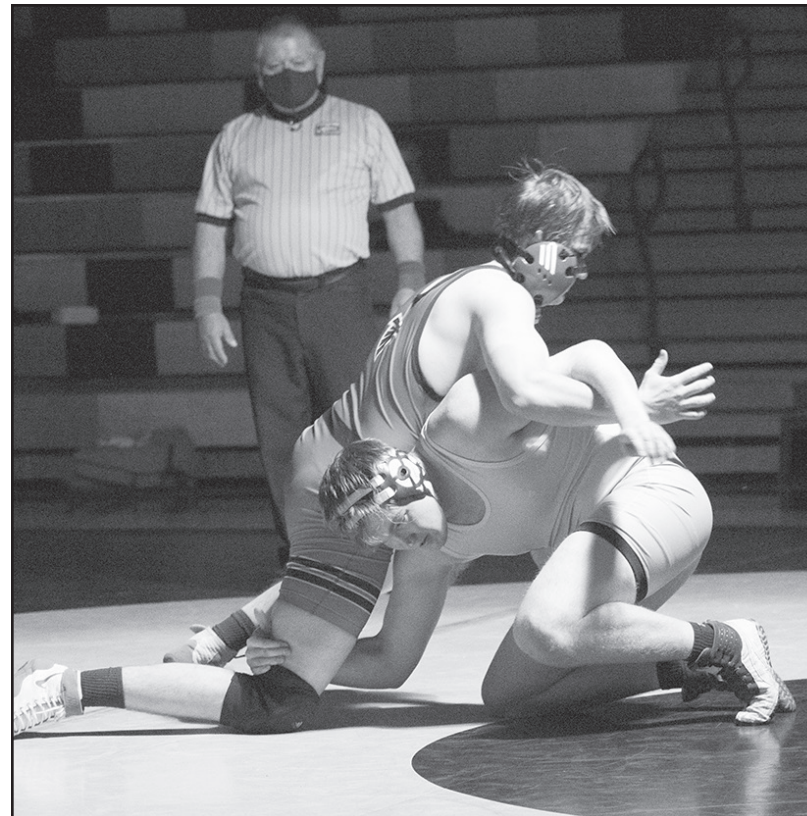
## WRESTLING



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Trevor Torrez looks at the match clock while attempting to pin his opponent Saturday. Torrez went 1-1 on the day, defeating his opponent from Centauri and losing against his opponent from Montezuma-Cortez.

Senior Brae Bergdolt lifts his Falcon opponent into the air. Bergdolt won his match against Centauri by a 7-2 decision, earning three points for the Pirates in their 54-14 victory over the Falcons.

Trevor Moore looks to find a way to take down his opponent from Centauri High School. Moore went 2-0 on the day, winning both matches by pins.

# Pirates dominate Falcons, Panthers in season opener

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate wrestling team began the season with two victories in last weekend's tri-meet match with the Centauri High School Falcons and the Montezuma-Cortez High School Panthers/Dolores High School.

Montezuma-Cortez is combined with Dolores High School to fill out rosters.

On Jan. 30, the Pirates defeated the Falcons with a team score of 54-14.

The Falcons were ranked No. 2 in the state's 2A division preseason rankings released by CHSAA Now.org.

Coach Dan Janowsky noted that the Pirates faced some good competition this week, specifically the Falcons.

"Centauri is a tough opponent; they've got a really good lineup," he said.

Freshman Luke Tressler made his varsity wrestling debut in the 113-pound weight class. Tressler was the only freshman in the

varsity lineup for last weekend's tri-meet match.

After falling behind early, Tressler was able to pin his opponent, Mario Vigil of the Falcons five minutes and 38 seconds into the match and earned the Pirates six points in the match.

After having to sit out previous seasons due to injuries, senior Grant Aucoin was able to get back out on the mat and compete for the first time in more than two years in the 170-pound weight class.

Aucoin defeated his opponent, Zach Buhr of the Falcons, by a 3-1 decision and earned the Pirates three points.

Janowsky pointed out that Aucoin was able to earn some crucial points late in his match.

He added that Aucoin wrestled "smart and poised" and was able to capitalize on his opportunities to earn points.

A crucial win for the Pirates was in the 152-pound weight class, with Brae Bergdolt defeating Jordan Marin of the Falcons by a 7-2 decision to earn three points.

Again, it was a case of falling

behind early, but being able to pull out some crucial points at the end to get the victory, Janowsky described.

Janowsky added that Bergdolt had a "solid and good" performance and was able to keep calm in order to get an important win for his team.

"He had to work hard to get it and those are the best kind," Janowsky said of Bergdolt's victory.

Erik Wyman earned six points for the Pirates by pinning his opponent one minute and 57 seconds into the match.

Trevor Torrez earned three points against the Falcons by defeating his opponent with a 5-0 decision in the 126-pound weight class.

Tommy Barker earned four points by defeating his opponent in the 126-pound weight class by a major decision of 11-1.

EJ Monterroso defeated his opponent in the 138-pound weight class with a 3-1 decision and earned three points.

Dylan Tressler was defeated by his opponent in the 145-pound

weight class by a 4-3 decision.

Wil Aucoin was pinned by his opponent in the 182-pound weight class, giving the Falcons six points.

Trevor Moore was able to pin his opponent in the 195-pound weight class three minutes and 19 seconds into the match, earning six points.

The Pirates forfeited in the 106-pound weight class.

The Falcons forfeited in the 160-pound, 220-pound and 285-pound weight classes.

On the same day, the Pirates also defeated Montezuma-Cortez/Dolores with a team score of 60-14.

Wil Aucoin earned the Pirates six points in their match against Montezuma-Cortez/Dolores by pinning his opponent, Hunter Goodall, one minute and 11 seconds into the match.

Monterroso pinned his opponent two minutes and 42 seconds into the match in the 138-pound weight class.

Luke Tressler was defeated by his opponent in the 113-pound weight class by a 8-1 decision.

Torrez was defeated by his opponent in the 126-pound weight

class. Torrez was pinned one minute and 43 seconds into the match.

Barker lost to his opponent in the 126-pound weight class by a technical fall four minutes into the match.

Montezuma-Cortez/Dolores forfeited in the 120-pound, 145-pound, and 220-pound weight classes.

Moore was able to earn the Pirates six points in his match against Dolores' Gabe Allred. Moore pinned Allred three minutes and 26 seconds into the match.

Janowsky was pleased overall with his team's performance from last weekend's match, saying, "We did a really good job in all of our phases. They put in a good first weekend."

He noted that even in the matches that were lost, he saw some good things he hopes to be able to build on throughout the remainder of the season.

"The guys came in ready. They've been wonderful to coach. I couldn't ask for much more in the way they prepared themselves," Janowsky said.

The Pirates have had limited practice time due to inclement weather and COVID restrictions, but were "ready to compete at their highest level," Janowsky said.

He added, "That being our first match, we couldn't ask for more, but we can now that we've seen it. We can get more, we can get sharper on our feet."

Janowsky explained that the team will be faced with multiple different wrestling styles in this

weekend's competitions.

He noted each opponent in this weekend's competition may use different techniques and have different wrestling philosophies, so the Pirates have been preparing how to compete with those different styles.

He noted that he is hoping the team can make some adjustments to be more active with their hands and feet to work on setting up better angles for different take-downs and other maneuvers.

He mentioned some of these small adjustments can lead to big point opportunities.

"We want more action on our feet," he said.

Janowsky also noted the Pirate's opponents for this weekend's matches are "traditional powerhouses."

"We have a lot of respect for their kids and their coaches. They're good opponents, so that'll be another good test for us," Janowsky said.

Pagosa will host Monte Vista this Friday, Feb. 5, at 5 p.m.

The dual is slated to be livestreamed at <https://www.facebook.com/mypagosaschools>.

On Saturday, Feb. 6, the Pirates will travel to Alamosa to face off against three more opponents.

The Pirates will face the Lamar Savages at 9 a.m., the No. 7 Alamosa Mean Moose at 10 a.m. and the Florence Huskies at noon.

The quad meet will be available for viewing through a subscription with NFHS Network.

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## SWIM

# Lady Pirates swim team set to dive into third season

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate swim team's 2021 season, like most things in the past year, will look a little different due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but the team is still looking to continue to grow in its third season.

Last season, the Lady Pirates ended their season at the Western Slope Regionals as no Lady Pirates qualified for the state tournament, finishing 11th out of 11 teams at the event.

This season, the Lady Pirates are "bound" to guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Colorado High School Activities Association, Coach Heather Miller explained in an email on Monday.

These requirements have made it so that masks must be worn on the pool deck and locker rooms, and athletes must be monitored

for symptoms and have their temperatures taken, Miller described.

Limitations on the number of students in each swim lane and assigned seating on bus rides that take students to meets are also part of the guidelines, she added further.

Additionally, during competitions there can only be 50 people in total at a meet, which includes both teams and all officials.

Miller also noted that attendance at meets will be different depending on the county the Lady Pirates are competing in.

"Really, we're just practicing being safe and demonstrating that to our students. Due to these constraints, we had a very short preseason," Miller wrote, adding that some swimmers have opted out of the season due to COVID-19 concerns.

Heading into her third season at the helm of the Lady Pirates, Miller explained that she wants the Lady

Pirates to encourage and support each other while also showing leadership and a strong work ethic.

"If this were a full season with an entire pre-season, we'd expect a couple of our individuals and perhaps both of our relays to qualify for post-season races. This year, our expectations are to stay healthy and compete as much and as best as we can," she wrote.

Currently, the Lady Pirates have 14 swimmers on the team — 10 fewer than last season, which Miller again attributed to COVID-19 concerns.

Currently, the Lady Pirates have two seniors on the team, captains Amelia Laverty and Madeline Metzger.

To begin the 2021 season, the Lady Pirates will travel to Delta High School for the Delta meet, with varsity action kicking off tomorrow at 1 p.m.

"For some of our first time swimmers, it will be a fun (and a

little daunting) experience, but our veteran swimmers will support and cheer them on to success. We're looking forward to having a season, albeit a short one, and are excited to compete at Delta this weekend," Miller wrote.

### Schedule

The following schedule for Lady Pirate swimming was accurate as of Feb. 2, but is subject to change.

Following the season opener in Delta on Feb. 5 at 1 p.m., the Lady Pirates will travel to Gunnison to compete on Feb. 19 at 1 p.m.

Tentatively scheduled for Feb. 20 at 9 a.m. is a possible regular-season finale in Durango, according to the Lady Pirates' schedule.

Following the regular season, the Lady Pirates will compete in the Western Slope Regional Meet at Colorado Mesa University on March 5 and March 6, with times to be determined.

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## BASKETBALL

# Pirates go 1-1 in week's action

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate basketball team went 1-1 over the last week, moving the team to a 1-2 record on the season.

The week's action started with a Jan. 29 matchup against the Bayfield Wolverines.

"I thought the kids did a really good job defensively in that game," coach Wes Lewis said, adding he thinks the team has done well defensively in all three games this season.

The Pirates took an early lead against Bayfield, leading 13-5 at the end of the first quarter.

Pagosa scored another 13 in the second quarter while limiting Bayfield to eight, giving the Pirates a 26-13 halftime lead.

The Pirates bested the Wolverines again in the third, 19-13, extending their lead to 45-26.

The Wolverines outscored Pagosa in the fourth, 15-12, but the Pirates walked away with the 57-41 win.

"Rebounding was a little bit of an issue against Bayfield," Lewis said, noting it got a little better in the second half.

He added, "Bayfield's a pretty strong, physical team, so we kind of got beat up on the board more than we should have."

Too, he noted, "We shot the ball really well ... I thought we did a good job attacking Bayfield's zone in the second half. In the first half, ... we were able to get some looks out of our half-court offense stuff."

Two Pirates scored 20 points in the game: Gunner Dozier and Mitch Lewis.

Dozier's points came in the form of six 3-pointers and a pair of free throws. He also contributed five rebounds, an assist and four steals.

Lewis put up two three-pointers. He also contributed six rebounds.

Aiden O'Donnell put up 12 points in the game, as well as tallying five rebounds, four assists and two steals.

Dylan Manzanares added five points, which included a 3-pointer, to the team's total, as well as a pair of rebounds and an assist.

Wyatt Zeigler pulled down 10 rebounds and logged three assists for the Pirates, while Kayson Shahan added a rebound.

Pagosa made eight of 15 attempts from the free-throw line and tallied 18 turnovers.

Tuesday evening, Pagosa traveled to Alamosa to take on the Mean Moose, but were unable to return home with a win.

Instead, the team logged a 41-31 loss.

"I thought we were good enough defensively. You know, I mean, you held a team to 41," the coach said, adding, "I just think ... we've just gotta be better offensively. ... You've got to be able to score more than 31."

Pagosa was down 22-17 at halftime.

The Mean Moose bested the Pirates 7-3 in the third quarter and

12-11 in the final period, leaving the Pirates with their second loss of the season.

"We were right there a lot of the time," Wes Lewis said. "We'd get down, we'd come back ... we'd get down, we'd come back. You know, it was a four-point game in the fourth quarter. We were chipping at it, chipping at it — just never could quite get over the hump, similar to Monte Vista."

Mitch Lewis put up seven points in the game, including a 3-pointer, rebounded the ball six times, had three assists and stole the ball once.

Manzanares and O'Donnell followed with six points each.

Manzanares' points came in the form of two 3-pointers, and he logged two assists.

O'Donnell had one 3-pointer in the game, as well as six rebounds and two steals.

In his first game of the season, Wyatt Shuhart put up five points, including a 3-pointer, and contributed four rebounds, an assist and two steals.

Logan Harper put up a 3-pointer in the fourth quarter, as well as tallying a rebound.

**"We were right there a lot of the time," coach Wes Lewis said. "We'd get down, we'd come back ... we'd get down, we'd come back."**

Zeigler and Shahan each put up two points in the game, with Zeigler also logging four rebounds and Shahan pulling down two.

The team made five of 14 shots from the free-throw line and had 12 turnovers.

"We didn't shoot the ball very good from the free-throw line. We could have certainly put ourselves in a much better position making some free throws," the coach said, "and didn't shoot the ball very good from the field in the first half."

Wes Lewis credited the Alamosa defense.

The team was without Dozier for the affair.

"You've gotta have that next-man-up mentality," the coach said, noting that the team needs to do better when it's without a player.

But, the coach said he's not disappointed.

He noted, "I expected the season to have ups and downs, highs and lows. ... What we've gotta do a better job of is bein' more consistent."

He noted that he hopes time will help with the team's offense, passing and capitalizing on opportunities.

"We've just gotta continue to improve," he said.

This week, the Pirates will host the 2A Sargent Farmers on Thursday at 6 p.m.

The Farmers are 0-2 on the sea-



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Pirate Gunner Dozier puts up a 3-point shot during the team's Jan. 29 win over the Bayfield Wolverines. Dozier scored 20 of Pagosa's 57 points in the game, including making six 3-pointers.

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"We'll be going into it a little bit blind," the coach said. "The biggest thing for us, the most important thing for us, is just to go get better at our stuff and do what we do and ... be strongly defensively like we have been and be a little sharper offensively."

The coach added that when you go into a game blind the one thing you can control is your defense.

Spectators are not allowed at this time, but the game is set to be livestreamed at <https://www.facebook.com/mypagosaschools>.

Then, on Friday, the team will travel to Del Norte for a 6:30 p.m. contest with the 2A Tigers, who are 3-1 on the season.

