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## Lawsuit alleging civil conspiracy, other things filed against county

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

A lawsuit has been filed in U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado against current and former members of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office and the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC).

A complaint filed Dec. 4 by attorney Donald Lawrence Jr. — of The Law Firm of Lisa Ward LLC—on behalf of the plaintiff, Jason Prescott, seeks a jury trial and alleges civil conspiracy, malicious prosecution, false arrest, extreme and outrageous conduct and deprivation of civil rights. Listed as defendants in the case

■ See Lawsuit A8

## Multiple feet of snow falls over Pagosa Country, more on the way

**By Clayton Chaney** Staff Writer

As of 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 29, a winter storm watch had been issued by the National Weather Service (NWS) for the southwest San Juan Mountains, including Pagosa Springs. The storm watch began Wednesday, Dec. 29, at 11 p.m. and will last until Jan. 1, 2022, at 5 a.m.

According to the NWS, heavy snow is possible with up to 12 to 24 inches of new snow accumulation accompanied by wind gusts as high as 40 mph.

Snow began falling around Pagosa Country late last Thursday, Dec. 23, and has continued to fall since.

According to an email sent to The SUN containing weather reports

■ See Weather A8

## COVID-19: Antibody treatment availability expanded

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

Late last week, San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) announced the expansion of monoclonal antibody treatments for COVID-19 at Pagosa Springs Medical Center through help from the state of Colo-

The press release notes availability is now Monday through Friday between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (with the last appointment at 4 p.m.). This expansion will allow for 15 appointments per day.

PSMC CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb reported to the Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors Tuesday evening that the



Recent snow has led to outdoor adventures for many Pagosa Country folks, with a number of folks venturing out for fun and to docu-



Photo courtesy Nathanael Ward



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## Propane issues leave people in the cold County sets up call center

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

Residents across Archuleta County and northern New Mexico are experiencing difficulties obtaining propane gas to heat their houses and water, among other uses.

Numerous residents have reported their troubles with the various propane services in town to The SUN, while others have taken to social media to make others in the community aware or called local law enforcement.

New Mexico's attorney general is taking legal action against one local propane provider.

On Dec. 23, "following his investigation and consumer advisory on increased cost and unavailability of propane gas," New Mexico Attorney General Hector Balderas filed a lawsuit against Bob's LP Gas, Inc. for "failure to provide the propane gas it had contracted to deliver to

**■** See Propane A8

## Want to be on town council?

Candidate packets will be available Jan. 4

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

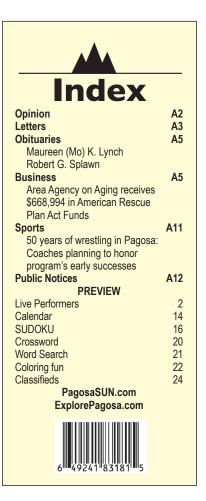
Town residents interested in serving on the Pagosa Springs Town Council can pick up a candidate packet beginning Jan. 4, 2021, for the April 5, 2022, mail-ballot election.

Mayor and three at-large seats will be up for election.

Candidate packets, information and requirements will be available beginning Jan. 4, 2022, at Town Hall, located at 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

Nomination petitions must be returned by Jan. 24, 2022.

Additional information can be found at: https://www.pagosasprings.co.gov/.



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## Our View

## Readers share ideas for 2022

tradition of a fresh start with the fresh vear, we asked readers and Facebook fans to share their ideas for the changes they wanted to see in Pagosa Springs during 2021.

Lisa Chapman wrote: "Keep nepotism out of local political offices and bring more diverse representation (why are their no females in lead roles?). Have county do more for the housing crisis by increasing lodging taxes and having a vacation rental limit in neighborhoods."

Heather Haynie wants: "Running water in aspen spring."

Dena Laterza wrote: "Complete the

Town to Lakes trail!" Cindi Oliver suggested: "Fix all the streets and pot holes."

Tricia Postma: wants: "Me, living there with my family."

Sarah Riehm wrote: "I think a real game changer here would be to establish some post-secondary education. A two-year community college with practical trades education and certifications, plus some academics to prepare our kids to transfer to a four-year school. Add not-for-credit community Ed classes. We have so many qualified instructors here!"

Lisa Is wants a "Driver licensing

Katherine Kacey wrote: "Please institute and enforce 'no engine brakes' on Putt Hill.'

Debra Priest Wallen added: "'No Engine Braking, Noise ordinance' any where on Piedra... or North Pagosa. But big rigs don't use North Pagosa much. They are rattling our windows with every rig that passes.'

Lucinda Morris Tagliareni provided her list: "1. Combine into Town and County government . 2. Recreation Center 3. Indoor facility for kids and adults (bowling, play center) 4. The Town and State must get going on improvements on N. Pagosa, just north of Hwy 160. 5. County needs to pave some roads in Pagosa Lakes. 6. Improve Hwy 160 through town. 7. Enforce property owners to clean up their junky land!!"

Tim Metz wants: "To see a new rec center and swimming pool get approved."

Tiffany E Lugrand added: "Still need ing! sidewalks! It would be wonderful if

Improve — 33 percent

Weaken — 49 percent

Stay the same — 18 percent

Poll results (90 votes)

Vote this week online:

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WHADDYA THINK?

What will the local economy do in 2022?

18%

49%

The new year is upon us, and in the when plowing the snow isn't pilled up need year-round indoor activities that on our walkways where we have to walk on the highway."

> Laura Lunsford wants: "Better cell coverage internet options in the neighborhoods. This is a safe issue as well as an inconvenience.'

> Kysa Moraine-Hoffschneider wrote: "I would like to see it go back to 2000... but that's not possible so I guess just keep making it more like Durango so we can all hate it equally.'

> Barry Moore replied: "Kysa Moraine-Hoffschneider I was thinking more like 1980. I have not been back to the area since then, I bet I would get lost there now. What is the population

Paul Bauer clearly had his mind on hunting: "Going to All draw licenses and doing away with over-the-counter licenses would thin the crowds down a little bit in the woods.

Sonya Calvillo went a step further: "You know what would be nice if locals had a week of hunting with no out of

Suzanne McCarty wants: "Somebody to do something about Talisman Drive--plow it, repave it."

John Robert screamed out in all caps: "TALLISMAN DRIVE--- YOU NEED A TANK---- TOTALLY INEPT!!!"

Cheri Harlow Greene chimed in: "Suzanne McCarty I know! Why bother going off-roading. Just drive down Talisman. Rattles my fillings.'

Harrison Vel wrote: "Find away to do a Soap box derby! Or Drone Raceing courses.

Brendon Maxwell wants: "Olive garden.... Or at least some more variety in food choices.' Christian Pantin added: "Food

trucks allowed to be open year around." Kim Domingo shared: "Would luv a roller skating rink.' Anthony Ferguson suggested: "Le-

galize UTV's on designated parts of highway and county roads! This will bring town \$\$\$\$\$\$!!!!' Maria Kelly supported that idea:

"Anthony Ferguson totally agree!!!" Alyssa Odonnell chimed in: "Anthony Ferguson I would totally go to

the grocery store in our RZR!!" "Alyssa Odonnell that's what I'm say-

Jeanelle Marie Wychesit wrote: "We

33%

serve both the local and tourist population. In Santa Fe I saw an indoor high ropes course/rock climbing that was amazing! The ability to finally birth a child here would be great(how many YEARS have we had a hospital now?!). I would love to see some more good restaurants but I know that they're dif-

ficult to keep going year round." Shannon Smith-Kinder wants: "Fun things for kids to do in this town. There is nothing for any child of any age to do in this town."

Ken Hiatt responded: "Shannon Smith-Kinder Theres millions of acres of hiking ,hunting, fishing, ect"

Suanne Freitag McLellan chimed in: "We have an ice rink, disc golf, hiking, fishing, skiing, tubing, kayaking, baseball, soccer, bike parks, playscapes and climbing. They did an event on both Halloween and Christmas this year. There is are also Easter egg hunts. Seems very kid friendly."

Tricia Postma responded: "Shannon Smith-Kinder it is all about perspective. You will see what you expect to

Scott Ackermann wrote: "Shannon Smith-Kinder ain't it all."

Ken Hiatt added: "Shannon Smith-Kinder Thats not our community's fault thats your governor's fault."

Shannon Smith-Kinder responded: "Ken Hiatt ya well pagosa also use to do a christmas light parade, haunted houses every where. Im talking about activities like that no the outdoors. Pagosa used to be fun for kids now its

a big rich tourist joke of hell." Vickie Galaviz Sweeney wrote: "Shannon Smith-Kinder, No there isn't enough fun things for our kids to do."

Briana Kees reminded: "To have 'local' people be nice to the tourists and the new people that have moved in... REGARDLESS of the state they come from. This 'Us vs. Them' is just not right."

Pennie de Clark shared her sentiment: "Nothing. Pagosa is amazing the way it is."

Space doesn't allow for us to print every idea that we received. We'll share more of the ideas submitted next week.

One thing's for certain, we have a lot Anthony Ferguson responded: to look forward to in 2022. Let's all do our part and resolve to get involved to make our community better.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

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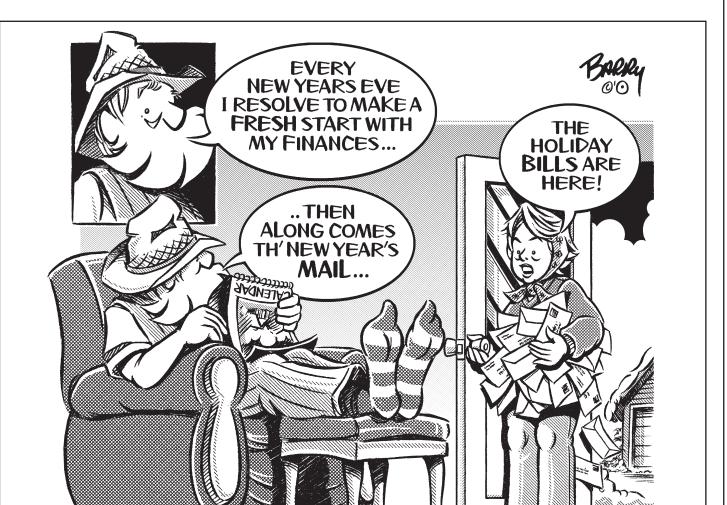
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## **LEGACIES**

By Shari Pierce

## 100 years ago Taken from SUN files of

December 23, 1921

The meeting of the Lester W. Mullins Post No. 108 of the American Legion was largely attended Tuesday evening. Offers for 1922 were elected as follows: Commander, Eugene Hatcher. Vice-Commander, Homer McKinley, Adjutant, Kenneth Day. Finance Officer, J.E. Moore. Chaplain and Historian, Harry DeFoe. Sergeant-at-Arms, Wm. E. Robbins.

Miss Ethel Snyder, teacher at the Bayles school, left vesterday for her home at Olathe to spend her Christmas vacation.

There will be a masquerade dance and oyster supper at the Arlington hotel Saturday evening, Dec. 31st, to which the public is invited. A prize will be given to the most popular woman in Pagosa Springs. Dance and supper tickets \$1.50 per couple.

Mayor S. H. Dickerson left Saturday for Boulder, where he will spend the holidays with his wife and other members of the family.

## 75 years ago Taken from SUN files of

January 3, 1947

Philip Johnson has taken over his duties as clerk of the District Court of Archuleta County, a position previously held by the late Fred Catchpole. Johnson's appointment was dated Dec. 3. He formerly served as county clerk here from 1921 to 1941.

How cold it got in Pagosa was almost anybody's guess, but the official thermometer at the Forest Service recorded 20 degrees below zero on the first day of 1947. That was the low point officially, but thermometers throughout town ranged from that point on to 10 below.

The garages were busy pulling cars to get them started, and heating equipment was in heavy demand.

Water pipes were pretty well frozen around town and the water commissioner. Sam Teeson, was having a busy time keeping the town properly supplied.

Harold Davis, the plumber was the most sought after man in town for a while when the first sub-zero weather caught quite a few households with their plumbing down.

## 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of December 30, 1971

Retail sales figures are up for the year, most merchants report a very good summer, hunting season, and Christmas. However, layoffs at the sawmill due to the shortage of timber, have cut into business considerably. The bad weather in December, too, kept some projects shut down.

Two more Pagosa Pirate football players have been honored for their season play this year. Ron Trujillo was named to the Rocky Mountain News All-State Class A football on the offensive team. He was the only player from the San Juan Basin on that team. Ron was also named to the all-state offensive team by Colorado Sidelines. That paper, too, selected Jim Goodenberger on its all-state defensive team. The paper is published in Boulder and is devoted in its entirety to high school athletic activities in Colorado.

## 25 years ago Taken from SUN files of

January 2, 1997

The county commissioners closed 1996 with a brief business meeting Tuesday and set Monday, Jan. 6 as the date for their first meeting.

The commissioners approved an appropriation resolution to loan \$150,000 to the Archuleta County Airport Authority. The monies are to be transferred from the county's general fund reserves to pay off bills related to the recently completed renovation and repair work on the 2,500-foot runway extension at Stevens Field. The \$150,000 will represent the county's 10 percent of matching funds needed to qualify for a \$950,000 F.A.A. grant the county received for the runway renovation project. Babill and Associates, an engineering firm in Denver which did the design and supervision of the original runway extension, provided \$100,000 towards the redesign and rebuilding of the extension. The agreement specifies that until the loan is repaid in full, the Airport Authority shall pay 80 percent of any and all funds it receives through the operation of the airport's yet-to-be-developed-terminal area.

## **Health District Investigative** Committee presents findings

By Clayton Chaney Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Health District Investigative Committee (HDIC) presented its research and information gathered over the past four months to the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) during the BoCC's regular meeting held on Tuesday,

HDIC Vice Chair Leslie Davis presented a memorandum along with an informational "snapshot chart" containing information related to health care systems for other 3B-ranked counties across the state.

Davis reviewed the committee's goal, which was to "research the feasibility of creating an independent county public health agency vs joining another health district vs remaining with San Juan Basin Public Health," the memorandum

According to the county's website, the HDIC held eight public meetings. It also held one work session with representatives from San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH).

Davis mentioned that committee members individually interviewed representatives from Archuleta, La Plata, Delta, Grand, Alamosa, Gilpin and Montezuma counties in order to gain information relating to their respective health district or department.

"It wasn't all apples-to-apples, as we found out," Davis said.

She mentioned there are 43 counties in Colorado with their own health district or department.

"Nearly all health agencies interviewed were governed only by County Commissioners serving as the Board of Health (BOH). The challenge raised among some of those interviewed was the need for health expertise among the

BOH members considering the complexity of the issues and topics that need attention," the HDIC memorandum states.

The memorandum also explains that the budgets for the health departments ranged anywhere from \$350,000 to \$2,363,271.

Davis spoke about how local health care providers have picked up services for the community, like administering immunizations, and that SJBPH currently contracts out multiple services.

"Very few things are actually done, compared to what we used to do," Davis added.

Davis then explained that she reviewed the fee schedule for SJBPH and found that SJBPH provides "just about every kind of immunization you want" and medical procedures like biopsies and colonoscopies.

"I was amazed, I didn't realize they did all of this - it was kind of an eye-opener to me about the medical services," Davis said.

She noted that SIBPH also does STD testing.

Davis explained the HDIC performed some informal public outreach as a couple board members "hit the streets" to engage with the

"It was definitely mixed messages," Davis said about how the community felt about leaving or staying with SJBPH.

"The interesting thing is, people have their opinion, but when you start asking them specifics, they are like — I don't know, I just like [SJBPH], I like the people, I like what they do here," Davis said, explaining when she would ask what exactly SJBPH does in Archuleta County, the response would be, "Well, I don't know."

Davis noted that a "theme" started to build after communicating with the public.

"I think the public really don't know what San Juan Basin Health does for them," she added.

Davis also spoke about how retaining staff is a concern in health districts across the state.

She went on to explain the HDIC recommends the BoCC request monthly financial reports from SJBPH in order to see exactly what is being spent for Archuleta County.

"That's really going to be important for y'all [the BoCC] to have that information here, which we haven't had," she said.

Davis also mentioned that based on her personal experience, and other members of the committee, they "didn't have the best communication with [SJBPH]" compared to the other counties the committee researched.

She mentioned the county could designate a staff member or a commissioner to be a liaison between the county and SJBPH.

"It's obvious that we are not getting near the amount of services here as they are in La Plata County," she added.

Davis mentioned that it was unclear why that is and spoke more about how SJBPH hasn't been able to provide a clear picture as to what services are provided in Archuleta

"It should be a real clear picture, and it's just not," Davis said.

She noted that there is more research to be done in order to determine if the county should break away from SJBPH or not.

Davis mentioned that the committee discussed the possibility of the BoCC conducting a formal public outreach survey.

"The only way to do that is to pay a professional," she said.

Davis concluded her presentation by noting how the committee had many discussions about whether it would advise the BoCC to break away from SJBPH or not.

"The more we dived into this, the more realized, it's not really our decision," she added, explaining that the goal was to provide the BoCC with sufficient information for it to then make that decision.

"In conclusion, we learned ■ See Findings A4

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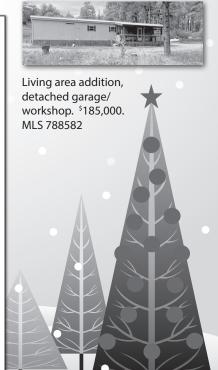
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## 'Walk along together'

Dear Editor:

Awhile ago, a song caught my attention. Here it goes:

"You go to church, I go to mine,

but we walk along together". My goodness, so much meaning in those few words. Yes, in America, we are guaranteed our personal freedoms but as Americans we need to join hands and walk along together — United we stand, right? That is the Pagosa I came to love.

Well, a New Year is just around the corner. Yes, a New Year, a new beginning, so to speak, to put our misdeeds behind us, learn from them, and move forward with confidence walking along together with love.

Happy New Year to All.

Patty Tillerson

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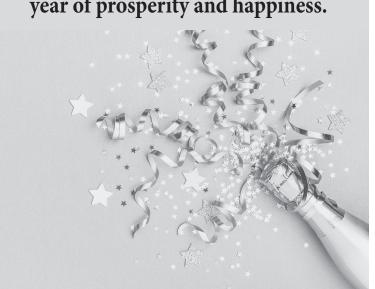


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## **Obituaries**

## Maureen (Mo) K. Lynch

Durango native Maureen Lynch died Dec. 22. She was 76 years old. Known as "Mo," she was born

July 13, 1945, at Mercy Hospital in Durango. She was raised in Pagosa Springs and was the daughter of Ben K. and June E. Lynch.



Mo was a bookkeeper

most of her adult life, working for the Durango Herald, Tamarron Resort, LA Wood and Carver Brewing Company. She loved her work and made many friends through the years

Mo loved her family, friends and critters unconditionally. She enjoyed bird-watching and nature walks on the Florida Mesa. She loved the Beatles, Star Trek, movies and reading.

Mo's summer birthday parties were legendary. Having a "cerveza on the mesa" with Mo and friends was the highlight of summer. Mo gained many friends as she worked and lived in the Durango area. She had a positive attitude, and she was a great listener. She started or ended a conversion with a wonderful positive phrase including:

• "Top of the morning to you"

• "Who loves you, baby"

• "Love and light"

• "Peace"

After losing her fiancé in the Vietnam War, Mo never married and had no children except for her numerous critters. Mo is survived by her brothers, Ben (Judy) Lynch, of Pagosa Springs; Casey (Laurie) Lynch, of Durango; and her sisterin-law, Debbie Lynch, of Aurora. She is also survived by nephews Pat (Kristi) Lynch, of Broomfield; Mike (Neisa) Lynch, of Westminster; Larry (Dana) Lynch and David Lynch, of Pagosa Springs; Grady Lynch, of Durango; Michael (Cora) Lynch, of Kent, Wash.; Christopher (Sarah) Lynch, of Los Angeles, Calif.; and Jack Lynch, of Denver. She is also survived by her nieces, Kelly (Connor) Lynch, of Bellingham, Wash.; Meghan Lynch and Lauren (Sebastian) Lynch, of Broomfield; and Averie Lynch, of San Diego.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by her brother,

A memorial service is planned

## Robert G. Splawn

May 19, 1941-Dec. 7

On Tuesday, Dec. 7, Robert "Bob" Splawn, loving husband, father and grandfather, passed away of a stroke at the age of 80 years.

Bob was born May 19, 1941, in Santa Ana, Calif., to Floyd and Virginia Splawn. He was raised in Orange County, Calif., and attend-

ed Santa Ana High School. Upon graduation, Bob left California to attend Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Ariz.

Bob left college in 1961 and joined the

United States Navy. He was stationed on the USS Fort Marion and served two years working as a storekeeper. Bob received an honorable discharge in 1963 and returned to Santa Ana. Shortly after returning home, Bob started his law enforcement career with the Santa Ana Police Department, where he worked for eight years as a patrol officer and detective. During this time, a fellow officer introduced Bob to Helen Dittman. Bob and Helen began dating and quickly fell in love. They married a few months later and raised two sons, Aaron and Brian.

One of Bob's many passions was flying. Bob obtained his private pilot's license in the early 1970s and was fortunate enough to combine his passion for flying with his career. In 1971, Bob left the police department to become a special agent with the Department of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms. He was quickly promoted to the rank of special agent/pilot and went on to log more than 10,000 hours flying for the ATF and other law enforcement agencies.

