

# Jayslynn Perea selected for Congress of Future Medical Leaders

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

In June, Jayslynn Perea will represent the area as a delegate to the Congress of Future Medical Leaders in Boston, Mass., hosted by the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists.

During the three-day congress from June 26-28, the organization explains in a press release, Jayslynn will join students from across the country and hear Nobel laureates and National Medal of Science winners talk about leading medical research, be given advice from Ivy League and top medical school deans on what to expect in medical school, witness stories told by patients who are living medical miracles, be inspired by fellow teen medical science prodigies, and learn about cutting-edge advances and the future in medicine and medical technology.

"This is a crucial time in America when we need more doctors and medical scientists who are even better prepared for a future that is changing exponentially," the press release states. "Focused, bright and determined students, like Jayslynn Perea, are our future and she deserves all the mentoring and guidance we can give her."

Jayslynn is a 17-year-old junior at Pagosa Springs High School, though she notes in a statement to The SUN she is also working on dual credentials to receive an undergraduate degree in child psychology.

She's also the reigning Jr. Miss Jicarilla Apache and hails from the Jicarilla Apache Nation Reservation in Dulce, N.M. ■ See Leaders A8



Jayslynn Perea

# Mistrial declared in homicide case Juror misconduct alleged

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

On Friday morning, Feb. 16, a mistrial was declared in the trial concerning allegations of homicide against Christopher Ross Maez, 56, of Pagosa Springs.

The mistrial was declared by 6th Judicial District Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson following allegations of juror misconduct.

Proceedings related to the alleged misconduct were held by the court the morning of Feb. 16, with Wilson noting there were allegations that one

or more jurors had done research on the Internet, potentially about aspects of the case, and had discussed it with other jurors.

The jury foreperson was then called in, and reported that people had looked up the process of deliberation and what a "unanimous" decision means — whether everyone agrees with the verdict or a majority.

Wilson clarified it means that everyone agrees with the verdict.

The foreperson then clarified the Internet research related to how to make the deliberation process ■ See Mistrial A8

# Mineral County remains dating back 33 years identified

By Susan Medina  
Colorado Bureau of Investigation

Remains located in Mineral County dating back to 1991 have been identified through work performed by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation Cold Case team and the Mineral County Sheriff's Office.

Using forensic investigative genetic genealogy (FIGG), confirming with dental records and other investigative tools, the remains have been identified as those of Steven Kenneth Risku (date of birth Aug. 16, 1957) of Indiana.

Risku's remains were located on Wolf Creek Pass in Mineral County in

1991.

Risku's last known address was in Indianapolis, Ind. His family indicated that he did visit California on occasion. It is still unknown why Risku came to Colorado, but he was known to be adventurous and had a love for the outdoors, according to his family.

In 2023, DNA was submitted for ■ See Identification A8



Risku

# PAWSD votes to increase rates, capital investment fees New rates and fees take effect March 1

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

At its Feb. 15 meeting, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors voted to raise fees and rates for 2024 in accordance with the rate study by Stantec that the board approved at its Dec. 14, 2023, meeting.

The board voted to increase the monthly service charge per equivalent unit (EU) by 3 percent, going from \$31.44 in 2023 to \$32.38 in 2024.

The monthly service charge per EU for wastewater was voted to increase by 30 percent from \$32.80 in 2023 to \$42.64 in 2024.

Short-term rentals (STRs) will be charged 140 percent of the wastewater rate, according to the fee schedule approved by the board.

The capital investment fee (CIF) for water increased from \$5,352.37 in 2023 to \$8,958, and the wastewater CIF increased from \$1,178.98 in 2023 to \$15,697 in 2024, according to the fee schedule.

Other fees, such as availability fees, dumping fees for septic haulers and water fill station fees also

increased, with the increases matching the percentage increase in water rates for water-related fees and the percentage increase in wastewater rates for wastewater-related fees.

The new rates and fees will take effect March 1.

According to a communication to The SUN from PAWSD Programs Manager Renee Lewis, the increases in rates and fees were driven by the expenses of required regulatory upgrades to PAWSD facilities and by increased infrastructure maintenance costs.

Prior to the approval, the board heard 12 public comments opposing or expressing concerns about the rate increases and discussed the reasoning behind the increases with the public.

Among the commenters were local affordable housing developers, real estate agents, builders and STR owners.

The concerns expressed included that the fee increases, particularly in CIFs, would reduce housing affordability and stifle the creation of affordable housing, that the distri-

■ See Rates A8

# Main Street board holds meeting on U.S. 160 project

By Robert Moore  
Staff Writer

The Main Street Advisory Board held its first Main Street/Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) meeting with downtown businesses and residents on Tuesday, Feb. 13, to begin sharing information on the upcoming U.S. 160 construction project.

The meeting was held at Riff Raff Brewing Company, and the Main Street board, per its website, hopes the meetings "foster a direct connection between CDOT and downtown businesses and residents, and enable us to introduce the Cone Zone Care initiative."

Main Street will also continue to host additional monthly meetings with CDOT, downtown businesses, and residents with the goal "to build a strong support network and work together to navigate the challenges ahead while preserving the vitality of our downtown community."

Kathleen McFadden, coordinator for the Main Street program, discussed the Main Street America



PROJECT OVERVIEW MAP:  
US 160 Downtown Pagosa Springs Reconstruct  
Concrete road surface construction will occur between North 8th Street & North 1st Street.

Illustration courtesy Colorado Department of Transportation

movement and the designation of Pagosa Springs as an official community.

She noted that the resources and support available through Main Street America and the Colorado Main Street program "give us access to technical resources,

consultants, the state architect and funding that is not available in other avenues."

Rick Holter, chair of the Main Street board, then introduced the members of the board in attendance, and the "Cone Zone" committee, whose purpose he stated

"is to support you ... we want to get you answers to your questions, and we want to get as much information out as we can to you."

## CDOT presentation

Emily Lashbrooke, executive ■ See Project A8

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# Commissioners set 2024 strategic priorities

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) set its strategic priorities for 2024 at the county landfill, infrastructure and housing at its Feb. 6 meeting.

This action followed a discussion of potential priorities by the BoCC at its Jan. 16 work session.

County Manager Derek Woodman opened the discussion by explaining that the county recently published a request for proposals (RFP) for a

consultant to assist in developing the county strategic plan.

He indicated that the RFP will close on Feb. 29 and that the county would aim to create a three-year strategic plan to take effect in January 2025.

Commissioner Veronica Medina explained that she sent the RFP to two potential consultants to encourage them to bid on the project.

Woodman noted that the county has limited mechanisms for advertising the RFP and commented that it is working on finding other mechanisms to publish this RFP and future RFPs

more widely.

Medina then opened a discussion of what priorities the commissioners would like to set in 2024, noting that she asked the other commissioners at the Jan. 9 work session to create lists of potential priorities for discussion.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez stated that his No. 1 priority would be the county landfill and recycling center, and commented that the landfill is "going to run out" and that recycling is "our responsibility."

Medina noted that the county has potential plans to relocate the recy-

cling center.

Woodman commented that the county has funds in the 2024 budget for a potential relocation, but they might not be sufficient to complete the process.

Medina asked if the county has released an RFP to solicit bids to potentially outsource the operations of the landfill.

She stated that the county has previously had discussions with two companies about outsourcing operations at the landfill.

■ See Priorities A8

# Opinion

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## OUR VIEW

### The future is bright

In this week's paper, as most weeks, you'll find several articles and photos related to the accomplishments of local youth. We're regularly amazed by their achievements and the hours of hard work we know they've put in, whether academically, athletically or in support of our community in a number of other ways.

Last week, we had a difficult time determining what story should lead the sports section because every article featured something fantastic — Laykyn Baxstrom being Pagosa Springs High School's first-ever state-bound female wrestler, half a dozen male wrestlers heading to state and league championships for both the school's basketball teams.

We had similar tough decisions this week, but we aren't complaining. We love seeing the athletes' dedication paying off for them.

We also had the pleasure of printing the news last week that Natalie Mashue received a prestigious scholarship to Pacific Lutheran University, and we're sure as the school year draws to a close we'll get to print a lot more good news about local students.

This week, we were blown away by Jaylynn Perea.

Perea emailed us a press release an-

nouncing her nomination for the Congress of Future Medical Leaders, and with that attached a cover letter explaining more about her and why she's interested in health care. Wow.

While we recall other students being invited to be a part of similar opportunities, we were moved by Perea's reasons and heart.

Perea's letter expresses thoughts that seem more mature than one would expect from a 17-year-old high school junior, and, indeed, her father told us she's mature for her age.

Perea's eye is on making the future better for Native American youth, both within the Jicarilla Apache Nation and across the country.

It gives us a lot of hope to know that Perea is just one of a host of amazing young folks in this community. Some we've had the chance to feature, and others we haven't.

We've featured Scouts earning their Eagle Scout rank following years of work and a community service project, award-winning student artists, and we feature some of the work and projects done by local students.

We know of a graduate who fought to get into San Juan Mountain School because he absolutely wanted a way to finish his

schooling, and excelled there.

We've attended events with Sen. John Hickenlooper where Build Pagosa and the local career and technical education opportunities and students were highlighted.

We've watched amazingly talented musicians at more concerts and performances than we can count.

We know multiple students at Pagosa Springs High School who hold GPAs of at least 4.0 and who are a part of numerous extracurricular activities.

Annie O'Donnell is one such student. She's in a number of extracurricular activities, is on track to be a 12-sport athlete, is the student body president, among other things. We also watched her sweep the floor at a recent basketball game, just because she saw that it needed to be done.

Another is SUN Intern Hailey Sams, who has been a pleasure to work with and get to know.

There are so many more we could highlight if we had the space and time, and we think that's a pretty good problem to have.

These students and citizens are leaders now within their schools and organizations, and we firmly believe they're also the leaders of the future.

One thing is for sure: The future is bright.  
Randi Pierce

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
February 22, 1924

Chas. A. Day and J.T. Martinez, members of the school board, returned last Friday from a business trip to Pueblo, Denver and other state points, where they had been investigating school buildings and conditions for possible future use in the construction of Pagosa's new building. Supt. W.R. Jones, who accompanied them, returned home Tuesday.

The work of remodeling the former J.B. Martinez Jr. pool room into the new Legion hall has been progressing steadily the greater part of the week. The partition has been removed, stage constructed, and the laying of the new floor was started today. It will be completed in time for a dance to be given tomorrow night by the Spanish-Americans. There will still be ample room in front for a lobby and other features, while the substantial cellar under the stage will be fitted for dressing rooms and club room.

The first Legion event to take place will be a dance on Saturday, March 8th, while on Saturday, March 22nd, the hall will be formally dedicated with a mammoth St. Patrick's Carnival dance. The public is invited to both of these affairs.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
February 25, 1949

V.A. Poma, formerly of Bayfield, became the new owner of the Trailways Service Station in a business transaction completed the latter part of last week. Mr. Poma purchased the entire business, including building and stock from Mr. John Burdette. The building houses the station, bus depot and Clark's Radio Service.

Mr. and Mrs. Poma and two children have moved to Pagosa Springs and are living in the Ella V. Boone house. Mr. Poma announced that he will continue the present line of gas and oils and plans to add several lines of other automotive products and supplies in the near future. He also plans to build onto the present building and make other alterations.

The newly formed chamber of commerce will meet this Staurday night at the Court House for the purpose of adopting by-laws and a constitution and to elect officers for the coming year. Committees appointed at the first meeting will make their reports and plans for the year's program will be discussed.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
February 21, 1974

Warmer temperatures have been noticeable this past week with no below zero readings and with a maximum reading for the week of 50 degrees. Snow has fallen in small quantities a couple of times and Tuesday night more snow was received.

Minimum temperature for the week was zero and the minimums ranged from there up to 13 above. Maximums ranged from 35 to 50 degrees.

A preliminary hearing, which had been continued, for John Barger will be held in District Court in Archuleta County this Friday, February 22. The hearing has been continued twice and Barger is out on \$10,000 bond on charges of attempted murder and illegal use of firearms by a convicted felon.

A preliminary hearing is for the purpose of determining if there appears to sufficient evidence to bind a person over for trial. Barger was arrested early in January on the charges after a police car driven by Deputy Marshal Rivas was struck by a bullet.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
February 18, 1999

The capacity of the new Pagosa Springs High School gym will be tested this weekend when thousands of basketball fans converge on Pagosa Springs to watch the annual Intermountain League District Tournament.