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# BASKETBALL

## Lady Pirates improve to 3-0 on season

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The No. 8 Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirates picked up a pair of wins over the last week to improve to 3-0 on the season.

The Lady Pirates began the week's action by hosting the Bayfield Wolverines Friday and sending the Wolverines home with a 59-20 loss.

Pagosa held a narrow 11-9 lead over Bayfield at the end of the first quarter.

By halftime, the Lady Pirates had extended that lead to 25-14.

Pagosa broke the game open by scoring 21 points in the third quarter while limiting Bayfield to four, and bested their visitors 13-2 in the fourth.

"We settled in in the second half," coach Charles Rand said, indicating that the team is still not coming out of the gates blazing. "I guess every coach wants them to come out of the gates blazing glory ..., but it's a work in progress."

He noted it took the team time to settle in and gain confidence and to transition its defense to offense.

The coach also praised Bayfield for the Wolverines' hard work.

"They played really hard," he said, adding, "They kind of had us back on our heels a little bit."

Adelyn Dozier led the Lady Pirates on the night with 19 points, which included a trio of 3-pointers. She also logged four rebounds, five assists, a block and four steals.

Kori Lucero followed with a dozen points, which included one 3-pointer, as well as five rebounds, three assists, a block and two steals.

Molly Graham put up 11 points, pulled down seven rebounds, and had an assist, two blocks and three steals.

Chantelle Cadwell scored nine points, which she complemented with four rebounds, five assists and four steals.

Four Lady Pirates put up two points each: Keira Torrez, River Pitcher, Bea Carpenter and Kelby Vigil.

Torrez also logged two rebounds, an assist and two steals. Pitcher added an assist and a block. Carpenter had two rebounds and two blocks. Vigil also contributed a steal.

Pagosa made four of 15 chances from the charity stripe for a 36 percent success rate, and turned the ball over 11 times.

Rand noted that the team still needs to dial in more on its transition defense, but noted the team's work on the execution on the offensive side of the ball is beginning to bear fruit.

"I just gotta keep reminding myself it's just game two, and we are getting better," he said, adding later that the first time he talked to the team he told them, "If the ball's in your hand, you need to be a threat on the floor."

He also noted that the team needs the freedom to play and make mistakes.

On Tuesday evening, the Lady Pirates took on the No. 15 Alamosa Mean Moose in Alamosa.

The team returned home with a 36-17 win.

"We didn't play perfect, but we played perfect enough," the coach said.

Pagosa held a 10-7 lead at the end of the first quarter, but were outscored 5-4 in the second quarter, giving the Lady Pirates a two-



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**Lady Pirate Keira Torrez puts up a shot against the Bayfield Wolverine's during the Lady Pirates' 59-20 win on Jan. 29. Torrez tallied two points, two rebounds, an assist and two steals in the game.**

point lead at halftime.

The Lady Pirates pulled away in the third, scoring 11 while holding the Mean Moose scoreless.

Pagosa put up another 11 points in the game's final quarter while allowing five for Alamosa, leaving them with the win.

"They played well," Rand said, adding, "Our defense the second half was spot on. I mean, when you hold a team to five points in the second half, and those five points came in the last two minutes of the fourth quarter."

Graham led the team with 10 points on the night, which she complemented with 10 rebounds, an assist and four blocks.

Carpenter added eight points, six rebounds and five blocks.

Lucero tallied seven points and three assists on the night.

Cadwell put up six points and had 13 rebounds, three assists and four steals.

"I mean, my gosh, she was a rebounding machine," Rand said, highlighting Cadwell's stats in the game.

Torrez contributed five points, which included a 3-pointer, three rebounds, four assists, a block and a pair of steals.

Pitcher added a rebound and an assist.

The team had 15 turnovers and made four of seven shots from the charity stripe.

Rand noted the team was without Dozier for the game, which adjusted the team's approach.

"She's just a huge part of what we do," he said, adding that she should be back for the next game.

Rand noted the Lady Pirates didn't press because they were

short-handed, which he said worked out well for the team because the kids were "more energized on the half-court stuff" and did well with things like communicating screens.

"I just think the kids are getting more comfortable with me and confidence within themselves," he said. "They're believing... that they fit in, they should be playing varsity basketball."

He added the team is continuing to improve, which is what any coach wants.

This week, the Lady Pirates will play host to the 2A Sargent Farmers before traveling to face the No. 10 2A Del Norte Tigers.

The Lady Pirates will host the Farmers at 4 p.m. Thursday.

Rand noted little is known about Sargent's team this weekend. "We just need to make sure that what we do we're doing as well as we possibly can," he said, adding that if the team can communicate on the defensive side and play up to what it's capable of, it doesn't matter what the other team does.

Spectators are not allowed at this time, but the game is anticipated to be livestreamed at <https://www.facebook.com/mypagosaschools>.

Friday, the Lady Pirates will take on the Tigers at 5 p.m.

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That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of JEFFREY V. CLARK for said year 2013. That said TLC CLUB on the 22nd day of December 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;  
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On the 2nd day of June 2021, unless the same has been redeemed.  
Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed. Witness my hand this 6th day of January 2021  
/s/ Elsa P White  
Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published January 21, 28 and February 4, 2021 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

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To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and to Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:  
JEFFREY V. CLARK  
15409 W OLD SCHOOL ROAD  
LIBERTYVILLE, IL 60048  
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 6th day of November 2014, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

TLC CLUB  
the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**LOTS 286 AND 287 IN CHRIS MOUNTAIN VILLAGE AT PAGOSA UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD JUNE 4, 1973 AS RECEPTION NO. 77868.**  
Account Number: R004422  
Schedule Number: 569525106021  
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2014-03052  
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to TLC CLUB  
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2013  
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of JEFFREY V. CLARK for said year 2013. That said TLC CLUB on the 22nd day of December 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;  
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DELDEV, INC  
1133 N. 18TH STREET  
GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501  
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111-1719  
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 15th day of November 2008, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

KUHN FAMILY PARTNERSHIP LIMITED  
the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**LOTS 408 AND 409, PAGOSA TRAILS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD SEPTEMBER 13, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74885.**  
Account Number: R004277  
Schedule Number: 569525100007  
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2014-03055  
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to TLC CLUB  
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2013  
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of NATIONAL RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, LLC for said year 2008.  
That said DAVID G MANDY INVESTMENT TRUST on the 22nd day of December 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;  
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to DAVID G MANDY INVESTMENT TRUST  
On the 2nd day of June 2021, unless the same has been redeemed.  
Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed. Witness my hand this 13th day of January 2021  
/s/ Elsa P White  
Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published January 21, 28 and February 4, 2021 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**RECEPTION NO. 77868.**  
Account Number: R004445  
Schedule Number: 569525108002  
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2014-03053  
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to TLC CLUB  
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2013  
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of JEFFREY V. CLARK for said year 2013. That said TLC CLUB on the 22nd day of December 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;  
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to TLC CLUB  
On the 2nd day of June 2021, unless the same has been redeemed.  
Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed. Witness my hand this 7th day of January 2021  
/s/ Elsa P White  
Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published January 21, 28 and February 4, 2021 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

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JEFFREY V. CLARK  
15409 W. OLD SCHOOL ROAD  
LIBERTYVILLE, IL 60048  
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TLC CLUB  
the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**LOTS 196 AND 197, IN CHRIS MOUNTAIN VILLAGE AT PAGOSA UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD JUNE 4, 1973 AS RECEPTION NO. 77868.**  
Account Number: R004477  
Schedule Number: 569525110007  
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2014-03055  
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to TLC CLUB  
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2013  
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of JEFFREY V. CLARK for said year 2013. That said TLC CLUB on the 22nd day of December 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;  
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to TLC CLUB  
On the 2nd day of June 2021, unless the same has been redeemed.  
Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed. Witness my hand this 8th day of January 2021  
/s/ Elsa P White  
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NATIONAL RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, LLC  
9 GOODYEAR, SUITE 200  
IRVINE, CA 92618  
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 5th day of November 2009, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

DAVID G MANDY INVESTMENT TRUST  
the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**LOTS 244 AND 245 IN CHRIS MOUNTAIN VILLAGE AT PAGOSA UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD JUNE 4, 1973 AS RECEPTION NO. 77868.**  
Account Number: R004504  
Schedule Number: 569525200313  
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2009-0871  
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to DAVID G MANDY INVESTMENT TRUST  
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2008.  
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of NATIONAL RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, LLC for said year 2008.  
That said DAVID G MANDY INVESTMENT TRUST on the 22nd day of December 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;  
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to DAVID G MANDY INVESTMENT TRUST  
On the 2nd day of June 2021, unless the same has been redeemed.  
Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed. Witness my hand this 13th day of January 2021  
/s/ Elsa P White  
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DELDEV, INC  
1133 N 18TH STREET  
GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501  
DELDEV, INC % KIA KOFFRON  
6785 EAST ORCHARD ROAD  
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111-1719  
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 15th day of November 2008, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

KUHN FAMILY PARTNERSHIP LIMITED  
the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**LOTS 311, 312, 313, 314, 325, 326, 327 and 328, PAGOSA TRAILS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD SEPTEMBER 13, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74885.**  
Account Number: R004260  
Schedule Number: 569524407041  
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2007-00460  
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to KUHN FAMILY PARTNERSHIP LIMITED  
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2007  
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of DELDEV, INC and DELDEV, INC % KIA KOFFRON for said year 2007.  
That said KUHN FAMILY PARTNERSHIP LIMITED on the 30th day of December 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;  
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to KUHN FAMILY PARTNERSHIP LIMITED  
On the 16th day of June 2021, unless the same has been redeemed.  
Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed. Witness my hand this 14th day of January 2021  
/s/ Elsa P White  
Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published February 4, 11 and 18, 2021 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

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Richard J Fearon, as Trustee of the Richard J Fearon Trust U/A/D January 15, 2014  
13409 W COPPERSTONE DRIVE  
SUN CITY WEST, AZ 85375  
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 6th day of November 2014, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

TLC CLUB  
the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**LOT 373 IN PAGOSA VISTA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED SEPTEMBER 13, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74884.**  
Account Number: R012342  
Schedule Number: 569530102007  
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2014-03060  
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to TLC CLUB  
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2013  
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Richard J Fearon, as Trustee of the Richard J Fearon Trust U/A/D January 15, 2014 for said year 2013.  
That said TLC CLUB on the 22nd day of December 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;  
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to TLC CLUB  
On the 2nd day of June 2021, unless the same has been redeemed.  
Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed. Witness my hand this 19th day of January 2021  
/s/ Elsa P White  
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KUHN FAMILY PARTNERSHIP LIMITED  
the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**LOTS 771 AND 772, PAGOSA TRAILS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD FEBRUARY 7, 1972 AS RECEPTION NO. 75409.**  
Respectfully submitted this 27th day of January, 2021.  
/s/ Daniel L. Fiedler  
Daniel L. Fiedler  
First Publication: February 4, 2021  
Last Publication: March 4, 2021  
Published February 4, 11, 18, 25 and March 4, 2021 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

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ANNETTE WEBB SAARIKOSKI, ARCHULETA COUNTY PUBLIC TRUSTEE.  
And All Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest In the Subject Matter Of This Action,  
SUMMONS (BY PUBLICATION)  
PLAINTIFF PATRICK H. DISNER TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS 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 Complainant to Quiet Title Pursuant to Rule 105 filed with the Archuleta County District 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 service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the last day of 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 entered 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:  
10771 IN PAGOSA TRAILS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD FEBRUARY 7, 1972 AS RECEPTION NO. 75409.  
Respectfully submitted this 27th day of January, 2021.  
/s/ Daniel L. Fiedler  
Daniel L. Fiedler  
First Publication: February 4, 2021  
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The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners is seeking volunteers to serve on the Archuleta County Planning Commission. Applicants must be County Residents with duties to include: recommendations regarding subdivision regulations, zoning, and development projects along with amending the Community Plan and Land Use Regulations. Regular meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the County Commissioner's Meeting Room at 3599 Lewis St. Please call Jamie at 970-264-9309 or email [jones@archuletacounty.org](mailto:jones@archuletacounty.org) to inquire and request an application.  
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# Vote now for new Colorado license design

Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles

After more than 100 talented Coloradans submitted more than 400 entries in the Iconic Colorado contest, the Colorado Department of Revenue (CDOR) and its Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) are ready to put the new license design to a vote.

Coloradans can now voice their choice for which design they believe will best represent Colorado on the state's upcoming license redesign. Voting is now underway at [dmv.colorado.gov/iconic-colorado](http://dmv.colorado.gov/iconic-colorado) and will be open until Feb. 5. Coloradans will be able to choose

front and back designs from three options each.

The winner for each side will receive a \$500 grant each thanks to Colorado Creative Industries, a division of Colorado's Office of Economic Development and International Trade, which partnered with the DMV to help promote the contest.

After the votes have been tallied, Gov. Jared Polis and the DMV will unveil the chosen design.

"Our Colorado driver licenses are a piece of our Colorado brand that we take with us almost everywhere we go. Since our state is the

most beautiful state, we should naturally have the most beautiful driver licenses in the country and we want the help of our fellow Coloradans to pick the best design to highlight the natural beauty of our state," said Polis.

The Iconic Colorado contest launched Aug. 17 with the goal of transforming Colorado's driver's licenses into the most beautiful in the world and closed with 407 submissions (280 front-side entries, 127 back-side entries) from 119 entrants.

Three finalists were selected by a committee that included motor

vehicle administrators, artists and Polis, with a final, public vote on the top three designs. In addition to the two grants, winners will get bragging rights, will be featured in all of the governor's office's and DMV's relevant media releases, as well as having their name featured on all Colorado identification credentials.

Coloradans should visit [dmv.colorado.gov/iconic-colorado](http://dmv.colorado.gov/iconic-colorado) for more information. New identification credentials are expected to launch in the fall of 2021.

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## The Blotter

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

### Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

- Jan. 25 — State warrant, U.S. 160.
- Jan. 26 — Trespass warning, Great West Avenue.
- Jan. 26 — Violation of restraining order, Great West Avenue.
- Jan. 26 — Trespass warning, North Pagosa Boulevard.
- Jan. 26 — All other thefts, Navajo Trail Drive.
- Jan. 26 — Third-degree criminal trespass, U.S. 160 and North Pagosa Boulevard.
- Jan. 27 — Domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Hilltop Drive.
- Jan. 27 — Criminal attempt to commit felony, criminal mischief, menacing-misdemeanor, Harman Park Drive.
- Jan. 27 — Drove vehicle without valid driver's license, improper registration, failed to display valid registration, failed to signal or gave improper signal, Pinon Causeway and U.S. 160.
- Jan. 28 — Agency assist, Hot Springs Boulevard.
- Jan. 29 — Agency assist, Nutria Circle.
- Jan. 29 — Failed to display valid registration, drove vehicle without insurance, County Road 600 and U.S. 160.
- Jan. 29 — Warrant arrest, Carefree Place.
- Jan. 30 — Drove vehicle when

license suspended, following too closely, careless driving, violation of restraining order, open container in a motor vehicle, passed on left when prohibited by signs and/or markings, violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, criminal impersonation, drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, illegal possession or consumption of ethyl alcohol, U.S. 160.

Jan. 30 — First-degree criminal trespass-other intent, domestic violence, aggravated motor vehicle theft, Paradise Drive.

Jan. 31 — Warrant arrest, Paradise Drive.