In addition to flying, Bob had a strong passion for camping, fishing and historic railroads. These three passions led Bob to southwest Colorado, where he was fortunate to retire in the Rocky Mountains. Shortly after retiring to Colorado, Bob began a second career as a real estate agent, where he specialized in selling ranches and mountain homes to other retirees.

In 2011, after the death of his first wife (Helen), Bob retired a second time and finally began enjoying the things he loved to do. It was during this time Bob rekindled a relationship with his college sweetheart, Carol Moss. Bob and Carol began spending all their free time together and were married in 2013. Bob enjoyed his final years with Carol traveling between Pagosa Springs, Colo., and Carol's home in Casa Grande, Ariz.

Bob was preceded in death by his first wife (Helen), of 46 years, his father (Floyd), mother (Virginia) and his sister (Donna). He is survived by his second wife (Carol) and her extended family, his two sons, two lovely daughters-in-law and multiple grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to The Friends of the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad, which was very near and dear to Bob's heart and his life in Colorado: https://friendsofcumbrestoltec.org/product/donations/.

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## Sixth Judicial District announces District Court vacancy

By Jon Sarche

Colorado Judicial Department

The Sixth Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet via video conference on Feb. 14, 2022, to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of district judge for the Sixth Judicial District (Archuleta, La Plata and San Juan counties). The vacancy will be created by the retirement of the Hon. William L. Herringer. The vacancy will occur on March 9, 2022.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a qualified elector of the Sixth Judicial District at the time

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Application forms are available from the office of the ex officio chair of the nominating commission, Justice Carlos A. Samour Jr., 2 E. 14th Ave., Denver, CO 80203; and the office of the court executive, Eric Hogue, 1060 E. Second Ave., Durango, CO 81301. Applications also are available on the court's home page at: http://

Judge.cfm.

The completed application must be emailed to the address listed in the instructions below no later than 4 p.m. on Jan. 20, 2022. Late applications will not be considered. Any person wishing to suggest a candidate to fill the vacancy may do so by letter to be submitted to any member of the nominating commission, with a copy to the ex officio chair, no later than 4 p.m. on Jan. 13, 2022. Under the rules of the Sixth Judicial District Judicial Nominating Commission, names of the applicants shall be made public once the application period is closed.

The members of the nominating edu.

commission for the Sixth Judicial District are: Kathryn Steelman, Ingrid Alt, Barrie Hedges Newberger King, James Cross and Paul DeBell, of Durango; Albert Northrop, of Pagosa Springs; and John Wright, of Silverton.

Contact information for the nominating commission member: • Steelman, ksteelmanlaw@

gmail.com. • Northrop, pagosacowboy@ gmail.com.

• Alt, ialt@gmalawyers.com.

• Wright, wrightjo@frontier.net. • Hedges Newberger King, barrie@newbergerkinglaw.com.

 Cross, cross\_j@fortlewis.edu. DeBell, padebell@fortlewis.

## **Findings**

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much about the different health structures and services among those that we contacted and those that provided information. There are many more questions to be asked and research to be done," the memorandum states.

The memorandum and other committee research documents can be found online under the BoCC's Dec. 21 meeting agenda at: https://www.archuletacounty.org/ AgendaCenter.

Later in the day, after the BoCC meeting, SJBPH Executive Director Liane Jollon wrote an email to The SUN in response to Davis' presentation.

Jollon acknowledges the work done by the committee and com-

flect that SJBPH faces many of the same challenges other local public health agencies face, but that through these challenges we have found solutions to provide more extensive programming and services than many similar counties in Colorado," Jollon wrote.

provided to the BoCC. "Much of the information re-

ported on by the committee is publicly available, and has previously been provided to the SJBPH Board, which Archuleta County Commissioner Schaaf is a member of. Commissioner Schaaf is aware of this as a Board member and has reviewed and approved many of the topics included in the committee's memorandum of findings," Jollon wrote.

She also explained the committee did not describe the "extensive COVID-19 response" that SJBPH has been providing for the community.

"To skip past this key role of public health leaves the committee with an incomplete picture of SJBPH and disregards Archuleta County's community members who have heavily relied on SJBPH's pandemic response to stay safe and healthy during

this crisis. Since the beginning of this discussion about our multicounty public health district, the Archuleta BOCC and their former county manager have expressed differing opinions from SJBPH regarding the COVID-19 response as a motivation for exploring other options," Jollon wrote.

Additionally, Jollon mentions how SJBPH has "specifically requested meeting time" with the BoCC in the past to discuss topics ranging from COVID-19 response, to septic regulations and other public health programs.

"We have not always been given these opportunities. That said, SJB-PH appreciated the recent opportunity to hold a joint work session between the SJBPH Board of Health and the Archuleta County [BoCC] last month and look forward to more opportunities to collaborate," Jollon wrote.

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However, she explains that there were "many errors" in the details

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## Business

## Area Agency on Aging receives \$668,994 in American Rescue Plan Act Funds

By Christina Knoell

San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging

President Joe Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) on March 11 to combat the public health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and provide financial relief to Americans.

Of the \$1.9 trillion package, \$1.43 billion is earmarked for the Older Americans Act (OAA), including nutrition programs, supportive services for vaccination outreach, assisted transportation, in-home and community-based services and evidence-based programs, such as chronic disease prevention and the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program.

To date, more than 51 million coronavirus cases have been confirmed and more than 800,000 lives have been taken in the United States due to COVID-19.

The San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging (SJBAAA) — Region 9, located in southwest Colorado and serving Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan counties, recently received an Department of Human Service's State Unit on Aging in Denver. The national aging network involves 618 area agencies on aging (AAAs), about 20,000 service providers and 281 tribal organizations, with one Native Hawaiian organization, representing 400 tribes. Colorado has 16 AAAs and Region 9 covers two tribes, the Southern Ute tribe in Ignacio and the Ute Mountain

Ute tribe in Towaoc.

In Region 9, Christina Knoell, the executive director of SJBAAA, has proposed working with a Pagosa Springs business on a growing dome project to benefit five area senior centers. The first two would be built to support the tribes in Ignacio and Towaoc. Another growing dome would be constructed in Dove Creek for the Pioneer Center. A fourth growing dome would be built in Silverton for its newly opened senior center, with the last one constructed in Pagosa Springs for Archuleta Seniors Inc. For this proposal, Knoell said she thought about how ARPA funds could help her own region

ARPA contract from the Colorado by offering quality food and health benefits for older adults, as well as stimulate the local economy.

> After first considering the area tribes, whose members were hit the hardest with COVID-19 cases, Knoell later discovered that the region's network of nutrition program providers was interested in the domes. With access to a growing dome, the senior center meal sites could combat chronic disease management by incorporating healthy local food. The Ute Mountain Ute tribe has already accepted the proposed partnership, and Knoell plans to meet with the Tribal Council in Ignacio in the coming weeks.

> Another important part of the growing dome proposal is to hire a master gardener to ensure that the soil and plants thrive in the domes. A full-time master gardener for the first five years would assist in maintaining a healthy plant ecology and help prevent disastrous white fly or aphid infestations.

> The OAA and its programs became law in 1965 due to concerns over the lack of community social

services for older adults, age 55 and older for tribal members and age 60 and older for nontribal members. Other priorities are given to older adults who have the greatest

dome proposal to the SJBAAA governing board in early January. After that step is completed with approval, she will seek foundation and flatwork contractors to bid on the first phase of the first growing dome project in Towaoc. For more information, the public and interested contractors may contact her at Director@sjbaaa.org or call (970) 403-9744.

The press release notes that Colo-

According to the press release,

rado's rate of job growth over the past

year is 4.4 percent, compared to the

"Over the year, the average workweek for all Colorado employees on

private nonfarm payrolls decreased

from 34.3 to 33.1 hours, while aver-

age hourly earnings increased from

\$31.27 to \$33.05, over two dollars

more than the national average

hourly earnings of \$31.03."

U.S. rate of 4.1 percent.

economic and social needs. The reauthorization of the Act and its funds occurs about every four to five years to add provisions that strengthen supportive service programs. The most recent reauthorization in 2020 intends to give more flexibility to the aging network for grandparent/grandchildren caregiving programs and to help remove barriers so that the aging network could work more effectively by adopting practical business skills. Knoell will present the growing

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## County unemployment rate up to 4 percent

By Clayton Chaney Staff Writer

According to a Dec. 17, press release from the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE), Archuleta County's unemployment rate for the month of November rose to 4 percent after dropping to a prepandemic rate of 3.6 percent for the month of October.

This is just the second time this year the county's unemployment rate went up from the previous reported month.

After the start of the pandemic, the county's unemployment rate rose to 6.2 percent in March 2020, then to 15.1 percent. The county's unemployment rate has declined every other month so far this year, with the exception of June, when it was reported at 5.3 percent after dropping to 4.8 percent in May, and

From October to November, Archuleta County's labor force shrunk from 8,006 to 7,724.

For the month of November, there were 7,412 individuals employed in Archuleta County, according to the press release. This figure is down slightly from October's report of 7,715 individuals employed in Archuleta County.

County-level unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted. According to the press release, the

county with the highest unemployment rate for November was San Miguel County at 7.6 percent, followed by Huerfano County at 6.8

Next is Pueblo County at 6.6 percent and Pitkin County at 6.1 percent, then Fremont County at 5.8

The state's unemployment rate dropped from 5.4 percent in October to 5.1 percent for November.

The state's labor force shrunk from 3,224,401 for October to 3,217,459 in November.

The press release notes, "According to the survey of households, Colorado's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell three-tenths of a percentage point in November to 5.1 percent. The national unemployment rate declined by four-tenths of a percentage point to 4.2 percent."

Employers in Colorado added 800 nonfarm payroll jobs from October to November, bringing the total number of jobs in Colorado to

Nonfarm payroll jobs measure the number of workers excluding

The private sector added 9,400 nonfarm payroll jobs and the government sector shed 400 jobs.

The press release notes that, over the past 19 months, Colorado has gained back 322,200 of the 375,800 nonfarm payroll jobs lost between February and April of last year.

"That translates to a job recovery rate of 85.7 percent, which exceeds the U.S. rate of 82.5 percent," the press release states.

Private-industry sectors with significant job gains in October included:

- Professional and business services at about 3,900.
- Education and health services at about 2,000.
- Financial activities at about
- Other services at about 1,400. • Trade, transportation and utilities at about 1,100.

Significant private-sector job losses over the month occurred in Leisure and hospitality at about

"Since November 2020, nonfarm payroll jobs have increased 117,500, with the private sector growing by an additional 12,700 jobs," the press release notes.

Since November 2020, the largest private-sector job gains include:

- Leisure and hospitality at about
- Professional and business services at about 25,200.
- Trade, transportation and utilities at about 15,700.

Over the same period of time, the largest private-sector job losses occurred in construction, at about



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## Mark your calendars for WinterFest activities

By Mary Jo Coulehan

Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

The snow is here, more is expected, and we're now ready for WinterFest. This event will take place over the weekend of Jan. 21-23, 2022. This year's event is chock full of activities for those that want to participate or just spectate. There are opportunities to raise money, engage the family in participation or just bundle up and watch the festivities.

The Chamber welcomes those hearty hot air balloon pilots on Jan. 21, 2022. We have almost 20 pilots registered. Skis and Saddles will also be welcoming their registrants on Friday evening.

The hot air balloons will be launching on Jan. 22 and Jan. 23, 2022, at around 8 a.m. in the morning, weather permitting, from the west side of town. There is no downtown launch on Saturday. The pilots will stage in areas around the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association recreation center, nearby business parking lots and those areas that don't have an abundance of snow so that they can lay out their balloon envelopes with minimal damage exposure. With all the snow this year, photo opportunities of the snow-capped mountains and lakes should be stunning.

Weekend festivities abound on Jan. 22, 2022. Skijor Pagosa is back with the event's fast and furious pace and they have a new race location — the Archuleta County Fairgrounds. With plenty of parking, a new race route, seating and snow, this year's skijoring is expected to really rock. Come and watch teams compete as skilled riders with their horses pull skiers and boarders through a timed obstacle course. It's a fun event you don't want to miss.

Skijoring also continues on Sunday throughout the day. Skis and Saddles will also host a concert Saturday night at 7 p.m. with western musical artist Chancey William. Tickets are available in advance at www.skisandsaddles.com.

The Pagosa Nordic Club will host a Cross-Country Ški Clinic on Saturday morning at 10 a.m. at Cloman Park. The location could change, so stay tuned in case of any changes.

At 11 a.m., animal lovers can celebrate the winter season with their pets by participating in the Barkus Parade. Dress them up in costume or just warm clothing and head down to the Riverwalk for the parade. Participants are requested to make a small donation and they can also receive a cup of gumbo at The Lost Cajun. Registration applications for this event are not up on the website, but they are expected to be uploaded soon.

For those nonprofit agencies looking to raise a little money, the Penguin Plunge takes place on Saturday with registration around noon and the plunge taking place at 1 p.m. Application and pledge forms for the Plunge are available on the Chamber's website at www.pagosachamber. com under the WinterFest snow globe graphic.

Start raising money now. Please contact the Chamber if your organization is going to plunge so that we can create a list and start marketing for those groups jumping in the frigid San Juan

Registration forms for the Sledz on Rez are also available on the Chamber's website. Sledz on Rez is hosted by the Build Pagosa building trades group. Homemade sleds fly down the course on Reservoir Hill. Store-bought sleds are not eligible, but they can be modified. Find out the details on their registration page. This race begins at around 2:30 p.m.

On Sunday, the Pagosa Nordic group is back hosting the annual BB Gun Biathlon. This race is for a range of ages and cross-country skiing ability. There is a 16km race beginning at 10 a.m., a Kids K at 11 a.m. and a 4km Citizens Ski starting at 11:30 a.m. No shooting experience is necessary and participants will have the opportunity to test out shooting at the targets 30 minutes before their scheduled race start time.

Most of the applications for the various WinterFest events, start times, locations and more details can be found under the WinterFest graphic on the Chamber's homepage. As we get closer to the WinterFest dates, more information will be forthcoming; however, mark this fun weekend down on your calendar. Invite your out-of-town friends to come and enjoy a festive, funky and fun-filled weekend in Pagosa Springs. You can contact the Chamber for more information at (970) 264-2360.



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## \$300,000 in nonprofit recovery funding disbursed to 91 organizations in Southwest Colorado

**By Tracy Pope** Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado has disbursed \$300,000 in pandemic recovery grants through the Community Emergency Relief Fund (CERF) to 91 nonprofits across southwest Colorado.

Organizations were eligible to apply during four rounds of granting, which concluded this month. Funding ranged from \$1,000 to

\$10,000 for each nonprofit. Grant COVID-19 pandemic. amounts were based, in part, on organizational budget size and counties served. The average grant was approximately \$3,300 per organization.

The available recovery funding included \$150,000 designated from donations made by individuals to CERF, as well as a matching gift from an anonymous donor. The \$300,000 infusion into the nonprofit sector will help community organizations manage some of the long-term negative impacts of the

Funding was disbursed across Southwest Colorado, including \$38,000 to 12 nonprofits in Archuleta County, \$4,500 to one nonprofit in Dolores County, \$195,000 to 55 nonprofits in La Plata County, \$54,500 to 20 nonprofits in Montezuma County and \$8,000 to three nonprofits in San Juan County. All nonprofits that applied received funding.

These recovery grants bring the Community Foundation's total CERF granting since March 2020

to \$1.2 million.

"For almost two years, we have been focusing on relieving some of the burdens facing nonprofits across our region," said Briggen Wrinkle, executive director of the Community Foundation. "It has been daunting work at times and the rewards come as we witness the resiliency of many organizations stepping up to the challenges and continuing to meet

the needs of our community." To learn more about the CERF, visit swcommuniftyfoundation.

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## New safety-focused law prompts change in license plates

By Derek Kuhn

Colorado Department of Motor Vehicles

A new Colorado law aims to improve safety for first responders and motorists by ensuring drivers have reflective and legible license

On Jan. 1, 2022, the Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will implement the License Plate Expiration on Change of Ownership Act, which establishes the Centennial State's first license plate replacement program in over 20

Under the new program, license plates for Class C motor vehicles will expire upon transfer of the owner's title or interest in the vehicle. However, the owner will retain the priority right to use the same combination of letters or numbers from the expired plates when registering a new vehicle. To do so, the owner must apply for personalized plates. License plates will then be printed and mailed to the vehicle owner like newly issued license plates. Class

C motor vehicles include passenger vehicles, motorhomes and motorcycles.

The license plate reissue program will enhance public safety by ensuring registered vehicles in Colorado have serviceable license plates that are reflective and visible in low-light environments, which will allow first responders to more easily identify license plates. Additionally, all motorists will benefit from the program since license plates are often the only highly reflective element on vehicles, which is critically important for motorists to see a stalled vehicle on the roadside during low-light periods.

While the new program will make driving in Colorado safer, it will also raise registration costs. For most Coloradans, the additional replacement expense will be \$4.73. However, Coloradans who would like to keep the configuration on their current license plate will need to pay a one-time replacement fee ranging between \$68.06 and \$118.06, depending on the license plate. This is in addition to the normally collected

registration fees.

Historical license plates, such as the green-mountains, white-sky license plate, are available and will be \$118.06.

For more information about the program, including a breakdown of the new fees, visit: DMV.Colorado. gov/NEW-PL8T.

The DMV offers a growing selection of online services, with more than 40 currently available, including license and ID card renewals, upgrading a permit to a license, vehicle registration renewals, paying a traffic ticket, motor vehicle records, first-time vehicle registration and many more. Coloradans can access the convenient and time-saving features on many Internet-connected devices, including smartphones, computers and tablets.

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#### **Archuleta County Sheriff's Of**fice

Calls for service for two weeks:

443. Dec. 13 - Violation of restrain-

ing order, Lake Street. Dec. 13 — Information only, West

Beucler Lane.

Dec. 14 — Drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, drove vehicle when BAC .08 or more, disregarded stop sign at through highways, County Road 600/Ace Court.

Dec. 14 — Agency assist, South 8th Street.

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Dec. 15 — Criminal mischief, Milton I ane.

Dec. 15 — Unlawful distribution/ manufacture/dispensing/sale/possession-opium or derivative sell, unlawful distribution/manufacture/ dispensing/sale possess Schedule I or II controlled substance, conspiracy to commit felony, possession of weapons by previous offenders, Harman Park Drive.

Dec. 15 — Agency assist, Harman Park Drive.

Dec. 15 — Agency assist, County Road 382.

Dec. 16 — Illegal possession or consumption of ethyl alcohol or marijuana, Evergreen Drive.

Dec. 16 — All other thefts, Silver

Dec. 16 — Agency assist, 15th

Dec. 17 — Information only,

Solomon Drive. Dec. 17 — Warrant arrest, Aspen

Village Drive. Dec. 17 — Violation of restraining order, violation of bail bond

condition-misdemeanor, North Pagosa Boulevard. Dec. 19 — First-degree criminal mischief-theft from vehicle, thirddegree criminal trespass, all other

thefts, criminal mischief, Colo. 151. Dec. 20 - Obstructing peace officer/police animal/fireman, men-

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acing-misdemeanor, criminal mischief, harassment-insults/taunts/ challenges, resisting arrest, seconddegree assault-aggravated-police officer-weapon, disorderly conductpetty, Dyke Boulevard.

Dec. 21 — Violation of restraining order, Badger Place.

Dec. 21 — Information only, Lake

Pagosa. Dec. 21 — Death investigation,

East Golf Place. Dec. 21 — Agency assist, Rosita

Street. Dec. 21 — Third-degree criminal trespass, Prospect Boulevard.

Dec. 22 - Information only, Turkey Lane.

Dec. 22 - All other thefts, thirddegree criminal trespass, West

Dec. 23 — Littering of public or private property, County Road 302. Dec. 23 — Warrant arrest, Eagle

Dec. 26 — Second-degree criminal trespass, criminal mischief, County Road 500.

#### Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

Calls for service for three weeks:

Dec. 8 — DUI, expired plates, possessing illegal weapon, San Juan Street.

Dec. 9 - Criminal mischief, Talisman Drive.

Dec. 11 — Operated vehicle without insurance, U.S. 160.

Dec. 13 — Shoplifting, Country Center Drive.

Dec. 13 — Menacing, South 9th

Dec. 14 - Missing property, Aspen Village Drive.

Dec. 14 - Second-degree assault, South Pagosa Boulevard.

Dec. 15 — Driver failed to yield right of way, hit and run, DUI, Harman Park.

Dec. 16 — Third-degree assault,

warrant arrest, 15th Street. Dec. 16 - Second-degree assault, criminal mischief, obstruction

of telephone, San Juan Street. Dec. 18 — Warrant arrest, Loma

Dec. 19 — Shoplifting, warrant arrest, trespass warning, Aspen Village Drive.

Dec. 20 — Harassment, Pagosa

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Dec. 23 — Unauthorized use of financial transaction device, theft,

Hot Springs Boulevard. Dec. 23 — Violation of restraining order, violation of bail bond,

South 9th Street. Dec. 23 - Theft, East Pagosa

Street. Dec. 23 — Violation of bail bond, violation of restraining order, South 9th Street.

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

Dec. 7 — Yolanda Salas, animal running at large prohibited, fine and costs - \$55.

Dec. 7 — Gusman Lucero, animal running at large prohibited, vicious animals prohibited, fines and costs — \$155.

Dec. 7 — Pierre Roemer, possess or consume alcohol in public place, fine and costs — \$85.

#### **Archuleta County Court:** Judge Justin P. Fay Dec. 14 - Jenna M. Rhoads,

speeding 20-24 over limit, fines and costs — \$291.50.