Four boys and four girls teams, the best in the league, exchange shots in the Pagosa High School gymnasium Friday and Saturday. The prize is a chance to advance to the regional competition level in the march toward the state Class 3A high school championship.

An Archuleta County landowner asked the county commissioners to "do nothing" about zoning, while addressing the regular meeting Tuesday.

Gilbert Davidson, owner of Davidson's Country Inn Bed and Breakfast located about one mile north of town on U.S. 160, argued against "any type" of zoning. Davidson has lived in the community for more than 25 years, has served as president of the school board, and was a member of the initial county planning board, but resigned after a couple of meetings because "I couldn't stand to be part of something I don't believe in."



From the Jan. 16, 1986, Pagosa SUN — HALLEY'S COMET WATCH — Over 350 viewers turned out for Halley's Comet Watch last Saturday evening. Five high-powered telescopes were set up in the county fairgrounds area. This event was sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Archuleta County Library.

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# Letters

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## Free speech

Dear Editor:  
We are obviously forced to respond to the letters commenting, vehemently opposing our letter "Demented letters". Obviously you people are having a difficult time with the U.S. Constitution affording 1st Amendment free speech to Conservative Christian Right Americans. "The vile shaming" of people on the Right who are convinced we want President Donald Trump, a proven Commander-in-Chief, originated the letter.

Pres. Trump made America

Great...better borders, better prices, better military, better fear to our enemies, better energy, better core family provisions, better Christian relations, better ally Israel support, and on.

The only item we wish to "correct" is a typo "new": no new wars in Pres. Trump's 4 years. However, a wise Commander-in-Chief Trump led U.S. troops killing Isis leader Abu Bakr as-Baghdadi, the world's most wanted Isis terrorist. Other Presidents had tried, Trump did it, saved countless military & civilian lives.

20,000+ Chinese Foreign Nationals, mostly male military age illegals entered the US since Oct., 2023, up 4000% since 2021. To the opposing letter, do you really think they are here to "pick lettuce" as you commented ref migrants?

Distressing, is 2-Tier Justice System, bogus Banana Republic trials! Corrupt N.Y. Federal Judges, Attorney Generals called Pres. Trump "guilty" before trial began! There is "victim" in this case. Definitely election interference and charging 355 million + interest, 8 million - sons, unprecedented! A woman claimed billionaire Donald assaulted her in a department store ladies apparel dressing room, doesn't know when, really, how unbelievable!...\$87million charged! There is "Fani," Georgia Attorney Gen. & boyfriend funding their romantic trips, with government funds while being appointed to "get Trump"! Our cities are being destroyed by cartels & illegals, Denver included. Colorado Legislators spitting on Constitutional Rights of Colorado Republicans' depriving right to vote freely in the Presidential Primary! Biden's storage of classified documents revealed to be in torn boxes in his garage, scene that looks like a hoarder's place. Revealed, he had committed felonies. Pres. Trump legally had all rights to classified documents, stored under locks, secret service present, another bogus court charging.

These are facts, not opinions, proof we are losing our free America. If this can be done to Donald Trump and family, they can do it to any American citizens.

Another opposition stated we did a grave disservice to Christians across the country, good reason for "separation of church and state." Christians have Constitutional 1st Amendment Rights, too, we intend to use. One opposer said we used our "religion". It's more than that, we give first place to our Lord God and His infallible Word, the power of prayer, defending justice and truth. Appearing as "voices in the wilderness", we Christian Right are not standing alone, live with boldness, courage, and determination. We stand for that kind of President!

Note: Truthful news, Documentary, nation.foxnews.com 24/7BorderCrisis & TheSanctuaryTrap streaming. Also, Flashpoint on Victory Channel.

Jan and Tom Carnley

## Sorry about your hair

Dear Editor:  
Sorry about your hair, maybe it's time to let go of your Trump Derangement Syndrome, if even briefly, and do something fun, like attend a Taylor Swift concert.

When Trump made the statement about not helping NATO countries, he was retelling a story from his term as President. He did in fact tell the NATO countries this very thing to get them to pay for their own protection, and guess what. They paid up, and Russia did not attack. Even the incoming head of NATO approved of Trump's strategy. Maybe you don't mind sending money to countries to pay for their defense when they can afford to pay their own way, but I don't think it's a good use of taxpayer money. Besides, you know that we will come to the defense of our NATO allies, because that's what America does.

I know you are also upset that there is no border bill from Congress, and you believe it's Trump's and the Republicans' fault. Remember, during Trump's term we had the lowest number of border crossers in history, and he put in place programs that would have kept the numbers low into the future. However, Biden's first order of business as soon as he took office was to do away with Trump's policies - not because they were bad, but simply because they were Trump's. This opened the door to the invasion now taking place. There is video of Biden bragging about this. Check it out. The whole border bill issue is a big red herring, as Biden could simply use his power, the same power he used to undo Trump's policies, to reinstate them immediately and slow the flow of illegals. Why doesn't he do this? It's political. He wants to keep it as an issue so he can blame Trump and Republicans for the problem going into an election. Also, I believe the biggest reason for open borders is because progressive ideas have become so unappealing to most freedom-loving Americans, that the left needs to import a new dependent class to keep them in power. Unfortunately, along with those seeking a better life, Biden has allowed known terrorists, violent gang members, criminals and foreign fighters into the country. At some point, we will pay dearly for this. Just watch what

is happening in Europe. Also, as you watch the crime and violence going on in our cities, understand that it is only a matter of time before it touches us all. And, when that happens you will not be able to blame Trump.

My take on Ukraine is simple - we need to stop sending them money. They cannot win this war. Once all their fighters have been killed or wounded do you propose sending Americans to continue the fight? We do not need another Viet Nam to prop up a corrupt Ukrainian government. The Ukrainian leaders need to be forced to the bargaining table to end this slaughter.

Milt Dodge

## Cultivated meat

Dear Editor:  
I was interested to learn the publication China Weekly is following recent efforts by American politicians to hinder the development of cultivated meat. For those who don't know, cultivated meat is grown from animal cells, without slaughter. China has invested heavily in the nascent industry. The publication suggested efforts such as those of Florida's legislature to ban the new protein would strengthen China's position.

Instead of standing in the way of progress, American politicians should be leading it. Cultivated meat faces a number of technological hurdles. Perhaps the most important of these is that it is currently too expensive to mass produce. This can be overcome with increased federal funding for cultivated-meat research. Politicians who care about the national interest should help advance cellular agriculture.

Jon Hochschartner  
Granby, Conn.

## Resignation

Dear Editor:  
Dear ASD Staff and Community,  
We would like to inform you that Michael Hodgson has tendered his resignation from his position as Finance Director for the Archuleta School District, effective the end of this school year.

During his tenure, Mike has made significant contributions to our district, spearheading initiatives that have positively impacted our educational community. Under his leadership, we successfully passed two mill levy overrides, providing

■ See Letters A5

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# Goals & Accomplishments

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

## Town of Pagosa Springs

### Shari Pierce, Mayor



#### What are your three biggest accomplishments of 2023?

The town council, boards, commissions and staff worked hard in 2023 for our community.

First accomplishment: Your town council held its annual retreat and began looking at needs of the town in a different way and having good, but sometimes difficult, discussions about how to best serve and prioritize the needs of the community, while staying within

budgetary and staffing constraints. This led to updating the goals for the year. From this work, our plan for the year was organized.

Second accomplishment: When town council became aware that the prior town manager would be leaving her position, we immediately hired an interim manager and began a search for a new manager. Through an interview process that included your town council; staff; board, commission and community members, David Harris was selected to become your new town manager. Having this position filled with a quality hire is crucial to the day-to-day functions of your town government. Welcome, Mr. Harris.

Third accomplishment: Your town council, acting as the board of directors for the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District, continued working with staff to improve and maintain the current sanitation collection and pump conveyance systems. A consultant was hired who provided us with knowledge of the current system, and a plan for moving forward with the current system to tackle needed repairs. Guidance for funding sources and a rate study, which will help with decision-making for where the rates need to be to fund the necessary repairs or improvements were also provided. The district is pursuing grant opportunities and guidance from the Department of Local Affairs.

#### What are your three top goals for 2024?

By the town's home rule charter, I am one member of a seven-member council. We work together to create goals for the council to work on, thus the goals presented here are those of the collective council. These goals were set by your town council at an annual retreat where we discussed and strategized what would be the most important actions for your community. These are the top three of 12 goals, which were agreed upon by the council.

1) Develop a long-term strategy to provide essential sanitation collection and treatment services that are financially viable, future-oriented, and maximize the existing assets and partnerships in a community of our size with limited resources.

2) Ensure adequate staffing levels and appropriate employee benefit packages to carry out core services and desired programs for the community.

3) Support private sector and community organizations' efforts to provide housing of all types to ensure housing choices for residents.

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

1) Most importantly, we need to keep our goals in mind as we are making decisions. We will have periodic check-ins where we will discuss accomplishments toward each of the goals and make sure we are in agreement on next steps toward accomplishing our goals.

2) In 2023, the town's finance department and staff worked with the Government Finance Officers Association to review current procedures and make recommendations for improvements to the town's accounting procedures. Through this process, our staff worked to implement recommendations, which led to a change to the way we manage our accounting. Through this process and the work of staff, I believe we have a better system for managing our expenditures. This work also led to a change in the way our annual budget was approached. Understanding the complexities of the town's finances will allow the council to make better decisions for implementing our goals.

3) Your council and staff will continue to look for opportunities to obtain grants to assist with funding needed projects, especially those which are high priority to us. We will also be open to partnerships which we believe will help us further our goals.

### David Harris, Town Manager



#### What are your three biggest accomplishments of 2023?

Your Town Council and Staff accomplished some great successes during 2023, many of which are outlined in the Town Council's Goals and Objectives re-visited during the summer of 2023.

1. First, your Town Council, acting as board members for the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District (PSSGID) committed to a rate study and rate increase

which went into effect on January 1. We are acutely aware of the need to address the sewer collection system as well as the treatment facility, which is currently provided by Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) which is facing massive upgrades to bring it into compliance with new state and federal regulations...so much so that it will cost as much to build a new treatment facility. Staff from the two Districts have met and are asking our boards to approve a memorandum of understanding that will provide a road map for the two entities to address the issues above and the eventual consolidation of the two districts. Discussions have a new sanitation treatment facility in the southern end of Yamaguchi park where the old Town facility was located and utilizing existing easements to transport effluent from downtown from the current location of the PAWSD Vista treatment facility. This potential project will cost tens of millions of dollars. Please understand that we are rate payers too and will pursue federal and state grants to assist with these projects. But do not be surprised if we need to raise rates to cover costs in coming years.

2. Second, your Town Council made a significant dedication to attract and retain employees of the town by boosting salaries. The Town was having a tough time filling positions and our salaries were not competitive. The increases that went into effect January 1 are already helping the Town attract, hire, and retain quality talent.

3. Third, your town council conducted a nationwide search for Town Manager after our long-serving Town Manager Andrea Phillips left to take care of family. I want to thank Andrea for leaving such a quality organization made-up of awesome people. Special thanks to former Town Manager and County Manager Greg Schulte who came out of retirement and the pickleball circuit to serve as the interim manager until Town Council found a permanent replacement. I am honored and humbled to have been offered and accepted the position as Town Manager. I look forward to building upon the successes of the Town and help preserve Pagosa Springs as a special place to live, work, and play.

#### What are your three top goals for 2024?

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# Obituaries

## Janet Louise Aldridge

Janet Louise Aldridge, 87, went peacefully to her heavenly home on Feb. 11, 2024, after her struggle with Alzheimer's. She is survived by daughters Linda (James) Watkins, Laura (Mike) Haynes, daughter-in-law Holly Aldridge; grandchildren Resha (Jeremy) Still, Rachel Watkins, Jennifer (Kyle) Sauder, Jacob (Devon Adair) Haynes, Mary Haynes, Spencer Aldridge, Leah Aldridge, Macie Aldridge; great-grandchildren Wesley and Zaden Still, and Amelia and Kenzy Sauder; sisters Ramsey (Joe) Beckstead and Jean (Joe) Wilson; brother Luke Allen; and numerous nieces and nephews.



She was preceded in death by her parents, Luther and Bessie Allen, mother LaVeda Allen, husband Paul Aldridge, son David Aldridge and granddaughter Megan Watkins.

Janet was born Nov. 10, 1936, in Phoenix, Ariz., where she spent most of her growing-up years. She was a graduate of Sunny Slope High School and Grand Canyon University.