### Pagosa Springs Police Department

- Jan. 24 — Theft, San Juan Street.
- Jan. 25 — Violation of restraining order, North 5th Street.
- Jan. 27 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.
- Jan. 28 — Warrant arrest, resisting, Hot Springs Boulevard.
- Jan. 28 — Assault, Hot Springs Boulevard.
- Jan. 30 — Failed to drive in single lane, driving under restraint, North 4th Street.

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

- No report.
- Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay
- Jan. 26 — Tyler Laurence Allard, speeding 20-24 over, total fines and costs — \$257.50.
- Jan. 27 — Mansi C. Patel, license plates expired, total fines and costs — \$120.50.
- Jan. 27 — Andrew C. Vining, driving while ability impaired with two or more priors, 435 days jail, 48

hours community service, two years probation, total fines and costs — \$2,520.50.

Jan. 27 — Todd W. Stringer, passed when prohibited, total fines and costs — \$202.50.

Jan. 27 — Darrin D. Mael, driving under the influence, 48 hours community service, total fines and costs — \$1,320.50.

Jan. 27 — Ernest James Romero, violation of bail bond conditions-misdemeanor, 90 days jail, total fines and costs — \$199.50.

Jan. 28 — Glen M. Bates, driving under the influence, 120 days jail, 48 hours community service, total fines and costs — \$1,460.71.

Jan. 28 — Alvin Todd Richardson, driving under the influence, 15 days jail, 48 hours community service, total fines and costs — \$1,320.50.

### Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Jan. 25 — Jason Vaught, unsafe backing, two points off, total fines and costs — \$72.

## Department responds to detached garage fire, rescues dog

Pagosa Fire Protection District

On Jan. 29, at approx. 12:07 a.m., a garage fire was reported on Nutria Circle. The notification was received through the 911 system managed by Archuleta County Combined Dispatch center.

Upon arrival, the first due engine completed a scene size-up, noting a detached garage with heavy smoke showing. First arriving units established a transitional fire attack, cooling the blaze, which allowed firefighters to enter the structure and completely extinguish any remaining fire. Fire was contained to the detached garage. Water supply was maintained via tender operations as the location was in a non-hydrant area.

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) responded with three engines, two tenders, two chief vehicles, one fire marshal vehicle, one support vehicle, nine paid staff members and eight volunteers. Mutual aid from the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office and one Pagosa Springs Medical Center ambulance staged on scene. Mutual aid response from Upper Pine

Fire and Rescue was requested and then stood down once the fire was controlled.


The PFPD was on scene for approximately 2.5 hours.

The detached garage was unoccupied at the time of the fire. One canine, who was in the garage at the time of the incident, was rescued and returned to the property owners unharmed.

There are no firefighter or civilian injuries to report. The origin and cause of the fire is under investigation at this time.

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*James 4:13-15*

The news reminds us daily of a climbing death rate attributed to coronavirus. We can debate the figures all we want but that does not change the fact many loved ones are no longer with us. Some were young, some were old. Some were in good health and some were not. But now they have been laid to rest.

That daily death rate reminds us that we also are mortal. One day death will knock on our door. Knowing that, what should we do?

Living through the last year has reminded us of the value of personal relationships, helping others, and the need for a daily walk with God. Let's remember the lesson and build on that this year as long as the Lord gives us life.

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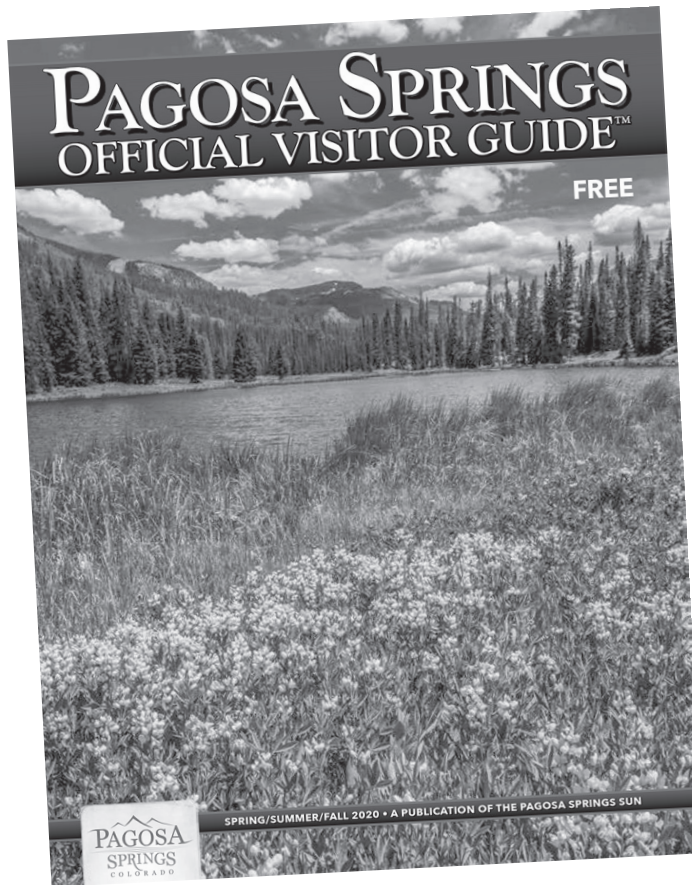
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# THE RILEY REPORT

— JANUARY 2021 —

## Hello from Pagosa Country!

This year, "Happy New Year" is an understatement. We have never been so ready for the new year than right now. Good riddance to 2020!

That being said, there are always positives that come out of negatives, and the turmoil of 2020 is no different. **Here are just a few positives:** we have much greater appreciation for our doctors, nurses, and first responders. We are a more hygienic society than we used to be. My hands are the cleanest they have ever been! I haven't caught a cold for as long as I can remember. So far, the flu season has been mild. In the Southern Hemisphere, where the seasons are opposite and the flu season has already passed, influenza cases were down 98% in 2020.

**Interest rates for home mortgages are as low as they have ever been.** A year ago, the average rate on a new 30-year fixed-rate mortgage was 3.66%. Today it is down to 2.72%. If we apply those rates to a new home purchase of \$400,000 with a 20% down payment, the result is a savings of \$165 on each monthly payment. Over the life of the loan, that's \$59,400.

Many of us have saved a lot of money this year on everything from travel to restaurants to shopping.

We're not spending money because there is no place to go. The equity in our homes has gone way up.

**The median sale price for homes in Pagosa is up 11% this year due to a shortage of inventory.** Condo prices are up 9%. The stock market is at record highs. The S&P 500 stock index finished the year up 16% after recovering from a pandemic-induced crash in March.

Wolf Creek Ski Area has lots of snow, which will help out our local drought situation and put smiles on the faces of all the

skiers. Wolf Creek is reporting 77" at the summit and 66" midway. Other areas in our part of the state are not doing quite as well, and snowpack is currently at 70% of median for this time of year.

**Local tax revenues were way up this year.** Our local economy is still generally very strong, though the COVID restrictions have been hard on certain restaurants and businesses. Many of our local businesses have shown great resiliency and imagination in adapting to the changing regulations.

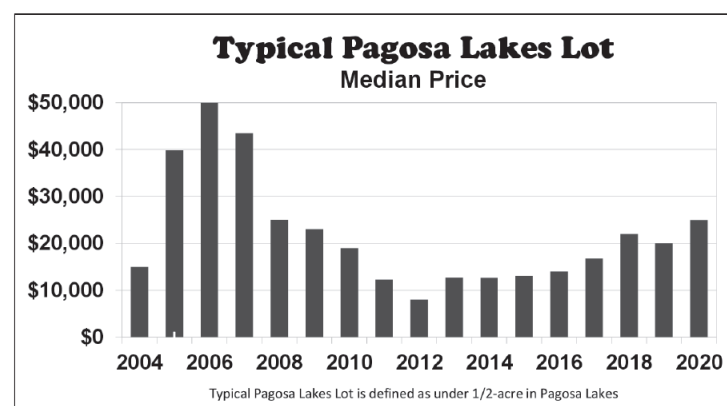
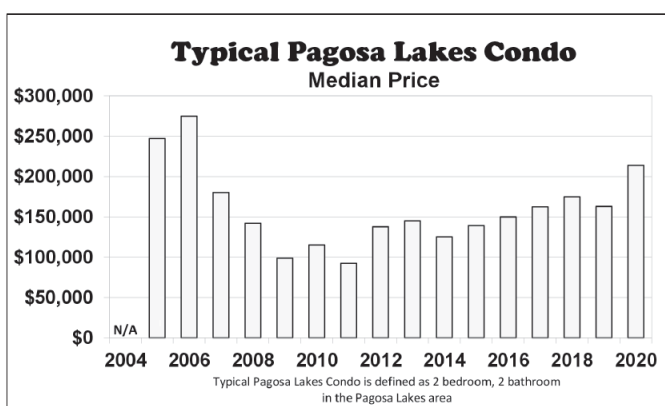
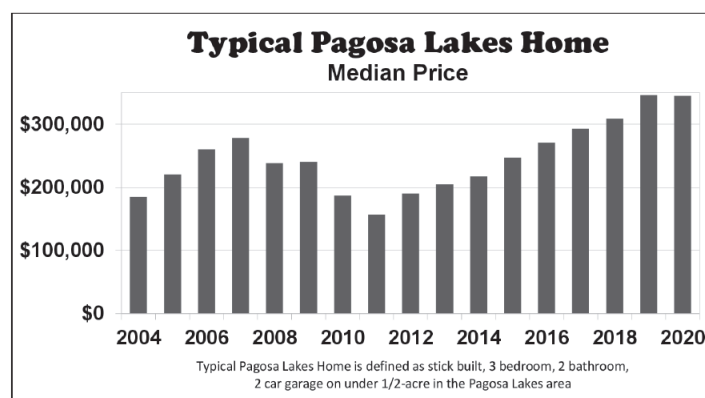
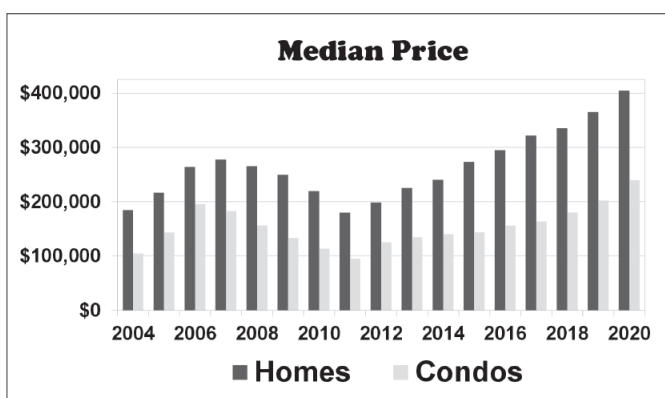
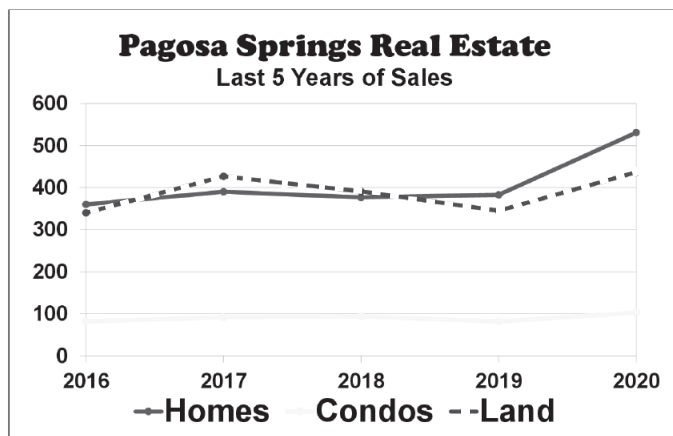
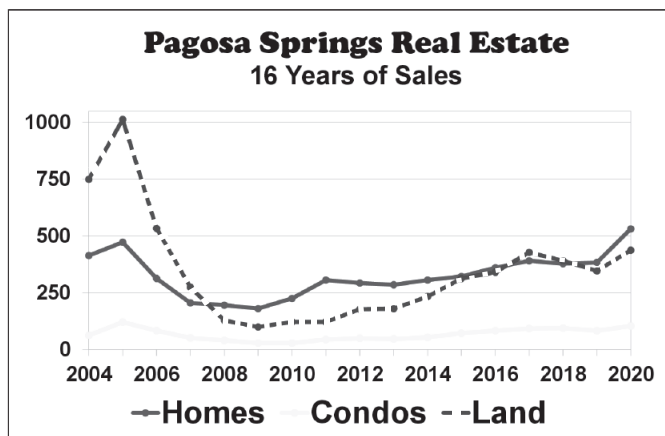
**Last but not least, we have the vaccine,** which is the light at the end of the tunnel.

Now for the latest real estate news. **2020 in Pagosa Springs was the busiest year ever.** I'm starting my 31st year in the business, and it's been a whirlwind of activity. Through August of this year, sales were still down compared to last year. On September 1st, sales were up 1% for the year. After an extremely busy fall, we ended the year up 32%.

**Home sales ended up 39% and inventory was down 55%.** Condo sales were up 26% and inventory down 85%. Currently, there are only four condos or townhomes left on the market. That is not a misprint! It is hard to fathom that number. Land sales were up 27% and inventory was down 28%.

**Overall real estate sales ended the year at 1,087 total sales.** The last time we sold over a thousand properties was back in 2005. You may recall that 2005 was the peak of the vacant land boom, when National Recreational Properties, Inc. bought up all the inventory they could get their hands on, and then quickly flipped the properties. Back in 2005, vacant land represented 63% of all sales. Today it is down to 41%.

*These charts provide even more information about what happened in Pagosa in 2020.\**



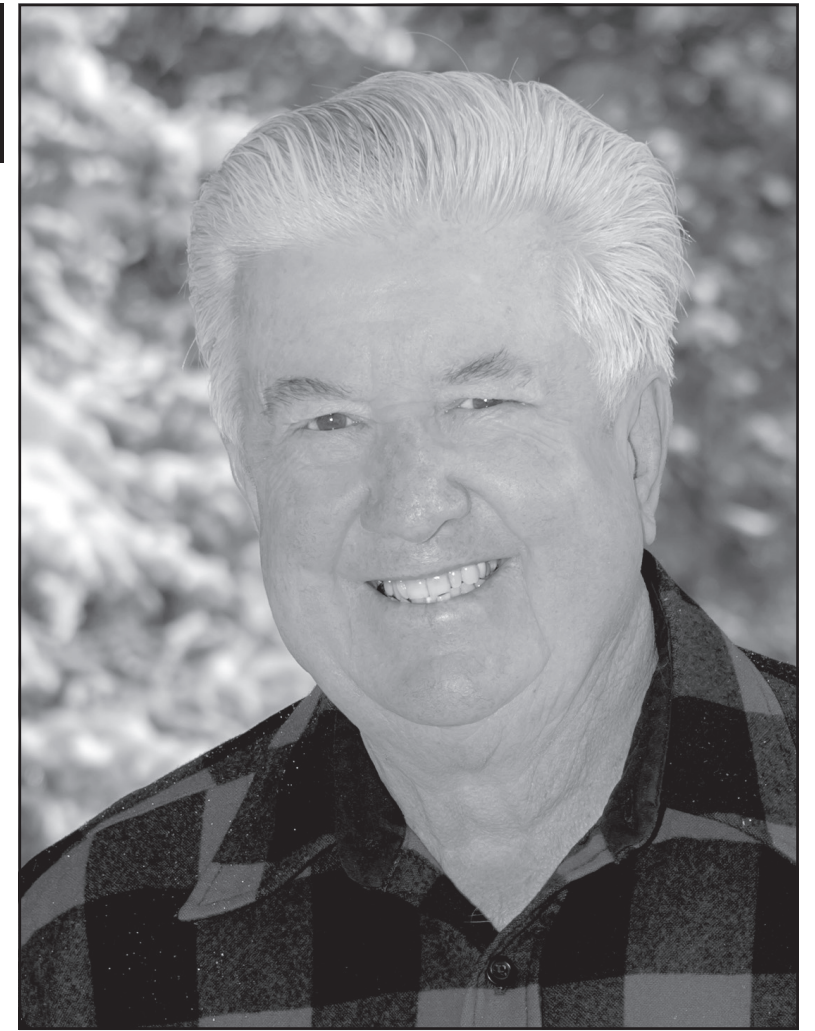
*\*Data collected from the CREM MLS system on 1/3/2021. As more sales are recorded, data may change slightly. Stats are intended to show trends in the area; they include activity for all area agents, not just Lee Riley. All information provided is deemed reliable, but is not guaranteed and should be independently verified.*

So, what should we expect in 2021? Most likely, sales will be down this year due to lack of inventory.