Dec. 15 — Seth A. Chavez, driving under the influence, five days jail suspended imposition, 64 hours community service, one year probation, fines and costs - \$2,080.05.

Dec. 15 — Shane T. Hawkins, driving while ability impaired, 15 days jail suspended imposition, 24 hours community service, 12 months probation alcohol evaluation and supervision, fines and costs -\$850.81.

Dec. 15 — Diana Welles, arson 4-property under \$100 endangered, 36 hours community service, fines and costs — \$249.50.

Dec. 15 - Geoffrey Paul Aldridge-Duncan, driving under the influence, 15 days jail suspended imposition, 48 hours community service, 12 months probation alcohol evaluation and supervision, fines and costs - \$1,320.50.

Dec. 15 - William J. Sause, assault 3-knowing/reckless cause injury, weapon-prohibited use-drunk with gun, 18 months probation, fines and costs - \$1,339.50.

Dec. 15 - Megan B. Kelley, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs - \$255.

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## Dec. 15 - Jesse S. Acker John-

costs - \$190. Dec. 15 — Maria O. Baltazar, obedience to official traffic control

son, speeding 5-9 over, fines and

device, fines and costs — \$200. Dec. 15 — Matthew E. Williams, license plates-expired, fines and

costs - \$185.50. Dec. 15 — Jennifer D. Tuggle,

speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs - \$263.50. Dec. 15 — Patricia E. Johnson,

speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and

costs -\$263.50. Dec. 15 — David A. Montoya, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs - \$255.

Dec. 15 — Joel G. Archuleta, speeding 5-9 over, fines and costs - \$125.

Dec. 15 — Shannon Chadwick, careless driving, fines and costs -

Dec. 15 — Caleb Laverty, alcohol-under 21-possession/consumption, fines and costs — \$91.

Dec. 17 - Jeremy Lee Bear, obedience to official traffic control device, speeding 5-9 over, fines and costs - \$236.

Dec. 17 — Michael Shawn Willey, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs - \$190.

Dec. 17 - Jeremy D. Caler, speeding 20-24 over, fines and

Dec. 17 — Jeremy Duane Caler, license plates-expired, fines and

Dec. 22 - Joseph Anthony Stainbrook, license plates-expired, fines and costs - \$185.50.

Dec. 22 — Philip A. Solomone, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and

Dec. 22 - Sean L. Roberts, speeding 10-19 over limit, moving violation in construction zone sentence enhancer, fines and costs

Dec. 22 - Douglas N. Costa, speeding 20-24 over limit, fines and

Dec. 22 - Chad Clark, obedience to official traffic control device,

Dec. 22 - Elisabeth Gail Hershey, passing on left improperly, fines and costs - \$135.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

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## Propane\_

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vulnerable Northern New Mexicans as the winter weather sets in," a press release explains.

"It is unconscionable that a company is able to leave hundreds of New Mexicans without access to safe heat when they need it the most," said Balderas via the press release. "This issue is a matter of life and death."

The lawsuit alleges that Bob's LP is refusing to refill propane tanks that consumers lease from the company, despite its obligation to do so.

"Bob's Gas is leaving hundreds of New Mexicans without propane gas for safe heat during freezing temperatures," the press release states, adding, "Without propane in colder temperatures, these New Mexicans are forced to resort to burning wood for heat, using dangerous gas grills or electric space heaters for warmth.'

The release explains Balderas sought voluntary cooperation from Bob's LP and its owner, Bob Sivers, without success.

In addition to the lawsuit, Balderas is seeking an immediate injunction against Bob's LP to force the company to either provide propane to these individuals or to allow

another company to temporarily fill consumers' propane tanks, the press release explains. Balderas is also seeking a complete client list to verify that Bob's LP is in compliance with the laws for the safety of New Mexican citizens.

The press release further notes that the state's consumers who are at risk of running out of propane because Bob's LP Gas hasn't filled their tank are urged to contact the New Mexico Attorney General's Office at 1 (844) 255-9210 or file a complaint at: www.nmag.gov/file-a-complaint.

Colorado residents are also voicing concerns over the company's current levels of service.

One longtime Bob's LP customer told The SUN Tuesday she had been trying for three weeks to get propane without hearing back and she was now out of propane.

She reported heating her home with space heaters and not having hot water or gas to cook with.

Others in the community are alleging issues with AAA Propane and Selph's Propane, which are both owned by Ferrellgas.

Scott Brockelmeyer, director of communications for Ferrellgas, explained that the company purchased Selph's in 2016 and AAA in 2019, with customers served out of Selph's location on U.S. 160.

Stories on social media about the company include people alleging their monthly deliveries were not made, that they were told propane would not be delivered until their tank is at 15 percent or lower, that they were told there was a shortage of delivery drivers, and more.

Others claimed deliveries were scheduled, but not made.

However, Brockelmeyer countered claims of issues Tuesday, explaining, "We're fully staffed and we're actually adding a couple of new drivers, even, next week. We see no concerns about propane supply again this winter.'

He reported the Pagosa Springs area has five drivers and the company's Pagosa Springs operation has a service territory that includes Wolf Creek, Chromo, Pagosa Springs and "over to Bayfield."

He noted that, as the nation's second-largest propane company, the local businesses are backed by vehicle and supply resources that could be tapped into if there is a challenge regionally.

Brockelmeyer explained the company tells people who are not on an automatic delivery program to call when their tank is at 30 percent and allow seven business days, especially during the winter months, for delivery.

He noted later his understanding is the company is "hitting on" the seven-day commitment.

He notes in a later email the company continues to leave proof of delivery on customers' front doors.

Brockelmeyer noted there "are long lines that happen this time of year. A lot of people are interested in getting a fill."

In terms of inclement weather, Brockelmeyer noted safety is always the utmost concern, but that the local drivers are committed.

"There's no more battle-tested propane delivery personnel than those that operate in Pagosa Springs," he said.

Brockelmeyer reported Ferrellgas is getting a lot of calls from customers of Bob's LP.

"Those who own their own tank, as opposed to leasing their tank, from Bob's, those who own their tank, we're able to schedule those folks for a propane delivery," he said.

Brockelmeyer noted it's his understanding more people are attempting to purchase their tanks from Bob's LP, which would enable Ferrellgas to service them, as well.

Attempts to reach Bob's LP were unsuccessful.

emergency call center to report propane issues.

**County announces** 

call center

Archuleta County Undersheriff Mike Le Roux reported Wednesday morning that the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office had received about 15 calls relating to propane issues, with those calls referencing both

Archuleta County has set up an

local providers. Le Roux and County Administrator Derek Woodman note that if you are experiencing difficulty in having your propane gas filled to please contact your propane provider first.

After calling your propane provider, please contact the county's call center at (970) 422-7084.

You will need to provide your name, address, propane vendor and percentage of propane remaining in your tank.

Le Roux noted that the purpose of the call center is to present a critical situation to the state. Statistics will help out with presenting a need and getting further emergency assistance. The center will take calls from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"At this time we have one call taker, so be patient. Demand might require more call center staff, but for now it's a start," Le Roux said.

Seasonal propane tips

"Give your propane provider plenty of time to schedule your delivery," Brockelmeyer said. "Thirty percent water capacity of your tank ... and not a minute after, basically."

Brockelmeyer also noted people should be sure to mark their tank with something in the event of heavy snowfall and make sure a

path is cleared. He added to be sure to leave gates unlocked as needed to facili-

tate delivery. 'No one wants to skip a propane delivery for any of those reasons inability to get to the tank, etc.,'

Ferrellgas' website also offers ways from the U.S. Department of Energy to save money and conserve

• "Lower water heating costs by turning down the temperatures of your water heater to a warm setting 120 degrees Fahrenheit)."

• "Keep your fireplace damper closed until the fire is burning.

• "Schedule service for your heating system with a qualified technician."

• "Cover drafty windows by placing heavy-duty clear plastic sheets over the frames."

• "When you are asleep or out of the house, turn your thermostat back 10 to 15 degrees.'

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state is helping by providing four staff members who are helping within the monoclonal antibody area, freeing up PSMC staff who normally work in other parts of the

They started Monday and PSMC is trying to get more people, she noted, adding she is thankful local people were able to find housing for them.

#### How to access treatment at PSMC

PSMC is located at 95 S. Pagosa Blvd.

According to the SJBPH press release, patients with an appointment should check in at the Fast-Track Aspen Room Door at the northeast corner of the building.

Eligible individuals can sign up for appointments at PSMC on a platform provided by Colorado Department of Health and Environment (CDPHE, see below for eligibility

Questions about monoclonal antibody treatments at PSMC can be directed to (970) 507-3756.

"Monoclonal antibody treatments have been shown to be effective at preventing hospitalizations VID-19 and are considered high risk for severe illness," the press release

explains. SJBPH COVID-19 Public Information Officer/Communications Director Chandler Griffin explained the treatment has been shown to decrease risk of hospitalization, but is not meant to be a replacement for vaccines, especially with the Omicron variant emerging.

He noted there are questions about the efficacy that public health experts and scientists are looking into with the treatment and Omicron, but those questions do not exist about the efficacy of being fully vaccinated and receiving a booster.

The treatment, he noted, is available regardless of vaccination status and is free.

The treatment, according to SJBPH, is for people 12 years of age and older who have tested positive for COVID-19, with symptom onset within the last 10 days, who aren't hospitalized or on oxygen due to CO-VID-19, and are at risk of getting very sick without treatment. The treatment is free, no referral is required and is available to people regardless of vaccination status.

As part of the appointmentmaking process, patients will complete a screening form to determine eligibility for the therapy, the press release explains. At the time of the appointment, a health care provider will review the screening form and must provide authorization for a patient to receive this therapy.

According to the CDPHE, the onsite review of the screening questions and authorization to receive treatment will occur in just minutes in most cases.

More information about mono-

clonal antibody treatments, eligibility and the CDPHE's mobile units is available on the CDPHE website. Questions about the mobile unit or monoclonal antibody treatments should be directed to CDPHE by calling 1-877-COVAXCO (1-877-268-2926).

Monoclonal antibody treatments may also be available through existing health care providers in the region. The public is directed to first consult with their physician for a referral if seeking monoclonal antibody treatment from a local hospital, the press release notes.

Currently, Pagosa Springs Medical Center is the only provider of monoclonal antibody treatments in Archuleta County, according to the state's COVID-19 website.

## Local testing changes

Webb announced Tuesday evening that PSMC is not currently able to do same-day COVID-19 testing unless a patient is seriously ill or a doctor needs the test to determine treatment of a patient.

She cited severe staffing shortages and explained the lab does not currently have enough personnel to run the tests while also providing services to departments such as the **Emergency Department.** 

In addition, Griffin explained that the community testing site located behind PSMC will be closed on Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022.

However, he noted that the site will be open from 9 a.m. to noon on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31.

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

### Omicron identified in La Plata County

Griffin reported Wednesday that La Plata County has its first confirmed case of Omicron.

The sample in the case was collected on Dec. 17, Griffin reported, and the individual had traveled "out of state" prior to infection.

He noted SJBPH is actively gathering more information about the case, but community spread is suspected based on how long ago the sample was taken and based on the community spread being seen in other mountain communities and

"We expect that Omicron is circulating throughout our jurisdiction," he said, noting he anticipates Archuleta County will have a confirmed case in the coming days and there may be a surge in the coming days and weeks.

He suggested the community should not panic, but should take a layered approach to protections:

- Avoid large indoor gatherings and decrease interactions in the community.
- Be fully vaccinated and receive a booster shot.
- · Wear a clean, well-fitting mask when in public indoor places.
- Take part in outdoor activities to enjoy the winter season.

He further noted Omicron is highly transmissible and is likely to outcompete Delta in the area.

"Please act as if Omicron is here, because we have good reason to believe it is," he said.

While it is believed Omicron may be less severe, Griffin noted that doesn't mean it won't lead to more hospitalizations due to its ability to infect more people.

He noted it is clear there will be more breakthrough infections.

He explained between 90 and 100 percent of hospitalizations for COV-ID-19 are unvaccinated individuals.

For more information about the COVID-19 vaccines, current eligibility, details on vaccine clinics and providers, or to make an appointment, visit: https://sjbpublichealth. org/covid-19-vaccine/.

## **Local numbers**

According to the SJBPH, Archuleta County's seven-day cumulative incidence rate was 246.9 cases per 100,000 people Wednesday — up from 127.2 cases on Dec. 15 and 194.5 on Dec. 22.

As of Wednesday, SJBPH listed 2,053 total cases of confirmed CO-VID-19 among permanent Archuleta County residents since late March 2020, up from 1,990 on Dec. 15 and 2,017 on Dec. 22.

The agency showed Archuleta County was at 10.9 percent positivity Wednesday, up from 5 percent on Dec. 15 and 8 percent on Dec. 22.

As of Wednesday, the Omicron variant had not been detected locally.

Archuleta County has had nine deaths among COVID cases. Variants confirmed in the area are

included on SJBPH's COVID-19 data

## Local outbreaks

dashboard.

There continue to be four outbreaks identified in Archuleta

The outbreaks at Pagosa Springs Elementary School and Pine Ridge Extended Care Center have been closed, Griffin reported.

An outbreak was identified at the Archuleta County jail. Griffin reported that, as of Monday, the outbreak included five cases — two staff members and three inmates. The first case was identified on Dec. 4.

As of Monday, Pagosa Springs Middle School's outbreak was up to 12 cases — 11 students and one staff member. The first case was confirmed on Nov. 2.

As of Monday, the outbreak at Pagosa Springs High School was up to eight cases — three staff members and five students. The first case was confirmed on Oct. 29.

An outbreak is identified as five cases associated with a single facility in a 14-day period, or two cases in a 14-day period in congregate settings, such as long-term care facilities.

SJBPH's public health advisory related to COVID-19 can be found at: https://sjbpublichealth.org/ advisories-and-orders/.

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are Richard Valdez, James Martinez, Derek Woodman, Warren Brown, Roxanne Lattin, Hayleigh Brown, Patrick Smith, Cody Civiletto, Michael Sindelar, John Does 1-5 (the complaint states, "John Does 1-5, whose true names are unknown are believed to be officers and employees of the Sheriff's Department of Archuleta County, Colorado."), Jane Does 1-5 (also representing additional employees) and the BoCC.

County Attorney Todd Weaver explained everyone was served on Dec. 21.

The complaint alleges that the BoCC "is the governmental entity responsible for supervision, training and policies of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office and the acts and omissions of the individual defendants named herein were committed pursuant to the supervision, training, and policies of the defendant Board of County Commissioners and ratified by the board."

The nine-page complaint alleges personal relationship with a dep-

uty and that, in the course of the relationship, the deputy and the plaintiff's wife conspired to bring false claims of domestic violence against the plaintiff and later made false claims that led to the plaintiff's

The complaint notes that the plaintiff had sole custody of the couple's children at the time.

The complaint also alleges that the plaintiff's attorney had email conversations with Valdez regarding the matter with the sheriff stating he would look into the matter, but the plaintiff was arrested regardless.

It further suggests the "Affidavit for Arrest Warrant was false and incomplete and intentionally omitted exculpatory information, all with the goal of securing the arrest of Plaintiff Jason Prescott in violation of his constitutional rights and in violation of the recognized customs, practices and procedures of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office and applicable law."

The complaint further alleges the sheriff explained he would turn that the wife of the plaintiff had a over the information for a "full review." but that instead sheriff's office

employees "conspired to issue an 'Amber Alert' for the arrest of Jason Prescott and removal of his children from his custody ..."

The complaint explains the alert was issued and Prescott was arrested by the Colorado Springs Police Department, "in front of the Prescott Children."

The complaint later explains a criminal case was brought against Prescott and was dismissed.

The complaint alleges "severe emotional distress" on the part of Prescott and his children.

Weaver explained to The SUN Tuesday that Archuleta County submitted a claim through its insurance carrier, County Technical Services Inc., and the case is being handled by outside counsel — the Lane Law Firm in Greenwood Village.

That firm, he explained, will represent the county and the employees named in the case.

Weaver noted the BoCC cannot be held responsible for deputy

Weaver declined to comment further, citing pending litigation.

## Weather.

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from local meteorologist Shawn Prochazka, snow totals around Pagosa Country from Dec. 23 through the morning of Dec. 29 ranged from 11.5 inches at lower elevations to 28.5

inches at higher elevations. He noted the average snowfall

total for these dates is 20.7 inches. Wolf Creek Ski Area has reported 82 inches of fresh snowfall over the past seven days, bringing the total seasonal snowfall to 168 inches as

of 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 29. Prochazka is also predicting another 12 to 18 inches of snowfall by New Year's morning, "which will boost the storm cycle totals into the 30 [inch] to 40 [inch] range," he

According to AccuWeather, snow totals from Wednesday, Dec. 29, through Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022, will

range from 1 to 2 feet. As of 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 29, Opensnow is forecasting another 45 inches of snowfall for Wolf Creek

Ski Area for the same time frame. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Water and Climate Center's snow pack report, the Wolf Creek summit. at 11,000 feet of elevation, had 18.9 inches of snow water equivalent as

of 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 29. That amount is 131 percent of that date's median snow water

equivalent. The San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan river basins were at 124 percent of the Dec. 29 median in terms of snow pack.

## Weather outlook

According to the NWS, today, Thursday, Dec. 30, temperatures are forecasted to reach a high of 33 degrees with an 80 percent chance of precipitation and new snow accumulations of 1 to 3 inches. The forecasted low is 20 degrees with new snow accumulations of 2 to 4 inches possible.

For New Year's Eve, Friday, Dec. 31, the forecasted high is 36 degrees

and low is 5 degrees. There is a 100 percent chance of snow showers throughout the day and into the evening before 11 p.m.

For New Year's Day, Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022, temperatures are forecasted to reach a high of 24 degrees with a 30 percent chance of snow showers before 11 a.m., followed by mostly sunny skies. The forecasted low is -7 degrees with mostly clear skies throughout the night.

For Sunday, Jan. 2, 2022, the forecasted high is 32 degrees with sunny skies. The forecasted low is 4 degrees with clear skies at night.

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

## Avalanche conditions

According to a press release from the Colorado Avalanche Information Center (CAIC), the next peak in avalanche danger will line up with

the New Year's holiday. According to a statement from Director Ethan Greene included in the press release, more than 200 avalanches were recorded over a three-day period during the Christ-

mas holiday weekend. The press release explains that avalanche danger will rise to a high level today, Dec. 30, and then to an

extreme level on Friday, Dec. 31. "People should avoid travelling in backcountry avalanche terrain, including the run out areas of avalanche paths. Avoid being on or under steep snow-covered slopes,'

the press release reads. To view current avalanche conditions, visit: https://avalanche.state.

#### co.us/. More outages

The last round of storms caused more power outages within La Plata County Electric Association's (LPEA) service district, according to a Dec. 28 press release.

"Starting the morning of December 24th, LPEA experienced another batch of widespread outages in our

service territory due to heavy wet snow, strong winds, and downed

trees," the press release states. The press release explains that crews worked 24/7 around the clock throughout the holidays, and that most members were restored by the morning of Dec. 26.

"These outages were particularly stubborn. Heavy and wet snow combined with dramatic temperature swings caused snow to freeze on lines and trees. Trees broke and fell into lines and lines snagged into each other and burned down," the

press release notes. This caused a higher number of small outages, causing crews to have to travel to more locations "for hundreds of separate outages," the

press release notes. It also explains that LPEA generally addresses larger outages first and works its way down to individual homes, while also prioritizing issues that pose a risk to public safety, such as downed lines and

car-hit poles. clayton@pagosasun.com

## Corrections

## 'BoCC approves administrator and

attorney contracts' Last week's article mistakenly stated that 80 percent of the county attorney's salary is paid by the state, when, in fact, that comment referenced the Archuleta County Department of Human Services

director's salary. The SUN regrets the error.

#### 'One killed in Sunday accident' Last week's article stated that the

driver was identified by the Colorado State Patrol as Jason P. Ulloa. The family reported to The SUN

his name is Justin P. Ulloa.

The SUN regrets the error.

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# SYEAR IN REVIEW

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

Over the next few weeks, The SUN will take a look back at some of those events, selected by SUN staff writers. This week, we look back at January, February and March.

#### January

• The new year started with a bit of fun in the snow, with families taking to area sledding hills (among other activities) to have a bit of fun over the holiday weekend.

• 2021 also started with continued rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine for high-risk people in Archuleta County, with residents 70 and over eligible to receive the vaccine early in January.

As of Jan. 1, Archuleta County had had 491 confirmed cases of COVID-19 since March 2020.

• The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) announced early in January that it received approval from the Colorado Transportation Commission for a plan to spend \$134 million in federal stimulus for transportation. On the list of approved projects in southwest Colorado was the U.S. 160 McCabe Creek Major Structure Replacement for \$7.5 million.

• At its first meeting of the new year, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) thanked Commissioner Steve Wadlev for his service by presenting him with a plaque recognizing the time he served as commissioner.

Wadley was first appointed as a county commissioner in April of 2011. Wadley was then re-elected two more times, making him the longest-serving commissioner in Archuleta County's recent history, since term limits were established by the state in 1994.

Wadley was also presented with a bench in his honor that would be placed outside of the county administration building, as well as a couple of cases of Coca-Cola, his beverage of choice.

• At the same meeting, the BoCC voted unanimously to approve a \$35,000 grant to Pagosa Springs' local mountain bike and trail crew organization, DUST2. DUST2 requested funds from the BoCC to be used toward a National Environmental Policy Act analysis. The organization announced it was partnering with the Pagosa Ranger District to evaluate the Jackson Mountain road and trail system for the development of a 30-plus mile single-track trail system, with the potential to connect the trails to downtown Pagosa Springs.