While at Tempe Beach Pool, she met the love of her life, Paul Aldridge. She often told us that the first time she saw him, she knew she would marry him. They married June 30, 1960, sharing nearly 61 years. While in Phoenix, they started their family, welcoming Linda and Laura.

Janet was a career school teacher, teaching not only in Phoenix for many years, but also alongside Paul in a one-room school house in Hillside, Ariz. It was in Hillside that they welcomed the birth of their son, David. Shortly after, in 1975, they made the move to Pagosa Springs, Colo., where they lived out the rest of their lives.

Janet continued teaching and retired from Pagosa Springs Elementary School in 1994. She was also a vital part of Ole Miner's Steakhouse, which she and Paul owned for 26 years.

Janet is best remembered as being "one of the sweetest people you will ever meet." Her love of Jesus and hope in her redemption was lived out day to day. She had a sense of humor that delighted all who knew her. She not only taught children, but invested in their lives with compassion and care, most often referring to them as her "kiddos." Janet served her church family through children's ministries and playing the organ and piano. She was devoted most to her family, loving us well. She will be greatly missed as a loving mother, grandmother and friend.

A celebration of Janet's life will be Saturday, March 2, at 10 a.m., at Centerpoint Church, Pagosa Springs.

## Steve Urban Chavez Jr.

Steve Urban Chavez, 45, passed away unexpectedly on Feb. 3, 2024, in Colorado Springs, Colo. Steve is survived by: his mother, Connie Chavez; his beautiful daughters, Abby (Terry) Chavez-O'Conner, Mirah Howard and Jennifer Hamelmann; his grandson, Aycen O'Conner; his sisters, Veronica (Ryan) Chavez, Kimberly (Robert) Carabajal and Stephanie (Vincent) Tajeron; and many of his nieces and nephews who he adored

as well: Trina and Patrick Mestas; Isaiah (Alyssa) Rivas; Avilah Rivas; Trevon Jackson; Zachary, Isabella, and Delani Carabajal; Olivia and Rain Carabajal; Andres and Adrian Newell; Eliana O'Kash; along with extended family.



Steve was born to Steve and Connie Chavez in Colorado Springs, Colo. He went to school in Pagosa Springs and Colorado Springs, where he loved to spend time with family and friends. Steve enjoyed the simple things in life, such as his family, music and making people laugh. Anyone who was lucky to have known him would say he was the funniest guy who would give the shirt off his back, whether he knew you well or not. He enjoyed the outdoors, doing construction and was always there to lend a hand. Even if life was hard, Steve made anyone around him smile. We will all miss Steve's morning and night calls with his iconic laugh. Steve will be greatly missed.

Steve will be reunited in paradise with his father, Steve Chavez Sr., and his niece, Felecia Carabajal, and other family members he cherished.

The family of the late Steve Urban Chavez Jr. wishes to acknowledge the words of comfort, cards, prayers, food, flowers and other expressions of love, sympathy and kindness shown before, during and after the loss of our beloved Steve. We would also like to thank the loved ones who attended his service.

## Bryant William Lemon Sr.

"Best of all he loved the fall the leaves yellow on the cottonwoods leaves floating on the trout streams and above the hills the high blue windless skies ... now he will be a part of them forever." —Ernest Hemingway.



Heaven opened wide on Jan. 6, 2024, as our Lord welcomed Bryant William Lemon Sr. with a hearty hello and a job well done. His beloved Peggy wrapped her arms around him, and they were once again complete. Bryant was larger than life. A brilliant star that lit up every room with his exuberance, his humor and his wit. He was truly one of a kind. If you met him, you couldn't forget him. He was interesting. He was interested. He made you think. He made you laugh. He kept you on your toes. He made this world a brighter place, and he will be deeply missed by all that were fortunate enough to have known him.

Bryant was born in Boise, Idaho, on Nov. 20, 1934, to William Orange Lemon and Veva Bryant Lemon. He grew up in Boise, and he loved to share the many lively stories regarding his childhood adventures in Idaho. In 1953, he graduated from Boise High School, where his success as running back on the football team earned him a football scholarship at Boise Junior College (now Boise State University). He played for former

Boise football coach and athletic director Lyle Smith in 1953 and 1954 and helped lead Boise Junior College to a two-year record of 17-1-1 as their star flanker back. Bryant graduated from Boise Junior College in 1955 with an Associate of Science degree and then entered the University of Idaho's (U of I) civil engineering program. When he graduated from the U of I, he married his college sweetheart, Peggy Schwartz, and took a brief position with the Idaho Highway Department. He then answered President Eisenhower's call to serve in the armed services during the Korean War, where he spent two years in the Navy Seabees building projects in Guam, Okinawa, and in Laos.

Upon discharge from the Navy, Bryant proceeded to George Washington University in Washington D.C., where he earned a master's degree in engineering administration. He wrote his thesis on critical path scheduling. It was a new technology in the 1960s that utilized computer tracking in construction. In 1962, Bryant joined Morrison Knudsen (M-K), a major construction firm in the U.S. His first field assignments were on two concrete dams in Northern California. Following President Kennedy's declaration to put a man on the moon within 10 years, M-K landed the NASA Launch Complex 39 "Moon Shot" Facility project at Cape Kennedy, Fla. Bryant was assigned to the project to initialize the critical path scheduling program specified by NASA, his specialty. As the projects in Florida progressed, Bryant took a position as project engineer and then project manager with George A. Fuller Company of New York for construction of Launch Complex 39, Pad B, which eventually launched the rocket putting Neil Armstrong on the moon. When Launch Pad B was finished, Bryant joined the design-build team with Fuller to construct the National Accelerator Laboratory in Illinois. This 200-BeV Proton Accelerator, later renamed "Fermilab," was situated 50 miles west of Chicago and it consisted of a linear accelerator (LINAC), a booster accelerator and a 1-mile diameter main accelerator. One particle the physicists hoped to find at this facility was the "quark," a supposedly anti-gravitational particle that could be harnessed for anti-gravitational benefit.

In 1973, Bryant continued on to Fuller's main offices in New York City. He was project construction manager for the New York Giants football stadium at the Meadowlands. This major complex was located within 8 miles of downtown Manhattan. An interesting side note about this project is that Jimmy Hoffa came up missing during the same time period and his body was never recovered. Several years later a story broke that Hoffa was buried under the end zone at Giants Stadium. News people searched out Bryant in New Mexico, although he declined any knowledge of Hoffa's whereabouts, just commenting that the base under the artificial turf at Giants Stadium was asphalt, and it was unlikely that anyone dug through and buried Hoffa there.

In 1980, Bryant joined Rust Engineering out of Birmingham, Ala., eventually becoming the project manager on the first of several semiconductor plants in New Mexico. Bryant left Rust Engineering in 1990 and founded Brycon Corporation. He and his team continued their work in the semiconductor industry, providing unique services and capabilities

that helped the growth of the global semiconductor industry at a critical time. Bryant and the Brycon team continued to build and expand upon their success quickly achieving a position as a leading general contractor in the Southwest. Brycon continues to service global leaders in the semiconductor industry and related industries. Their expertise is sought after by just about every manufacturer worldwide. They perform work for numerous diverse clients outside of the semiconductor industry as well. Bryant's vision, leadership and reputation contributed greatly to Brycon's success. Today, 34 years later, Brycon remains a leading large general contractor in the Southwest.

Bryant's construction projects outside of the workplace were certainly amongst his most cherished. He and Peggy loved to design, build, add on and remodel. There was always a project going at their house. They designed and built a wonderful home high atop of a hill in Corrales, N.M., with beautiful views of downtown Albuquerque, the Sandia Mountains and all the way to Santa Fe. They then collaborated to design and build their beloved family cabin, "Peep's Mud Mountain Resort" as they called it, in Pagosa Springs, Colo. The cabin was also built high atop of a "hill" at an elevation above 8,000 feet with stunning views of the San Juan Mountains in every direction. It was a place of immense happiness for their family and their friends, and the memories made at Mud Mountain will forever be a part of their legacy.

Bryant was into sports. He was especially into college sports. He remained a dedicated fan of his Boise State Broncos throughout his life. He had season tickets to the football games and flew from Albuquerque to Boise for every home game he could, always taking a loved one with him. You'd better believe he'd make the trip when the Broncos got a bowl game, too. Everyone he knew experienced his passion for Boise State football, from attending a game with him, to cheering on the Broncos during watch parties at his house, to heading to a bowl game with him, he definitely "bled blue" and demanded it from others. (How many times did we all have to watch the 2007 Fiesta Bowl and celebrate the Broncos 43-42 victory over Oklahoma?) His former Boise football coach, Lyle Smith, was

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# Letters

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essential funding for vital programs and resources. Additionally, Mike has played a pivotal role in implementing substantial salary increases for all staff members, recognizing their dedication and hard work.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mike for his professionalism and unwavering commitment to the betterment of our school district. Personally,

I want to acknowledge his incredible depth of knowledge, his dedication to fiscal responsibility, and the healthy financial position he has left our district. Mike has been an invaluable resource during my transition into the district and his guidance will be greatly missed. Please join me in wishing him all the best in his future endeavors.

Rick Holt  
Superintendent

Archuleta School District

## Pilot

Dear Editor:  
This is the season that every year we have a pilot that entertains us by flying his plane leaving behind an atmospheric phenomenon. How fun! Does anyone know his name so we can thank him for our enjoyment?  
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# Commissioners hear airport update

## Water supply for firefighting at airport discussed

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard a semiannual update from Airport Manager Chris Torres at its Jan. 16 work session, where they discussed ongoing issues with fire hydrants at the airport, among other topics.

Torres explained that a grant-funded project for new rails and lights at the end of the airport runway is nearing completion and that he was working on sending out the annual renewals for hangar leases.

He explained that the airport crew has been completing snow removal at the airport in a timely manner.

Torres commented that he is working with the new fixed-base

operator (FBO) manager to develop changes in fees at the airport.

Commissioner Veronica Medina commented that the county previously planned to send terms for a new contract with the FBO out by the beginning of 2024 and asked about the status of this project.

County Attorney Todd Weaver explained that he had not presented the new terms for the lease to the FBO, but planned to do within the next week.

Torres explained that he expected the income from the FBO to be approximately \$40,000 for 2023, above the revenues for 2022.

He stated that the airport staff are working with an outside mechanic to complete the installation of the friction clutch necessary to make a grant-funded snowblower operational.

The cost for this work would not exceed \$11,000, Torres stated, but could be significantly less.

Medina asked where the county stands on a requirement from the Pagosa Fire Protection District

(PFPD) for improvements to the water supply for fire hydrants at the airport hangars.

Torres explained that county staff are working with the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) to complete a water model that will guide what pipeline improvements need to be completed to provide the needed water.

He stated that PAWSD needs access to the hangars to count water fixtures, but that four hangar owners refused to grant this access, stalling the project.

Torres added that county staff recommended that PAWSD could base the water usage estimates for these four hangars on water consumption for the last year, but that he had not heard back from PAWSD on if it agreed with this idea.

He also stated that staff are still determining whether they will build a tank at the airport or run a larger water line to the hangars.

Medina commented that, in her understanding, PAWSD cannot supply enough water pressure to meet the requirements from the PFPD.

County Manager Derek Woodman stated that this was true in his understanding, as well.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez commented that the PFPD had previously approved all the hangars at the airport except for the most recent constructions, which triggered the concerns about water supply.

"That seems a little retroactive to me," he said. "And then, yet, even if we do put in a larger water line, it's still not gonna meet the required [gallons per minute] to fight a fire."

Torres asked who is responsible for the water supply and Maez stated, "It's gotta be PAWSD."

Maez commented that the PFPD

needs to discuss the issue with PAWSD, adding that there are "a bunch" of fire hydrants in downtown Pagosa Springs that do not meet the water supply requirements, but that the PFPD is not asking for improvements to those.

Maez asked Weaver's opinion on if the PFPD could require these "retroactive" upgrades.

Weaver responded that he was unsure about the issue, adding that the issue is "kind of a conundrum."

Maez commented that the county should investigate the issue further and determine if the changes requested are allowed and if the county must move forward with improving the line if the necessary water supply is not possible even with improvements.

Medina asked Torres what his next steps on the issue will be.

Torres stated that the plan is to wait for the water model to be completed and that the water model will indicate how much water can be supplied, opening up additional conversations.

He added that PAWSD has already indicated that increasing the size of the line will not provide the necessary water supply.

Maez and Medina indicated that they will be interested to see the results of the water model, and Maez commented that the county could move forward after this.