Prices will continue to rise due to supply and demand. Hopefully, lumber costs will start to go down once the lumber yards and producers get back up to speed. If you are a potential seller and want to cash in, this may motivate you to sell while the market is hot. Hopefully, we will get the virus under control

soon. Hopefully, politics will mellow out and we'll start working together instead of against each other. My two biggest wishes for 2021 are to get vaccinated so I can travel again, and that our country mends its wounds so that once again we can be the United States of America.

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# Rise Above Violence celebrates 25 years in Pagosa

By John Finefrock  
Rise Above Violence

As Rise Above Violence celebrates its 25th year serving Pagosa Springs, we're asking a lofty question: How do we end domestic violence and sexual assault in Pagosa in the next 25 years?

"It is overwhelming to think about how this can end in 25 years," said Executive Director Carmen Hubbs on Rise's quarterly "Coffee Talk" livestream. "And nonetheless — if it does, if it doesn't — we're working towards it."

She continued, "We recognized that it can't be the nine advocates that are working in the office, it has to be this community. And we know you're ready, we know you're primed. And we're just going to give you the tools. We're going to give you very specific tools, very specific action steps, that you can take as an individual that everyone can do. Everybody is part of this in just being a community member."

The action step for this week: Acknowledge that domestic violence and sexual assault is a problem in our community. Rise served just under 400 victims of relationship violence in Pagosa Springs last year.

We believe one strategy in combating this problem is working with the young people of Pagosa Springs. Rise's youth advocates are available to teach free lessons around healthy relationships, Internet safety and bullying prevention to third- through 12th-grade

students in Pagosa Springs. Additionally, the Youth-Rise Teen Board of Directors meets outside of school — both virtually and in person on Fridays — and is open to all seventh- through 12th-grade students who wish to work toward ending relationship abuse and violence in our community.

"We're really focusing on spreading the word about sexual assault and those red flags in relationships that a lot of people don't know about," said Kiera, a senior in high school and a member of the YouthRise Teen Board of Directors.

In February, YouthRise's Teen Board of Directors will be creating social media, print and community awareness campaigns for Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. Look to The Pagosa Springs SUN and the Rise Above Violence social media channels to follow along and support these youth.

For more information about YouthRise programs, offered at no cost, contact Cheryl Bowdridge at [cheryl@riseaboveviolence.org](mailto:cheryl@riseaboveviolence.org) or 946-5276; or John Finefrock at [john@riseaboveviolence.org](mailto:john@riseaboveviolence.org) or 403-5461.

Rise Above Violence is a nonprofit organization which promotes the belief that all people have the right to live free from violence. Rise provides 24-hour support and advocacy services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other forms of violence. All programs and services are free and confidential. Visit [riseaboveviolence.org](http://riseaboveviolence.org) for more information or call the 24-hour hotline at 264-9075 to talk to an advocate today.

## Fourth annual Rotary Ice Melt Contest underway

By JoAnn Laird  
Rotary Club

You've cleaned out your closets, the garage is now spotless and you've exhausted all ideas to survive this pandemic lifestyle. Fortunately, help is on the way. Enter the Ice Melt Contest to not only give you something different to do, but also earn you some cash to shop for that new whatever when the coast is clear.

In conjunction with the Pagosa Lakes Property Owner's Association (PLPOA), your community-minded Rotary Cub is launching this annual winter fundraiser. There is no need for face masks, and social distancing is a given. Simply put, this is a contest of precise timing. These crafty Rotarians will take a huge drum with a clock attached to it and set it on the now-frozen Lake Hatcher. As we head toward March 17, the lake will thaw, the drum will fall through the ice, the clocks stop working and that will signal the date and time to end the contest and award the winners. It is safe and, best of all, can be done from the confines of your spotless garage. Just use your phone to make online purchases at [www.pagosaspringsrotary.org](http://www.pagosaspringsrotary.org).

Get your tickets to make your predictions soon, as the way the last 12 months have gone, the ice could melt tomorrow. Tickets are also available through the PLPOA Administration Office, PLPOA Rec Center, Chamber of Commerce, Chokeycherry Tree or Ski and Bow Rack. The ticket prices will be \$5 for 1, \$20 for 5, \$40 for 10 and \$100 for 30 tickets. The deadline to submit tickets is March 17 at 11:59 p.m. However, if the ice melts before then and the clock stops, you're out of luck. Better get your tickets now.

The top three guesses, closest to the date and time the clocks stop, will win \$1,000 for first place, \$750 for second place and \$500 for third place.

All proceeds will go toward the Rotary Scholarship Fund for Pagosa Springs High School graduates. Rotary has proudly funded over \$20,000 a year, for over 20 years, to deserving students, even in pandemic times.

Here's a chance to possibly win serious money for your future concert going or trip to Budapest. More importantly, your small price for adventure will help our local youth with their higher education. Could Feb. 21 at 3:17 p.m. or maybe March 19 at 1:27 p.m. be the date and time the clock stops?

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# Blood drive results in 52 units of blood

By Diane Levison  
Special to The PREVIEW

Our Vitalant blood drive, originally scheduled for Jan. 26 had to be postponed due to the snow-storm and the Vitalant truck crew turning around right near Yellow Jacket Ranch for safety's sake. We were fortunate enough to be able to rally and reschedule it for this

past Thursday, Jan. 28.

As always, the Pagosa community does not disappoint. A special "thank you" to Pastor Jon and Centerpoint Church for being so accommodating to us.

An especially big "thank you" to everyone who signed up to donate and especially those who were able to come in on Thursday for your flexibility and compassion. We ended up having 48 donors signed in, 43 successful donors and a

total of 52 units of blood. That was outstanding, especially in light of the fact that we had to reschedule from the original date.

Our next Vitalant blood drive will once again be held at Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive, on April 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. I still have some open appointments, so if you'd like an appointment, feel free to email me at [dianeunheard@gmail.com](mailto:dianeunheard@gmail.com). As always, walk-ins are welcomed.

# Great Decisions Durango to hold first discussion on Zoom Feb. 9

Great Decisions

On Tuesday, Feb. 9, at 11:45 a.m., our first discussion using Zoom will be "China's Role in Africa." Moderator Dr. Mike Todt will present background material and a film by the Foreign Policy Association, and lead participants in a discussion of the issues.

The public is invited to attend this Zoom discussion. Details and registration information may be found at [LWVLaPlata.org](http://LWVLaPlata.org). Click on the Great Decisions menu item to find the Zoom link.

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

For more information, contact Lyle Hancock, [lylehancock54@gmail.com](mailto:lylehancock54@gmail.com).



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# Trusting the unexpected

There is an expression that I have used many times when facing a trial or difficulty: where the rubber meets the road. It's a phrase that is perfect in describing when our faith has been tested. Those are the times when we need to gear down and hold on to God with all we have.

I taught art lessons in the San Luis Valley in the mid-'80s. Each week, I would take a trip over the pass to meet with my awaiting students.

One day before my 40th birthday, an early snow blanketed the Cumbres Pass with little to no warning. While en route to my class, I hit a patch of snow and lost control of my car. Within a split second, I found myself airborne as I flew off the side of the road.

I'm not exactly sure what went through my mind at the time, but I'm certain it was something along the lines of, "It's all over God, I'm in your hands."

As quickly as the calamity began, things came to an abrupt halt. I had slid off the side of a cliff and my car had come to rest on a barbed-wire fence.

It was difficult to compose myself as I pushed through the clutter of art supplies that had been dispersed from the back to the front seat. But, somehow, I was able to regain my bearings and push the door open in order to crawl out of the car.

My Monte Carlo was literally

## Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



hanging in the balance between a few thin strands of steel wire. As it held, I clawed my way up the steep incline looking for anything that would give me a sure footing.

As I neared the top, I saw a man standing in watch, shaking his head in complete disbelief.

"Lady, you are lucky you are alive, that's a mile drop."

It wasn't luck; it was a miracle. I couldn't believe that my life had been saved by a mere fence that someone unknowingly put in my path. One that spared my life, else I would have certainly crashed into the bottom of the canyon below.

Not long after, a tow truck pulled my car up from the side of the mountain. I knew my life had been spared for a reason. I didn't know the why, only that God had specific plans for me.

A different season, another harrowing moment would occur on a trip over Wolf Creek Pass. The car I was in was suddenly filled with the pungent smell of burning brakes. They had heated up as I progressed down the mountain switchbacks. Praying all the way, I somehow made it to the Treasure Falls park-

ing area when my breaks failed.

It feels like I could pen a book with the number of times when I was headed in one direction, only to find myself switch around in another. How many times have I needed to be stopped in my own tracks rather than to progress to a point of no return.

I have been thinking a great deal about the fences and rest areas that God has put in my path over the years. I don't think I could ever count how many times God needed to force me to a complete stop in order to get my attention for one reason or another.

That time when I skidded off a road and plummeted to an unknown depth had little purpose in my mind. That time when I was forced to a complete stop because going any further would have harmed me is unfathomable.

The irony of it all is that it wasn't the full stop where I saw God. He was in the disruption. I just needed to experience both in order to recognize the one who was trying to get my attention.

Final brushstroke: There is something so important that we need to learn about tomorrow, but first we have to trust the detours God has lined up today. We don't expect or even desire them, but learning to trust who stops us could hold greater meaning regarding the direction he wants to take us.

### Readers' comments

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

# Share your love with Gifts of the Heart cards

By Barbara Draper  
Community United Methodist Church

Spread your love to your community with Gifts of the Heart Valentine's cards. These beautiful cards, created by local artists and distributed by Community United Methodist Church (CUMC), can be very meaningful gifts to your

friends and loved ones this year. COVID has impacted everyone in various ways. Many have lost their jobs or have seen their businesses curtailed or closed. Social outlets and religious ties have been compromised. Children and youth are struggling with unusual learning experiences. Illness, isolation

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# NCOA recommends help for elders

By Kay Kaylor  
PREVIEW Columnist

I advocate for residents in skilled nursing and assisted living residences as the regional long-term care ombudsman. I also am a Senior Medicare Patrol and State Health Insurance Assistance Program counselor, all as an employee of San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging (SJBAAA). The many aging and care concerns will be addressed here.

In a press release from Jan. 21, the National Council on Aging (NCOA), a nonprofit that operates [benefitscheckup.org](https://benefitscheckup.org) and other websites, gives four recommendations to the new federal administration to protect elders.

NCOA notes on its website, “We partner with nonprofit organizations, government and businesses to provide innovative community programs and services, online help and advocacy.” Its Social Impact Goal is to “improve the health and economic security of 40 million older adults by 2030.”

The first recommendation, “Invest in a coordinated, equitable vaccine distribution program,” acknowledges the proposed federal plans and spending for the first 100 days of 2021 but emphasizes the need for municipalities to have flexibility to address local needs. NCOA urges equal access and

## Area Agency on Aging

“culturally competent messaging” for older adults who are hard to reach while also partnering with community organizations.

Due to higher unemployment for people age 55 and older, NCOA supports wider access to job training and placement programs and continued unemployment insurance for older adults. It asks for expanded funding for a Department of Labor program started in 1965, the Senior Community Service Employment Program, as part of the second recommendation.

NCOA advocates for increased funding to strengthen the “social safety net” in its third recommendation so that elders can remain independent. Such programs include Medicaid, home care services and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Finally, the fourth recommendation seeks more federal funding for the aging network, such as senior centers and area agencies on aging. These organizations provide supportive services on the “front-lines of the pandemic.”

This fiscal year, NCOA notes, Older Americans Act programs received only “modest” funding increases.

SJBAAA offers resources for people age 60 and older or on Medicare; see [sjbaaa.org](https://sjbaaa.org). For further information, please call or text 403-2165 or send an email to [kkaylor@sjbaaa.org](mailto:kkaylor@sjbaaa.org).

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# Seven ways to celebrate Valentine's Day in a socially distant manner

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The last year has been challenging for social butterflies, as the COVID-19 pandemic has limited opportunities to socialize in person with close friends and family members.

Social distancing guidelines affected various holidays throughout 2020, but such guidelines were issued after Valentine's Day 2020. Valentine's Day may be the easiest holiday to celebrate while still adhering to social distancing restrictions. After all, Valentine's Day is typically a day to spend time alone with the person you love.

The following are seven socially distant Valentine's Day celebration ideas.

1. Order a take-out dinner for two from a favorite local restaurant. It gives you the night off from cooking and helps support a small business.

2. Watch a romantic movie on your preferred streaming service.

3. Treat each other to a pair of cozy pajamas and spend the day under the covers catching up on cuddles and rest.

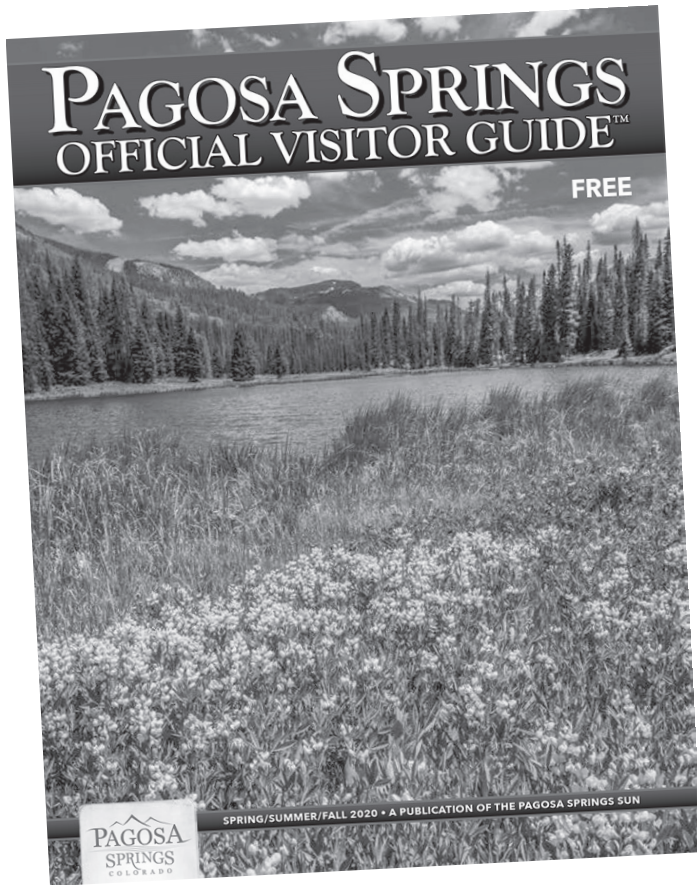
4. Bundle up and, if weather allows, take a hand-in-hand stroll through a park or favorite sightseeing spot. Just follow any protocols for remaining safe, such as wearing masks.