• Colorado Open Lands and Southwest Land Alliance announced in early January that they had merged operations, effective 11:59 p.m. Dec. 31, 2020. The two groups have similar missions of permanently protecting Colorado's wild and working lands.

• The Wolf Creek summit saw a 9 percent decrease in snowpack levels early in the year, with totals going from 111 percent of median at the end of 2020 to 101 percent of median the next week.

• On Jan. 12, 6th Judicial District Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson administered oaths of office to a trio of the county's elected officials: Ronnie Maez, Warren Brown and Ron Sutcliffe.

Maez was sworn in for his second term as the county's commissioner for District 2, Brown was sworn in for his first term as commissioner for District 1, and Sutcliffe was sworn in as surveyor.

• The Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education heard about two sides of a pandemic-

related coin on Jan. 12: the public health numbers and guidance related to COVID-19 and schools, and the mental toll on students, families and teachers.

During the meeting's public comment period, the board heard from emotional parents, grandparents and teachers who all urged the board to have all students in schools for in-person learning at least four days per week.

• At the same meeting, it was announced that Pagosa Springs High School's (PSHS) on-time, four-year graduation rate for the class of 2020 was 92.4 percent.

'That is the highest it's been," ASD Superintendent Dr. Kym LeBlanc-Esparza told the Board of Education.

• It was also announced at the same meeting that ASD was recently notified that it would be receiving \$200,000 in behavioral health grant funding from the Colorado Department of Education for the next five years.

• In mid-January, the Town of Pagosa Springs launched an online public engagement website, www. MyPagosa.org, to help facilitate constructive community feedback.

• It was also announced in mid-January that David Ashbaugh, a member of Community United Methodist Church Troop 807, earned the Boy Scout Eagle Scout Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouts, in 2020.

• On Jan. 20, San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) reported Archuleta County's first death among confirmed cases of CO-VID-19.

• On Jan. 24, two snowmobilers, a father and son, were stranded overnight near Treasure Mountain on Wolf Creek Pass after conditions caused them to become immobilized. Personnel from multiple agencies worked to rescue the snowmobilers around noon the following day.

• The PSHS Lady Pirate basketball team opened its shortened season with a 64-21 win on Jan. 26 over the 2A Monte Vista Lady Pirates. Due to COVID-19 protocols, no fans were allowed at the games.

• The Pirate basketball team opened its season the same day in Monte Vista with a narrow 43-41

• The Upper San Juan Health

Service District (USJHSD) Board of Directors, which operates as Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC), began looking for 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.

· After months of back-andforth efforts with multiple agencies, the 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 being constructed in Harman Park. 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 late January, 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).

PAWSD Manager Justin Ramsey explained that the breaks were due to the age of the water lines, which were installed in the early 1960s. The leaks were fixed via the use of clamps on the pipes.

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

• On Jan. 28, Mary Jo Coulehan, Archuleta County resident and director of the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, was awarded the Ed Morlan Economic Development Leader of the Year by the Region 9 Economic Development District Board of Directors.

 Six Pirates competed at the Colorado state speech and debate tournament hosted by the Colo-■ See Review A10



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rado High School Activities Association on Jan. 29 and 30.

• On Jan. 30, the PSHS Pirate wrestling team, which entered the season as the top-ranked 3A team, opened its season with two victories in a tri-meet match with the No. 2 Centauri Falcons and the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers/ Dolores Bears.

• On Jan. 31, Amaris Webb from San Juan Mountain School placed first and Caroline Smith from PSHS placed second in the virtual Pennsylvania Towanda Tournament for speech.

#### **February**

• In early February, the Colorado League of Charter Schools announced that a group of Colorado charter schools, including Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS), had been selected to receive \$1.48 million in a grant from Colorado Gov. Jared Polis' Recovery Innovation and Student Equity fund. The fund supports innovative solutions to help state students affected by the economic, social and health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

• The PSHS Lady Pirate swim team opened the season by capturing third place out of four teams at the Delta Invitational on Feb. 5.

• On Feb. 9, the ASD Board of Education gave the green light for Build Pagosa Inc. to begin fundraising for a career and technical education facility on the campus of PSHS. The building comes at an estimated cost, including contingency, of about \$4.1 million, with Build Pagosa pledging to raise the

• On Feb. 9, Roy Vega was presented a certificate of achievement during the Vets 4 Vets meeting after the Sarah Platt Decker Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution deemed him an outstanding veteran volunteer.

• On Feb. 13, the Pirate wrestling team hosted a tri-meet event with the Bayfield Wolverines and the Rifle Bears. The Pirates won both duals, clinching the Intermountain League (IML) title.

• The San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) approved its strategic plan for 2021 at a meeting on Feb. 15. The strategic plan, which had been in development since 2018, is to be used to help the district identify water resource issues in the Upper San Juan River Basin within the district's geographical scope.

Additionally, the plan is to help the district evaluate its options for addressing water resource issues and outlining which options could be acted upon. Other objectives include the SJWCD Board of Directors developing long-term goals and direction for the district and relaying that information to the public.

"The Plan is intended to be a dynamic document the Board reviews annually and updates as necessary to reflect changing conditions in the District and its water environment," it states.

• On Feb. 17, Wilson ordered that the ASD Board of Education turn over a portion of a recording from an executive session that took place in early 2020 that related to the board's search for a new superintendent.

The order is in response to a complaint filed on March 5, 2020, by attorney Matt Roane, who sought the in-camera review of two executive session recordings — on Dec. 19, 2019, and Jan. 22, 2020 related to the naming of finalists and choosing a new superintendent, respectively.

• On Feb. 23, a team of local and state law enforcement, search and rescue officials, and others worked to reach a vehicle located hundreds of feet from the roadway on Wolf Creek Pass.

Members of the Mineral and Archuleta counties' search and rescue teams, Colorado State Patrol, Mineral County Sheriff's Office and CDOT traveled to an area off U.S.

160 at mile marker 162 on the pass to reach the vehicle. Search and rescue officials found the body of a deceased female approximately 150 feet from where the Ford Focus hatchback was located.

• A positive COVID-19 test of a Lady Pirate swim team member caused the team's season to end at the conclusion of the regular season on Feb. 25, making the team unable to participate in regionals.

• On March 1, the Colorado Bureau of Investigations (CBI) released a statement confirming the identity of remains found along Wolf Creek Pass as 49-year-old Marlena Rena Mizell.

Mizell was first reported missing by the South Fork Police Department on Jan. 2.

According to the CBI press release, "the preliminary findings show Mizell died as a result of multiple blunt force injuries.

The CBI press release also states, "Investigators do not believe foul play was involved."

• In early March, the BoCC began looking into the possibility of leaving SJBPH and joining the Silver Thread Public Health District.

 It was also announced in early March that the historic Liberty Theater is in the hands of new owners who were planning to renovate

According to the history section on the theater's website, "The historic Liberty Theatre is the descendent [sic] of one of Pagosa Springs' early motion picture theatres and has been in operation under the same name since 1919." The theater, it states, is the fourth-oldest theater in Colorado.

• At the BoCC's regular meeting on March 2, the board voted unanimously to approve Resolution 2021-19 in regard to adjustments to the county's short-term rental

With the approval, non-owner occupied short-term rentals are required to pay a \$700 fee for their permit, raising the cost from a \$400 fee. Owner-occupied shortterm rentals are required to pay a \$400 fee.

The third aspect of the resolution included that 50 percent of overage fees received by the county through permit fees will be earmarked for an affordable housing fund to be made available to developers looking to build in Archuleta County. Overage fees are revenues received that exceed the costs that the county incurs in processing short-term rental permits.

 As of March 3, roughly one year into the pandemic — Colorado's first confirmed case of COVID-19 came on March 5, 2020, and Archuleta County's first confirmed case followed later that month — Archuleta County had had a total of 662 confirmed cases among permanent residents.

• In early March, PSHS announced five state-level awards by students in the Visual Arts Department at the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, which are the nation's longest-running and most prestigious recognition program for creative teens in the seventh through 12th grades.

 According to a statement by PSMC CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb, on March 5, the Office of Civil Rights alerted PSMC of a "known cyberattack targeting organizations that use Microsoft Exchange Servers for email management."

The statement explains that "PSMC immediately began the investigation to determine if our server had been compromised and discovered on Sunday March 7, 2021, evidence that it had."

The statement describes the attack as a web-shell attack on the server, which "silently searches for administrative credentials that can be used by the hackers to exploit the organization."

The statement noted there was no evidence PSMC's electronic health records or patient information were compromised.

• The Pirate boys' basketball team's season came to an end March 5 in La Jara.

The team finished the season with a 6-7 overall record and 4-4 league mark, landing them third in the IML standings behind the Centauri Falcons (No. 5 in the state tournament bracket) and the Alamosa Mean Moose (No. 12 in the state tournament).

• The Pirate wrestling team hosted the state's Western Regional tournament in March, with seven Pirate wrestlers qualifying for the state tournament. As a team, the Pirates also earned the regional title.

• On March 8, Liane Jollon, executive director of SJBPH, was presented with the American Medical Association's (AMA) Nathan Davis Award for Outstanding Government Service. Considered one of the most prestigious awards honoring elected officials and career government employees, Jollon was one of five recipients of the award

• The No. 9 Lady Pirate basketball team fell out of contention during the first round of the state tournament on March 9, falling prey to the No. 24 Grand Valley Cardinals at home. The Cardinals upset Pagosa 47-44 in the backand-forth affair.

The Lady Pirates finished the season with a 10-4 record, which included a 6-2 record in IML action.

• On March 9, the ASD Board of Education voted on a settlement agreement with Roane in a case regarding an executive session that took place prior to the district's hiring of LeBlanc-Esparza.

In the following days, the district released the recording of that executive session as ordered by the udge.

• The Pirate wrestlers had a lot to celebrate on March 12: They claimed their first-ever class 3A state championship win for the team, Cameron Lucero became the Pirates' first-ever three-time individual state champion and all of the seven wrestlers the school took to state ended the state tournament on the podium. Coach Dan Janowsky was also recognized at the state tournament for 40 years of coaching wrestling, with 31 of those years as the head coach of the Pirates.

• In mid-March, it was announced that PSHS's music program had its first "Triple Threat." Ethan Mazur, a junior, made it into All State Band, All State Orchestra and All State Choir.

Hayden Kiker, also a junior, made it into All State Choir.

• Archuleta County's unemployment rate fell to 6.4 percent for the month of January after spiking to 7.7 percent for December 2020, according to a March 15 press release from the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment.

• At a regular meeting held by the BoCC on March 16, the board voted to approve \$117,246.70 of funds from the county's Conservation Trust Fund to go toward a new playground facility in the Aspen Springs subdivision.

• At the same meeting, the BoCC approved \$10,000 for the Friends of the Upper San Juan to make boat ramp and parking improvements at the Mesa Canyon boat ramp, which is located along the San Juan River, approximately 12 miles south of Pagosa Springs on County

The approved amount of \$10,000 includes \$6,000 in cash and \$4,000 of in-kind donations.

 In March, the town announced the completion of its new maintenance facility.

The campus was constructed on the same site as the previous buildings located at 550 Pirate Drive, at the corner of South 5th Street.

The project replaced an old Forest Service building and other donated outbuildings that served the town for decades. Those buildings were demolished to make room for the new facility.

The new campus is large enough

to house staff and store equipment and materials for several town departments, including the public works-utilities division, facilities maintenance division, streets division, and the Parks and Recreation parks maintenance division.

• The Lady Pirate volleyball team opened its season on March 18 and began the season by picking up two wins in three games.

The team played a shortened spring season due to COVID-19.

• The Pirate boys' soccer team opened its season the same day, defeating the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers 3-2 in double overtime.

The team played a shortened spring season due to COVID-19.

• On March 23, the USJHSD Board of Directors voted to welcome Kate Alfred back onto the board.

Alfred was appointed by the board to fill the vacancy created by the January resignation of Camp-

Alfred previously served on the board from 2014-2020. She was appointed to fill a vacancy in 2014 and was elected to the board for a four-year term in 2016.

• The PSHS cheer team took to the stage at the World Arena in Colorado Springs on March 25 to take part in the state spirit championships.

The Pirate squad took sixth in the 2A/3A coed event at the championships.

• Vietnam-era veterans were honored in a ceremony on March 29 for Vietnam War Veterans Day.

The ceremony included a Native American blessing by Andre and Deborah Redstone, the explanation of the missing man table, the honoring of families of Archuleta County's fallen Vietnam warriors (Jose Adoro Manzanares, Jesus Magin Archuleta and Marcus Guy Fiebelkorn), the recognition of Vietnam veterans and spouses, and more.

• On March 30, Wilson issued an order stating the BoCC does not have to record and take minutes at its work sessions.

The ruling stems from a November 2020 motion for summary judgment filed by Roane, who asked the court to declare that minutes and recordings should be taken at what the county declares work sessions, stating that "failure to take minutes at a public meeting, and then make the minutes available for public inspection, violated Mr. Roane's rights under Colorado's Open Meetings Law (COML)."

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## Sports

## WRESTLING

## 50 years of wrestling in Pagosa: Coaches planning to honor program's early successes

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

This year's Rocky Mountain Wrestling Invitational is anticipated to include a special ceremony commemorating 50 years of the wrestling program at Pagosa Springs High School, as well as some of the firsts for the program.

Coach Dan Janowsky explained the goal is to honor the first team (the 1971-1972 team), first medalist (Gilbert Perea in 1972) and first team to bring home a state trophy (the 1976-1977 team).

"Fifty years of anything is pretty amazing," said Don Heizer, who coached the 1977 team and started the Rocky Mountain Wrestling Invitational in the late '70s.

Heizer and Janowsky noted the 50th anniversary and the members of the 1977 team will be introduced and honored during the tournament on Jan. 8, 2022.

Should COVID cause issues, Janowsky indicated the program will look to honor those who contributed to the program later in the season.

"This is 50 years," Janowsky said. "This is really cool."

Janowsky explained wrestling has impacted his life for 50 years and given him something to keep him busy and intrigued, and given him something to enjoy.

The program in Pagosa Springs has done the same for the same amount of time, he indicated, adding that he has "a heart" for wanting to thank everyone who has helped to build the program here.

While reaching out to thank people who have helped the program following last spring's state championship, Janowsky explained he reached out to Heizer, with the two later working to plan the celebration.

"There's a lot of success. A lot of people don't understand the history that Pagosa Springs has in wrestling," he said, noting this is a good opportunity to share that success with the program's current

Ron Shaw started the program, Janowsky noted, and Heizer elevated it.

A December 1971 issue of The SUN lists members of the inaugural team as including Gilbert Candelaria, Roger Clayton, Duane Ramey, Mark Houser, Dan Branson, Ken



Pictured are members of the 1977 wrestling team, which was the first team in the history of Pagosa Springs wrestling to bring home a state trophy. In back, left to right, are David Rivera, Ron Wedemeyer, Craig Dorsett, Jose Yanez and Anthony Branson. In front, left to right, are coach Don Heizer, Brian Shaw, Russell Martinez, Rick Martinez and assistant coach David Mitchell.

Reese, Leroy Lattin, Keith Reese, Bruce Quintana, Raymond Hise, Jim Olsen, Glenn Hise, Tom Gibson, Henry Espinosa, Mike Peters, Perea, John Gallegos, Terry Lattin and Casey Lynch.

The team was coached by Shaw and Terry Alley.

An ad in The SUN congratulating the 1977 team for coming in second at state lists the 1977 team as David Rivera, Ron Wedemeyer, Craig Dorsett, Jose Yanez, Anthony Branson, Brian Shaw, Russell Martinez and Rick Martinez.

The team was coached by Heizer and David Mitchell.

"We're excited to come back and be able to spend the weekend," Heizer said, indicating that several members of the 1977 team have made plans to attend.

Members of the school's inaugural team are asked to contact Janowsky at (970) 264-4554.

"I believe the upcoming event will be something special for the community, Pagosa Springs High School, and the wrestling family at large. The support for the program has always been a standard for high school programs in general," Heizer shared in an email to The SUN. randi@pagosasun.com

Gilbert Perea, left, stands with coach Ron Shaw after becoming Pagosa Springs' first state medalist in wrestling in 1972.

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## CHEER

## Pirate cheer squad heads to state

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate cheer squad headed to the World Arena in Colorado Springs Dec. 9-11 for the state spirit championships.

The Pirates placed seventh in

the preliminary round for 2A/3A Co-Ed Cheer, scoring 56.35 points

Three teams advanced to the finals for the event, with neighboring Bayfield finishing second.

Attempts to reach the coach for comment were unsuccessful. randi@pagosasun.com

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#### Tuesday, Jan. 4

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m. Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/9160904 8375?pwd=dlFFV0J1cGVKa1N HWHFsa2taeGxtZz09, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: http://archuletacounty. org/agendacenter.

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners meeting. 1:30 p.m. Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting: https:// zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd= dlFFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2ta eGxtZz09, meeting ID: 916 0904

**Pagosa Springs Town Council** meeting. 5 p.m. See town website for participation information: https://pagosasprings.

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civicweb.net/portal/. Pagosa Springs Sanitation General **Improvement District special** meeting. 5 p.m. See town website for participation information: https://pagosasprings. civicweb.net/portal/.

Archuleta School District Board of **Education special meeting.** 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School Library, 309 Lewis St.

### Thursday, Jan. 6

Short-term rental tax policy stake**holder discussion.** 1 p.m., Colorado Counties Inc., 800 Grant St., Suite 500, Denver. Contact the event organizer for Zoom information.

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

Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District meeting. 5 p.m. See town website for participation information: https://pagosasprings.civicweb. net/portal/.

## Tuesday, Jan. 11

**Archuleta County Board of County** Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m. Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/9160904 8375?pwd=dlFFV0J1cGVKa1N HWHFsa2taeGxtZz09, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: http://archuletacounty.

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**Archuleta County Republican Women's meeting.** Noon, The Den, 729 San Juan St.

Town Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments and Design Review Board. 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. or via Zoom. See town website for participation information: https://pagosasprings.civicweb. net/portal/.

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

Pagosa Fire Protection District regular meeting. 6:30 p.m., administration building, 165 N. Pagosa Blvd.

### Wednesday, Jan. 12

Archuleta County Republican Central Committee meeting. Noon, The Den Restaurant, 729 San Juan St.

Pagosa Peak Open School board **meeting.** 4:30 p.m., 7 Parelli Way.

### Thursday, Jan. 13

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District regular meeting. 5 p.m., 100 Lyn Ave.

### Tuesday, Jan. 18

Archuleta County Board of County

Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m. Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/9160904 8375?pwd=dlFFV0J1cGVKa1N HWHFsa2taeGxtZz09, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: http://archuletacounty. org/agendacenter.

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## Wednesday, Jan. 19

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

## Thursday, Jan. 20

Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting. 5 p.m. See town website for participation information: https://pagosasprings. civicweb.net/portal/.

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Plaintiff, Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association

Defendant, GARY CANOVA; VIRGINIA CANOVA SHERIFF SALE NUMBER 2021-21

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Defendant, GARY CANOVA; VIRGINIA CANOVA SHERIFF SALE NUMBER 2021-22
This is to advise you that a Sheriff sale proceeding has

en commenced through the Archuleta County Sheriff's July 8, 2021, and C.R.S. 38-38-101 et seg., by Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, the current holder of a lien recorded on September 29, 2017 at Rec. No. 27105978, in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of he County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The judicial oreclosure is based on a default under the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions of Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, recorded on June 24, 1970 at Reception No. 73297 in the records of the erk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The Declaration and notices, as recorded, establish a lien for the benefit of Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association.

Description of property to be foreclosed: egarding: Lot 320, Pagosa Vista, according to the plat thereof filed September 13, 1971, as Reception No. 74884, in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado. Also known as: 454 Prospect Blvd., Pagosa Springs

NOTICE OF SALE

You and each of you are hereby notified that a Sheriff's Sale of the referenced property is to be conducted by the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, Pagosa Springs olorado at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on the 4th day of February, 2022, at 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; phone number 970-264-8434. At which sale, the above described real property and improvements thereon will be sold to the highest bidder r cash or certified funds, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the rchaser a Certificate of purchase, as provided by law Plaintiff makes no warranty relating to title, possession, or quiet enjoyment in and to said real property in connection

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.

First Publication: December 9, 2021 Last Publication: January 6, 2022 Published In: The Pagosa Springs SUN the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of Orten Cavanagh Holmes & Hunt LLC 1445 Market Street, Suite 350 Denver CO 80202 DATED this 8th day of November, 2021.

Rich Valdez, Sheriff Archuleta County, Colorado By: /s/ Lorena Medina, Office Manager Published December 9,16, 23, 30, 2021 and January 6, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

C & J Gravel Products, Inc. (C&J), 27661 Hwy-160E, Durango, CO 81303, (970)385-4112, has applied for a Regular (112) Construction Materials Operation Reclamation Permit with the Colorado Mined Reclamation Board under provisions of the Colorado Land Reclamation Act for the Extraction of Construction
Materials in Archuleta County. The attached information is being provided to notify you of the location and nature of the proposed operation. The entire application is on file with the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (the "Division") and the Archuleta County

The proposed operation is known as Oakbrush Hill Gravel in Archuleta County, and is located in Portions of Sections 31 & 32, in T35N R2W, and Sections 5 & 6 in T34N R2W 10th (NM) PM. The proposed date of commencement is approximately 15 February 2022, and proposed date of completion is 31 December 2042. The proposed future use of the land is pasture. Additional information and the tentative decision date may be obtained from the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (DRMS), 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203, (303) 866-3567 and the Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder, Courthouse, 449 San Juan Blvd, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, or the abovenamed applicant. A complete copy of the application is available at the Archuleta Courthouse and at the DRMS office & C&J.

ments concerning the application and exhibits must be in writing and must be received by DRMS by 4 PM,

on 21 January 2022.