Medina concluded by stating that she was pleased with Torres' relationship with the new FBO owner.

Torres indicated that the change in ownership has "improved the atmosphere of the airport."

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By Cindi Galabota

Ruby Sisson Library Foundation and Friends

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sure to be one of the first to greet him in heaven. Bryant was a staunch supporter of his U of I Vandals as well and kept a close watch on all their goings on, especially in regard to their football and engineering programs. Bryant also loved Lobo basketball, especially the Lady Lobos. He went to many games, cheered loudly and was a dedicated supporter.

Aside from his storied professional career, Bryant loved recreating outdoors. Whether fly-fishing, skiing, scuba diving or riding his bike down from Wolf Creek Pass, he was always on the go. Bryant was an epic fly fisherman and enjoyed sharing the stream with family and friends, often focusing on their experience over his own. Growing up in Idaho with a fly fisherman as a father, Bryant learned how to tie his own flies and how to finesse his pole to cast a fly and catch even the most discerning of fish. He went on many fishing excursions all around the world from Belize, to New Zealand, to Chile and even a trip of a lifetime with his son Bill to the Kamchatka Peninsula in Russia. But his favorite place to fish was in his beloved Idaho, especially at Last Chance on the Henrys Fork of the Snake River, and in and around the headwaters of the Salmon River near Stanley. There are too many fishing spots and places to list in Idaho that he cherished, even though he would certainly feel they all deserve mention. He also enjoyed fishing the upper Rio Grande near Creede, Colo., and in and around the Pagosa Springs area in the San Juan Mountains.

Bryant absolutely loved skiing. He was fortunate to ski in many places around the world, although his favorite places were Wolf Creek Ski Area in Colorado and Sun Valley in Idaho. Bryant and his family and friends spent many holidays in Idaho skiing Baldy Mountain at Sun Valley and at Bogus Basin in Boise. In Colorado, Bryant has been an institution at Wolf Creek for the past 35 years and made a lasting impression on whomever he encountered. He'd tell the lift workers, "Make it a soft chair!" and "Don't stop this lift for nothing!" They all knew him and when he got into the lift line, they'd all start hollering as well, and you'd better believe they swung that chair around and gave him a "soft" one. He had a beautiful style of skiing and he loved to teach others how to ski, as well. He'd circle around the person he was instructing yelling "get forward" and offering lots of other advice, not always wanted, but they got it regardless. He'd holler "Let's go! Let's go! Let's go!" and "Hurry!" and you'd want to hurry; you wouldn't want to miss out on anything. And, of course, howling at the Wolf Pups was a must for anyone riding the chair with him. Bryant was always up for a little competition at NASTAR ski races and fun races at

Wolf Creek. He'd get all of his family and friends to participate in the fun races, entering them with special ski names like Picabo Lemon, Bode Gebhardt and Lyndsey Vonn Lemon. He had an air of excitement about him that encompassed all he did, and you couldn't help but get caught up in it. There was never a dull moment when you were with him.

Bryant was a scuba diver. He dove in many places and got his children and grandchildren in on the sport as well. He and Peggy took their family on diving trips to Fiji, Honduras, Barbados and Mexico, to name just a few. His favorite spot was Akumal, Mexico. Oh, how he loved Akumal and staying at Las Casitas Akumal and diving in the waters there. He drank margaritas at the Lol Ha, swung on the swings at La Buena Vida, snorkeled in the Yalku Lagoon and charmed all the locals.

Bryant loved aviation and flew his Cessna 182 RG, his beautiful 5497 Sierra, for many happy years. He kept 5497 at Double Eagle Airport in Albuquerque and was often found out in the practice area around the airport perfecting "maneuvers." He'd take any willing, brave soul out with him to practice stalls, cross wind landings, go arounds and other untold "maneuvers." He and Peggy flew 5497 from Albuquerque to Pagosa Springs most weekends. Bryant loved to circle around his friends' homes in Pagosa, and then actually "strafe" their homes, and his own cabin as well, until everyone came out and waved. He'd fly in low and tip his wings in acknowledgment. He'd take his grandkids up and have them take control of the yoke and dive downward like they were a fighter pilot, like the Red Baron, and he'd enthusiastically yell out, "pow, pow, pow!" If that wasn't enough, he would always invoke a little concern in his passengers upon landing when he would call out, "I've got a wheel!" as if surprised this time. 5497 Sierra brought a mobility that he and Peggy dreamed of as they traveled around the country together.

Bryant always loved music. Man, did he love music. While in college at the U of I, he was the life of the party in his fraternity, Kappa Sigma. He and five of his fraternity brothers formed a band, the Cesspool Six, where Bryant played the piano and was known as Jazz Lemon. They'd play long into the night belting out songs like "Sweet Georgia Brown" and "Five Foot Two, Eyes of Blue." He played by ear and could pick up on most any tune. His love for music prevailed throughout his entire life. He always turned the volume up loud, in the car or in the house, and sang at the top of his lungs and, if possible, did a festive little jig. Every holiday had him at the piano with the whole family gathered around, cavorting about and having a great time. Many a campfire had him

with his ukulele singing and entertaining, as well.

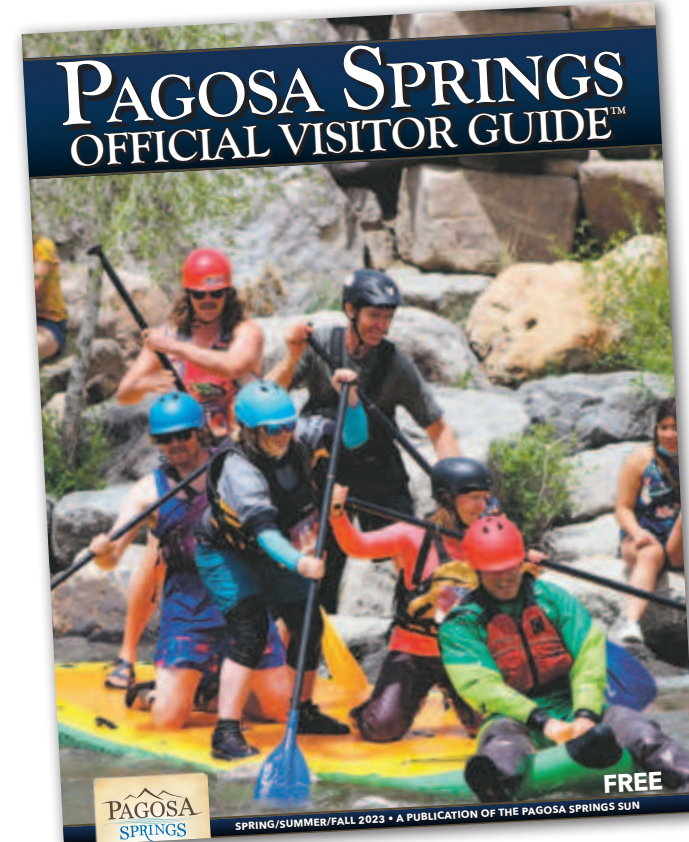
Bryant loved adventure. He and Peggy were world travelers and they passed on their passion for travel and adventure to their children, and grandchildren as well. They did so by taking the entire family on many amazing trips so they could spend time together. The most important thing to Bryant and Peggy was spending time with their family and friends. Bryant and Peggy traveled all around the globe, through South America and southern Chile tasting Malbec with friends in Mendoza, to Peru (Cusco and Machu Picchu), to the Galapagos, to Eastern Europe and the Danube, to Italy, Greece, Turkey, France, the Alps and Germany, Norway, Africa, Alaska, and so on. They also took each grandchild on a special trip to commemorate their 12th birthday. One of the grandest adventures they took their children and grandchildren on was a week on the Royal Clipper through the Lesser Antilles to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Bryant and his children and grandchildren were fortunate to recently repeat his trip to the Galapagos and Peru. He wanted them to see the natural wonder and beauty he had experienced with Peggy. It was a trip and a memory of a lifetime for all.

Bryant loved his family and friends. He prioritized spending time with his loved ones, and they prioritized spending time with him, as well. Whether it was taking a drive, camping, playing Yahtzee or crazy eights, sitting around a fire reading Robert Service, or watching football, he loved the company of his family and friends. The more, the merrier was always his philosophy and what he liked best was for all to be gathered around enjoying life together. After all, his humor, his antics, his drive to get us out with him was fueled by his need to see us enjoy life. He would do things on his own, but his happiness came from others experiencing the life that he loved.

Bryant was preceded in death by his beloved Peggy. He is survived by his four loving children: Christine Lemon Schmidt, of Pagosa Springs, Colo.; and Bill Lemon and his wife Pamela, Catherine Lemon, and Karen Lemon Gebhardt and her husband Fredrick, all of Albuquerque, N.M. He also has five wonderful grandchildren who adore him: Patrick Lemon and his wife, Kassi; Jacob Lemon; Christian Schmidt; Michael Schmidt; and William Gebhardt. Bryant will be missed immensely and will always remain a profound part of his loved ones' lives. His light will burn forever bright in their hearts.

A celebration of life/memorial service will be held for all of Bryant's friends and relatives later this year. Specifics of the exact date and time will be announced when arrangements are finalized.

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# Business

## Sales tax revenues down 4.1 percent in December

2023 revenues down 1 percent from 2022

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

Sales tax revenues for Archuleta County in December 2023 fell compared to December 2022, according to a report released by Archuleta County Finance Director Chad Eaton. Sales tax revenues previously fell by 2.7 percent in November 2023 compared to the previous year. The report notes that the town and the county jointly received \$1,540,735 in gross sales tax revenue for the month of December 2023, with \$769,631 going to the town and \$771,103 going to the county.

December 2023 gross sales tax revenues are 4.1 percent, or \$65,379, lower than December 2022.

According to the report, the categories that are up in comparison to December 2022 include:

- Information at 37 percent, or \$10,456.
- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services at 161 percent, or \$7,245.
- Other Services (except public administration) at 60 percent, or \$14,420.

Categories that are down for December 2023 in the month-to-month comparison include:

- Construction at 18 percent, or \$7,435.
- Manufacturing at 4 percent, or \$2,111.

• Retail Trade at 4 percent, or \$32,583.

• Finance and Insurance at 7 percent, or \$118.

• Real Estate and Rental and Leasing at 15 percent, or \$5,129.

• Accommodation and Food Services at 10 percent, or \$27,431.

• Miscellaneous at 4 percent, or \$22,694.

The report notes that on the year-to-date comparison, sales tax revenues for 2023 are 1 percent, or \$225,525 lower than 2022.

According to the report, the categories that are up in the yearly comparison include:

- Finance and Insurance at 19 percent, or \$2,887.
- Other Services (except public administration) at 9 percent, or \$25,426.

• Professional, Scientific and Technical Services at 156 percent, or \$151,511.

The categories down in the year-to-date comparison include:

• Construction at 6 percent, or \$25,310.

• Manufacturing at 11 percent, or \$77,218.

• Retail Trade at 1 percent, or \$120,065.

• Information at 6 percent, or \$19,451.

• Real Estate and Rental and Leasing at 20 percent, or \$87,201.

• Accommodation and Food Services at 1 percent, or \$41,547.

• Miscellaneous at 2 percent, or \$38,176.

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## LPEA announces upcoming departure of CEO Jessica Matlock

By Amanda Anderson  
La Plata Electric Association

La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) announced that CEO Jessica Matlock has been hired as the CEO of PNGC Power, the sole operating generation and transmission (G&T) cooperative in the Pacific Northwest that serves power to 16 utilities in seven western states.

Matlock was hired by LPEA's board of directors in the spring of 2019 and began her CEO tenure in the summer of 2019.

Since Matlock took over as CEO of LPEA in 2019, she has led the charge to strengthen LPEA's financial position for its members. Prior to Matlock's tenure as CEO, LPEA ranked near the bottom of financial performance for cooperatives, but it is now in the top three in Colorado.

Under Matlock's leadership, LPEA also built the first cooperative-owned community solar project in the region, partnered to bring the first

vehicle to grid in Colorado, and implemented sophisticated grid monitoring systems to increase LPEA's resiliency and response times.

"I am extremely proud of the team we've built at LPEA and the many strategic items we've been able to accomplish these past five years," Matlock said. "While I am very much looking forward to my next career opportunity leading a G&T, I am also excited that my LPEA colleagues and

the LPEA Board are in a much stronger position than when I arrived to capitalize on the ever-changing and dynamic energy marketplace and continue providing great service to all our members throughout the region."