5. Those who reside in climates that are mild in February can rent a small boat and enjoy a few hours on the open water far away from others.

6. Purchase the ingredients to a recipe you both enjoy and prepare the meal together. Don't forget to leave room for dessert.

7. Take turns giving one another back massages at home.

These are just some of the ways Valentine's Day can be enjoyed safely while adhering to pandemic-related safety guidelines.



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# How to find new books that match your likes and interests

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

If you've got more time to read because COVID is keeping you at home and would like to expand your reading choices, we suggest you go to our NoveList database, where you'll find a multitude of options to enrich your reading life.

Access is available free by clicking on "Online Resources" on the top of the library's website. Scroll down to NoveList, click on the icon, enter your library card number and see the many opportunities for all ages. They're presented for adults, teens, ages 9-12 and ages 0-8:

- One section is called "I'm in the mood for ..." that offers a selection of books that are lyrical and stylistically complex (lovely, layered reads), bittersweet (happy endings not guaranteed), sweeping and dramatic (sagas) and fun (laugh-out-loud stories).

- There is a category for Australian and New Zealand authors, as well as for Canadian writers.

- There's a special section for graphic novels, manga and anime.

- There are categories for all genres, including fantasy, historical novels, mysteries, romance, sci-fi and westerns.

- There's even a category called "Reading during pandemic" that accesses cozy and gentle stories, heartwarming reads, fast-paced thrillers and pandemic apocalypse fiction.

Happy searching and happy reading.

## New free literacy program for babies

An exciting new free Colorado-based literacy program that helps families and caregivers build their babies' vocabulary is now underway in Archuleta County, thanks to a partnership involving your library, AmeriCorps and the San Juan BOCES.

## Library News

You need to sign up for this special program, called LENA, in order to be enrolled in the workshops that will provide you with personalized information and ideas to help your child. Please contact Michelle Salmeron-Ramirez at 585-4293 or michelle@unitedway-swco.org. The program is available in English and Spanish. It was created for babies from newborn to age 3 and will help you use talking to build your child's brain.

## Library operations update

Here is the current status under COVID Level Orange:

- 30 patrons may be in the building at a time.

- Open Thursdays from 1 to 7 p.m., with 1 to 2 p.m. reserved for seniors and higher-risk populations.

- Other hours: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. for seniors and higher-risk populations. Saturdays: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays: closed.

- Accepting meeting room reservations only for individuals or members of the same household, with library programs having first dibs on the rooms.

- Hand sanitizers are available and there will be frequent cleanings inside the building throughout the day. Please practice social distancing and wear facial coverings while you are in the building. If you don't have a mask, we are happy to give one to you.

- Ten computers are available. Staff will clean and disinfect the computers between uses.

- One early literacy computer is

available for youngsters Monday through Saturday.

- Curbside service continues Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. except for Thursdays, when it's from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Phone 264-2209 when you are in the parking lot so staff can bring the items out for you. If you put a hold on something, please wait for your usual alert (email, phone call or text) before coming to pick it up.

- You can place holds on items from other libraries. They are in different stages of open, so items may take longer than usual.

- We're happy to provide tech help in person or over the phone for our online resources.

## Special note

"We want people to always feel welcome in the library and to experience a very friendly vibe when they visit," said Meg Wempe, library director. "But we need to remind everyone that, similar to other public indoor spaces in Colorado, we must follow the executive order that requires people age 11 or older to wear a covering over their noses and mouths when entering or moving within any public indoor space. If you are unable or unwilling to wear a mask, we are pleased to assist you outside the building through our curbside service."

## New all-ages writing challenge

On Feb. 8, we will post a new writing challenge on the library's Facebook page. We hope you will challenge your creativity by participating. This is a free all-ages activity.

## New Storywalk for kids

Weather permitting, every other Thursday Josie posts signs outside the library that follow the sidewalk

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up toward the elementary school detailing a new free Storywalk for kids. The current theme is escape to warmer climates via a fanciful ocean story. After you finish the walk, pick up materials for a craft or activity at the library.

## Knitting takeaways

Pick up free knitting takeaways at the library entrance during open hours to take for your in-home enjoyment. We'll have patterns, craft ideas, instructions and some limited supplies available.

## Calling all teens

If you enjoy reading books, learning new skills and helping your community, we hope sixth-through 12th-graders will sign up to volunteer at your library. You'll write book reviews, make artwork for the teen area, help plan new programs, judge our pumpkin-decorating contest, prepare crafts for kids' programs and help keep the library organized. Please stop by the library or apply online.

## After-school program

In response to COVID, we have revamped our free after-school program into STEAM enrichment kits, STEAM standing for science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics, for ages 5 and up. Registration is required at 264-2209. Pick up your kit and then bring your completed projects back to the library to be displayed in the last week of the month.

## DIY craft takeaway for kids

Drop by your library for free DIY crafts takeaways for youngsters age 10 and older during open hours. Pick up a packet outside the library.

## Tech Time

Make a 15- to 30-minute appointment for one of three free in-person slots available noon to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Brad will help one person (or one couple) at a time resolve issues with your computer, smartphone, tablet and other electronic devices.

## ESL

Free in-person classes take place Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 to 7 p.m. by appointment. Please register so we can keep it to a small group in our limited open spaces. No walk-ins, please.

## Dungeons and Dragons

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

## Children's programs on Facebook

Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and Saturdays at 2:30 p.m., join us on the library's Facebook page for free children's programs. Wednesday storytimes are on Facebook Live, so you can interact with Josie. Saturday's Discovery Times — with games, art ideas, science experiments, history and more — are prerecorded.

## Adult education

Our free PALS (Pagosa Adult Learning Services) sessions take place in person, where Mark helps with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Contact the library and Mark will work with you to schedule a date and time to meet.

## Activities calendars

To be sure you don't miss any of the free activities available to you and your family at your library, we encourage you to pick up a copy of the events calendar each month. There are two versions — youth and adults.

## Large print

"The Wrong Family" by Terryn Fisher features a retired therapist. "Bitter Pill" by Fern Michaels is a Sisterhood mystery. "The Shooting at Chateau Rock" by Martin Walker is a Bruno, chief of police, mystery. "The Gift of the Magpie" by Donna Andrews is a Meg Langslow mystery. "Hush-Hush" by Stuart Woods is a Stone Barrington mystery. "Lost Banshee Mine" by Jackson Lowry is a Ralph Compton western in the Sundown Riders series.

## Nonfiction

"Bad Medicine" by former prosecutor Charlotte Bismuth exposes corruption and greed behind America's opioid epidemic. "How to Prepare for Climate Change" by David Pogue is a practical guide to adapting and surviving.

## Books on CD

"Bitter Pill" by Fern Michaels is the latest in the Sisterhood series. "Neighbor" by Danielle Steel features a reclusive actress who opens her home after an earthquake. "Tattoos on the Heart" by pastor Gregory Boyle contains inspirational stories from the L.A. barrio. "Prodigal Son" by Gregg Hurwitz connects a government assassin with his mother when she calls for help. "Dear Miss Kopp" by Amy Stewart is a Kopp Sisters novel set in World War I.

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## Quotable quote

"More is lost by indecision than a wrong decision. Indecision is the thief of opportunity." — Marcus Tullius Cicero, Roman statesman, scholar and academic.

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"Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit.' Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. For you are just a vapor that appears for a little while, and then vanishes away. Instead, you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that.'"

James 4:13-15

The news reminds us daily of a climbing death rate attributed to coronavirus. We can debate the figures all we want but that does not change the fact many loved ones are no longer with us. Some were young, some were old. Some were in good health and some were not. But now they have been laid to rest.

That daily death rate reminds us that we also are mortal. One day death will knock on our door. Knowing that, what should we do?

Living through the last year has reminded us of the value of personal relationships, helping others, and the need for a daily walk with God. Let's remember the lesson and build on that this year as long as the Lord gives us life.

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# Searching for gold in Colorado

In 1859, thousands of Americans stampeded into the Denver area. The Pikes Peak gold rush was on.

Many of the prospectors looking for gold in Colorado followed a trail westward pioneered by Old Bill Williams along the north side of the Arkansas River. As the trail moved into Colorado Territory, Pikes Peak



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reared its pointed peak 14,150 feet into the rarified atmosphere of the Rocky Mountains. The gold hunters knew they were nearing their destination when they saw Pikes Peak.

Also, as the trail followed the Arkansas River into Colorado a branch of the trail became known as The Old Santa Fe Trail. It turned in a southwesterly direction and clip-clopped across New Mexico Territory into Taos and Santa Fe. Taos had long been a favored destination of the early beaver trappers.

No matter whether following the trails to Colorado gold country or to Santa Fe, those early frontiersmen were traipsing on land claimed by Native Americans. Utes used all of the trails while searching for grub to feed their families. They were not happy to watch white hunters decimate the plains bison and in other ways mess with their homeland.

It didn't take long for the whites to call on U.S. troops to protect them from the Utes. The Civil War had just ended and the U.S. had lots of troops, especially cavalry. The troops didn't mind being paid by Uncle Sam while they rode around out west shooting buffalo and searching for gold.

Troops lived in forts with their families when they weren't chasing Indians or buffalo. Pagosa Springs started as an Army fort called Fort Lewis.

Fort Massachusetts was the first regular Army post in Colorado. Erected in 1852, it straddled an old trail used by Native Americans and Hispanics to travel from Taos to settlements in the Denver area.

It was located southwest of where the Fort Garland Museum stands today, on the west bank of Utah Creek. Troops from Fort Mas-

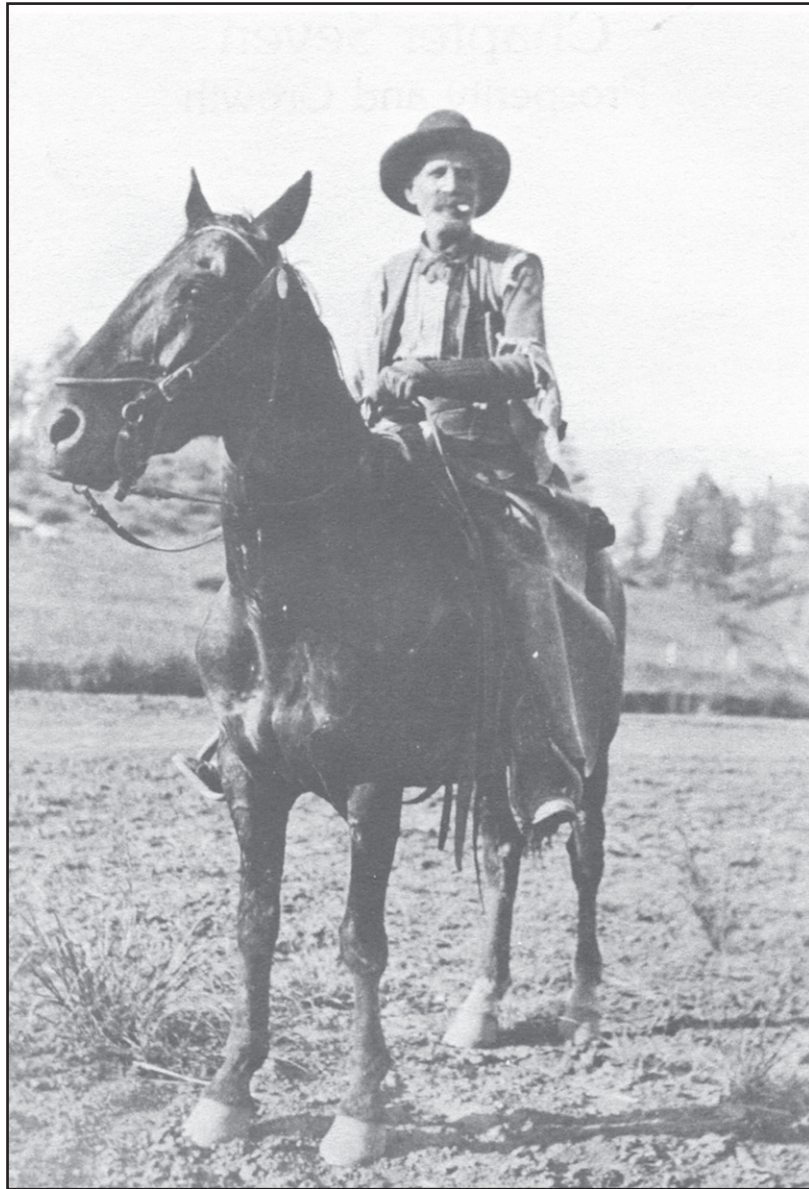


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Henry Gordon was one of Pagosa Country's most colorful pioneers. It was said he rode a mule into town bareback, tied it up to a hitchin' post on Lewis Street and enjoyed his pint before headin' home to his ranch on Gordon Creek, named for him, of course.

sachusetts fought in the 1854-1855 wars with the combined Ute and Jicarilla Indian tribes.

When the Army learned that Fort Massachusetts was nearly indefensible in its first location, it was moved in 1858 to a location without nearby hills for the natives to use as launching pads for their spears and arrows. Called Fort Garland, the new post was manned until 1883.

Settlement in the San Luis Valley was, at best, tenuous until forts were built.

Next week, we'll continue writing about early forts and settlements across the San Juans east from Pagosa Springs in the San Luis Valley.

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# ‘Look at me’ culture leaves too many marks

By Marjorie “Slim” Woodruff  
PREVIEW Columnist

I attended a ranger program recently dealing with Leave No Trace. The ranger showed a picture of rock art or “ancestral inscriptions,” as archaeologists often refer to the practice.

We agreed that one does not touch or otherwise deface it. Then she flashed a shot of some modern graffiti nearby — think of a heart, two names and the word “forever.” “Is this OK?”

“No” was the reaction that came easily from all of us. “But why? Isn’t it just modern rock art?” she asked.

Indeed. Why are 800-year-old handprints sacrosanct, but not if hacked onto rock walls on public land today? At Capitol Reef National Park in Utah, 19th century pioneers scratched their names and the date into the rocks. Why is this a no-no for the modern visitor?

The pioneers endured drought, famine, disease and death in order to reach the west and scratch their names on the wall. The modern hiker had to drive 100 miles from the airport in air conditioning and then walk a good half mile. Isn’t that “suffering” just as important?

One difference may be that now we have the written word, videos, social media and blogs to preserve our encounters with nature for eternity. Four thousand years ago, the only way some people had to express themselves was by drawing on the rocks.

One could argue that ancient rock art is also sacred, places of power that record the history of the people. Yet, some modern-day hikers claim that they, too, hold the land sacred and that their writings on rock also record their history.

There are places in our public lands that are well-known worship sites. Devil’s Tower in Wyoming. Deer Creek narrows in the Grand Canyon. The Sacred Salt Mines on the Colorado River. But when the park service tries to close them to visitors to protect them, there is a hue and cry: “This land is just as important to me as it was to them!”