Please note that under provisions of C.R.S. §34-32.5-101 et seg. comments related to noise, truck traffic, hours of eration, visual impacts, effects on property values and other social or economic concerns are issues not subject to this Office's jurisdiction. These subjects, and similar ones, are typically addressed by your local governments, rather than the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety or the Mined Land Reclamation Board. Published December 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2021 in The

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

Tel. 970.264.2400 Masters Place Condominiums Property Owners Association, Inc.

Robert Duane Dunn a/k/a Robert D Dunn, et al.

Case No.: 2021CV30033

### COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST

AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM SHERIFF SALE 2021-24 This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Masters Place Condominiums, recorded on March 14, 1989, as Reception No. 161911, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County,

Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered September 14, 2021, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows:

ROBERT DUANE DUNN A/K/A ROBERT D DUNN ELLEN MARIE DUNN A/K/A ELLEN M DUNN DEBORAH K DYER. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF DENICE A MACMILLAN

FRANK N FREDRICKSON CHERRY L FREDRICKSON STUART PRODUCTS, INC. ALVIN F MESSERSMITH VALERIE M HALL KYLE SMITH MICHAEL A JENKINS

VANESSA LYNN FULTON-PLASTER

Cost: \$241 44

CINDY JENKINS ROGER A MOORE, SR., TRUSTEE OF THE MOORE FAMILY TRUST, DATED DECEMBER 24, 1987 DOROTHY C MOORE, TRUSTEE OF THE MOORE FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST, DATED **DECEMBER 24, 1987** STEVEN PHILLIP PLASTER

DENNIS M PAVAO Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Masters Place Condominiums, recorded on March 14, 1989, as Reception No. 161911, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the

County, Colorado, Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Owners Association Inc.

Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs. Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901

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

THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION. The covenants of said Declaration have been violated

as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE

INTEREST THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will, at 11:00 o'clock A.M., on February 18, 2021, Sale Number 2021-24 in the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147 sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured of paving the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law. First Publication: December 23, 2021

Last Publication: January 20, 2022
Name of Publication: The Pagosa Springs Sun NOTICE OF RIGHTS

YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES
PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF THE STATUTES WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS IS ATTACHED HERETO.

THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.

THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A IF YOU BELIEVE THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER

HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN §38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN \$38-COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL (1-800-222-4444) THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (1-855-411-2372), OR BOTH, BUT THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE

The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901

INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147, 970-264-8434 THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR

This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed 14 October, 2021 Rich Valdez, Sheriff Archuleta County, Colorado

By: /s/ Lorena Medina Masters Place Condominiums

BOBERT D DUNN and ELLEN M DUNN (C#170307383) Unit Weeks Numbers 18, Condominium Unit Number 7308, Building Number 1, Phase 2 Unpaid Assessments: \$1,979.00 Interest: \$283.95 Late Fees: \$50.00

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$3,312.95 Cost: \$241.44 DEBORAH K DYER PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF DENICE A MACMILLAN (C#178915914) Unit Weeks Numbers 50, Condominium Unit Number 7310, Building Number 2, Phase 1

Unpaid Assessments: \$1,979.00 Interest: \$283.95 Late Fees: \$50.00 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$3,312.95 Total: \$3 554 39

ELLEN MARIE DUNN and ROBERT DUANE DUNN (C#178917837) Unit Weeks Numbers 2, Condominium Unit Number 7309, Building Number 2, Phase 1 Unpaid Assessments: \$1,979.00 Interest: \$283.95

Late Fees: \$50.00 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$3,312.95 Total: \$3,554,39 FRANK N FREDRICKSON and CHERRY L FREDRICKSON (C#178923173) Unit Weeks Numbers

38, Condominium Unit Number 7309, Building Number Unpaid Assessments: \$1,979.00 Interest: \$311.04 Late Fees: \$50.00

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$3,340.04 Cost: \$241.44 Total: \$3,581.48 STUART PRODUCTS, INC. (C#179022496) Unit Weeks Numbers 42, Condominium Unit Number 7308, Building Number 1, Phase 2

Unpaid Assessments: \$2,230,88 Interest: \$380.21 Late Fees: \$50.00 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$3,661.09 Cost: \$241.44

Total: \$3,902.53
ALVIN F MESSERSMITH and CATHERINE M MESSERSMITH (C#179023031) Unit Weeks Numbers 37, Condominium Unit Number 7313, Building Number 2. Phase 1

Unpaid Assessments: \$1,979.00 Interest: \$283.95 Late Fees: \$50.00 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00

Judgment Amount: \$3,312.95 Total: \$3,554.39 VALERIE M HALL (C#179023429) Unit Weeks Numbers 46, Condominium Unit Number 7313, Building Number 2. Phase 1 Unpaid Assessments: \$1,979.00

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judament Amount: \$3,367,14 Cost: \$241.44 Total: \$3,608.58 KYLE SMITH (C#179024096) Unit Weeks Numbers 10, Condominium Unit Number 7308, Building Number 1. Phase 2

Unpaid Assessments: \$1,979.00 Interest: \$283.95 Late Fees: \$50.00 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$3.312.95 Cost: \$241.44 Total: \$3,554.39

Judgment Amount: \$3,312,95

Interest: \$338.14

Late Fees: \$50.00

MICHAEL A JENKINS and CINDY JENKINS (C#179101027) Unit Weeks Numbers 11, Condominium Unit Number 7318, Building Number 2, Phase 1 Unpaid Assessments: \$1,979.00 Interest: \$283.95 Late Fees: \$50.00 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00

Total: \$3,554.39
ROGER A MOORE, SR. and DOROTHY C MOORE, TRUSTEES OF THE MOORE FAMILY REVOCABLE Unit Weeks Numbers 29. Condominium Unit Number 7311, Building Number 1, Phase 2

Unpaid Assessments: \$1,848.72 Interest: \$251.55 Late Fees: \$50.00 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$3,150.27 Cost: \$241.44

Total: \$3,391,71 STEVEN PHILLIP PLASTER and VANESSA LYNN FULTON-PLASTER (C#179102959) Unit Weeks Number 1, Phase 2

Unpaid Assessments: \$1,708.06

Interest: \$216.57 Late Fees: \$50.00 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$2,974.63

DENNIS M PAVAO (C#179402177) Unit Weeks Numbers 2, Phase 1

Unpaid Assessments: \$1,979.00 nterest: \$283.95 Late Fees: \$50.00 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00

Judgment Amount: \$3,312.95

Cost: \$241.44

Cost: \$241.44 Total: \$3,554.39 Of Masters Place Condominiums, according to the Condominium Maps as recorded under Reception Numbers 161539, 171406, 177633, subject to Declaration of Condominium for Masters Place Condominiums recorded at Reception Number 161911. as amended, supplemented, and/or restated, in the Office

County, Colorado. Published December 23, 30, 2021, January 6, 13 and 20, 2022 in The Pagosa Springs SUN

DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Plaintiff: The Board of County Commissioners of

Archuleta County, CO Defendants: George Gers, Larry L. Reese, Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District, Archuleta County Public Trustee and all Unknown Persons Who Claim any Interest in the Subject Matter of this Action. Case Number 2021 CV030071 Attorney for Plaintiff Todd A. Weaver, Reg. No. 31708

P.O. Box 1507 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Phone Number (970) 264-8321 Fax Number: Withheld Pursuant to Rule Email: TWeaver@ArchuletaCounty.org SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court. If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief der complaint without further notice.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: GEORGE

Dated: December 16, 2021 Published in The Pagosa Sun First Publication: December 23, 2021 Last Publication: January 20, 2022 Todd A. Weaver, Reg. No. 31708 P.O. Box 1507 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

Attorney for Plaintiff Published December 23, 30, 2021, January 6, 13 and 20, 2022 in The Pagosa Springs SUN. District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado

Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Tel. 970.264.2400

Ralph A Getzfred, et al.

Case No.: 2021CV30032 COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST

SHERIFF SALE 2021-23 This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums, recorded on January 6, 1989 at Reception No. 160495, Book 239, Page 2, as office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta

County, Colorado. Under a Judgment and Decree of Forec September 14, 2021, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows. See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof Owner(s):

VALERIÉ M HALL JAMES T LAWRENCE CLAUDIA M LAWRENCE ALICE F SMIT CHRISTOPHER R HAURY EARL J GRONNIGER S JANE GRONNIGER **NELDA J SKAGGS** BRYAN L MCKINLEY
JUDITH ANN MCKINLEY DENNIS L SELLDEN

BERT CALLAHAN DEBORAH A CALLAHAN PAMELA GRAY GOODEYON MAHLON H GRAY Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums, recorded on January 6, 1989 at Reception No. 160495,

Book 239, Page 2, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Village Pointe Property Owners Association.

secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.

Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901 Association Assessments Due to: Village Pointe Property Owners Association, Inc.
Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A" Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"
Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare

Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code and the Colorado Common Ownership Act THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE

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

declared the same immediately fully due and payable.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on February 18, 2021, Sale Number 2021-23 in the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147 sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein.

subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law. First Publication: December 23, 2021

Last Publication: January 20, 2022 Name of Publication: The Pagosa Springs Sun

NOTICE OF RIGHTS
YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE THE STATUTES WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS

IS ATTACHED HERETO.

IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO

ALSO BE EXTENDED THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE

IF YOU BELIEVE THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN §38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN §38-38-103.2, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL (1-800-222-4444) (1-855-411-2372), OR BOTH, BUT THE FILING OF A

The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901

INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147, 970-264-8434.
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR

This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed 14 October 2021

Rich Valdez, Sheriff, Archuleta County, Colorado By: /s/ Lorena Medina EXHIBIT "A" Village Pointe Condominiums

Amount VALERIE M HALL (C#178909305) Unit Weeks Numbers Unpaid Assessments: \$2,439,27 Late Fees: \$100.00

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$3,910.44 Cost: \$308.45 JAMES T LAWRENCE and CLAUDIA M LAWRENCE (C#178909768) Unit Weeks Numbers 26, Unit Numbe

7503, Building Number 1, Phase I Unnaid Assessments: \$2 439 27 Late Fees: \$100.00 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$3,848.34

Cost: \$308.45 Total: \$4,156.79
GENE A SMIT and ALICE F SMIT (C#178909792) Unit

Weeks Numbers 40, Unit Number 7503, Building Numbe Unpaid Assessments: \$2,439,27 nterest: \$309.07 Late Fees: \$100.00

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$3,848.34 Cost: \$308.45 Total: \$4,156.79 CHRISTOPHER R HAURY (C#178911152) Unit Weeks Numbers 4, Unit Number 7505, Building Number 2

Unnaid Assessments: \$2 439 27 nterest: \$309.07 Late Fees: \$100.00 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$3,848.34

Cost: \$308.45 EARL J GRONNIGER and S JANE GRONNIGER (C#178919833) Unit Weeks Numbers 47, Unit Numbe 7501, Building Number 1, Phase Unpaid Assessments: \$2,439,27

Late Fees: \$100.00 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$3,848.34 Cost: \$308.45 Total: \$4,156.79
TOBY J SKAGGS and NELDAJ SKAGGS (C#179001151) Unit Weeks Numbers 38, Unit Number 7519, Building Number 5, Phase III

Unpaid Assessments: \$2,439,27 Interest: \$309.07 Late Fees: \$100.00 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$3,848.34 Cost: \$308.45

Total: \$4,156.79
BRYAN L MCKINLEY and JUDITH ANN MCKINLEY (C#179011028) Unit Weeks Numbers 3, Unit Numbe 7525, Building Number 6, Phase III Unpaid Assessments: \$2,439,27 Interest: \$309.07

Late Fees: \$100.00 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$3,848.34 Cost: \$308.45 DENNIS L SELLDEN and DIANA L SELLDEN (C#179014949) Unit Weeks Numbers 49, Unit Numbe

7528, Building Number 6, Phase III Unpaid Assessments: \$2,439,27 Interest: \$309.07 Late Fees: \$100.00 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$3,848.34 Cost: \$308.45

BERT CALLAHAN and DEBORAH A CALLAHAN (C#179019351) Unit Weeks Numbers 9, Unit Number 7522, Building Number 5, Phase III Unpaid Assessments: \$2,439,27 Late Fees: \$100.00 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$3,861.12

Cost: \$308.45 Total: \$4,169.57
PAMELA GRAY GOODEYON and MAHLON H GRAY and WILLIAM GRAY IV (C#179019781) Unit Weeks Numbers 39, Unit Number 7503, Building Number 1,

Unpaid Assessments: \$2,439.27 Interest: \$309.07 Late Fees: \$100.00 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$3.848.34 Total: \$4,156.79 Of Village Pointe Condominiums, all as tenants in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Village Pointe Condominiums

as depicted on the Plats recorded under Reception Numbers 0168713, 171189 and 176324 according to the Condominium Map as recorded, subject to Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums as recorded as Reception Number 1309304 and amendments and supplements thereto, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for

Archuleta County, Colorado.
Published December 23, 30, 2021, January 6, 13 and 20, 2022 in The Pagosa Springs SUN. District Court

Archuleta County, Colorado PO Box 148 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Case No. 21CV3 PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION

in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

FOR CHANGE OF NAME Public notice is given on May 3, 2021 that a Petition for a Change of Name of an Adult has been filed with the Archuleta District Court. The Petition requests that the name of Avitt Cade Shave

be changed to Avitt Cade Lee-Shaw. /s/ Jeffrey R. Wilson Published December 30, 2021, January 6 and 13, 2022

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Irma Brown, Deceased Case No. 2021 PR 30083

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County Colorado on or before April 30, 2022, or the claims may be forever barred. Daniel L. Fiedler, Attorney at Law 190 Talisman Drive, Suite D-6

Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Published December 30, 2021, January 6 and 13, 2022 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Larry D. Hinterman, Deceased Case No. 2021 PR 30085 All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal

representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County Colorado on or before April 30, 2022, or the claims may be forever barred.

Daniel L. Fiedler, Attorney at Law 190 Talisman Drive, Suite D-6 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Published December 30, 2021, January 6 and 13, 2022 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Marilyn D. Smith, Deceased Case No. 2021 PR 30091

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County Colorado on or before April 30, 2022, or the claims may be forever barred. Daniel L. Fiedler, Attorney at Law

190 Talisman Drive, Suite D-6 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Published December 30, 2021, January 6 and 13, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

## APublic Notices

Court Address: 449 San Juan Dr, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Plaintiff: JOHN L. JAYCOX and LINDA S. JAYCOX Defendants: MERLE C. FELLER, MIRIAM FELLER and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO MAY CLAIM
AN INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS

DISTRICT COURT , ARCHULETA COUNTY,

ACTION. David B. Kirkpatrick, Reg No. 36964 PO Box 2747 Durango, CO 81302 Phone: 970-247-0269

Email: david@kirkpatricklegal.com Case Number: 2021-CV-30074

Division Courtroom SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this Court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within thirty-five (35) days after service of this Summons upon you. Service

of this Summons will be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained If you fail to file your answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within thirty-five (35) days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be

rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded

in the Complaint, without any further notice.
This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situated in Archuleta County, Colorado more particularly described as follows: A parcel of land in Tract No. 3 of PIEDRA PARK SUBDIVISION NO. 2A, according to the plat thereof filed

for record January 23, 1961 as Reception No. 60166, Archuleta County, Colorado, being more particularly BEGINNING at a point where the centerline of Pine Crest would intersect with the East line of Run Around Road; Thence South 88° 07' East, 90.35 feet;

South 44° 28' East, 200 feet, to Colorado Highway No.

151 (formerly 172) right-of-way;

'175 feet in a Southwesterly direction along said rightof-way on a 04° 30' curve to the right; "North 39° 04' West, 234.5 feet, to a point on the East line of Run Around Road: "59.49 feet in a Northerly direction in a 67.17 foot radius curve to a point 50 feet South of the point of beginning "North 00° 05' East, 50 feet along the East line of Run Around Road to the point of beginning.

Dated: 11/23/2021 /s/ David B. Kirkpatrick David B. Kirkpatrick 36964 Attorney for Plaintiff Published in the PAGOSA SUN First Publication: December 2, 2021 Last Publication: December 30, 2021 Published December 2, 9,16, 23 and 30, 2021 in The

Pagosa Springs SUN. DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO

Email: david@kirkpatricklegal.com

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

in the Complaint, without any further notice This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to

34' West from a point which is at the exact center of the

the real property situated in Archuleta County, Colorado,

Thence South 62° 21' East, 203.82 feet to a point on the West right-of-way line of Colorado Highway No. 151

North 56° 12' West, 200.9 feet

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Plaintiff: JOHN L. JAYCOX and LINDA S. JAYCOX

Defendants: H.L. MORELAND, and ALL UNKNOWN SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION. Attorney for Plaintiff David B. Kirkpatrick, Reg No. 36964 PO Box 2747 Durango, CO 81302 Phone: 970-247-0269

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## Boards discuss housing, tourism funding

By Terri House and **Clayton Chaney** Staff Writers

December has been a busy month for housing-related issues in the community.

The Pagosa Springs Town Council approved a trio of ordinances related to the housing crisis on first reading at its Dec. 7 meeting.

All three ordinances are set for second reading on Jan. 4, 2022, at the council's 5 p.m. meeting.

Following the town council's votes on Dec. 7, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners and Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board discussed actions taken by the town in their respective meetings.

Also earlier this month, the council discussed a citizen-led effort to implement a fee of \$150 per bedroom per month on short-term rentals within town limits.

#### Ordinance 966

Ordinance 966 will provide for flexibility in the application of the Land Use and Development Code for the achievement of workforce housing projects.

According to the agenda brief for the meeting, "the intent of the proposed code amendment is to help incentivize the development of long-term affordable and workforce housing units for very-low-income, low-income, moderate-income and attainable housing levels. ... Waivers and/or deferrals are intended to provide relief of site development and use standards, dimensional requirements, and development and design standards to achieve development of deed restricted workforce housing units.'

Planning Director James Dickhoff also noted that the staff proposed amending definitions for terms.

"In addition, staff proposes amending definitions for Very Low Income Housing, Low Income Housing, Moderate Income Housing and Workforce Housing, and adding a definition for Attainable Housing," reads the brief. "The intent here is to clean up definitions for consistency, add Attainable Housing to define AMI levels between 121% - 140%, and use Workforce Housing as an umbrella term that includes the following housing categories: Very Low Income Housing (0%-30%), Low Income Housing (31%-60%), Moderate Income Housing (61%-120%) and Attainable housing (121%-140%)."

The ordinance passed unani-

mously on first reading. Council member Matt DeGuise said, "I think with the price of building materials, the more flexibility we can have to get things built affordably is going to work in our favor in the long run.'

## Ordinance 967

The purpose of Ordinance 967 is to remove the requirement for the annual tourism fund budget to direct a majority of funds for external marketing.

"The budgeting/expenditure requirement was not specified in the language of the voter approval for either the 3% town lodging tax (2005) nor the additional 1.9% town lodging tax (2006). However, it has been incorporated into the municipal code through enabling ordinances from the voter approvals, the intent clauses in the intergovernmental agreement between town and county for formation of the Pagosa Area Tourism Board, and is specified in the collection of, budgeting for, and use of town and county lodging taxes (2016)," reads the agenda brief. "It has also been the customary

budgeting practice for this fund for revenues derived from lodgers' tax the last several years. ... The Town will likely need to renegotiate a new IGA with the County and perhaps a new set of bylaws for the Pagosa Area Tourism Board due to these possible changes."

Town Manager Andrea Phillips recommended that the council and Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board hold a joint work session in January to review the tourism budget and make changes should the ordinance be approved.

Mayor Don Volger stressed that the town is not doing away with external marketing.

"We don't want to be limited to 51 percent if in fact there are issues that are pressing for the community," he said.

The first reading was passed unanimously by the council.

#### Ordinance 968

The next ordinance on the agenda would allocate 50 percent of the annual town revenues derived from lodgers' tax to housing projects and programs, town infrastructure and wastewater infrastructure.

"This one does redirect within the annual budget 50 percent of the town's lodging tax revenues. So, this would not impact the county revenues that are coming in to this fund," Phillips noted.

Agenda documentation reads, "If this ordinance is approved, the town budget for 2022 will now include the following funding sources for housing projects and programs:

"• \$553,275 in General Fund-new Housing Division (includes hiring a Housing Coordinator)

\$45,000 approx Trust/Impact Fund (STR annual fee surcharge)

"• \$462,500 in Lodging Tax/Tourism Fund (half of anticipated town lodging tax revenues in 2022)

"• Also, staff and CDC have applied for two grants for housing opportunities

"o Approx \$1 million in DoLA Funds--HB 1271 Affordable Housing Incentive Grant https://cdola. colorado.gov/1271

"o EDCC Energize Colorado pilot program for housing in rural communities (amount TBD)

"Finally, there is a possible petition being circulated that would charge \$150/mo per bedroom on all non-homeowner occupied vacation rentals in town limits to be used for housing projects for people earning 100% or less of AMI. If approved by voters, this may yield several hundred thousand dollars for housing programs and projects as well."

Following discussion of the ordinance, council member Shari Pierce suggested that the ordinance be changed to allocate "up to" 50 percent. This would allow for flexibility of tourism fund budgeting.