Matlock will begin her role as PNGC Power's CEO on April 1.

LPEA's board of directors will begin implementing a transition plan to address the organization's short- and long-term leadership needs.

## Chamber announces changes to Business After Hours

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

Nothing is constant but change, and we embrace new at the Chamber of Commerce.

First on the list is the change of day for the Business After Hours, which are now referred to as Business Happy Hours.

These monthly events will now take place at various Chamber member businesses primarily on the fourth Friday of the month instead of the fourth Wednesday of the month.

At the end of the week, businesses can relax a little, find a little time to network, and enjoy some food and beverage and the company of other business owners and managers. The Business Happy Hour schedule is posted on the Chamber's website, under the Events tab and then Chamber Events.

As we move into 2024, there are a good number of exciting projects and activities on the horizon. Also, keep an eye out for upcoming training sessions that only help you be more effective businesses.



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# Rates

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bution of increases between rates and CIFs is unfair to developers and builders and that increased rates for STRs are unfairly high or unjustified.

Commenters also questioned the reasons for implementing the increases and questioned if the increases could be delayed while PAWSO investigates other funding options mentioned at the meeting, such as grants.

Several affordable housing developers and builders indicated that planned affordable housing projects were now on hold or canceled due to the increases in CIFs and rates.

The board heard a comment from Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC) Executive Director Emily Lashbrooke, who suggested that the affordable housing project to build 40 homes in four years in Chris Mountain Village II that the PSCDC is currently work-

ing on would be impossible with the proposed increases in CIFs.

She stated that the increased fees would cost PSCDC approximately \$1 million over the course of the project.

"I might as well hand the property back to the county," she said, referencing that Archuleta County initially donated the lots for the project to the PSCDC. "I cannot make this work."

She also questioned if PAWSO had investigated seeking additional funding through grants and named several grants that she indicated PAWSO could potentially apply for to obtain funding for the district's water and wastewater projects.

Lashbrooke concluded by offering her assistance to the district.

Some commenters also stated that the changes were poorly publicized and appeared suddenly.

During the public comment period, PAWSO board member Glenn Walsh explained that the increased

costs for the district are driven by regulatory requirements from the state, and that the district has made extensive and unsuccessful efforts to negotiate with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to reduce or delay the imposition of the requirements.

Walsh also commented that the CDPHE sees PAWSO as being in violation of its regulations and has imposed a compliance schedule that will be backed with significant fines if the district fails to comply with the timelines laid out by the agency.

Later in the meeting, following consideration of several other agenda items, the board moved on to discuss and answer questions about the rate increases.

PAWSO board chairman Jim Smith opened the discussion by requesting a motion and second to approve the rate increases prior to discussing them.

PAWSO board member Gene Tautges moved to approve the increases and Walsh seconded.

Walsh then answered questions posed by public commenters, beginning with concerns about the CIF increases being disproportionately high compared to rate increases.

He explained that the methodology that PAWSO chose for its rate study was to evenly balance the increased costs between existing ratepayers, who pay the water and wastewater rates, and new development, which pays CIFs.

He added that the district previously tried to keep wastewater CIFs as low as possible due to having very few capital projects in wastewater.

However, he stated that meeting the new regulatory requirements will involve expensive wastewater capital

projects.

"So, when 97 percent of your costs are being carried by the monthly rate and only 3 percent of your costs are being carried by fees, because you have the lowest fees in the western United States on wastewater and now you get a new capital project that you split evenly between fees and CIFs, well obviously the percentage increase over here is gonna be much higher," Walsh said.

He added that there are many different viewpoints on if this even split between rates and CIFs is fair, but that this split "kept coming up as the fair way to proceed" in board discussions.

He commented that placing more of the costs into rates would negatively impact less-affluent community members, who would have to pay higher monthly water and

wastewater fees.

Walsh also spoke on the requests for delays in the imposition of the fees, noting that PAWSO needs the increased funds to meet the regulatory compliance schedule and that any delay in imposing increased fees now would result in even higher fees later.

He added that it was potentially a "bad call" on the part of the PAWSO board to not begin increasing fees and CIFs earlier, but that the board felt that doing so would weaken its negotiating position with the CDPHE.

On the issue of the changes being sudden or poorly publicized, Walsh commented that the board has been discussing these potential increases for four years and that the increases were covered extensively in local media.

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# Project

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director of the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC) then introduced the representatives from CDOT: Kevin Curry, CDOT engineering program manager; Arthur Miller, CDOT resident engineer; Keith Magowan, CDOT professional engineer; David Peyton, CDOT traffic and safety resident engineer; Adair Christensen, CDOT communications specialist; and Lisa Schwantes, CDOT communications manager.

Curry provided background on the project and explained that it started originally as changing the asphalt surface to concrete, but has now grown to include utility changes, lighting upgrades, thermal lines, storm sewer improvements, installing fiber optic conduit through town and adding three pedestrian crossing signals.

He also shared that the Harman Park Drive/U.S. 160 crosswalks project will be included in this project.

Curry explained that the project is "intense" and that he expects it to be a two-year project, although the final schedule is dependent on the construction contractor(s).

He stated that CDOT will be hiring a consultant to run the project, which will include a public information specialist, as "we want to have more control ... for this specific job."

Curry shared that CDOT is placing controls into the project — intersection work is to be done at night only, half the road is to be done at a time so that two lanes of traffic will be maintained throughout the project, and "high early concrete" will be used, which sets up and allows traffic in 36 hours.

He then noted that the bridge over the river is too narrow for two lanes during construction, so there will be one lane with an alternating signal.

Next, Miller explained the phasing of the project, emphasizing that the first phase of correcting and completing the infrastructure work that is underneath the roadway is critical.

"It's all that prep work that takes forever to get done and it really gets people frustrated," he said, adding that, after that work is completed, "the paving machine comes in and it goes fast."

Schwantes next shared, "We are really, really looking forward to open

communication, lots of communication coming out to you. It's a two-way street."

She noted that a dedicated project hotline and email will be set up.

She indicated that the assigned public information manager would also be sending out weekly material and updates through email to the stakeholders on the project, and a website for the project will be established.

She added, "We have a Southwest Facebook page that we will constantly feed information about the project; and anything, just every avenue that we can think of to communicate with the business district, we will do it."

## Q-and-A

In response to several questions from a business owner, Curry stated that there is no penalty or incentive within the contract to complete the project in two years, that the project has an environmental plan that includes dust mitigation and that adding new geothermal heat underneath the sidewalks is not part of the project.

Another question was asked about parking, traffic control and possible advance communications for tourists.

Curry responded that parking will be temporarily lost, as there will only be room for the two lanes of traffic, and said, "There will be advanced signs, as we always do, coming in and going out of town."

Schwantes added that they could install "signage that would extend out to the valley and toward the Four Corners area so that folks are aware that they're going to be meeting construction."

James Dickhoff, community development director for the Town of Pagosa Springs, added, "There are some opportunities we can work on with Kevin Bruce and the MET [Mountain Express Transit] system on potentially a satellite parking area with some transportation into town."

Another business owner asked about pedestrian access to his business while new sidewalk concrete is poured, and Curry indicated that there would be a period of 36-48 hours where access to businesses would not be possible, but also said the contractor will be "coordinating

Following that, both the defense and the prosecution moved for a mistrial, which Wilson agreed with.

The jury was given instructions throughout the trial to not look anything up on the Internet related to the case and to not talk to others about the case, among other things.

Prior to deliberation, the jury was given additional instruction, which included the definition of "reasonable doubt" that must be used.

Wilson also instructed the attorneys to give thought to a change of venue.

Wilson then brought in the entire jury to inform the jurors of the mistrial.

Wilson told the jury they were not to look things up on the Internet, but that he appreciated "tremendously" that the issue was brought up prior to a verdict.

with you the best times ... to try and make it as painless as we can."

In response to questions whether a business would lose existing geothermal lines, the CDOT engineers emphasized that they would work with the businesses to ensure that those would be preserved.

A question about the project timeline was raised, and concern was voiced about possible project delays, with the business owner stating that if the project cannot not be started in April, it should be delayed until after August.

Curry answered that, in the best-case scenario, the project could begin in April, and Dickhoff interjected that, because of all the prep work that needs to be completed, "the sooner they can get on the ground the better, and there's a lot of preliminary work that's not going to be very disruptive."

Regarding a question about parking, Curry answered, "I wouldn't anticipate parking on 160 for the two seasons."

"This project's going forward and it's going to have impacts," said Jason Cox, owner of Riff Raff Brewing, adding that he considered obtaining business continuity insurance and calling it "the best thing for us to do as operators and owners."

## 'Cone Zone' and what's next

In concluding the meeting, Lashbrooke emphasized that the "Cone Zone" committee has a number of ideas and plans to attract pedestrian traffic and to assist the owner/operators in navigating through the project.

"We're going to work really hard as the Main Street committee to not lose one business through this entire two-year construction project. That's our pledge," she said. "We're going to make this the most positive experience that you've ever seen in a CDOT experience."

Lashbrooke reminded the attendees that Main Street/CDOT informational meetings will be held monthly. The schedule for the next meetings is:

- March 12 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at a location to be determined.
- April 16 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at a location to be determined.
- May 14 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at a location to be determined.

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He then told the jury the trial now has to be done all over again, subjecting everyone to "having to go through this" again.

He also noted it was yet to be determined if contempt proceedings would take place against the jurors who allegedly conducted the online searches.

The trial, related to the 2019 homicide of Millie Mestas, began with jury selection on Feb. 2.

Opening statements took place on Feb. 6, with the case going to the jury late in the day on Feb. 14.

Maez is charged with first-degree homicide in the 2019 stabbing death of Millie Mestas, 47.

A mistrial was previously declared during the second day of jury selection in 2022 due to reasons unrelated to the jury selection.

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# Priorities

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Woodman added that the two companies are now one because one purchased the other.

Maez commented that the county would need to go through a public bidding process to complete such an outsourcing arrangement, which Woodman stated he agreed with.

Commissioner Warren Brown commented that his priority would be infrastructure, including roads and county buildings.

He commented that the county's recently formed Road and Bridge Advisory Committee would help the county make progress on planning repairs for the roads and that he believes that the county is making progress on repairing its buildings.

Brown also emphasized the importance of having plans in place to prepare county staff to step into leadership positions that are vacated to ensure that gaps in leadership are not created.

Medina stated that infrastructure is also her No. 1 priority and added that she is concerned about ensuring that energy and water infrastructure in the county are sufficient to accommodate the planned developments in the area.

She added that forest health, including fire mitigation and fuels reduction, is also a priority for her in addition to diversifying the county economy.

She stated that, to her view, diversifying the economy should focus on removing "red tape" and "roadblocks" for businesses in the area.

Brown commented that the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation could potentially help in

this effort as it is often the first point of contact for businesses in the area.

He added that his second strategic priority would be improved communication, which he commented would impact all the other county priorities.

Medina noted that she had housing as a priority, but that she feels it has "been addressed."

She stated that the county has focused on housing in the past and that she feels current efforts are addressing the issue.

Maez commented that the lack of housing for professionals like teachers or firefighters is a concern in the community and the county should continue to make efforts to promote such housing.

Maez noted that the BoCC now had a list of priorities and that it needed to "prioritize those priorities."

He commented that the county could potentially focus on one priority a year.

Medina added that many of these priorities, such as housing, communications or the landfill, are currently in progress.

County Attorney Todd Weaver commented that county efforts on issues like broadband have led to significant progress and successes.

The discussion concluded with Medina proposing that infrastructure should be the first priority, which Maez and Brown expressed agreement with.

At the Feb. 6 meeting, the BoCC continued discussion of the priorities.

Woodman opened by explaining that the BoCC historically designated three strategic priorities yearly.

He stated that, the last time this occurred in 2018, the board desig-

# Leaders

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She is the daughter of Helena Vicenti and Nikolas Perea.

Jayslynn notes she was in her middle school years when she started really thinking about her future and what she wants for herself.

She also acknowledges her grandmother's place in helping her figure out what she'd like to do, stating her grandmother always told her, "Look around in our hometown, what do we need? What do your people need the most?"

"This led me to start limiting down to a couple choices, but the main three were a police officer/judge, counselors, and doctors," Jayslynn explains. "So, I put a lot of thought into my decision and took an interest in the healthcare field, this started my research looking into my community to observe and listen to what healthcare workers we need for our people, thus led me to a child psychologist."

Jayslynn also notes she wants to help Native American children and teenagers.