I consider wilderness areas to be spiritual. But saying they are “sacred” to me would push the boundary. Appreciation and worship are not the same. I would posit that as

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dearly as I hold the Grand Canyon in my heart, the Grand Canyon is not the tradition in which I was raised, and I cannot, as the Hopi and Zuni can, claim the canyon to be my place of emergence.

I was once privileged to attend a tour of rock art sites led by a Hopi. A New Age visitor proudly announced that her spirit guide was a Hopi shaman. I cringed, but our guide just nodded politely.

For too many years, there existed a group of Anglo businessmen in Northern Arizona who dressed up and simulated Hopi and Zuni dances during the local rodeo. They claimed to be honoring and preserving Native religions. The Hopi rightly complained that they themselves honor and preserve the dances and ceremonies. They did not need “help.”

The Boy Scouts of America has appropriated Indian culture since the group’s founding in 1902. But backlash against Indian costumes and dances have now prompted the Boy Scouts to advise troops to

check with local tribes to ascertain if such activities are offensive. Even so, certain troops still perform Indian dances as a form of “educational exploration.”

Lisa Aldred, the author of “Plastic Shamans and Astroturf Sun Dances,” argues that fetishizing masks made by Native Americans perpetuates the oppression that real Indian people experienced. You might ask whether appropriating rock art sites for our own use is part of this process.

Native Americans have had their religion borrowed and taken over by Anglos for a long time, including building sweat lodges, fasting, using peyote and making rock circles.

We also go much farther than appropriation as we destroy what we want to imitate. Modern graffiti is often deposited over centuries-old rock art, and in some parts of the country, rock art has been used for target practice. Stacking up rocks, painting rocks, scratching poetry into the walls — it’s all part of the “look at me!” culture.

Would anyone spray paint over Leonardo DaVinci’s Last Supper? OK, someone probably would, but would anyone defend this vandalism?

Let’s hope that selfies in the great outdoors lead to a good thing: As visitors record themselves standing next to rock art, they might keep their hands to themselves.

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# A salute to the sweethearts of Pagosa

**Betty J. Slade**  
PREVIEW Columnist

This is a salute to the beautiful sweethearts of Pagosa. Living the mountain/country life takes a lot of grit and stick-to-i-tive-ness. Pagosa is a man's world and is not for the faint-hearted. Wives come alongside their husbands, they learn to hunt, fish and live off the land to fulfill their dreams. They are unsung heroines who deserve recognition.

The women step up to help their husbands provide meat, skin, package and cook it. They work beside their husbands to cut and stack wood to keep the home fires burning and food on the table. Why? They labor for the love of their husbands and families.

In the '70s and '80s, there were few licensed builders. With no money, women worked with their men to build homes. They sawed, hammered, taped, textured and painted. They lived among table saws and tools in the living room and makeshift cupboards in their kitchens. They didn't complain.

I thought it would be fun to tell some of the stories of those years. In 1976, we hauled water from the Blanco River until La Plata Electric installed an electric pole on our property. The children walked in with more water on them than in the bucket. We were without a phone for two years, before we were connected to a four-party line.

Our children walked 2 miles to U.S. 84 to catch the school bus every morning. When our kids tell their friends they walked 2 miles in 3 feet of snow to the bus stop, their friends raise their eyebrows and say, "Sure you did."

The school system said they would run a bus on the Lower Blanco when they hired an additional bus driver. I stepped up and accepted the challenge. I could make \$300 a month and I believed I could handle the task. How hard could it be to pick up and deliver children?

In January of 1979 with 4 feet of snow on the ground, worse winter in history, I became a bus driver. I left home in the dark at 6 a.m. every morning.

It was so cold, the door froze shut on my vehicle. I pushed and pulled to get the door open. The back door finally gave way and I crawled through the backseat and over to the front seat, hoping no one saw me. At 40 years old, I had more grit than I have now.

I drove to the bus shed to warm up the bus and then returned to pick up the children. I lasted one month, but long enough to give a few people a laugh or two.

I met a lady who grew up in Pagosa. Her dad was the head of the bus shed for the Pagosa school district. She reminded me of something I had forgotten. This is one of those stories.

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*I drove to the bus shed to warm up the bus and then returned to pick up the children. I lasted one month, but long enough to give a few people a laugh or two.*

The conversation went like this. "My dad knows you."

"How's that?"

"You were that crazy lady out on the Blanco who drove a bus into the ditch several times. He grumbled every time he dug you out."

"Oh, those were hard days. I remember when I put chains on the bus. I thought I would die. I was so cold my fingers stuck to the metal. There were a couple of 16-year-old boys on the bus and I hollered, 'Get out and help me.'"

They looked at me and yelled, "We don't know how and even if we did, we don't have to."

"What? Get out here. You're too big to sit there and watch a lady put on chains." The three of us got the chains on the bus. Today, I am sure my tirade would result in a lawsuit. But then, the experience helped young boys grow into manhood.

I talked to Jane Stewart, who owned a business in downtown Pagosa in the late '70s, when it wasn't popular for women to be in business. She taught many of Pagosa's youth how to work, including three of my own. I've thanked her many times for building good work ethics into my children.

She tells about the time when Judge Hyde held court. The jurors parked in front of her establishment, The Hub, during lunch. She walked into the courtroom, stopped the court and told Judge Hyde to have the jurors move their cars. He did and they did. She had guts.

I remember seeing Mrs. Ross

(Troy and Cody's mom) every week at the laundry mat washing the team's football uniforms after practices and games. She scrubbed the dirt and grass stains out of those white uniforms and readied them for the next game. Did anyone thank her? Probably not. That's what mothers do for their kids.

Also, Mrs. Lucille Rackham, (Christine and Tony's mom) grinned from ear to ear with a skillet of fried Rocky Mountain oysters. She was frail and a beautiful genteel lady living in a man's world. The contrast made me shake my head.

I remember Evelyn Davidson, with six children, several adopted, took a big brown grocery bag of popcorn into the theater. Many of us could only afford the price of the movie and did the same thing. She was the best mom in the world. Gilbert tells of the time when he and the boys went out hunting; they came back with nothing. While they were gone, Evelyn shot a big bull elk off their front porch. When he got home, she told him and the boys to go out and skin it.

How many of you bought milk from Mrs. Fay Brown? Our family bought four gallons every week in big glass bottles for a dollar each. We raised healthy kids on fresh farm milk. Today, the health department would step in. No telling how many cows Mrs. Brown milked in her lifetime.

I remember seeing Mrs. Ruby Sisson driving her green 1955 Chevrolet down the dirt road from the Upper Blanco every morning. She was on her way to teach the youth of Pagosa. She was one tough little lady. The community named the library after her.

My daughter reminded me of the Gallegos girls and women who went on cattle drives every year. It was expected of them.

I want to salute the Pagosa women who are still with us and those who have left their stories behind. They have written their lives on the hearts of their children and people of Pagosa. They are moms, teachers, bus drivers, business owners and farmers who showed up every day.

These women and others have left big shoes to fill. With the same heart and grit, the girls of Pagosa still show up every day and live out their stories. I hope to write their stories and sing their praises and let the sweethearts of Pagosa know they are special.

This is the first of a series of articles for "The Writers' Circle" about the women of Pagosa. If you know their stories, please send them to me at bettyj@centurytel.net. Please send a paragraph or two or the whole story, I will include them in the next article.

Send your submissions for "The Writers' Circle" to editor@pagosa-sun.com.



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## Cheesecake makes a decadent Valentine's Day treat

Special to The PREVIEW

A cheesecake recipe can be useful on any special occasion, and especially so on Valentine's Day. For many people, cheesecake is not cheesecake without the addition of ricotta cheese. While ricotta is included in savory dishes like lasagna or manicotti, it is at home in desserts like cheesecake as well.

Ricotta means "recooked" in Italian, and its production involves reheating the whey left over from making other cheeses, like mozzarella. Its texture is like a creamy/grainy, thick sour cream.

Ricotta is included in this recipe for "Ricotta Cheesecake With Coffee and Chocolate" from "Nick Stellino's Family Kitchen" (G.P. Putnam's Sons) by Nick Stellino, but it is not the only flavorful ingredient in this decadent dish. Coffee liqueur, chocolate and lemon zest add to the complex profile — which

only get more pronounced if you prepare this cake a day in advance.

### Ricotta Cheesecake with Coffee and Chocolate

(Tortino al caffè e cioccolato)  
Serves 8 to 10  
1 cup graham cracker crumbs  
2 tablespoons butter, melted  
2 tablespoons sugar, plus 1/2 cup sugar  
2 pounds ricotta cheese, drained of excess liquid  
8 eggs, separated  
1/2 cup cream  
1/4 cup espresso or extra strong coffee, cooled  
1/4 cup coffee liqueur  
1 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate morsels  
Preheat the oven to 325 F.  
Make a graham cracker crust by mixing together the melted butter

with the crumbs, and sugar. Press into the bottom of a 9-inch spring-form pan.

Mix together the ricotta, sugar, egg yolks, cream, espresso, coffee liqueur, lemon zest and salt until creamy. In a separate bowl, beat the egg whites until they form stiff peaks. Carefully fold the egg whites into the ricotta mixture. Stir in the chocolate morsels and pour onto the prepared crumb crust.

Bake the cake for 1 hour and 15 minutes or until just set in the middle. The cake will still seem wobbly, but will be lightly browned and cracked around the edges. Remove the cake from the oven and cool on a rack for 30 minutes. Refrigerate the cheesecake for at least 6 hours or overnight before running a sharp knife along the edge of the cake and removing the pan. Cut into wedges to serve. Garnish with shaved chocolate and strawberries, if desired.

## Flowers and their various meanings

Special to The PREVIEW

Flowers can represent various emotions. Flowers play a prominent role in many holidays, perhaps none more than Valentine's Day.

Valentine's Day is a busy day for florists. ProFlowers says it accounts for most of the industry's fresh flower sales. Around 78 percent of the flowers purchased for Valentine's Day are cut flowers, and men are the top consumers.

Roses are the go-to flower on Valentine's Day, but shoppers can look to various blooms to send the right message to that special someone in their lives. In fact, each type of flower conveys its own unique message.

ProFlowers and Pickup Flowers note that the following are some popular blooms and the messages those flowers are traditionally associated with.

- Amaryllis: This flower is symbolic of splendid beauty and can be used to indicate worth.
- Aster: The aster symbolizes patience, elegance and daintiness.
- Calla lily: This bloom symbolizes magnificence and beauty,

as well as purity and innocence. That is why Calla lilies are often the flower of choice in wedding bouquets.

- Carnations: These are one of the most popular flowers in the world and are generally symbolic of love and fascination.

- Daffodil: Daffodils symbolize regard and chivalry. They also can be indicative of rebirth, new beginnings and eternal life. A single daffodil can signal misfortune, while a bunch expresses joy and happiness.

- Gerbera daisies: With large, beautiful blooms in a wide assortment of vibrant colors, gerbera daisies are a favorite flower for cheerful sentiments.

- Gladioluses: These tall, striking flowers are eye-catching and make great gifts for significant others. The gladiolus symbolizes honor, infatuation and strength.

- Iris: Irises represent faith, hope and wisdom and are cherished for their big, beautiful blooms.

- Peony: This flower, which resembles a rose, symbolizes a happy life, happy marriage, prosperity, and good health.

- Rose: Roses symbolize love

in its various forms, and different colors of roses symbolize different things. For example, yellow roses represent care and friendship, while pink roses are given as a token of admiration.

Flowers are popular gifts come Valentine's Day. Choosing a flower that best represents the feelings gift-givers want to convey can incorporate even more meaning into a bouquet or basket.



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# The average timelines for popular renovation projects

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Home renovation projects are significant undertakings. Working with skilled and experienced contractors can ensure projects go smoothly and are completed promptly.

Timing is a big consideration for homeowners as they begin renovating their homes, and the home improvement experts at HomeAdvisor note that the following are some general timelines for popular renovation projects.

- Home addition: Short of a full-scale demolition and rebuild, home additions are the most time-consuming projects homeowners can undertake. HomeAdvisor notes that its survey of customers who recently completed home addition projects reported that the average time from start to finish was between three and four months. Certain variables, including the scale of the project and the local permits process, can extend the time it takes to complete a home addition.

- Kitchen remodel: Scale is a big factor to consider when estimating the time it takes to complete various home improvement projects, and kitchen remodels are no exception. Some HomeAdvisor users reported projects taking as long as four months, though the average time reported was roughly six weeks. Projects that require major overhauls like rearranging the plumbing and moving walls will likely take longer than more cosmetic projects that are limited to replacing cabinets and countertops.

- Bathroom remodel: More than 1,000 homeowners surveyed by HomeAdvisor reported that bathroom remodels took about 4.5 weeks from start to finish.

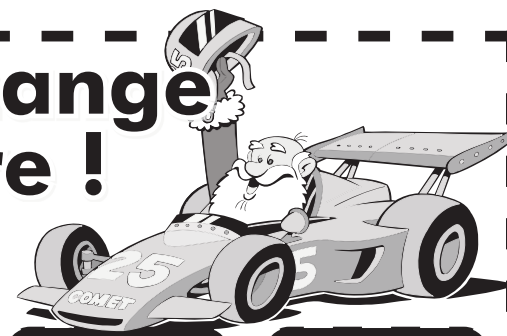
Small-scale remodels that focus on painting the walls a fresh color and replacing existing tiles can be completed in less than two weeks. But like with kitchen remodels, bathroom remodels that involve replacing plumbing fixtures and removing walls figure to take much longer than that.

- Siding installation: HomeAdvisor users report that new siding projects take roughly two weeks from start to finish. That estimate is the same regardless of which materials homeowners are replac-

ing and installing.

- Replacement windows: Homeowners who want to replace all the windows in their home can expect such a project to take roughly three weeks. HomeAdvisor notes that such a timeline need not concern homeowners worried that they will be forced to brave the elements during the length of the project. Much of a contractor's time during a window replacement project will be spent on upfront measuring and then ensuring a tight fit once the windows have been installed.

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## 4-H sewing project members celebrate successes

By Lisa Scott  
4-H

Members of the 4-H sewing project are ready to start the new 4-H year, but not without celebrating the success of last year. Seven young women qualified for 4-H State Fair: Kylie Keuning, age 16, STEAM 3, third place, formal dress; Reece Peterson, age 14, STEAM 2, reserve champion, fleece pants; Adelyn Hittle, age 11, STEAM 2, fifth place, fleece robe; AmberLynn Snarr, age 11, STEAM 1, fifth place, toddler dress; Faith Lee, age 10, STEAM 2, ninth place, cotton dress; Veda Deitemeyer, age 8, STEAM 1, fifth and eighth place for apron and pillow, respectively; and Chloe Gantt, age 10, STEAM 1, qualifier, cotton shorts.

STEAM stands for science, technology, engineering, arts and math. The A has been added to introduce the creativity into this form of education that promotes the integration of authentic learning experiences to students with an interdisciplinary and applied approach.

All 4-H projects and activities were suspended with the COVID-19 pandemic. The sewing project had been underway for about a month prior. The 4-H program was allowed to assemble again in June with rigorous parameters and guidelines in groups of less than 10. Despite taking a long break, 4-H members resumed their projects and completed them prior to the Archuleta County Fair. While the fair was canceled, 4-H created a process for interviews, exhibition of project and judging to take

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Photo courtesy KC Lee

Faith Lee, 10-year-old member of the 4-H sewing project, exhibits the dresses she made for Dress a Girl Around the World. She completed these dresses after completing a dress she made for herself, which was awarded ninth place at the Colorado State Fair.