Pierce also noted that the town could meet with the tourism board to discuss percentages at budget time.

When asked for her input, Visit Pagosa Springs Executive Director Jennie Green urged the council to involve the tourism board and the

county. "I know that the tourism board would love to be involved in these discussions and be a part of the solution. They've made that clear in many of their meetings and letters. I would also urge council to include the county in this because they are a valuable partner in our overall efforts as a community, but in particular with tourism," she said.

The first reading of Ordinance 968 was passed unanimously by the council with one change to allocate "up to" 50 percent of the annual town

to housing projects and programs, town infrastructure and wastewater infrastructure.

#### **Tourism budget**

The town's budget adopted on Dec. 7 notes that "The Lodger's Tax Fund is completely funded by a tax collected from visitors staying at local lodging establishments. Revenues derive from the Town and County lodging taxes, rates for which are 4.9% and 1.9%, respectively. Archuleta County has been a consistent participant with the Pagosa Area Tourism Board and the partnership has been working well to date."

The revenues section of the budget states that for 2022, "the Town's portion of the lodger's tax is expected to reach approximately \$925,000. This represents a 32.3% increase over the 2021 budget ..."

It goes on the explain that "the County's portion of the lodger's tax is estimated to be about \$430,000 in 2022," which is a 57.2 percent increase over the 2021 budget.

The budget document reads: Expenditures for the Lodger's Tax Fund are categorized as Personnel, Commodities, Capital Projects, Visitor Information and Contractual. Personnel costs include the Tourism Director and staff for the visitor center operations and marketing. The vast majority of the expenses for Commodities are for external marketing, event funding and event marketing, travel, and visitor center maintenance. Capital Projects includes assistance wayfinding and signage, beautification efforts and holiday decorations. The Contractual expense is for the annual Fourth of July community fireworks display. A large infrastructure support line item of \$650,000 is included. This funding is used for community support projects that benefit visitors and the local community as well. Total expenses for 2022 are expected to be \$1,632,468, which means the board will be spending into a deficit of \$275,968. This will leave a healthy fund balance of approximately \$653,036, which includes \$408,117 as the minimum recommended three-

### Archuleta County **Board of County** Commissioners

month reserve.'

During a work session held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Tuesday, Dec. 14, Green spoke of potential changes in the structure of the tourism board's budget.

Green explained that the board has been discussing the topic of workforce housing for the better part of a year now and has discussed possible ways of using tourism funding to help address workforce housing.

Green proposed that the tourism board's budget could be separated to show a clear picture of which entities' funds are being spent where.

Green indicated that 50 percent of the town's projected 2022 revenues for the tourism board's budget is \$462,000, and the county's portion is projected at \$430,000.

Green mentioned that with town council elections happening in April 2022, she was looking at this as a "short-term, Band-Aid" solution.

"With all this coming into play, I know ... there's other committee members that are very upset with the way this has played out. So, I don't know if there's some people who are just going to throw up their arms and walk away, which is a possibility; I've already heard that," Commissioner Ronnie Maez said.

He mentioned that the county "really needs to think" and consider what its options are in considering the county's intended uses of tourism funds.

#### **Tourism board**

On Dec. 14, the tourism board met and discussed the council's approval of Ordinance 968 on first reading.

Board member Michael Whiting noted that the new language in ordinance 968 was "up to" 50 percent.

He asked how the tourism board could set a budget with a moving target and asked if that percentage would be established during the budgeting process.

"How do we budget on an annual basis not knowing whether it is going to be 10, 20, 30, or 49 percent? How can we make that process a little more predictable so that we can adjust accordingly?" he asked.

Green urged the tourism board to wait until its work session with town council on Jan. 27, 2022, to get more clarification on the matter.

Phillips explained that it would be important for council to give direction on how funds would be spent.

"Are we still going to move forward with pickleball? Are we still going to move forward with the bathrooms? I have a lot of questions as well," she added.

Maez noted that the county needed to discuss the matter.

"We need to seriously look at this and think hard at the direction we want to go with this," he said.

He added, "For myself, there is a possibility of separation. We could try to work together. It depends on the conversation whether or not we move forward with the MOU. So, pretty much, the ball's up in the air."

Board member Julian Caler asked what would happen if the commissioners pulled out of the tourism board.

"If the commissioners did pull out, would there be a point to having a board?," asked Caler.

Maez noted that "a lot of the tourism things that have happened in the past here are because of the board and because of Jennie."

He added that it would still be imperative that "we would still have a board."

Green shared that she proposed to the county commissioners one idea to continue with the joint tourism board and each elected body could have its own budget and approve how those funds would be allocated.

"All of this is on the table for Jan. 27, and enjoy six more weeks of uncertainty," she added.

One board member asked Maez if he had heard concern from the businesses within the county limits what would happen when the tourism dollars are taken away regarding the economy and the impact of removing the tourism and marketing dollars.

Maez noted he had not heard of any businesses in opposition; however he had not heard of any in favor of it, either.

He went on to add that he believed the proposed excise tax "will probably kill the industry in the town as far as short-term rentals," referencing a citizen-led effort to implement a fee of \$150 per bedroom per month on short-term rentals within town limits.

"The only thing that I don't really like about it is the fact that ... like ■ See Boards A14

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## Commissioners hear quarterly financial reports

**By Clayton Chaney** Staff Writer

Archuleta County Finance Director LeeAnn Martin presented the county's first-, second- and third-quarter financial reports to the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) during its last regular meeting of the year held on Dec. 21.

"This is just a summary of our revenues and expenses," Martin said.

### First quarter

For the first-quarter report, Martin indicated that revenues were received as expected and there were no revenue shortfalls reported.

She noted that 50 out of 55 categories/departments were "within budget and without issues" for the first quarter in terms of expendi-

Martin explained that four of the five that were over budget were only very slightly over budget, less than 34 percent, and none were projected to exceed their expense budget at the end of 2021.

The five categories that were over expenditures included the BoCC fund at 28 percent, the County Surveyor at 33 percent, County Treasurer at 31 percent, Human Resources at 28 percent and Unallocated Road and Bridge at 81 percent.

Martin also provided an overview of revenues by fund, noting the General Fund was at 28 percent, Road and Bridge at 12 percent, Dispatch at 21 percent, Solid Waste at 18 percent, Airport at 35 percent and Fleet at 26 percent.

"One thing to keep in mind: The county works on a modified accrual basis, so even though we may have received revenues for the first quarter, they may not have posted until

Whiting stressed the importance

"I remember how hard it was to

of maintaining a partnership be-

build this coalition between the

town and the county to get to the

IGA that we have now ... on coordi-

nated strategic expenditures of all

the lodgers' tax. It was not easy to

get this on the books and to get this

partnership running the way it's run

so exceptionally well," Whiting said.

"This is rare, in other counties and

towns there isn't a lot of this level of

cooperation, so as you go forward,

fight like hell to maintain the high

level of coordination and partner-

ship that we currently have ... and

always keep that in mind that our

success that people are criticizing

is based on that coordinated action,

the strategic coordinated action

between the two bodies. Anything

less than that level of coordination

At a special meeting on Dec. 16,

Phillips briefed the board about a

group of citizens circulating a peti-

tion to implement a fee of \$150 per

bedroom per month on short-term

Council members Nicole Pitcher

According to the agenda brief, the

and DeGuise recused themselves

initiative is led by Glenn Walsh, Bill

Hudson and Darcy DeGuise, who

are "circulating a petition to place on the ballot for the April 5, 2022

municipal election a charter amend-

ment question regarding short term

It was noted that "there is an ex-

rental fees."

from this portion of the meeting.

is going to produce fewer results."

Citizen-led petition

rentals within town limits.

tween the town and the county.

Boards

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that's fair," Caler said.

April or May. So, the only time that we actually accrue revenue back is going to be near December,"

Martin noted that the firstquarter sales tax revenues were "strong," coming in at 33.8 percent over the seasonally adjusted budget, or 39.4 percent over the 2020

Revenues for the Highway User Tax Fund (HUTF) were 2.1 percent below the seasonally adjusted yearto-date budget and 10.1 percent under the 2021 year-to-date actual budget, Martin explained.

"We were expecting to have lower HUTF revenue," Martin said, explaining the county had received information from the Colorado Counties Inc. projecting lower HUTF revenues.

#### Second quarter

"Revenue was received as expected," Martin said.

She explained that there were a few items that came up in the second quarter that "bumped up" revenues for the second quarter.

Ten out of 55 expense categories/departments were listed as over budget, Martin noted, "but 5 had unanticipated revenue to cover the excess expense, 3 of the other 5 were very slight (less than 55%) over budget," Martin's presenta-

The 10 expense categories/departments that were over 50 percent of budget included the County Treasurer at 72 percent, Planning at 51 percent, Human Resources at 54 percent, IT and GIS at 53 percent, Jail Commissary at 90 percent, Sheriff Administration at 52 percent, Sheriff Animal Control at 51 percent, Sheriff Court Security at 70 percent, Unallocated General Fund at 88 percent, and Unallocated Road and Bridge at 81 percent.

Revenue for the General Fund in the second quarter was at 84 percent, the presentation notes.

Martin explained that there are two key things to note in regard to the General Fund revenues: that the county received a \$1.4 million federal grant from the American Rescue Plan Act and the county also received \$1.2 million in PILT funding, which was \$500,000 what was originally budgeted.

Road and Bridge was at 38 percent of its revenue budget, Dispatch was at 46 percent, Solid Waste was at 51 percent, Airport was at 55 percent and Fleet was at 51 percent, she reported.

Martin noted that sales tax revenues were "strong" in the second quarter as well, coming in 33.1 percent over the second-quarter seasonally adjusted budget and 31.4 percent over 2020 secondquarter actuals.

There was an increase in the HUTF revenue, coming in at 9.6 percent over the seasonally adjusted year-to-date budget, or 8.4 percent over the 2020 year-to-date actuals, she reported.

#### Third quarter

Martin indicated that overall, revenue was received as expected in the third quarter.

Fifteen out of 55 expense categories/departments exceeded 75 percent of budget during the third quarter, according to the presenta-

She notes in her presentation that six of those 15 categories/ departments had unanticipated revenue to cover expenses, four between 75 and 80 percent of its budget and five were between 80 and 95 percent.

The 15 categories/departments that were at or over 75 percent of its budget included the County Fair at 76 percent, County Treasurer at 95 percent, Planning at 85 percent, Human Resources at 82 percent, IT and GIS at 80 percent, Jail Commissary at 122 percent, Livestock Auction at 86 percent, Sheriff Administration at 85 percent, Sheriff Animal Control at 76 percent, Sheriff Court Security at 91 percent, Sheriff Emergency Management at 81 percent, Sheriff Investigations at 79 percent, Unallocated General Fund at 93 percent and Unallocated Road and Bridge

Martin provided a revenue highlight by fund, noting the General Fund was at 108 percent of its budget, Road and Bridge was at 74 percent, Dispatch was at 71 percent, Solid Waste was at 90, Airport was at 89 percent and Fleet was at 77 percent.

Sales tax revenue for the third quarter was "strong" as well, according to the presentation, coming in at 18 percent over the 2020 third-quarter seasonally adjusted budget and 11.1 percent over the third quarter 2020 actuals.

Martin also indicated that yearto-date sales tax revenue is 27.1 percent over the seasonally adjusted budget and 24.8 percent over 2020 actuals.

The HUTF revenue is 17.3 percent over the year-to-date seasonally adjusted budget, or 22 percent over 2020 year-to-date actuals, Martin indicated.

#### Revenues and levies certified

During the same meeting, the BoCC unanimously approved Resolution 2021-95, certifying levies and revenues to the county assessor.

The certification of levies and revenues in Archuleta County includes 21 governmental entities, which consists of one county, one

town, three school districts and 16 special districts.

According to the resolution, Archuleta County's 18.233 mills are

- divided as follows: • 16.04 (90 percent) to general. • 0.912 (5 percent) to Road and
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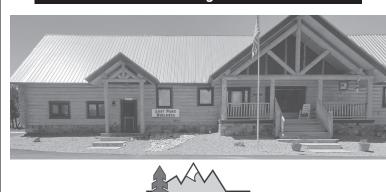
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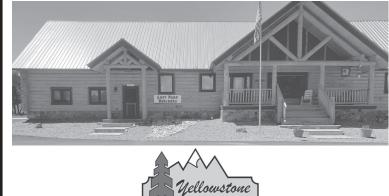
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ception for properties where the STR owner resides full-time on the Ronnie just said, they have to spend property at least nine (9) months 50 percent on advertising and town of the year. If approved by the votnow doesn't have to. It's almost not ers, the fee would commence June fair ... the town gets to reap the ben-1, 2022 and would be utilized for efits but not put in ... I don't see how creation and sustainability of workforce housing aimed at households He added, referring to town counearning no more than 100% of Area cil, "They are obviously not listening

Median Income (AMI)." A minimum of 56 signatures is required to place it on the ballot.

"If it is approved, starting in June we would then have an additional funding stream for workforce housing initiatives within the town limits," Phillips said.

Council member Mat deGraaf noted he had asked that this item be put on the agenda.

"I asked for it to be put on the agenda because I felt that we, as town council, at the very least should discuss what is happening in the community. I recognize that any time a petition is circulated, it's generally done so because some people — the majority, the minority, whomever -feel like we aren't doing the job that they would like us to do," he said.

He also noted that the town has made some "big moves on the shortterm rental front, and I am really proud of those moves."

"I'm not in opposition to this, I just wish it was happening at a different time," he added.

Council member Jeff Posev noted that the council is the strategic body for the town.

"It's our job to give strategic longterm direction," he said.

He added, "I think this is a profoundly bad idea as written. We considered something very similar and voted it down. I think this one is

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even less well put together than the one we voted down." He questioned if the council would be interested in making a

statement to citizens "recommend-

ing a vote against this." Town Attorney Clayton Buchner advised that the council could make such a statement and create a position memorandum to advise the public what the council's position is on the matter.

Pierce added that council has discussed this matter at length many

"We've come up with thinking that this is not the way that we wanted to do it, but to go in conjunction with the county with something, and so I am definitely not in favor of what these citizens are trying to do, although, I understand they are just exercising their rights under our municipal code and our charter," she said.

The council didn't take action regarding the citizen-led petition at the meeting.

Phillips reminded the council that if the petitioners get the required number of signatures and it is certified, the question would be on the ballot in April.

## Council meeting

Tuesday's town council meeting will be held at 5 p.m. at Town Hall with an option for attendance via Zoom at: https://zoom.us/j/93746649026.

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

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## Traditional New Year's soup

By Robin Young

PREVIEW Columnists

If you are like me, you like to follow traditions around the holidays.

Now that all the children are grown and Santa makes more of a sentimental visit, the time my family spends together is centered around food. Thanksgiving means making tamales, Christmas means making prime rib and New Year's means making menudo.

As a child, I could never understand how someone could eat it — you know, that special ingredient. However, over the years, I have come to love this traditional Mexican soup. I'm fortunate that I spend holidays in Tucson, where there is no shortage of carnicerias selling plenty of all the ingredients needed for a delicious bowl of menudo, including the fresh tortillas brought in every day from Mexico.

So what is that special ingredient I was talking about? Tripe, or tripas, is the lining of a ruminant animal's (cow, goat, sheep) stomach; in this case, it's a cow. Yes, that is the part I had to get over being a byproduct from the slaughter of the cow. Tripe is an excellent and generally inexpensive source of lean protein and has a chewy texture. There are four different kinds of beef tripe, classified depending on which stomach chamber the product was derived from.

Blanket or flat tripe: This type is made from the first stomach chamber of cows. This smooth tripe is considered the least desirable.

Honeycomb tripe: This variety stems from the second

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stomach chamber and resembles a honeycomb. It's more tender than blanket tripe and has a more palatable flavor.

Omasum or book tripe: Coming from the third stomach chamber, this type of tripe is described as a mix between blanket and honeycomb tripe.

Abomasum or reed tripe: This variety is from the fourth stomach chamber. Its taste varies from strong to mild

There are many variations of recipes, but I will share my family's recipe with you.

#### Menudo

1 gallon of water

3 pounds lean beef tripe, cut into pieces

1 green onion for garnish

6 garlic cloves cut into small pieces.

1 bay leaf

2 heaping tablespoons of powdered beef broth

1 pound of fresh or 1 can (14.5 ounces) cooked hominy

Salt and pepper to taste

Other ingredients (optional: red or green chile, oregano, cumin, vellow onion)

In large pot (2 gallons), place the water over medium heat. Add the beef tripe, 6 garlic cloves, powdered beef broth, hominy and bay leaf and

cook for at least 3 to 4 hours. Make sure the beef tripe is tender and not overcooked. Cook until fresh hominy flowers. Salt and pepper to taste. Garnish with green onion. Serve with homemade tortillas.

Menudo is an acquired taste. Mexicans swear that it's a miracle cure for a hangover. I wouldn't know anything about that.

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## Bidding the old farewell

By Betty Slade PREVIEW Columnist

This has been some kind of a year. We discussed it as the family gathered at the table for Christmas dinner. How beautiful to hear our children and grandchildren talk about their many blessings, things that easily overshadow what was the prior 358 days of the year.

2021 was certainly a time for the unexpected. We received phone calls telling us three family members had passed away. News on the television pounded at us with fear and unrest. And, then, there was my fall where I strained muscles I didn't even know I had.

If that wasn't enough, a fierce wind came through the Lower Blanco a few days before Christmas. It destroyed two of our garages. Everything was leveled to the ground. Underneath it all, many of my Sweet Al's family heirlooms, his tools and things that were being saved for the family.

We had a limited amount of time to salvage and remove the garage's contents. Other storms were predicted, so we worked for the next few days to clear a mammoth move. Working until Christmas Eve, mixed emotions ran through my heart as I watched two 30-foot roll-offs carry away items from the property.

My Sweet Al, the sentimentalist, viewed it a disaster. My son, the minimalist, called it a Christmas miracle. One of our daughters, the practical one, said it was biblical, referring to the man who built too many barns.

2021 did its job. It revealed where we struggle. It also showed what needs to be changed if we



The SUN teamed up with Santa and his elves to help deliver letters to the guy in the big red suit, with the promise we could share those Christmas wishes with our readers, as they were written. The following had to be routed directly to Santa before being shared with The SUN to ensure delivery before Christmas.

Dear Santa

All I want for Christmas is a real alto saxaphone and a toy rc snow cat! Plese and thank you,

THANKS SANTA! from: Noah Allen thanks agen santa!

## **Artist's** Lane

**Betty Slade** 

hoped to enter a new chapter on a positive foot. Mainly, finding that a change of our attitudes makes circumstances better. God is still in charge and everything will be OK.

As I searched for a devotional book for the new year, Mark Buchanan's book, "The Rest of God," caught my attention.

His illustration about change gave me an interesting perspective. Buchanan wrote, "Good practices are both catalysts and incubators for new thoughts. It's like a marriage.

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#### By Carole Howard

PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

We're looking for creative help in designing a T-shirt for this year's Summer Reading Program. The theme will be "Oceans of possibilities." Pick up a flyer at the library or go online to our website at https:// pagosalibrary.org for details.

The winner will receive a free T-shirt with their design. The winning T-shirt will be worn by staff during the Summer Reading Program and a limited number will be available for purchase.

This contest is open to all ages. The deadline for submissions is Feb. 18.

### New Year's holiday closures

We wish you, your family and friends a very happy and safe

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holiday season. We hope your celebrations are able to return to fun festive occasions, and we wish you and your loved ones a safe, healthy and happy 2022 as well.

Please note that your library will be closed beginning at noon on Friday, Dec. 31, and be closed on Saturday, Jan. 1.

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

Participants in this free enrichment program for youngsters aged 5 and up receive a kit guiding you through science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (S.T.E.A.M) projects. The kits are available all month, but registration is required by calling your library at (970) 264-2209.

#### **Transparent Language** tutorial next Monday

Join us Monday, Jan. 3, from 1 to 2 p.m. for a free Transparent Language in-person tutorial. Packed full of pronunciation, speech, grammar, writing and vocabularybuilding lessons, Transparent Language is accessible from your computer, smartphone or tablet. This tutorial will help you get started — and you can access this online resource any time on your own at: https://pagosalibrary.org/ online-resources/.

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Thank you for your comments

## Lane.

**■** continued from previous page When I married my wife, I had to

change my mind about who I was. I was no longer a bachelor. My habits of thought had, for more than 20 years, taken shape around the fact of my singleness."

"I had bachelor attitudes about how to spend time and money, about the ideal color to paint a bedroom, about the best car to drive, about other women. It all had to go through a dramatic shift, in some cases a complete about face. When I took vows, I had to change my mind. But, if I changed only my mind and never changed my behavior, I doubt I'd still be married."

When I read these quotes, I realized that the last few years have changed us to contemplate the negative. Challenges occur and we often aligned with fear or even anger when it takes shape around

us. We became doubters of what God promised us. Life crouched at our front door and looked in our windows and we let it.

In one of the translations of the Bible, the letter of James states, "Embrace all of the various trials as friends, knowing that the testing of our faith produces patience. When patience has its perfect work, we will be complete lacking nothing."

As we grow older, we find change to be hard. Why? Probably because things seem to be changing all around us and in odd procession at that.

Final brushstroke: 2021 didn't feel like a friend on many levels. But, how we walked through it makes me thankful nonetheless. As we bid the old farewell, we know that we are fuller and more complete because of how we will start a new year, where challenges bring new victories through the unexpected.