"Looking back to when I was growing up in school, it was easy until all of my classmates I met when I was kindergarten through 2nd grade started to get into either trouble, drugs/alcohol, dropping out of school, running away from their homes, etc.," she wrote. "The more this happened, the more I wanted to do something to help Native American children and teenagers not just in my community but also around the country."

She indicates the lack of focus on Native American cultures and discrimination against Native American culture and beliefs "is a lot of pressure that is put onto one, especially when it comes to having big dreams for oneself but then not having the confidence or the right mentality to make things happen ..."

She adds, "I want things to help them make their dream come true like how I did and what I did to achieve what I have now."

Jayslynn's nomination was signed by Dr. Mario Capecchi, a winner of the Nobel Prize in Medicine and the science director of the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists.

She was chosen to represent New Mexico and the Jicarilla Apache Nation.

Her nomination, the press release explains, is "based on her academic achievement, leadership potential and determination to serve humanity in the field of medicine."

"It doesn't surprise me," Nickolas said of his daughter's accomplishments, noting she's goal-oriented and mature for her age.

Nickolas, who works within the health care industry for the Jicarilla Apache Nation as the diabetic coordinator and personal trainer, noted it appears his daughter is following in his footsteps, but taking it further than he did.

He added she worked with him over the summer to gain experience.

"What can I say? I'm very proud of her," he said, adding Jayslynn is smart and inherited her mom's brains and determination.

In her statement, Jayslynn also thanks her family and friends who helped and supported her in going to the congress.

"To my parents, Helena Vicenti and Nickolas Perea, who helped me through the thick and thin of accomplishing my dreams and goals, for always pushing me to my full potential, and for always being there with me every step of the way of these achievements," she wrote. "Most importantly, I want to thank my Tribal leaders for the generous donation of funding for my trip expenses, giving me the support and encouragement, and the trust in me to represent not just myself, but to my family and our people as a representative holding the title of Jr. Miss Jicarilla 2023-2024 of the Great Jicarilla Apache Nation and being the only Native American selected from my tribe."

nated broadband, early childhood education and housing as priorities.

Medina then asked for recommendations from the board for priorities.

Maez proposed infrastructure and Brown expressed agreement, commenting that the county needs to prioritize roads for repair and paving as well as create a schedule for maintenance that will be communicated to the public.

Maez asked if the landfill would be included under infrastructure, and Weaver proposed that it should be a separate priority due to the potential scope and cost of a landfill expansion.

Weaver added that, to him, infrastructure concerns utilities and roads, and that the BoCC could emphasize the importance of the landfill by making it its own priority.

Maez stated that he would list the landfill as the No. 1 priority due to it being the most difficult and expensive.

Brown commented that the roads visibly impact more people than the landfill, although he noted he could go "either way" on which priority to place highest.

Brown added that infrastructure also covers building and maintaining county buildings.

Medina noted that the two priorities so far were infrastructure and roads, and the landfill, and asked for a third priority.

Maez recommended making housing a third priority, which Brown expressed agreement with.

The board then unanimously voted to designate the landfill as the No. 1 priority, infrastructure as the No. 2 priority and housing as the third.

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## About the Congress of Future Medical Leaders

The congress is an honors-only program for high school students who want to become physicians or go into medical research fields, the press release explains. "The purpose of this event is to honor, inspire, motivate and direct the top students in the country interested in these careers, to stay true to their dream and, after the event, to provide a path, plan and resources to help them reach their goal."

## About the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists

The academy, according to the press release, offers free services and programs to students who want to become physicians or go into medical science.

Some of the services and programs offered are: online social networks through which future doctors and medical scientists can communicate; opportunities for students to be guided and mentored by physicians and medical students; and communications for parents and students on college acceptance and finances, skills acquisition, internships, career guidance and much more.

"The National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists was founded on the belief that we must identify prospective medical talent at the earliest possible age and help these students acquire the necessary experience and skills to take them to the doorstep of this vital career," the press release states. "Based in Washington, D.C., and with offices in Boston, the Academy was chartered as a nonpartisan, taxpaying institution to help address this crisis by working to identify, encourage and mentor students who wish to devote their lives to the service of humanity as physicians, medical scientists."

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# Identification

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FIGG testing in which information was developed that led to the identification of Risku.

It is unknown if foul play is involved in Risku's death.

"The identification of Mr. Risku is a tremendous first step in helping provide his family with answers," said Mineral County Sheriff Terry Wetherill. "If anyone has information as to why or how Steven Risku was at a remote location



# Town planning commission approves initial plans for major subdivision near Walmart

By Derek Kutzer  
Staff Writer

The Trails at Pagosa Springs, a 22-acre subdivision development proposed at 116 Alpha Drive, near Walmart, passed two of its initial hurdles at a Feb. 13 Pagosa Springs Planning Commission meeting.

Both applications for a sketch major subdivision and sketch major design review were approved by the commission, which also sits as the Design Review Board.

The application proposes to subdivide the 22-acre parcel in multiple phases, with the first phase including a Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) apartment project.

In its application for Phase 1 of the development, Texas-based Generational Housing Partners proposes to build a 50-unit apartment complex, consisting of two double-story buildings on a 3.4 acre footprint of the larger 22-acre subdivision parcel.

The design application states that this LIHTC project would consist of one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments aimed to serve families with a household income from 30 to 80 percent of the area median income (AMI).

To make the development "pencil" for the builder, "financing for the project will consist of 9% housing tax credits, which will provide approximately \$12,760,000 equity for the development," states the design application.

The application cites a need for affordable housing in the area, stating that "due to rising home costs," an influx of "high income residents, as well as a high number of vacation rental homes, workers in the area are forced to live in campgrounds, doubling or tripling up in units and

even resorting to living in their cars."

The application also cites the Root Policy Research housing study, commissioned by the Town of Pagosa Springs, which concluded that "the region requires 152 deeply affordable rental units and more than 400 moderately priced affordable units in order to meet the existing demand" for workforce housing in the area.

"The Trails [at Pagosa Springs] will promote economic mobility by providing more affordable housing options in Pagosa Springs, which is where the higher paying jobs in the region are located," the design application states.

At the meeting, planning commissioner Chris Pitcher asked if the affordable housing units would be "deed restricted" as workforce housing, with Planning Manager Cindy Schultz replying, "No. It is not deed restricted."

She explained that, instead, there would be "a qualification process" that applicants for the apartment units would need to go through and the builder would have to produce "a compliance report" to the state in order to get its tax credit through the LIHTC program.

She explained that it would be similar to a deed restriction in that renters must meet the "income criteria" of the program.

Pitcher asked, "So, it's a state program and they are gonna do all of the tracking and accountability" to make sure they remain in compliance?

Schultz said, "Yes, that is correct."

Travis Barber, who was at the meeting representing Generational Housing Partners, further clarified what the LIHTC requirements would look like.

He explained that, on average, the 50 units would serve 60 percent AMI and below, and that, to stay in compliance, the developer would "take those applicants and make sure that their level of income meets the requirements ... to lease those units."

Generally, he explained, the apartments would meet the housing needs of "restaurant servers, or ski resort servers, or kind of those service industry folks who make about 60 percent of the area median income."

He explained that, instead of a deed restriction on the property, the restriction would be recorded as a land use regulation agreement, "called a LURA," saying that this agreement "will be recorded as part of our closing process."

Schultz then explained that the units would serve "a spectrum" of income ranges, spread out from 30 to 80 percent AMI, adding that the median income for households in Archuleta County "is right around \$67,000."

She stated that this wide of a spectrum is intended to be flexible so that the apartments can serve everyone from a single individual to a family of four.

Barber added "it will be a combination" of 30, 50, 60 and up to 80 percent AMI units, but couldn't give an exact price on what the various units would run.

The application proposes five units in the 30 percent AMI range, 11 in the 50 percent range, 28 units in the 60 to 70 percent range and six units in the 80

percent range.

During consideration of the sketch major subdivision portion of the meeting, Schultz explained that the purpose of this discussion was to make sure that the general layout of the 22-acre subdivision would match up with "future connections" in the area around Walmart.

Pitcher pointed out that he could foresee Phase 2 having some "challenges" due to the culvert connecting a pond on the property to Pinon Lake across U.S. 160, but added that this wouldn't really impact Phase 1 of the subdivision development.

During public comment on the proposed subdivision, resident John Ranson wondered if Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) would need to do another traffic study that would account for the new apartments and future development in the area.

"My concern," he said, "is the more that this development utilizes Aspen Village Drive, I would have a real concern about that [traffic] light."

He asked again if CDOT would do a new traffic study, with Schultz saying that a traffic study was not part of the consideration in the agenda packet for the discussion.

She noted that the Phase 1 apartment buildings would not be utilizing Aspen Village Drive, but would gain access from Alpha Drive.

However, as the other phases of the subdivision project start to build out, "a lot of that will be contingent on making sure that we have this connection planned out."

Pitcher suggested that a traffic study should be conducted considering both Alpha Drive and the intersection at Aspen Village Drive with consideration of the future subdivision development.

He said, "I think some more investigation into that traffic study capacity needs to be done."

Schultz expressed agreement, saying, "We'll just have to memorialize that in some way and we can bring it back up at the preliminary plat."

She also suggested that the commission could make a traffic study one of the conditions of approval for the sketch major subdivision.

Barber informed the planning commissioners that Generational Housing Partners is not the owner of the remainder of the 22-acre property, where the rest of the "master planned community" will be located, but that it's only "the purchaser of a portion" of the parcel — the 3.4-acre section where the two apartment buildings will be located.

He explained, however, that the company will be coordinating with the owners and developers of the future phases to make sure that Phase 1's "design fits into their overall design" for the remainder of the development's phases.

He added that Generational Housing would be happy to assist in a traffic study, even though it doesn't own the rest of the subdivision.

It was decided to add an investigation into a traffic study into the conditions of approval for the sketch major subdivision as one of the nine conditions for approval.

Ultimately, the sketch major sub-

division application was approved unanimously by the commission, with the ninth condition to include an "updated traffic survey for the area," as planning commissioner Chad Hodges said while making the motion.

The commission, sitting as the Design Review Board, also approved the sketch major design for the apartment development.

The design approval also came with a set of conditions that included screening for heating units, the need for stormwater and snow removal management plans, evidence of approved water and sewer connection permits, and plans showing the connection of walkways to the sidewalk along Aspen Village Drive, among other conditions.

Barber noted that the builders would be happy to work with the town's staff to meet all of these required conditions.

Pitcher remarked that these were only sketch plans, "so a lot of those details are still to come."

He thanked Barber for fielding questions, saying, "It seems like you have been thinking through a lot of this, so I'm looking forward to seeing the next iteration."

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# Sports

## BASKETBALL



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Elizabeth Currier saves the ball from going out of bounds against the Manitou Springs Mustangs as members of the Pirate's boys' basketball team and other fans cheer her on.

## Lady Pirates defeat Manitou Springs in first round of playoffs

By Robert Moore  
Staff Writer

On Sunday, Feb. 18, the Colorado High School Activities Association announced the bracket and seedings for the 4A girls' basketball playoffs.

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirates, as the Intermountain League champion, automatically qualified for the bracket, which consists of a 32-team field. After the league champions, the remainder of the bracket was filled, utilizing the final data from the Seeding and Selection Index.

The Lady Pirates earned the No. 5 seed and entered the tournament with a 19-4 record.

Pagosa's first game in the playoffs was played at home Tuesday, Feb. 20, against the Manitou Springs Mustangs.

Coming into the game, the Mustangs were ranked No. 28 on the bracket and owned a record of 8-14.

The Lady Pirates defeated the Mustangs by a score of 40-16.

In the game, Pagosa was plagued by early foul trouble, but its defense and rebounding propelled the team to a 27-10 lead going into halftime.

With the reserves seeing significant playing in a low-scoring second half, the Lady Pirates secured the win by a final score of 40-16, allowing the Mustangs to only score three points in the third and fourth quarters.

With the victory, the Lady Pirates advanced to the Sweet 16 round of the state championships to face the No. 12 Eaton Reds, who defeated the No. 21 Coal Ridge Titans Tuesday 70-36.

The game will be at home on Friday, Feb. 23, at 5:30 p.m.

"We were able to go out and get the first playoff win against Manitou Springs at home. It was so fun to get to play our first playoff game at home and in front of our home crowd," wrote coach Sarah Osborn in an email to The SUN. "We stopped Manitou with our defense first when our offense was struggling a little bit. We held them to four single digit quarters. Our two seniors got in early foul trouble, but it was so fun to see our younger classmen step up in a big game like this."