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Kylie Keuning, high school senior, wears the powder blue satin prom dress she constructed and placed third with in the Colorado State Fair in the formal dress category.

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# Social media: the good and the bad

By Richard Gammill  
PREVIEW Columnist

Social media is often accused of presenting only the bright side of life. We want to post experiences that will gather a lot of “thumbs up” or “hearts.” We are unlikely to post our struggles or our failures.

This causes some users to despair over the “ordinariness” of their lives. They ask, “Why do my friends have all these happy experiences when so many bad things happen to me? Why do I have so many problems?”

Sometimes when I open my social media account, I receive a gut punch. A friend passed away — and it happened just that morning or the day before. I am shocked by the news and drawn into the pain and sorrow of their loved ones.

## A Matter of Faith

I am jolted by urgent requests for prayer. A couple has flown to Alaska to be with their 16-year-old granddaughter who is in a coma. A friend has taken his ailing father to the hospital with lymphoma and colon cancer. A friend and her husband are caring for her parents in their home and her father has passed into a coma. Three pastor friends — one quite young, the other two retired — are hospitalized with COVID-19.

The outcomes are varied. The

father at home died holding his wife’s hand. The 16-year-old girl passed into eternity surrounded by her loving family. The young pastor in Las Vegas succumbed to COVID-19. One retired pastor survived his weeks in the hospital, but now is suffering with the severe after-effects of the virus. Another was 26 days on high-flow oxygen and — with hundreds praying for him — experienced a miraculous healing of his lungs.

My social media friends are people of faith. Our comments express hope and give assurances of love and prayer. We are a wide-spread, caring community uplifting those who grieve. We convey God’s comforting love through the outreach of social media. In turn, we are often encouraged by the resilient faith of those we have prayed for.

Life is not all bright and happy. Modern technology enables us to enter into one another’s struggles and permits us to “rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep” (Romans 12:15). And marvel when God answers our prayers and performs a miracle.

## 4-H

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place. The same was true at the state fair level.

Clothing Construction teaches 4-H members the fundamentals to begin sewing, understand tools, notions, textiles, and advance their skills to include finishing touches, styling and personalization. Other members in last year’s project were Emma Gantt, Ashlie Elliott, Lorah Jacobson, Kailey Vincent and Hans Gardner. The sewing project has been immensely grateful to community members that have donated their personal excess of fabric and notions as project members have put these to very good use.

All sewing members focus on completing one project designated for exhibition at the fair, which must be a garment. When this project is completed, students may choose another project, sometimes a garment, but pillows, dog beds and blankets are fun and popular choices. This year, Lee chose to

make dresses for the Dress a Girl Around the World project, which supplies young women and girls with a dress, made from a basic pattern and cotton fabric, and distributed in underprivileged communities around the world.

The new 4-H year is underway and all members are meeting with their clubs and starting work on their projects, which will be on display at the Archuleta County Fair Aug. 5-8.

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# UUs to practice a tradition with Sunday vote

By Pauline Benetti  
Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist (UU) Fellowship continues virtual service on the first and third Sundays of the month.

Please join us on this Sunday, Feb. 7, as we gather to participate in a traditional practice established in 1961 when the Unitarian Association and the Universalist Church of America merged to become the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA).

The practice begins with the periodic proposals of congregational study/action issues by UU member congregations. From among these proposals, one is selected by the UUA General Assembly for three years of study, reflection and action, after which the Commission on Social Witness drafts a Statement of Conscience (SOC) that articulates the goals and needed work of collective social witness for the issue. In the third year of this process, member congregations can vote to place the draft on the UUA General Assembly agenda, where delegates can then vote on whether to adopt the statement.

We are at this point in the process now. This Sunday, we will vote (and submit that vote to the UUA)

to decide if the current 2018-2021 congregational study/action issue, "Undoing Intersectional White Supremacy," should be presented at the UUA General Assembly in June of this year and accepted as a UUA SOC.

Before actually voting, we will seek to understand the role of the SOC in Unitarian Universalism and the question of the relevance of this particular SOC to our fellowship. This is our opportunity to understand and participate in an important practice of the religion we call our own.

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Religious Exploration (RE) classes have been temporarily canceled due to COVID-19. For more information about RE or the fellowship, call 731-7900 or email [info@pagosauu.org](mailto:info@pagosauu.org).

# New Thought topic: 'Destiny Calls through the Heart'

By Lisa Burnson  
New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

"What you are seeking is seeking you." — Rumi.

All are welcome to join New Thought Center for Inspirational Living this Sunday, Feb. 7, at 10:30 a.m., for our presentation, "Destiny Calls through the Heart: The Life You're Seeking Is Seeking You." Our speaker will be Dr. Elaine Harding, Ph.D., author of "Be Authentic: Three Keys To Unlocking Your True Potential."

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ANSWER:





Photo courtesy Jim Bryan

**The Pagosa Catholic community Audio/Visual Ministry Team poses for a photo. From left are: Jim Field, John DeMarco, Giuseppe Margiotta, Brian Reis, Gene Tautges, Jim Bryan and Frank Sciacca.**

## Pope John Paul II A/V ministry team makes improvements, plans more

By Jim Bryan  
John Paul II Catholic Church

If you had attended any Mass at Pope John Paul II prior to mid-2017, you might have thought “Gene! Gene! Gene!” was part of the liturgy.

However, it was merely Father Kenny’s weekly plea to poor Gene Tautges, always seen running around during Mass, doing his best to correct the horrible audio in the church.

Try as he might, Tautges was caught in a no-win situation, working with a system that simply couldn’t deliver good audio to the congregation with the equipment he had to work with. Let alone, he did his best to make constant adjustments to accommodate a pastor whose Nigerian accent made it even tougher for people in the pews to understand anything.

It makes you wonder how many beautiful sermons were simply never heard and appreciated?

And our choir? One of the finest musical ensembles in the state sounded like they were singing through the tin cans and string we used to play with as kids.

People were frustrated, angry and even staying home instead of attending Mass.

It was a bad situation that wasn’t getting any better, until two new parishioners moved to Pagosa who were willing to help.

In early 2017, fate (or a miracle) brought Jim Bryan, from Honolulu, and John DeMarco, from Atlanta, to our parish within weeks of each other. Combined, they had nearly 80 years of broadcast audio/video engineering experience to share.

And, after both Bryan and DeMarco sat in the pews long enough to suffer through the terrible audio and sympathizing with “Gene! Gene! Gene!,” they were more than willing to roll up their sleeves and

help.

In the months ahead, add the carpentry skills of Giuseppe Margiotta and the dedicated labor of our Knights of Columbus. Then, throw in decades of computer experience from another new parishioner, Jim Field, and we were on our way to creating something special.

Fast forward three years and the Pope John Paul II sanctuary now has a brand new, state-of-the-art Bose sound system, as well as a high-definition TV network that not only supplies live video streaming of Masses over the Internet, but also gives the parish a complete closed-circuit television station that provides a live signal to TVs in the Narthex, Chapel, Pavilion and all the new addition classrooms whenever needed.

Oh, and we forgot to mention our own radio station, FM 101.1, that broadcasts all Pope John Paul II daily and Sunday Masses over the radio within range of the parish.

And, a completely new sound system for our magnificent choir.

And, an eight-camera HD security system throughout the Pope John Paul II property.

And, a new organ donated by a former pastor, Father Carlos Alvarez, in exchange for work our A/V team did to improve the audio system at his parish in Grand Junction.

And, a two-way outdoor audio system that was built to allow our parish to have 200 people attending Mass in the Pope John Paul II parking lot during the height of the pandemic when other parishes were limited to 10 people indoors.

And — well, a lot more that most parishioners don’t even realize day-to-day, because our A/V ministry just keeps making improvements every chance they get, whenever there’s a need.

All of this new technology must

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## Sixth edition of local author’s media relations textbook is published

Chicago-based publisher Waveland Press has announced the publication of the sixth edition of “On Deadline: Managing Media Relations” by local author Carole Howard.

Called “a tangible blueprint for tomorrow’s communication leaders” by one reviewer, the new book covers planning and implementing a media relations program, building relationships with reporters, arranging news conferences and media events, integrating media relations into marketing communication strategy, spokesperson training, crisis management, global media relations, ethics and legal issues, measuring results and becoming a counselor to management.

Sales show that “On Deadline” is the foremost textbook on media relations in the academic, corporate, nonprofit and government sectors. As one reviewer remarked, this book is “like having a professional mentor and media consultant on speed dial.” Its practical advice draws on current case studies and Howard’s extensive media relations experiences in the U.S. and around the world.

Howard continues in the role of lead author of the text. Her new co-author for the sixth edition is Suzanne Horsley, assistant dean and associate professor of communication at The University of Alabama, with experience in the government, nonprofit and academic sectors. The name of Wilma Mathews, Howard’s co-author for the first five editions, remains on the cover, per publishing tradition.

Thomas J. Curtin, senior editor at Waveland, said it is unusual for audience demand to warrant a sixth edition of a textbook. “On Deadline” has achieved that distinction “because of its clear, fast-moving style and the extensive experience of its authors,” he said. As a reviewer wrote in the Public Relations Journal: “It would take



Carole Howard

years of painfully learning from your mistakes to develop the knowledge about working with the media that has been assembled in ‘On Deadline.’”

Howard is the retired vice president of public relations and communications policy for The Reader’s Digest Association, Inc. in New York with global responsibilities and staff in 15 countries. Previously she worked for AT&T in public relations positions in Seattle, New York and New Jersey. She has written more than 100 magazine articles on global PR, media relations, employee communication and integrated marketing and has contributed chapters to 11 other books. A frequent speaker to PR and business organizations and guest lecturer at universities around the world, her speeches have been published in three textbooks, including in Italy.

The first edition of “On Deadline” was published in 1985. The fourth edition also was published in Chinese. Over the decades the book has documented trends as the media relations profession has adapted and thrived, with globalization and communication innovations via the in-

ternet and social media transforming lives and working environments.

The sixth edition features new case studies documenting successful media relations programs and events from locations as diverse as Alabama, New York, San Francisco, Washington, D.C., London, England and Vancouver, Canada. In addition, several Pagosa Springs sources are highlighted, including case studies featuring The Pagosa Springs SUN, the Ruby Sisson Memorial Library and Thingamajig Theatre Company. The text also recognizes our local KWUF radio station and our community’s two online news sites, Pagosa Springs Journal and Pagosa Daily Post. Two other residents also are mentioned in Howard’s biography: ginger cats Lucy and Marmalade, who were adopted from the Pagosa Springs Humane Society.

Howard and her husband Bob moved to Pagosa Springs full-time in 1995. She writes the weekly Library News column for The Pagosa Springs SUN and Pagosa’s two local online news sites, as well as articles for Thingamajig Theatre Company. She is president and blogmaster of the local Pi Beta Phi sorority alumnae club. Previous volunteer activities in the community include serving on the Music in the Mountain steering committee and heading its publicity efforts, acting as secretary and publicity chair for the Pagosa Springs Women’s Golf Association, and president and newsletter editor for the Gray Wolf Ski Club.

The publisher has donated a copy of the sixth edition of “On Deadline: Managing Media Relations” to the Ruby Sisson Memorial Library. It also is available as a paperback and e-book on Amazon and on the publisher’s website at [www.waveland.com](http://www.waveland.com), as well as in campus bookstores when it has been assigned for a class by a professor.

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# Guaranteeing a second date

By Daris Howard  
Special to The PREVIEW

I always love hearing how married couples met. Recently, some neighbors shared their story.

Kaylie and Trent were both with their families at the same football game. However, even though they had family members who were friends, they had never met. The groups they were each with were sitting near each other, and the family members who were acquainted said hello.

As the game progressed, one of Kaylie's family members said, "You know, Kaylie, we really ought to set you up with Trent."

Meanwhile, one of Trent's family members suggested he ask Kaylie on a date. Trent was rather shy and wasn't about to ask someone he didn't know. So, the two families worked it out to introduce Trent and Kaylie to each other. And when they did, they suggested openly to Trent and Kaylie that they go on a date.

Trent realized it would be awkward not to ask her, so he did. They set up to go hiking, something they found they both enjoyed.

When the appointed day came, Trent picked Kaylie up, driving his nice, new truck. Kaylie thought Trent was good looking, and she immediately liked his truck, too. She found out he used it in the rugged work he did, and she liked that as well.

Trent, on the other hand, wasn't sure about Kaylie. She was pretty,

and she was nice. But she had more confidence in herself than he had ever dreamed of having. He had never seen that in a girl before. He liked that, and admired it in her, but at the same time, he wasn't sure he felt up to dating such a girl.

The plan was to walk a few miles through woods, then cross some sagebrush-covered hillsides to a shady meadow. They would have lunch there before returning. Trent had hiked with other girls and had to carry most of the lunch and water. But Kaylie took her share, and maybe more, and he admired her for that.

As they walked, they talked and enjoyed the scenery. It was a beautiful day, and the hike wasn't too strenuous. Everything was going well until the path turned along the sagebrush-covered hillside. Suddenly, a rattlesnake slithered out of the brush, blocked their path, and dared them to come any closer.

Unknown to Trent, Kaylie had worked on a ranch one summer that had lots of rattlesnakes. She had defended livestock and other farm animals from snakes many times.

Without even thinking, her defensive instinct kicked in, and she yelled, "Grab a stick!"

She grabbed one and drove the snake from the trail, with it seemingly feeling lucky to get away from her. When she turned to look for Trent, he was nowhere to be found.

He said, "I will admit, I ran screaming like a little girl all the way back to the truck. But in my

defense, I had a bad run-in with a snake once, and I am deathly afraid of them."

When Kaylie got back to the truck and found Trent there still breathing hard from the encounter on the trail, she knew the date was over. They didn't attempt to hike the trail again, nor did they even eat the lunch they had brought.

But during the time on the hike while they had visited, Kaylie realized that Trent was a great guy, even if he was afraid of snakes. She knew that if she didn't do something before he dropped her off, that would be the last time she would see him. So when they pulled up to her house, and he got out to come around and open her door, she put her sweater in the back seat of his pickup on his tools. She knew he would see it when he went to work.

After walking her to her door, Trent felt bad. He really liked Kaylie, but how could he face her again after what had happened? He was embarrassed and, as he put it, "his manly pride was wounded."

But a couple of days later, he found her sweater, and he knew he should return it. So, he called her and told her about the sweater. "I can drop it off to you tonight after work."

"Don't make a special trip," she said. "Just bring it next time we go on a date."

That was just enough to give Trent the confidence to ask her out again. And, as they say, the rest was history.

## Sunday devotionals offered by the Baha'i Faith

By Paulette Heber  
Baha'i Community of Archuleta County

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

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

ID: 884 668 836.

A weekly theme is reflected in the prayers, music, poetry and selections from world religions and various sources. All are encouraged to contribute inspirational pieces. This Sunday, Feb. 7, our theme is grace.

"It is clear that the teachings which come from God are heavenly outpourings of grace; they are rain showers of divine mercy and

they cleanse the human heart." — Abdu'l-Baha.

The Baha'i Faith is a world religion whose purpose is to unite all people of the world in one universal cause, one common faith.

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

## Ministry

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have cost our parish a fortune. Wrong.