### Readers' comments

this year. Your words encouraged me to keep writing and believing we are growing together in our faith, standing on his promises. Send your comments to betty@ bettyslade.com.

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### Computer class next Tuesday

Next Tuesday, Jan. 4, join Brad from 1 to 2 p.m. for a free lesson on transferring photos and other files from a phone to a computer to free up storage space on your phone. Bring your laptop and phone with you so you can practice.

## Teen book club next Wednesday

We invite sixth- through 12thgraders to join the free in-person teen book club next Wednesday, Jan. 5, from 4 to 5 p.m. for a lively discussion of what you've been reading and to help us plan what we'll read in the new year.

#### Writing challenge

A new all-ages writing challenge will be posted Monday, Jan. 3, on the library's Facebook page. We hope you will challenge your creativity by participating in this free all-ages activity.

#### **Dungeons and Dragons**

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

## Special science family storytime

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

Wednesday, Jan. 5, is STEM with Jessica Walker, where we'll enjoy an experiment or two.

#### Storywalk for kids

Our storywalk theme Jan. 3-15 is based on the book "The Snowy Nap." Get outdoors and take a walk, following the pages of the book and reading the story as you stroll along. Watch for signs outside the library that follow the sidewalk up toward the elementary school. After you finish the walk, pick up materials for a craft or activity at the library.

**Tech Time** 

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

#### **ESL classes**

Free in-person evening classes take place Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 7 p.m. Beginning students attend from 4 to 5 p.m., intermediate students from 5 to 6 p.m. and advanced students from 7 to 8 p.m. Please help us spread the word about these classes to others in our community who would be interested, and contact us by phone or email if you have any questions.

#### Las clases de ESL

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

#### **Adult education**

Our free PALS (Pagosa Adult Learning Services) sessions take place on Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m., when Mark helps with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more.

#### In-person gaming

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

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#### **Activities calendars**

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

## Mysteries, thrillers and suspense

"Silent Parade" by Keigo Higashino is a Detective Galileo mystery set in Japan.

#### Large print

"Foul Play" by Stuart Woods is a Stone Barrington mystery. "W.E.B. Griffin Rogue Asset" by Brian Andrews and Jeffrey Wilson is a Presidential Agent adventure.

#### **Books on CD**

"Revenant" by Alex White is a Star Trek Deep Space Nine adventure.

#### Other novels

"Chronicles From the Land of the Happiest People" by Wole Soyinka, the first Black winner of the Nobel Prize in literature, is a satire on how power and greed can corrupt the soul of a nation. "The Book of Form and Emptiness" by Ruth Ozeki features a 13-year-old boy who hears voices belonging to things all around him. "Dark Tarot" by Christine Feehan is part of the Carpathian paranormal romance series. "Guild Boss" by Jayne Castle is part of the Harmony paranormal

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romance series. "Several People Are Typing" by Calvin Kasulke is a satire of the virtual office and contemporary life. "A Certain Appeal" by Vanessa King is a raunchy contemporary retelling of "Pride and Prejudice."

#### **Nonfiction**

"Atlas of the Heart" by Brene Brown is a guide to making your experiences result in meaningful connections. "Out of Office" by technology and culture reporters Charlie Warzel and Anne Helen Petersen explores the transformational potential of working from home. "Messy Minimalism" by Rachelle Crawford lays out practical ways to reduce waste, curb consumption and declutter your life. "Tiger King" by Netflix star Joe Exotic is a memoir that exposes the man behind the headlines. "The Clanlands Almanac" by Sam Heughan and Graham McTavish is a guide to Scottish legends, traditions, historical and contemporary events. "Glitter Every Day: 365 Quotes from Women I Love" by Andy Cohen offers words of daily inspiration from women as diverse as Madonna and the author's mother. "For Such a Time as This" by Kayleigh McEnany is an autobiography of the White House press secretary documenting the importance of faith in her life.

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## VA statement on GPO printing and mailing delay

By Raymond Taylor

Archuleta County Veterans Service Office

Due to supply chain and staffing shortages, the vendor contracted by the Government Publishing Office (GPO) to provide printing services for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is experiencing delays in printing and mailing notification letters to veterans and claimants. The disruption may impact the ability of some claimants to meet required deadlines via written correspondence with the VA.

In response to the mailing delays and to protect the best interest of claimants, the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) is extending its response period by 90 calendar days for claimants with letters dated between July 13, 2021, and Dec. 31, 2021.

If a claimant does not reply to a time-limited notification, such as making an election of benefits or services, or reporting for a scheduled compensation and pension examination, the VBA will not take adverse action to deny, reduce or terminate benefits and services unless: 1) the claimant is contacted and there is documentation of their right to respond; 2) the requested information has been received; or 3) the response period has lapsed.

The VA and GPO are proactively working to quickly address the mailing delays. For questions on this matter, veterans and claimants can contact the VA at (800) 827-1000

Veterans who filed an appeal with the Board of Veterans' Appeals can go online for information specific to board correspondence, scheduled hearings at the board and receiving your board decision.

Happy new year to all. Stay safe this holiday season. Yeah for all the snow!

## Dialing procedure reminder

Don't forget the new dialing procedures: Effective Oct. 24, to complete all local calls, you will need to dial area code and telephone number. This means 10 digits for local call. This is required due to the new "988" code for National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline.

## Grant allows Vets4Vets to help local veterans

Vets4Vets of Archuleta County has received a grant from the Colorado Department of Military and Veteran Affairs. This financial grant is to support veterans in our community through the follow-

## Veterans Corner



ing assistance: housing, utilities, mental health counseling, dental services, travel assistance, automobile repairs, gas and food cards, and emergency veteran assistance.

Contact Vets4Vets at https://vets4vetspsco.org/ or dharps@gmail.com.

#### **Contact information**

Veterans: Thank you for your service. Welcome home.

For further information on VA benefits, please call or stop by the Archuleta County Veterans Service Office (VSO), located at the Pagosa Springs Senior Center in the Ross Aragon Community Center on Hot Springs Boulevard.

The office: (970) 264-4013, fax

number: (970) 264-4014, and email is raytaylor@archuletacounty.org. Bring your DD Form 214 (discharge) for applications to VA programs or benefits for which the veteran may be entitled to enroll, and for filing in the Archuleta County VSO. Always leave a message and phone number to contact you.

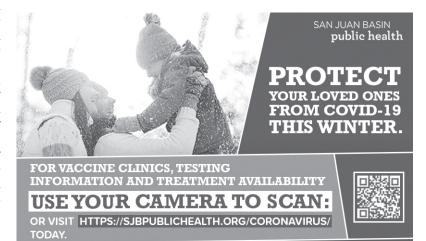
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- Combat Veterans PTSD Group: every other Tuesday at noon, Community United Methodist Church, Lewis Street. Contact Gary

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## Alternatives to bigger jails aren't a partisan issue

**By Matt Witt** 

PREVIEW Columnist

If you know someone is a Republican or Democrat, then you might assume you know exactly where they stand on whether local jails need to be expanded.

But, if recent experience in the rural southwest Oregon county where I live is any guide, it's not that simple.

The economy in Jackson County is dominated by mostly low-wage jobs in tourism, health care, agriculture and forestry, yielding a median income 24 percent lower than the national average. Yet the median home price is 9 percent

## Veterans.

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Hanneman at (970) 946-2540.

• Women's Group of Spouses of Veterans: first and third Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m., Dr. Carter's office; contact Charlotte at (970) 903-9690.

#### **Important information**

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## Writers on the Range

higher than the national average and one out of three households pays more than half of what they earn just for housing.

Republicans win every county commissioner election and, last year, those commissioners asked voters to authorize a new jail with three times the capacity of the old one. The local newspaper came out in favor, publishing a three-part series and a positive editorial as well.

But voters in this "red" county said no by nearly three to one. How did this happen?

It happened because a broadbased community group of volunteers convinced voters that lockups weren't the only answer. The group did intensive public

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outreach, pointing out that a large percentage of what was considered local crime involved mental illness,

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## **Writers**

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addiction, homelessness and poverty — all underlying issues that a larger jail couldn't help.

A study they cited by the independent Vera Institute of Justice examined the experience of 77 counties and found that "larger jails often become overcrowded again because expansion fails to address the root causes of an increased (jail) population."

The coalition even brought in police to make their case. They hosted forums, inviting law enforcement leaders from other counties to talk about how they reduced jail bookings instead of expanding jails. In many cases, they said, mental health professionals or social service workers were more effective and less costly than sending in police.

Tad Larson, the jail commander from Marion County, Ore., said his county operates mobile crisis intervention teams that connect individuals with counseling services, alcohol and drug treatment, and peer mentor support.

"Less than 3 percent of calls the crisis teams respond to result in arrests," Larson said, and the county has reduced annual jail bookings by 20 to 25 percent.

A similar program in Lane County, Ore., responds to 24,000 calls per year involving dispute resolution, medical crises, mental illness, substance abuse or homelessness. The program saves \$15.5 million a year by handling calls that would otherwise go to the police. This reduces arrests and diverts patients from emergency rooms, according to program coordinator Tim Black.

The Real Solutions coalition also pointed out that crisis intervention alternatives are supported by a national group called Right on Crime, which was founded by well-known conservatives such as Newt Gingrich, Grover Norquist and Mike Huckabee.

"Research shows that, especially in regards to low-risk defendants, even brief jail stays can increase the chance of committing another crime in the future," Right on Crime reports.

"When someone who has mental health issues is locked up pretrial, it can compound their situation," Right on Crime adds. "The same can be said for people who display signs of substance abuse."

While crisis response programs save money once operating, many communities need seed money and technical assistance to get started. Federal grants totaling \$15 million have been awarded to 20 states, including California, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon and Utah, to help local jurisdictions to plan such programs.

Meanwhile, the Oregon Legislature this year set an example by appropriating \$10 million to expand local mobile-crisis programs throughout the state.

In the county where I live, the county commissioners have been silent on this subject since their proposal was soundly defeated. But the voters' decision has prompted

discussions among public agencies, nonprofits and community advocates about establishing a crisis intervention system.

"With continued population growth and with new fiscal challenges as a result of COVID-19, it will be particularly important to find cost-effective alternatives to continually building bigger jails," wrote four city councilors from local communities in Jackson County after voters turned down jail expansion. "We hope Jackson County officials have learned those lessons, too, and we look forward to working with them on constructive and practical alternatives."

That would be an example, increasingly rare these days, of a community finding a solution that everyone — no matter their political leanings — can support.

Matt Witt is a contributor to Writers on the Range, writerson-therange.org, a nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation in the West. He is a writer and photographer in Talent, Ore. Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN.











## Sunday devotionals offered by the Baha'i Faith

**By Paulette Heber** 

Baha'i Community of Archuleta County

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

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

A weekly theme is reflected in the prayers, music, poetry and selections from world religions and various sources. All are encouraged to contribute inspirational pieces. This Sunday, Jan. 2, our theme is practice.

"Strive thine utmost to become godlike, characterized by His at-

tributes, illumined and merciful, that thou mayest be freed from every bond and become attached at heart to the kingdom of the incomparable Lord."—Abdu'l-Baha.

The Baha'i Faith is an all-embracing world religion founded on the principle of unity. It recognizes humanity's spiritual nature and the innate nobility of every human soul. Among the teachings of the Baha'i Faith are the investigation of truth; the oneness of God; the oneness of mankind; justice; universal peace; the conformity between science and divine revelation; the equality of women and men; and the abandonment of racial, religious, worldly and political prejudices. It is in this spirit of community that we cordially invite you to our devotionals.

To learn more about the Baha'i Faith, please visit the official international website of the Baha'i Faith at www.bahai.org. Our local contact is archuletabahais@gmail.com.

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



# New Thought Center topic: 'The Truth Will Set You Free'

By Shayla McClure

New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

Sunday Service is at 11 a.m. with Dr. Elaine Harding: "The Truth Will Set You Free."

"When you want to do a big thing, get the mental pattern, make it perfect, know just what it means, enlarge your thought, keep it to yourself, pass it over to the creative power behind all things, wait and listen and, when the impression comes, follow it with assurance. Don't talk to anyone about it. Never listen to negative talk or pay attention to it and you will succeed where all others fail." — Ernest Holmes.

#### **Upcoming events**

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

Wednesday, 6 p.m.: Meditation Circle.

Thursday, 5:30 p.m.: Lemon Drops Band practice with Erika. All are welcome to join in and bring their own instruments.

Friday, Dec. 31, 6 p.m.: Burning Bowl Ceremony Service.

Jan. 15: Music concert fundraiser for Greg Milioto family. Pagosa Lodge Ball Room.

Please call/text (970) 510-0309.

#### Library

The New Thought Center has a large library of inspirational and spiritual books. To borrow or donate a book, please come to the New Thought Center prior to Sunday service or Meditation Circle.

#### About us

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## Keeping pride at bay

**Bv Helene Smith** PREVIEW Columnist

A misspent youth followed by a life-changing conversion — what a story to tell. Had my life been deep into drugs, thievery and abuse, before I met Jesus, what a powerful message I could share.

Instead, I grew up in a Christian home and went to church every Sunday. My Dad read the Bible every night at dinner and my mother prayed with me at bedtime. I thought of myself as a good kid, blessed and better than others. Pride.

I knew I wasn't perfect, but believed I had less to confess and be forgiven for. I followed directions, obeyed my parents and teachers, was kind, didn't steal, didn't swear and didn't break civil laws. Pride.

The Bible teaches humility, not to think of ourselves as better. "In whatever you do, don't let selfishness or pride be your guide. Be humble and honor others more than yourselves." — Philippians

Making friends and excelling at school and work was easier when I didn't appear full of myself. I seemed humble, but God looks on

Sin is sin. If perfection is a target, when we take aim and the arrow falls short, we miss the mark. It doesn't matter if it falls an inch or many feet short, it's still a miss. That's sin. I had no reason to be prideful. My arrow didn't hit the target either.

Beating down pride is a continual battle for me. When I believe I am doing a good job of it, that's pride creeping in again.

These weapons combat pride

Seek forgiveness. Every time I mess up, it's time to repent. On

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days when nothing comes to mind, I ask the Holy Spirit to point out the missed marks. Trust me, he does.

Seek forgiveness. Every time I mess up, it's time to repent. On days when nothing comes to mind, I ask the Holy Spirit to point out the missed marks. Trust me, he does.

God gives us abilities and talents, strength and wisdom to handle situations in our lives. It's easy to conclude we manage on our own. Thanking God reminds me that the outcomes aren't solely my doing. Praising God diminishes

Give up control. This is a hard one for me. I don't like to fly because everything is out of my control on an airplane. In the movie "Bruce Almighty," the main character is given the power to answer prayers. Bruce grants almost everyone's requests. This results in havoc and mayhem. God knows what's best because he knows everything and sees the big picture. I must remember to also pray: Thy will be done, Lord, on earth as it is in Heaven.

Focus on Jesus. When Peter tried to walk on water, he succeeded as long as he kept his eyes on the Lord. That's where my focus needs to stay also. Jesus left heaven to come to earth in the form of a man. How humbling. When he had every right to be born in a palace, treated royally and to "lord" it over us, he didn't. His humility is an example for us. May we become more and more like him.

Forgive me again and again,

Lord, when I feel pride welling up in me. Instead of focusing on myself, I will praise you for who you are, what you have done, will do and are doing. Amen.

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

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philosophies similar to Centers for Spiritual Living and Agape Centers. We honor all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the divine. The vision of the New Thought Center is to empower possibility through revelation of spiritual truth and to have our members experience selfempowerment, inner peace and feeling part of a community. Our mission is to create a world that works for all and to create a joyful life through awareness of a higher power. We are a "Good Vibe Tribe" that connects a collective spiritual

We welcome local talents to share gifts, aptitudes and knowledge. Participate, learn or contribute your insights, beliefs, knowledge and skills.

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

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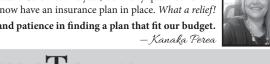
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## Health department launches Jr Heroes COVID-19 Vax Challenge

By Chandler Griffin

San Juan Basin Public Health

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) is pleased to announce the Jr Heroes COVID-19 Vax Challenge.

This challenge invites local youth to use their unique perspective and an artistic medium of their choosing to engage in peer-to-peer communication. This project aims to share scientific, trustworthy information about COVID-19 and the COVID-19 vaccines, address misinformation and encourage dialogue.

Youth ages 12-17 who reside in Archuleta and La Plata counties are eligible to participate in the Jr Heroes COVID-19 Vax Challenge. Participants can work individually or as part of a team. Participants will receive a \$100 gift card for completing an eligible project. Teams of three or more will receive a maximum of \$300 total in incentives.

Examples of projects include but are not limited to:

- A music video or song with lyrics in support of protecting the community, family members and the vulnerable through vaccination for COVID-19.
- An infographic or poster depicting factual information about vaccine development and safety.
- A video sharing personal experiences with COVID-19 and the COVID-19 vaccine.

The challenge period began on Dec. 28 and will wrap up with exhibitions later in the winter of 2022. Participants will start by identifying a parent or guardian representative and filling out a brief proposal for their project. Proposals will be accepted

through Jan. 19, 2022, or until a maximum number of proposals are accepted. Therefore, participants are encouraged to submit their proposal early.

Final projects will be due via electronic submission by Feb. 4, 2022. Final projects will be shared online through the contestant's social media accounts as well as exhibitions in both counties.

This project is being sponsored by a generous Together We Protect Grant offered by the Caring for Colorado Foundation.

For more information, visit SJBPH's website at sjbpublichealth. org/jrheroeschallenge/. For questions about the Jr Heroes CO-VID-19 Vax Challenge, please contact covid-19vaccines@sjbpublichealth.org.

As a reminder, youth ages 5 through 17 are only eligible for the Pfizer vaccine. Booster doses

of the Pfizer vaccine are now available for 16- and 17-year-olds who are six months past completing their initial vaccine series. It is important that residents verify the Pfizer vaccine is being offered when signing up minors for COVID-19 vaccine appointments or walking into a clinic. Parents and guardians are required to provide consent for minors to be vaccinated. The vaccine is free, and no ID is required.

Families have options and are encouraged to either sign up for a community vaccination clinic, contact their pediatrician or reach out to their preferred vaccine provider. Clinic and provider information is available on the SJBPH website: https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/.

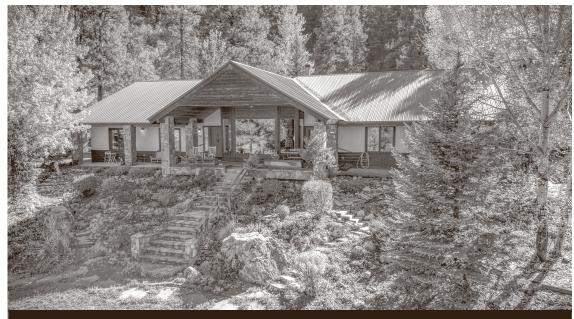


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All events listed in The PREVIEW Calendar are free of charge unless otherwise noted.

#### Thursday, Dec. 30

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

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

#### English as a Second Language.

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

#### Friday, Dec. 31

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

#### Monday, Jan. 3

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

Online Resource Tutorial: Transparent Language. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Packed full of pronunciation, speech, grammar, writing and vocabulary-building lessons. Transparent Language provides library users with a complete, language learning solution. This useful resource is accessible from your computer, smartphone or tablet. Join us for in-person instructions and we will help you get started. Access Transparent Language anytime

on your own using the Transparent Language Learning database available at: https://pagosalibrary. org/online-resources/. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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

#### Tuesday, Jan. 4

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County. 10 a.m., Tennyson Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Veterans and family members are invited to share experiences with vets of all ages. Find out about the latest in vets benefits, vets news and community-focused events. We welcome your participation in fundraisers to benefit fellow vets. You served once, join us in continuing that service. Contact (970) 799-8387 for more details.

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Computer Class: Transferring Photos from a Phone to a Computer. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Join Brad for this basic computer class that will help you understand the process of transferring photos and other files from your phone to a computer. This skill is useful to know because it will help you free up storage space on your phone or

your phone's limited cloud storage. You are invited to bring your laptop and phone with you so you can practice. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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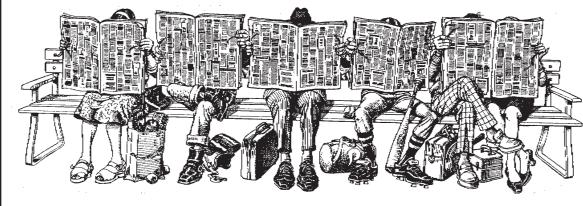
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Teen Book Club. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us for a lively discussion of what you've been reading and help us choose what we'll read in the new year. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

#### Thursday, Jan. 6

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Therapy Dog Visit. 1:30-2:15 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Stop by and visit with a certified therapy dog. It's a great way to relax or boost your day. Visits with the therapy dog should be limited to 10-15 minutes. In that time, you can pet the dog, read to the dog or just say "Hi." Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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

Pagosa Springs Varsity Wrestling. 4 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Rocky Mountain Duals.

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

#### Saturday, Jan. 8

Pagosa Springs Varsity Wrestling. 9 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Rocky Mountain Wrestling Invitational.

LEGO Club. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For kids 6-12 years old. We have the LEGO bricks, all you need to bring is your imagination. Call (970) 264-2209 for further information.

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## **Bird of the Week**



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the Barrow's goldeneye.

This duck was originally described from a resident population in Iceland and named to honor Sir John Barrow, a British promoter of arctic voyages. Outside of small populations in Iceland and eastern Canada, it is mainly a bird of the northwestern part of North America. We are close to the southern extreme of its range and it only stays here for a few months in winter.