In preparing for their upcoming game against Eaton, Osborn also indicates in her email that "we have a few things to clean up getting ready for Eaton in the second round on Friday. I think we were able to get our nerves out this first game, and we are ready to work hard in practice for two more days and get ready for Eaton. It is going to be a tough game and we have to be playing our best basketball to move forward on to state."

The Lady Pirates were led by Karsyn Shahan with 14 points, eight rebounds, one assist, four steals and one block. Elizabeth Currier had nine points, four rebounds, two assists and three steals. Kylie Ketchum added eight points, seven rebounds, three assists, two blocks and one steal. Annie O'Donnell chipped in four points and five rebounds, and Ximena Garcia added three points, two assists and one steal. Daveyann Snarr scored two points to go with three rebounds, one steal and one block. Amber Snarr grabbed five rebounds. Adelyn Hittle contributed five rebounds, one assist, one steal and one block. Lexi Campbell added one rebound.

For the game, Pagosa had 38 rebounds, nine assists, 12 steals, four blocks and committed five turnovers. The Lady Pirates made three of eight shots from the free-throw line for 38 percent.

### Win over Del Norte

On Saturday, Feb. 17, the Lady Pirates closed out the regular season with a victory at home over the 3A Del Norte Tigers by a score of 58-15.

Pagosa started slowly, not scoring ■ See Playoffs A11



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Kylie Ketchum and Elizabeth Currier battle for a rebound against Manitou Springs in the first round of the 4A girls' playoffs. The Lady Pirates defeated the Mustangs to advance to face the Eaton Reds in the second round.



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## BASKETBALL



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Chase Harper drives in for a layup in the Pirates' last regular-season game against Del Norte. Pagosa defeated the Tigers 59-38 and entered the playoffs as the No. 4 team in 4A boys' basketball.

### Pirates close regular season with win over Del Norte

By Robert Moore  
Staff Writer

On Saturday, Feb. 17, the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate basketball team closed the regular season with a victory at home over the 3A Del Norte Tigers by a score of 59-38.

The win helped the Pirates enter the 4A state playoffs as the No. 4 seed. The Pirates led the Tigers 11-7 at the end of the period.

Pagosa opened the second period with an 8-0 scoring run and outscored Del Norte 12-6 in the quarter to take a 23-13 lead into halftime.

The Pirates widened their lead to 47-26 by the end of the third period of play.

The Pirates maintained control during the final period, with the reserves seeing significant playing time.

The final score was 59-36.

"We kind of started a little bit slow," coach Wes Lewis said. "You always have a little bit of an emotional letdown when you have senior night ... We kind of limped our way through the first half and thought we came out in the second half and got back to a little bit of normality and played a lot better."

Pagosa was led by Colt Lewis, who contributed 17 points, four rebounds and three assists. Nathaniel Kinsley

followed with 15 points, six rebounds and one block. Blake Laner had nine points, six rebounds, three assists and three blocks. Chase Harper chipped in seven points, three rebounds, three assists, one steal and one block. Ridge Wilson added seven points, eight rebounds and one assist. Trey Garcia had three points, one rebound, and one assist. Jaxten Schiel added one point and two rebounds. Wyatt Zeigler had one assist. Creede Dozier added one rebound, two assists, two steals and one block.

For the game, the Pirates had 31 rebounds, 14 assists, three steals, six blocks and 12 turnovers, and the team made 15 of 20 attempts from the free-throw line for 75 percent.

#### Playoff action

On Sunday, Feb. 18, the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) announced the bracket and seedings for the 4A boys' playoffs.

Pagosa Springs, as the Intermountain League champion, automatically qualified for the bracket, which consists of a 32-team field. After the league champions, the remainder of the bracket was filled, utilizing the final data from the CHSAA Seeding & Selection Index.

The Pirates earned the No. 4 seed and entered the tournament with a

22-1 record.

The Pirates were set to face the Delta Panthers Wednesday night at home.

The score of the game and additional statistics were not available by press time Wednesday and will be included in next week's edition.

Entering Wednesday's game, Delta was ranked 29th on the bracket, with the Tigers owning a 9-14 record.

The Pirates defeated the Panthers 58-49 in their season opener at the Wolf Creek Classic.

Wes Lewis indicated the Pirates would not be taking the Panthers lightly.

"Delta is really good ... a lot better than a 29 seed. They've got some really good athletes ... they've got size in the middle ... they're a little bit of a head scratcher to some degree. They lost some games they probably shouldn't have ... so, they're a pretty good basketball team," he said.

The winner of Wednesday's game advances to the Sweet 16 round, where they would face either Holy Family, with a 13-10 record and ranked No. 13, or Denver West, with a record of 18-5 and ranked No. 20, on Saturday, Feb. 24.

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### RECREATION NEWS

#### Registration for spring rec programs open

By Matt Zaborowski  
Town of Pagosa Springs

All program registrations for 2024 will be released seasonally.

For the spring season, we have several programs available, including 9- to 10-year-old instructional volleyball, 11- to 12-year-old volleyball, adult volleyball, 4- to 5-year-old T-ball and adult soccer.

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## Playoffs

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until almost three minutes into the game, but its defense and full-court press sparked the team to a 14-0 lead over the Panthers at the end of the first quarter.

The Lady Pirate defense stymied Del Norte though most of the second period, as the Panthers were unable to score until less than two minutes were left in the quarter, and Pagosa took a 24-3 lead into halftime.

The Pirates outscored the Panthers 19-12 in the third quarter to extend their lead over Del Norte to 43-15 by the end of the period.

The Lady Pirates' defense held the Panthers scoreless in the fourth quarter to clinch the victory, winning by a final score of 58-15.

"Del Norte was a fun way to end the season at home," wrote Osborn. "I felt like we played really well together as a team and each one of my starters had a great game. Our press worked

early in the game to frustrate them and create turnovers and open scoring opportunities for us. We shared the ball well and passed up the floor to get the open shot."

The Lady Pirates were led by Currier with 26 points, four rebounds, three assists and three steals. Shahan followed with 10 points, four rebounds, one assist, four steals and two blocks. Daveyann Snarr added eight points, five rebounds, four assists, one block and five steals. O'Donnell chipped in eight points, three rebounds and two steals. Ketchum added six points, three rebounds, five assists and three steals. Amber Snarr contributed two rebounds and one steal, Hittle added one rebound, and Garcia snagged two steals.

Pagosa chalked up 22 rebounds, 13 assists, 20 steals, three blocks and committed 14 turnovers in the game while making 10 of 13 free throws for 77 percent.

# State wrestling tournament

Photos courtesy Allison Wylie

Pagosa Springs High School Pirate grapplers wrestle at the state tournament at Ball Arena in Denver on Feb. 15-17. Three senior boys varsity wrestlers placed at the tournament, with Luke Tressler taking fourth place in the 138-pound weight class, Conner Kelly taking sixth place in the 190-pound weight class and Harley Armijo taking fifth in the 215-pound weight class. Samuel Kelly also received a medal for his victory in a Unified division match.



## WRESTLING

# Four Pirates place at state tournament

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate wrestling teams competed at the state wrestling tournament at the Ball Arena in Denver on Feb. 15-17, with several wrestlers placing.

Coach Dan Janowsky commented that the team wrestled "pretty good." "There's such a thin line up there between having an awesome tournament and having a letdown," he said, adding that all of the attendees at the tournament are talented wrestlers.

"The state of Colorado has gotten so much better that it's a great challenge," Janowsky commented. "That word implies that there's a pretty high risk factor. That's what makes it a challenge."

He also commented that many of Pagosa's wrestlers had not experienced or attended the state tournament before due to the distance and travel times involved.

He added that, due to not winning the regional tournament, Luke Tressler and Conner Kelly were in a "tough place" in terms of their positions in the state tournament bracket and had to face the eventual state champion in their quarter of the bracket.

Anthony Manzanares, competing in the 106-pound weight class, scored four points. He pinned his opponent in four minutes, 56 seconds in the first championship round before being pinned in 5:30 in the quarterfinals.

He then lost in the second consolation round by an 11-7 decision.

Janowsky explained that Manzanares' first win was against a wrestler who was favored to medal at the tournament.

"He wrestled a really good first match," he said, "which is something that is difficult for a guy at his first state tournament to do because it's so different."

The coach stated that Manzanares' second match was against an undefeated wrestler and that "he gave him one of best matches he's had all year," although Manzanares ultimately lost, partially due to a pre-existing rib injury becoming aggravated in the third period.

He added that the rib injury also impacted Manzanares' third match.

In the 138-pound weight class, Tressler took fourth place and scored 13.5 points. He won in the first championship round by a 9-4 decision before being pinned in one minute during the quarterfinals.

He won the second consolation round by a 3-2 decision and the third consolation round by 15-0 technical fall in 3:42.

Tressler defeated his opponent in the consolation semifinals by a 7-4 decision before losing the third-place match by a 9-8 decision.

Janowsky explained that Tressler was defeated by the eventual state champion in the quarterfinals.

He stated that this wrestler earned his fourth state title at the tournament and added, "We knew all year long, Luke did, that if we're going to wrestle at 138 pounds, we're gonna have to figure him out. We had a good plan going in, but he's really good and



Photo courtesy Allison Wylie

**Lady Pirate Laykyn Baxstrom grapples with her opponent during the state wrestling tournament in Denver on Feb. 15-17. Baxstrom made history by being the first state qualifier for the Pagosa girls' wrestling division, which had its first season this year.**

he beat everybody, not just us. He's beaten everybody for four years, so you have to tip your hat to him."

The coach added that Tressler did an "awesome job" wrestling in the consolation bracket, including defeating a wrestler from Alamosa who defeated him at the regional tournament and previous events.

*"Anybody who's got some grit can get in this sport and find a place. We're just proud of the fact that we are ... the most equal opportunities in athletics that exist probably anywhere, but certainly in high school sports.*

**Coach Dan Janowsky**

He stated that Tressler's defeat in the third-place match was driven by some "bad decisions" in the third period.

Janowsky also noted that Tressler defeated this opponent earlier at the state tournament and that the opposing wrestler has a strong understanding of Tressler's style due to wrestling him at multiple events.

Colton Lucero, wrestling in the 144-pound weight class, scored four

points. He won in the first championship round by a 10-4 decision before being pinned in the 3:35 in the quarterfinals.

He won in the second consolation round by a 17-5 major decision before losing in the third consolation round by a 5-1 decision.

Janowsky explained that the 144-pound weight class was especially challenging due to wrestlers moving from the 150-pound weight class to avoid a wrestler from Gunnison or moving up from the 138-pound weight class to avoid the eventual champion from Fort Lupton.

"They kind of pooled up right in that weight and they came ready to fight," he said, adding that many of these wrestlers were seniors, while Lucero is a sophomore.

The coach noted that going from the 126-pound weight class in 2023 to the 144-pound weight class in 2024 was a "challenge" for Lucero due to the increase in weight and strength involved.

He stated that Lucero also faces heightened expectations and scrutiny due to his youth and talents, which pose an additional challenge.

"When you accept a challenge, you understand that there are some pretty significant things in your way ... and he was willing to accept a challenge and accept the risks and ... be strong enough to live with the consequences, whatever they may be," Janowsky said. "It's something that any kid that does that can be very, very proud of."

He added that Lucero's talent also means that wrestlers opposing

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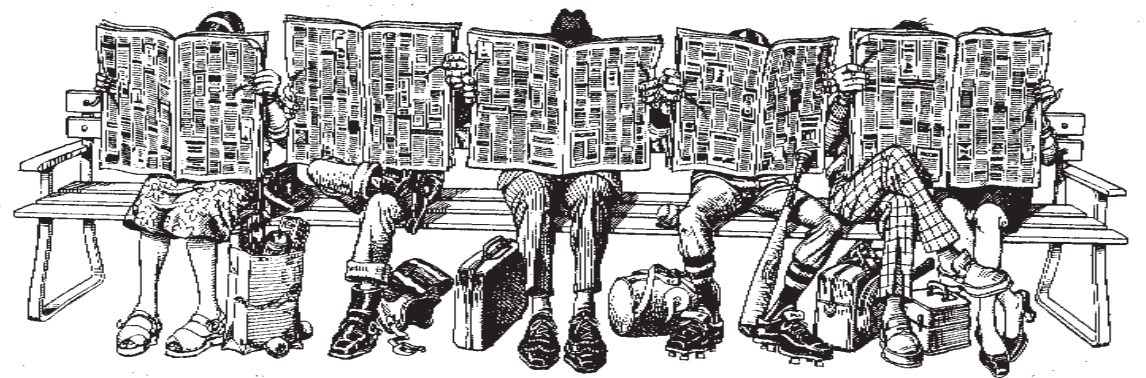
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# Pirates

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him develop tailored strategies and game plans specifically for defeating him.