Over the past three years, it has all been done for less than \$1,000 cost to our parish due to over \$50,000 of generously donated equipment and labor from members of our A/V team, our Knights of Columbus and some kind broadcasting friends from around the USA who kicked in to help when asked.

Designated a parish "ministry" in 2019 by Father Kenny, our

A/V team is now seven members strong and always looking for more help. You don't need to be an engineer, either — just someone willing to learn a few basic skills and share your time and talent in a very rewarding role in our parish family.

What's ahead for the A/V team?

1. Rebuilding the sound system at Immaculate Heart of Mary in both the sanctuary and choir loft.

2. Updating and adding new Bose equipment to the current system at Pope John Paul II.

3. Exploring the addition of a Bluetooth audio system that will allow the hearing impaired to hear Mass in the pews through their own hearing aids or through earbuds plugged into their own smartphones.

For information on how you can help, please contact Bryan at 731-1812 or [ChromoJim@gmail.com](mailto:ChromoJim@gmail.com).

Or, just stop by our A/V station at the back of the church after any Mass and let us know you might be interested.

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## Thursday, Feb. 4

**Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch.** 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. Serving beef stew and salad to go at the front doors. Due to the COVID-19 threat, Loaves and Fishes will continue to offer meals to the community as takeout only. There will be no sit-down service. Guests should come to the front doors of the Parish Hall, where they can pick up meals to go. This practice will continue until further notice. Masks are required.

**Tech Time by Appointment.** Noon-1 p.m., Sisson Library. Make an appointment for one of three slots available. Brad will help one person or one couple at a time. Call 264-2209 to make an appointment or for more information.

**English as a Second Language by Appointment.** 5-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call 264-2209 or email for more information and to make an appointment.

**Principles Before Personalities Group of Alcoholics Anonymous.** 7 p.m., Tennyson Building

Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Contact Charlotte or Ken at 903-9690, or Nate at 507-1004.

## Friday, Feb. 5

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**The Good News Club.** 2-4 p.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. A program for children in K-6th grade. COVID mandates

will be followed, including social distancing and masks. For more information or to register, go to [coloradocef.org/GNC](http://coloradocef.org/GNC).

## Saturday, Feb. 6

**Frozen Foot Fiesta: Fat Bike Race.** 9 a.m.-noon, Forest Service Road 725. One race on a 4.5-mile or a 10-mile snow-covered trail. Limited to 25 participants. Registration is online only. Participants will enjoy soaking passes, great prizes and tons of outdoor winter fun. To register, go to [www.Dustx2.com](http://www.Dustx2.com).

**Frozen Foot Fiesta: Learn to Ski Clinic.** 10 a.m., Cloman Park. Be checked in and ready to ski at 9:45 a.m. Skate ski and classic cross-country ski basics will be shared by some of Pagosa Springs' best skiers. Donations and Nordic Club membership are strongly encouraged. For more information, go to [www.pagosanordic.com](http://www.pagosanordic.com).

**Frozen Foot Fiesta: Frozen Foot 5k Race.** 10 a.m., The Springs Resort, 323 Hot Springs Blvd. Register at [www.frozenfoot5k.racewire.com](http://www.frozenfoot5k.racewire.com).

**Frozen Foot Fiesta: Frozen Foot Snow Volleyball.** 2 p.m., The Springs Resort, 323 Hot Springs Blvd. Get your snow gear on. Dress

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**Frozen Foot Fiesta: Pagosa Nordic Club Social Ski.** 5 p.m., downtown. Go to [www.pagosanordic.com](http://www.pagosanordic.com) for more information.

**Frozen Foot Fiesta: Cabin Fever Bonfire.** 5 p.m., Hot Springs Boulevard. Dress warmly and come fight off the winter blues with a huge bonfire.

## Monday, Feb. 8

**Writing Challenge.** Facebook. For all ages. Calling all writers: challenge your creativity. Challenge details will be posted on the Library's Facebook page. Call 264-2209 for more information.

## Tuesday, Feb. 9

**Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County.** 10 a.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Veterans and associated members are invited. Social distancing is required at this time. Contact 799-8387 for more details.

**Archuleta County Republican Women.** Noon, Boss Hogg's, 157 Navajo Trail Drive. We will hear from two of our elected officials: Kristy Archuleta and Elsa White.

**Tech Time by Appointment.** Noon-1 p.m., Sisson Library. Make an appointment for one of three slots available. Brad will help one person or one couple at a time. Call 264-2209 to make an appointment or for more information.

**Ruby's Book Club.** 2-3 p.m. Zoom meeting. We will be discussing "The 7-1/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle" by Stuart Turton. Copies are available at the library. The Zoom meeting ID for our book club is: 874 5826 9188 and the passcode is: 81147. Contact the library at 264-2209 if you need help accessing Zoom.

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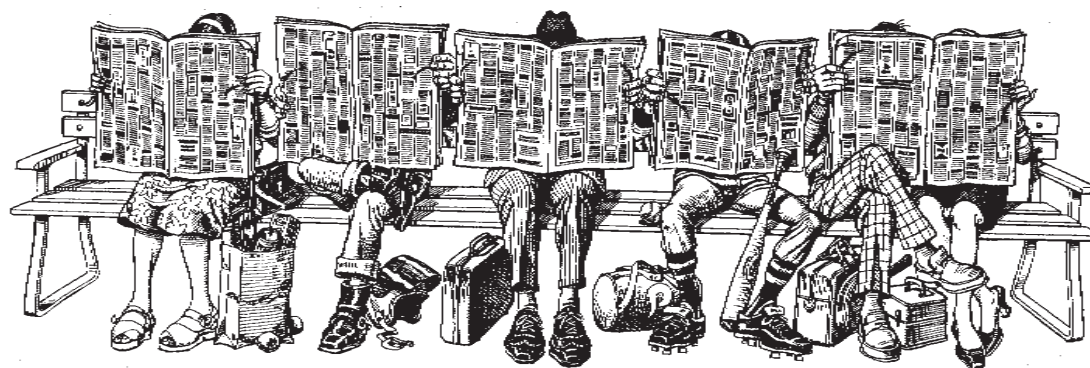
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**The Good News Club.** 2-4 p.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. A program for children in K-6th grade. COVID mandates will be followed, including social distancing and masks. For more information or to register, go to [coloradocef.org/GNC](http://coloradocef.org/GNC).

**Saturday, Feb. 13**

**LEGO Challenge.** 10 a.m. Facebook. Join us for an all ages LEGO challenge via an image posted on Facebook and the library website. Use your own pieces to create something that will fit the challenge. If you don't have LEGOs, we will have a few grab bags available. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Discovery Time.** 2:30 p.m. Facebook. For all ages. New videos are posted to Facebook each Saturday. View to explore new games, art ideas, science experiments, history, activities and more. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Tuesday, Feb. 16**

**Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County.** 10 a.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Veterans and associated members are invited. Social distancing is required at this time. Contact 799-8387 for more details.

**Tech Time by Appointment.** Noon-1 p.m., Sisson Library. Make an appointment for one of three slots available. Brad will help one person or one couple at a time. Call 264-2209 to make an appointment or for more information.

**English as a Second Language by Appointment.** 5-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call 264-2209 or email for more information and to make an appointment.

**Community in Conversation.** 6-7:30 p.m., Zoom. Join us for a Zoom discussion group on topics of importance to our town. Herb Grover will lead a discussion on environmental stewardship. If you'd like to attend, send your email address to [sarah.riehm@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.riehm@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom invitation. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Principles Before Personalities Group of Alcoholics Anonymous.** 7 p.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Contact Charlotte or Ken at 903-9690, or Nate at 507-1004.

**Wednesday, Feb. 17**

**Kids Kare.** 9:30-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. A program for children ages 3-5. Includes Bible time, songs, crafts, games and more. COVID mandates will be followed, including social distancing and masks. For more information or to register, go to [coloradocef.org/GNC](http://coloradocef.org/GNC).

**Family Storytime.** 10 a.m. For all ages. Join us for great stories and fun songs. Wednesday storytimes are on Facebook Live, so if you go to Facebook at 10 a.m., you can interact with Josie. If you have a Facebook account, you can log in and search for the Ruby Sisson Memorial Library. If you don't have a Facebook account, you can access the page by visiting our website and clicking the Facebook icon, or you can contact us and we can send you a link. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

**Thursday, Feb. 18**

**Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch.** 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. Due to the COVID-19 threat, Loaves and Fishes will continue to offer meals to the community as takeout only. There will be no sit-down service. Guests should come to the front doors of the Parish Hall, where they can pick up meals to go. This practice will continue until further notice.

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**Friday, Feb. 19**

**HER Story.** A women's group providing a safe, supportive space to grow and heal as you share your story. An opportunity to meet

other women in your community in a peer-supported group focused on healing from trauma, abuse or violence. In-person meetings have been postponed due to COVID-19. If you are interested in a virtual option, email us at [contactus@riseaboveviolence.org](mailto:contactus@riseaboveviolence.org).

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**Saturday, Feb. 20**

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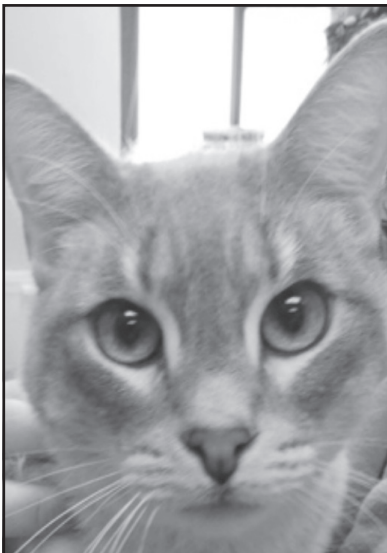
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**THE PAGOSA SPRINGS GROUP** of Alcoholics Anonymous. AA is now meeting every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30p.m. and Sunday at 10a.m. at 315 N. 2nd Street, County Road 200 (.2 miles off 160). In accordance with the State, County and San Juan Basin Health, masks must be worn and social distancing observed. Online meetings are Sunday at 10a.m.: Zoom ID 858-319-763, password 754234; and Friday at 7p.m.: Zoom ID 899 6048 4578, password 532-306. For meeting schedule and information email aapagosa@gmail.com or call Marcia (970)946-8475, Kathi (970)946-1482 Ranza (970)731-9774, Val (970)946-6086 or (719)792-7974 or central office (970)245-9649 or (888)333-9649 (24 hours).

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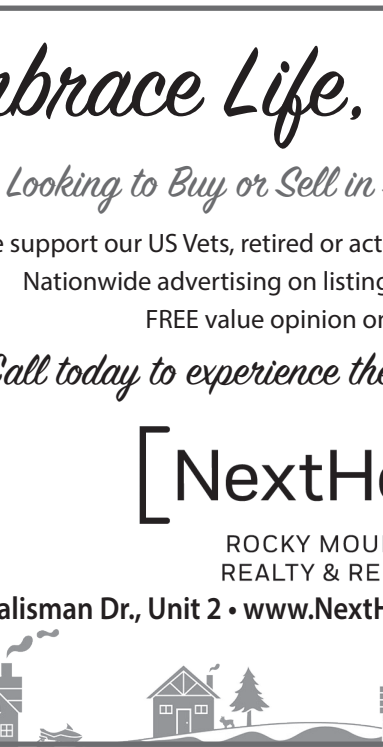
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# Think big and take small steps: getting inspired to actualize change

By Cheryl Wilkinson  
PREVIEW Columnist

Remember calisthenics? That feels like the “first” back-to-health movement. But for most of us, it was just part of gym class. It was a simpler time. Before all the fancy, get-together workout classes and self-help books, there were straightforward things we did to stay active. And staying active let us do more things we enjoyed. School was easier when we were able to let off a little steam. As are most things.

With the world around us becoming increasingly complicated in the last year, everyone is a bit frayed around the edges. We could all stand to let off a bit of steam. And simple solutions might just be easier on the system overall. The biggest change for all of us is finding some way to be OK with the world as it is. That’s a tall order some days, for everyone.

So, here are some suggestions for how to be OK as you are and still work for more each day.

Think beyond exercise, and ask yourself:

- What is working for me right now?

- What do I want to do that is different from where I am right now? What one thing might I change that might make me feel better?

- How do I need to show up for that? What can I adjust that might help me accomplish what I want to do?

Exercise your approach — then, circle back and see:

- Did I hit the mark?
- Was it worth the effort?
- If not, do I adjust the target or adjust my approach?

Set your own goals and take action. Pointers:

- If you take something away (something you feel you need to give up), be sure to add something rewarding in its place. On the flip side, you may find you can’t do something you used to love doing (either because you aren’t physically able to anymore or because of the pandemic lockdown — both types of loss are hard to cope with); in that case, think of a new, simple activity to replace what you’ve lost.

- Look for what will motivate you and help you accomplish your goal. Conversely, look at what might be stopping you from taking steps to reach it. Finding free or inexpensive, immediate resources or other solutions can help you get in motion toward your goal. If you feel like it, ask your friends if they are willing to join you. You can see what works for each other and that may lead to even better solutions and more success.

- Check back with yourself (and your friends) and see — has what I’ve changed made any difference? The quality of the change is what’s

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going to matter to you.

If it seems too easy, or not worth it (no payoff from doing something “easy”), then you’re missing the point — even simple calisthenics lead to feeling more invigorated and working up a good sweat. Only you have to know the reason for your renewed smile and the more relaxed feeling you have in approaching the world each day.

You can contact us or learn more about ASI at our website: <http://www.pseniors.org/>.

### Tax help available

Due to COVID-19, the IRS’s Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program will not be coming to Pagosa Springs to prepare federal and state income tax returns this year. VITA will be preparing 2020 tax returns at no charge as part of the VITA program in Durango. Please register at: [DurangoVITA.org](http://DurangoVITA.org). The gross income limit this tax season is \$54,000.

### Take-out meals continue at Senior Center

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

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

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

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

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

### The Community Café menu

Thursday, Feb. 4 — Beef tacos with homemade flour tortillas, charro beans, milk and salad.

Friday, Feb. 5 — Chicken paprikash, roasted Brussels sprouts, milk, salad and brownie cheesecake.

Monday, Feb. 8 — Grilled cheese sandwich, roasted red pepper soup, milk, salad and chocolate raspberry cake.

Tuesday, Feb. 9 — Beef stroganoff, sauteed asparagus, French baguette with butter, milk and salad.

Wednesday, Feb. 10 — Lemon garlic chicken, spaghetti squash, honey garlic green beans, milk, salad and carrot cake.

Thursday, Feb. 11 — Pork posole, cilantro lime rice, milk, salad and sopapilla with honey.

## Beginning Next Week Phase 1B.2 Vaccinations

Visit PSMC’s website at [pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org/vaccine](http://pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org/vaccine) to make your reservation request. You will be contacted as vaccine becomes available.

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### Phase 1B.3

**Estimated to begin in March, as vaccine supplies allow.** Eligible: Frontline essential workers; 16-64 with 2 or more high risk conditions; direct care providers for homelessness; essential frontline journalists.



### Phase 2

**Estimated to begin after Phase 1 is complete, and as vaccine supplies allow.** Eligible: Ages 60-64; people with certain high risk health conditions; continuity of local government; adults who received a placebo during COVID-19 vaccine trials.

*These phases are set by the State of Colorado as of 1/29/21*

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<https://pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org/vaccine>
- ▶ **Pagosa Medical Group**  
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- ▶ **City Market**  
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