When lakes and ponds freeze in their summer range, most Barrow's goldeneyes flee to sheltered coastal areas, but some winter on northern inland lakes and rivers that remain ice-free. Aerators in lakes and the infusion of geothermal water into the river provide this habitat here.

The male Barrow's goldeneye has white undersides and a black back. White spots on his folded black wings have been described as resembling piano keys. His glossy purplish head has white crescent-shaped patches between the eyes and bill. Females are grayish ducks with chocolate brown heads and usually orangish bills with a black tip. Both sexes have a steep forehead, flat crown and short, stubby bills.

Primarily a cavity nester, this duck breeds in northwestern areas with small, forested mountain lakes. Females will reuse nest sites of previous years, often old woodpecker holes 6 to 48 feet above ground, and will also use man-made nest boxes. Within two days of hatching, ducklings jump from the nest in response to the mother's calls and follow her to their brood territory.

On fresh water, aquatic insects provide most of the diet, while mollusks and crustaceans are consumed at sea. Plant material is added in

The opportunity to see these beautiful ducks, often found in the company of related common goldeneyes and buffleheads, is a good reason to take a walk along the San Juan River now.

For information on events, visit www.weminucheaudubon.org and www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/.



Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 21 = E)

25 16 24 4 10 7 20

Clue: Individual piece of snow

17 9 23 7 7 26

Clue: Slightly cold

25 4 21 20 22

Clue: Warm, knitted shirt

25 22 24 13

Clue: Bad weather

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## **Preview Calendar**

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Google Meet for our ongoing game. Contact claire@pagosalibrary.org for details on how to join.

English as a Second Language. 4-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call (970) 264-2209 or email for more information. Beginning students are encouraged to attend from 4-5 p.m., intermediate students are encouraged to attend from 5-6 p.m. and advanced students from 6-7 p.m.

#### Wednesday, Jan. 12

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

#### Thursday, Jan. 13

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

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

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

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PALS Adult Education. 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services, or PALS, can

help you with high school equivalency. GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more! Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. PALS will only occur three times in December. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

#### Friday, Jan. 14

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

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

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

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

### Saturday, Jan. 15

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

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

#### Monday, Jan. 17

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

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

#### even a parallel in a Jewish wedding. Come join the fun as we study these appointed times mentioned in Leviticus 23 and their connections with Messiah.

#### Tuesday, Jan. 18

**Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta** County. 10 a.m., Tennyson Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Veterans and family members are invited to share experiences with vets of all ages. Find out about the latest in vets benefits, vets news and community-focused events. We welcome your participation in fundraisers to benefit fellow vets. You served once, join us in continuing that service. Contact (970) 799-8387 for more details.

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## Be prepared: Snowed in

By Daris Howard

Special to The PREVIEW

It was only a week before Christmas that year when the big snowstorm came. Once it started, it didn't stop for a long time. A foot of snow dropped that first night. The snowplows quickly cleared it away, disappointing the children who had to go to school. But as the snow kept coming, the snowplows couldn't keep up, and the children were thrilled to get a couple of extra days of Christmas break.

But the excitement wore off as the snow continued, and people grew weary of shoveling. Out in the rural area where we live, some people desperately tried to get out for a last little bit of Christmas shopping. But most didn't make it far beyond their driveways before they had to turn back.

Once the snow reached a depth of about 3 feet, a strong wind kicked up, blowing snow over the roads in drifts that were 10 feet high in some places. The county officials announced that all non-emergency road clearing would be discontinued until after the storm ceased. Authorities suggested that no one venture out unless it was an absolute emergency. Soon power went out and phone lines went dead.

Our family was quite comfortable. Though we usually used electric heat at night, we used a wood

PREVIEW photo/ Terri House **Matt Carpenter** brought his son. Ransom, to the newspaper office last week to pick up his new Daisy Red Ryder BB gun that the family won at the Old-Fash-

ioned Christmas event earlier this month. The Carpenter family was in Pagosa Springs for vacation when mom Kiki entered the drawing. The family resides in Conway, Ark.,

where Ransom has been sharing the gun with his four brothers and

breaking it in this past week.

stove during the day. It became our only source of heat and cooking, so we gathered around it and let the storms howl outside. Snow had to be brought in and melted for drinking, washing and bathroom use. The only real challenge was going outside and taking care of the animals, who were all snug in their sheds. I took care of all outside work and came in looking like a snowman.

Since we had already finished most of our Christmas shopping, we decided that what we had done would suffice. We had a fun Christmas. We ate lots of candy, read stories and enjoyed the family togetherness. It was a few days after Christmas when the winds finally stopped. By then everyone had been snowed in for over a week.

The power came back on intermittently, and we learned from the radio that roads were impassible everywhere. The snow was too deep for the conventional snowplows and would initially have to be cleared by the rotary ones. Unfortunately, the county had a limited number of rotary snowplows, and it would take over a week for all roads to be opened.

Over the next few days, the temperature dropped to well below zero. Our family continued on as we had, having limited contact with the outside world. Then one evening, just before New Year's Day, we heard a snow machine. Soon there was a

knock on our door. Everyone rushed to see who would be out in this freezing weather. There stood a neighbor who lived about a mile away.

He held out a \$20 bill. "Can I buy a roll of toilet paper?"

I laughed. "A roll of toilet paper

doesn't cost \$20."

He sighed. "I've already been to a couple other neighbors trying to buy some, but it seems like everyone is on their last roll and doesn't want to part with it at any price."

"I grew up out in the middle of nowhere," I said. "And I learned to stock up for emergencies like this, so we have extra."

I retrieved a whole package and brought it to him. "Keep your money and just replace the toilet paper when you get a chance."

He thanked me and left.

A few days later, after the roads were cleared, the neighbor came up to me at church. "I've got your package of toilet paper in my car," he said. "I'll get it for you right after church."

"What I gave you got you through all right, then?" I asked.

He nodded. "Yes, and I've learned my lesson. When summer comes, I plan to insulate my whole house with toilet paper. I'm not ever going to run out again."

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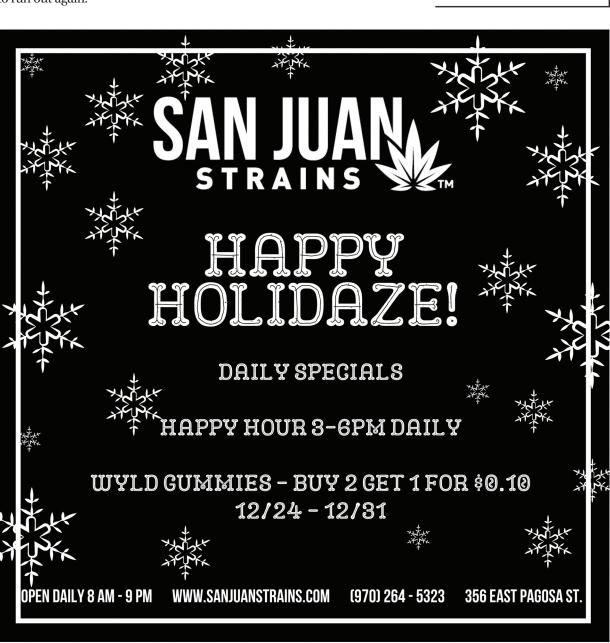


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## Great Decisions announces 2022 events

By Janice Sheftel

**Great Decisions** 

The Durango Great Decisions International Affairs Discussion Program, now in its 20th year, will begin its 2022 schedule on Jan. 25 at the Durango Public Library, with a facilitator-led discussion on the topic "Russia."

Great Decisions meets every other week thereafter, for a total of nine sessions, on Tuesdays, with one exception, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., at the library. Programs are free of charge and open to the public.

Attendees should be vaccinated against COVID and should wear a mask. Individual students are welcome. The Great Decisions program is sponsored by the library, AAUW and the La Plata County League of Women Voters (LPLWV). In 2019, programs were attended by over 75 thoughtful community members and almost as many attended each Zoom session in 2021.

Timely international affairs discussion topics are suggested annually by the Foreign Policy Association, which prepares a briefing book, a teacher's guide and a DVD on the nine topics. The DVD on the current topic is often shown at each Durango discussion session.

Briefing books on the 2022 topics, until sold out, can be ordered for \$25 from Susan McGinness, 756 East 6th Ave., Durango, CO 81301. Include your check made out to LPLWV and your physical address, email address and phone number. Once these books are all reserved, books may be ordered from the Foreign Policy Association at www.fpa.org or (800) 477 -5836 or from online retailers. The library keeps one copy on reserve.

In summary, the 2022 Great Decisions program is as follows (note: The topics are in a different order from those in the briefing book and the last program is on a Thursday, not a Tuesday):

- Topic: Russia, Jan. 25, 11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.
- Topic: Climate Change, Feb. 8 11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.
- Topic: Drug Policy in Latin America, Feb. 22, 11:45 a.m. to 1:45

p.m.

- Topic: Outer Space, March 8, 11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.
- Topic: Biden's Agenda, March
  22, 11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.
- Topic: Myanmar and ASEAN, April 5, 11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.
- Topic: Demographics, April 19, 11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.
- Topic: Industrial Policy, May 3, 11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.
- Topic: Quad Alliance, May 12, 11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

#### **Changing Demographics**

The world experienced remarkable demographic changes in the 20th century that continue today and have resulted in far-reaching social, economic, political and environmental consequences all over the globe. These consequences are creating mounting challenges to development efforts, security, climate and the environment, as well as the sustainability of human populations.

Facilitator: Holly Vaughn. Vaughn is the senior exercise planner for Summit Training and Exercises LLC. For the last decade, she has created, facilitated and managed training exercise programs based on terrorist scenarios involving radioactive material.

Sponsored by the Department of Energy and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, these programs of tabletop exercises are presented to U.S. and foreign civilian and military agencies. She also was the project manager for the National Nuclear Security Administration's counterterrorism exercise program and development team for three years.

Retiring from the U.S. Navyin 2004 as a captain, Vaughn also served over 25 years providing direct operational support to military forces worldwide as a career intelligence officer. Her jobs included the director, Joint Military Intelligence Training Center; and commander, Naval Element, Defense Intelligence Agency. She has an M.S. in national resource strategy from the Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, and an M.A. in war studies from the Royal Military College of

Canada. She also has a certificate in terrorism studies from the University of St. Andrews in Scotland.

#### **Outer Space**

The launch of Sputnik I in October 1957 marked the beginning of the space era and of the space race between the United States and the Soviet Union. In the 21st century, there are many more participants in space, including countries such as India and China, and commercial companies such as SpaceX. How will the United States fare in a crowded outer space?

Facilitator: Dick White. White is professor emeritus of astronomy at Smith College (MA), where he also developed a public policy course on climate change. He took early retirement in 2002 to become a sustainability and climate protection advocate, moving to Durango in 2003. After serving on several nonprofit boards and citizens committees, he served for eight years on the Durango City Council, including two as mayor. He has since received a climate change professional certificate from the Association of Climate Change

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#### Climate Change

The ideological divide in the United States on the subject of climatechange has impeded progress in curbing greenhouse emissions. But, extreme weather events at both ends of the thermometer have focused attention on the consequences of inaction. What role will the United States play in future negotiations on climate?

Facilitator: Guinn Unger. Unger grew up as an Army brat, living in many different places. He graduated from Frankfurt American High School in Frankfurt, Germany. He then attended Rice University in Houston, Texas, graduating with a degree in electrical engineering.

Unger worked for McDonnell Douglas at the NASA Johnson Space Center for two years on the space shuttle design team. He also worked as a computer software developer, computer consultant and small business owner. He and his wife purchased their house in Forest Lakes in January 2013.

Unger got involved with the Colorado Care Amendment 69 campaign in 2016 and served as the regional coordinator for southwest Colorado. He served as co-chair for the Health Care and Senior Issues committee of Indivisible Durango. He was elected to the Board of Directors for La Plata Electric Association in 2017 and ran (unsuccessfully) for the Colorado State Senate District 6 seat in 2018.

#### Russia

Russia and the United States have many areas of conflict and some possible areas of mutual interest. Arms control, Russian interference in U.S. elections and support of cyberattacks, the status of

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Ukraine, and the fate of opposition politicians in Russia all continue to be concerning. How will the new administration in Washington approach these issues?

Facilitator: Paul DeBell. DeBell is an assistant professor of political science at Fort Lewis College (FLC). His teaching and research interests span political psychology and comparative politics, with particular focus on democratic governance, post-communist politics, the psychology of political division and the role of emotions in political behavior. He has studied and lived in Russia and Hungary, and his dissertation analyzed the link between populist outrage, polarization and the decline in democratic governance in Hungary.

DeBell's current research, teaching and advocacy revolves around the psychology of democratic citizenship in light of 21st century challenges to self-governance. Outside of the classroom, he spearheads FLC's civic engagement and voter education efforts through the FLC Engagement Collaborative and the Community by Conversation series.

DeBell received his doctoral and master's degrees in political science from Ohio State University and he studied government, philosophy, and Russian and post-Soviet studies at the College of William and Mary in his home state of Virginia.

#### Myanmar and ASEAN

The situation in Myanmar, including the coup by the military in February 2021 and the ongoing human rights crises, coupled with civil resistance by those opposed to the regime, has led to chaos in the Southeast Asian country. How are neighboring countries reacting, and what role will ASEAN play?

Facilitator: Ruth Alminas. Alminas is an assistant professor in

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- 5 Midway, for one
- **10** Future branch
- 14 Pool path
- **15** Part of U.S.N.A.
- 16 Make, as a salary
- 17 White House worker
- 18 City on the Potomac
- 20 The Undertaker. for one
- 22 Unassuming
- 23 Have the throne
- 24 Tasting like venison
- 25 Woodshop tool
- 27 Word with "heavy" or "precious"
- 29 Obey, with "by"
- 33 Remnants
- 35 Whodunit revelation
- 37 Tim of "Rob Roy"
- 38 Hopping mad
- 40 Gasoline brand
- Cup, in yachting
- 43 Lavish buffet
- 45 Louvre locale
- 46 Matter of debate
- 48 Caustic cleaner
- 49 Musher's transport
- **51** Literary device
- 53 Died down
- **56** Place with rides
- **59** Surrender on terms
- 61 Cantina fare
- 62 One's bearing
- 63 Stand-up guy
- 64 King of Siam's visitor
- 65 Metallica hit, "Nothing Matters"
- **66** Campaign button word

67 Tobacco pipe part

#### DOWN

- 1 Picnic dish
- 2 Animal shelter
- 3 Submerged
- 4 Migratory birds
- 5 Painkiller
- 6 Scout's quest
- 7 Burt Reynolds comedy,
- "Starting
- 8 Cal. airport
- 9 Alpaca kin
- **10** Toy since 1902
- 11 "Silver" or "soft" ending
- 12 Novelist Johansen
- 13 Buzzing pest
- 19 Itinerant sort
- 21 It waits for no one
- 24 Eat too much
- 25 Subway handhold
- **26** Coffee quality

28 Store up

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- 30 Not germane
- 31 Waste away 32 Cut into
- **34** Killer car of film
- **36** Bring back to life
- 39 Sneak attack
- **42** Speck in the sea
- 44 Working stiff
- 47 TV interference

- 50 Draw forth
- 52 Gyro shells

by Margie E. Burke

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- 53 Wile E. Coyote's mail-order house
- 54 Leave, slangily
- 55 Clumsy fellows
- 56 Showed up
- **57** Teen affliction
- 58 Rich soil
- 60 Texter's chuckle

#### Answers to Previous Crossword:

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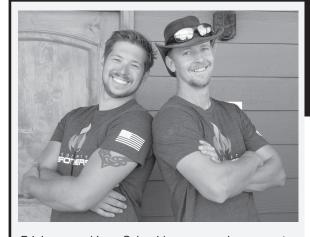
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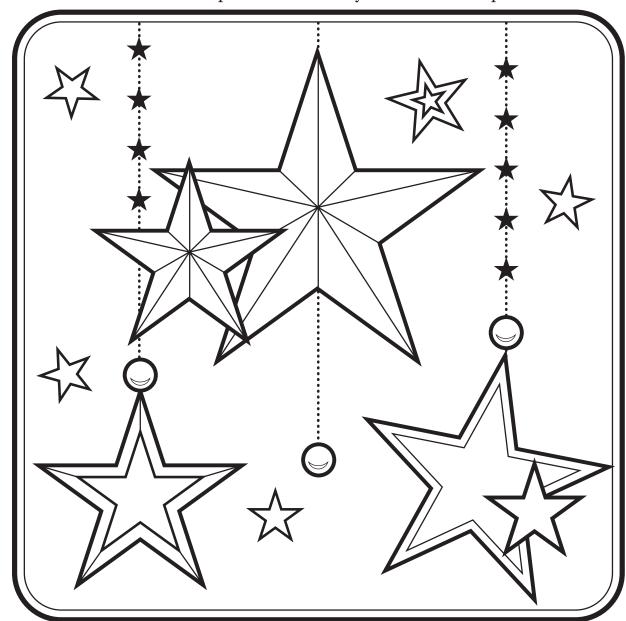




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the Department of Political Science at FLC, where she teaches courses such as international politics, armed conflict and its management, global environmental politics, international political economy and Middle Eastern politics. Her research interests include persons displaced by armed conflict, secession, international law, international nongovernmental organizations and social upheaval. She received her Ph.D. in political science specifically, international relations with a focus on armed conflict from the University of Arizona. She received an MA in religion from the University of Chicago and a BA in religious studies from the University of Colorado.

#### The Quad Alliance

As part of the U.S. pivot to Asia, the United States has been in dialogue with Japan, Australia and India in an effort to contain China.

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Recently, the Quad countries held joint naval exercises in the South Pacific. How effective will the actions of this alliance be?

Facilitator: Katherine Burgess. Burgess spent more than 15 years overseas in Africa, the Middle East and Europe with the Department of State. She earned her Ph.D. in the humanities from the University of Texas at Dallas in 2006 and taught many humanities courses at the southwest campus of Colorado Community College. After retiring from the State Department, she and her husband, Dwight, were owners and operators of Uptown International Travel in Dallas. They moved from Dallas to Durango in 2004. Burgess has most recently worked as a home-based independent travel agent, forced into retirement by COVID. She also currently serves as the chairman of the City of Durango's Board of Ethics.

#### **Industrial Policy**

The current discussion of industrial policy in the United States is not simply about whether or not to support specific companies or industries, but about trust or mistrust of the government and its ability to manage the economy and deal with a rising China. The upheaval in supply chains during the pandemic exposed weaknesses in the international economy. What policies can the United States implement to deal with trade and the economy?

Facilitator: Alex Lemmel. Lemmel is a financial professional and certified public accountant with experience as an auditor, analyst and executive at multinational, manufacturing and consumer goods companies. Through this work, Lemmel has developed a keen understanding of international supply chains, inventory movements, value chains and costing.

## **Drug Policy in Latin America**

The issue of migration to the United States from Latin America has overshadowed the war on drugs, which has been underway for decades with little signs of progress. What are the roots and the bureaucratic logic behind today's dominant drug policies in Latin America? Is it time to reconsider punitive drug control policies that disrupt supply chains and punish drug possession?

Facilitator: Mike Todt. Todt, who retired in 2013, has lived in Durango for five years, with his wife, Tammy Hoier. He is involved in the community with the Boulevard Neighborhood Association, volunteers at the Center of Southwest Studies in the archives and acts as a steward for an ancient Puebloan site in Canyon of the Ancients. His hobbies include biking, hiking and travel, and reading history with a focus on health care and the West.

Prior to coming to Durango, Todt taught U.S., North American (Canada, Mexico, U.S.) and health care history at West Virginia University. Other employment included hospital CEO, international management consultant and private practice psychologist. He has a Ph.D. in history from West Virginia University (2011) and a Ph.D. and M.A. in organizational behavior from the University of Chicago, 1983.

#### Biden's Agenda

The new administration in Washington promised to reverse many of the policies of the past administration, especially in foreign policy. How will issues such as climate, the pandemic and alliances be treated under the Biden administration?

Facilitator: Laurie Meininger. Meininger has spent her entire adult life in service to her community and country. In November 2017, she "retired" to Durango after nearly 20 years of diplomatic service abroad. She has been honored to lead multicultural teams in Africa, Iraq, Eastern Europe, Latin America and Micronesia. Her last

e assignment was as the deputy chief of mission and charge d'affaires (acting ambassador) at the U.S. Embassy in Freetown, Sierra Leone. There she led an interagency team of 250 to strengthen that nation in the aftermath of the world's worst Ebola epidemic and 11 years of civil war.

Meininger's career started in social work and community and organizational development, working in fields as diverse as mental health, hospice care and in the design of day care and respite centers and caregiver training programs for people affected by various types of dementia.

Meininger has master's degrees in both social work and public administration; speaks French and Romanian; and is the recipient of numerous professional awards, including the JC Penny Golden Rule Award. In 2018, she was awarded the James A. Baker Outstanding Deputy Chief of Mission Award by the U.S. State Department.

Currently, Meininger is the president of the LPLWV. She also serves on the City of Durango Ethics Commission and keeps trying to find time for long road trips in her camper van.





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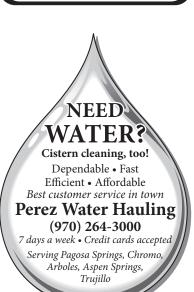
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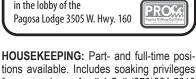
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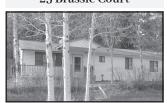
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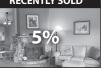
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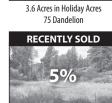


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