“They know that he’s really, really good in certain areas, and they wrestle cautiously and calculatingly, and it makes it difficult,” he said. “They game plan for him really hard, and it’s much easier for them to game plan for him than it is for us to game plan for 15 different guys.”

He explained that both of the opponents who defeated Lucero were previously defeated by him and used strategies tailored for defeating him at the tournament.

“All of those factors put together, it’s tough on him, but he’s strong and he understands the game that we’re playing and the risks involved,” Janowsky commented, adding that he was referring to the emotional risks of the sport.

He concluded, “Couldn’t be more proud of a young man like that willing to accept all of that. It’s a lot for anybody.”

In the 190-pound weight class, Kelly took sixth, scoring eight points. He lost in the first championship round by a 7-6 decision before pinning his opponent in 1:57 in the first consolation round.

He won in the second consolation round by an 11-5 decision and in the third by a 3-2 decision.

Kelly was pinned in 2:26 in the consolation semifinals before losing the fifth-place match in the first tiebreaker by 5-3.

The coach noted that Kelly was one second away from scoring an additional point for a three-point near

fall at the end of the first championship round match, a point that would have sent the match into overtime.

Janowsky commented that Kelly had a lead in the fifth-place match but made some “costly decisions” in the later part of the match before ultimately losing in overtime.

“It’s really special to see the way that both kids, on both sides of the mat, are not gonna give up,” he said. “They’re gonna fight with all they’ve got and even when you have a lead, it’s not safe. All the screaming and yelling, you really can’t connect with your coaches. It’s so loud. ... Those two losses that he had were both the difference of a couple of seconds.”

In the 215-pound weight class, Harley Armijo took fifth place and scored 13 points. He achieved a pin in the first championship round in 3:26 before losing in the quarterfinals by a 15-3 major decision.

He won in the second consolation round by a 5-4 decision before pinning his opponent in 4:37 in the third consolation round.

Armijo was pinned in 3:51 in the consolation semifinals before winning the fifth-place match with a 2-1 decision.

The coach commented that Armijo is undersized for his weight class, but has unique strategic abilities and rarely gives away points, meaning that he is highly successful at elongating matches with larger opponents until their fatigue increases toward the end of the match and he can pull ahead.

“If he can hang in there long enough to reach that point in the match, he becomes very dangerous,”

Janowsky said, although he noted that Armijo can rarely create a large point lead over accomplished opponents.

Janowsky stated that Armijo’s loss in the quarterfinals was against a large wrestler from Resurrection Christian School who was a regional champion and was difficult to score on due to his size.

He added that Armijo’s defeat in the consolation semifinals was against a wrestler from Brush and was a “really close match” despite Armijo being pinned.

In the 285-pound weight class, Antonio Quesada was defeated 3-2 in overtime in the first championship round before losing in the first consolation round by a 2-1 decision.

The coach commented that Quesada wrestled “really well,” but that the outcome of both matches was impacted by him being penalized for stalling.

“Stalling is somewhat subjective and he’s the smaller guy and it’s hard for him to bully people around,” Janowsky said. “Sometimes they think he’s stalling when he’s just underused.”

He added that he was not criticizing the judgment of the referees, but was adding additional context that the referees might not have.

In the girls’ 190-pound weight class, Laykyn Baxstrom was pinned in 2:49 in the first championship round before losing in the first consolation round by being pinned in 1:51.

Janowsky explained that Baxstrom faced challenging opponents and added, “I would give her really high marks for ... being the first girl to expe-

rience [the state tournament]. When you’re on the floor of Ball Arena and there’s 10 mats spread out ... you can go to off-season tournaments and get some of that, but what you can’t get is that do-or-die experience. ... If you wrestle in big off-season tournaments and you get beat, you can go find another tournament. But when you get beat in this tournament, you’re out. There’s no other state tournament you can go to next week and get a second chance. So, that changes the dynamic for everybody, that it is a do-or-die situation. And that changes the dynamic for the coaches and it changes the dynamic for the parents and the fans. ... Your entire season ends if you lose.

“That was the first experience any girl in Pagosa has ever had there, and I thought she did extremely well. She scored points in both her matches and she was not, in any sense, overpowered or dominated by her opponents. ... When you see a pin, it doesn’t always mean you got dominated. Sometimes it just means you got a little bit out of position here or there, which a lot of times comes from experience. Of course, our girls are a little bit light in the experience department.

“In terms of her handling the pressure, she didn’t appear nervous. She was nervous, but she didn’t wrestle like she was nervous. She wrestled like you’re supposed to wrestle, looking for your points and your positions and those kinds of things. And, occasionally, as a young wrestler, you get out of position and then maybe you can’t recover from it. It was a great thing. I thought she did really,

really well. I thought she handled the pressure of the state tournament with real poise.”

In the Unified division, Samuel Kelly won by a 17-2 technical fall in two minutes.

Janowsky explained that Kelly’s match occurred before a 20,000-person audience before the finals of the tournament and that he wrestled “really well.”

“Sam puts in the time,” he said. “He’s always there in practice. He’s always learning and working hard, and so he’s pretty good.”

On the tournament as a whole, Janowsky commented, “I’m proud of the group we took up there. Always wish we could have had a couple more and always think that was possible, but it doesn’t always work out. But, the guys that we took ... this is the little something about wrestling and how special wrestling is that a kid like Anthony Manzanares who weighs 106 pounds and a kid like [Quesada] who weighs 240 pounds and they’re both valuable, and a kid like Sam Kelly can come along and now we’ve got the girls coming in. Anybody who’s got some grit can get in this sport and find a place. We’re just proud of the fact that we are ... the most equal opportunities in athletics that exist probably anywhere, but certainly in high school sports.”

The team includes six graduating seniors, including Kelly, Armijo, Tressler, Wyatt Hoover, Derek Carter and Seth Aucoin.

“Anybody that’s willing to accept the challenges that come with wrestling and the risks — it’s such a hard sport, wrestling season is so long and

so challenging and there are some many ups and downs and there are some many disappointments and the ones that are willing to see that through to the end of their senior year ... and when you have kids like that and they go through that, you just have this very deep affection for them which lasts a lifetime, at least from the coach’s standpoint, and I’m pretty sure I speak for the seniors that get all the way to the end,” Janowsky commented. “In almost every case, they’re changed by it. I was proud of every one of them, not just as a person, but as a wrestler. That was a good product that we put out there. They always had a chance to win. ... When you get to the end like that and you can say that ... you’re part of a very unique group.

“I’m sorry to see them go. Luke and Conner in particular have invested so much and helped so many others along the way with their investment. Wyatt Hoover, he put in a lot of wrestling; sometimes you’re just in a spot that’s particularly difficult. He got better throughout the year; he got better until the end.

“Seth and Harley are kind of late to the sport. ... Seth is in his first year as a high school wrestler although he had plenty of youth experience. Harley started as a sophomore. Derek moved here his sophomore year and was uncertain as to what he wanted to do, and he got on board and he won a lot of big matches for us. Each of them, they have a very dear part in our hearts as coaches for being willing to risk themselves in the sport of wrestling.”

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# Rates

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“I feel sorry for everyone, but I feel a lot sorer for the individual homeowner,” Walsh said. “If you’re a sophisticated investor and a builder ... I understand you’re busy ..., but you gotta kind of ... keep your ear out for this stuff. Though, I’m sure we could do a better job of communicating it.”

Walsh also raised concerns about Lashbrooke’s proposal to fund the costs of certain projects with grants, noting that the timeline for PAWSD’s projects might be too tight.

He added that, if PAWSD could secure grants, the rate increases could be slowed.

Walsh commented that, if Lashbrooke had a “game-changing” affordable housing project with extensive support from local governments and utilities, he did not see “any reason” why the PAWSD board could not consider a potential reduction in fees.

“That doesn’t mean that we can’t be participants in bringing these costs down,” he said. “Especially if you find us millions of dollars in grants.”

Walsh concluded by stating that the rates and CIFs are going to “go through the roof” and “I’m terribly sorry about it.”

PAWSD board member Bill Hudson then discussed the reasoning behind the increased fees for STRs, explaining that Stantec determined that the average winter water use for STRs is 40 percent higher than that of other residents.

He stated that winter water use was used to factor out water spent on watering lawns and gardens.

“So, we’re not trying to hit STRs

because we hate STRs; we’re trying to serve our customers fairly as they use our services,” Hudson said.

He added that increasing the rates for STRs allows PAWSD to reduce the impact of the fee increases on full-time residents and shift the costs onto tourists who are using the sewer system at a higher rate.

Walsh noted that the comparison of use is between STRs and the average households in the community, which includes many second or summer homes.

He highlighted the economic benefits of STRs that are cited by their advocates and said, “I don’t think you can do both and say this is a great economic boom that brings thousands more people to town to use our structures, but it’s not having a big effect on how much human byproduct is going to [the Vista Wastewater Treatment Plant].”

Tauges commented that PAWSD is 50 years old and that its infrastructure is aging, which is causing issues with inflow and infiltration (I and I) and is increasing other maintenance costs.

He added that the district is under a state mandate to reduce I and I, which further limits the district’s discretion in shifting or delaying projects and the associated costs.

He also commented that he understands the impacts of high costs on the community as he faced financial challenges when he was first building a house in the community and stated that the district has pursued and secured a wide variety of grants in the past.

Tauges added that he would likely support reducing fees if the district

could acquire additional grants.

Walsh commented that the district’s noncompliant status with the CDPHE poses an additional challenge in acquiring grants.

The group then discussed the impacts of noncompliance on grants and if the regulatory compliance upgrades could be counted as growth or not.

In response to comments from the public, Tautes and Walsh stated that the regulatory upgrades are likely not attributable to growth and, while PAWSD might not frame its needs as being related to noncompliance in grant applications, the CDPHE would likely frame them in this way if asked for comments.

The board then discussed the procedures for asking for exceptions or reductions to the fees for special cases, such as Lashbrooke’s project or a builder whose projects were already under contract with the assumption that the 2023 CIFs would continue.

Hudson explained that the board was considering rates and fees for all customers at this meeting and that requests for variances would be considered at a later meeting.

He also commented that the PAWSD board has worked on developing these fees and making them fair for a year and that he had not heard any suggestions that would make them more fair at the meeting.

This comment was met with objections and outbursts from the commenters in the room, who complained about the fees being spread unequally and their suggestions being ignored.

Walsh noted that PAWSD has increased a range of fees, including

septic hauler fees and availability fees, to spread the impacts through the community.

He added that, if the CIF increases slow development, the rates may have to be increased to allow the district to garner sufficient revenue.

Hudson stated that the increases would allow PAWSD to have enough money to meet its financial needs and that the district would be in significant debt otherwise, which it cannot enter because it is a government entity.

The discussion then returned to grants, with District Engineer/Manager Justin Ramsey explaining, in response to a proposal to delay the decision until the March board meeting to allow the district to investigate grants, that this would not be sufficient time to investigate, apply for and receive grant funds.

Walsh added that, if the district receives significant grant funding, it would likely reduce rates and CIFs evenly.

Ramsey, in response to another public comment, stated that the infrastructure involved in supporting new development is paid for by the developer, not by the ratepayers.

One commenter questioned if the district was aware of the grants that Lashbrooke referenced in her comments.

Hudson stated that Lewis, who serves as the grant writer for the district, was aware of the grants.

Hudson commended the quality of Lewis’s work, and Walsh noted that Lewis obtained approximately \$6 million in grants for the ongoing Snowball Water Treatment Plant expansion project.



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Lisa Marie Johnson Canilao  
DATE FILED: February 13, 2024  
Case Number: 24C13  
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Public Notice is given on 2/16/24 that a Petition for a Change of Name of an Adult has been filed with the Archuleta Court.  
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By C. Turner, Deputy Clerk  
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For a Change of Name to:  
Paultette Angela Bianucci  
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CO 81147, until 2:00 p.m., Thursday March 7, 2024. Bids must be hand or courier delivered. Bids conveyed by fax, email or regular mail will not be accepted. As soon as practical after the closing time, the bids shall be opened in public and read aloud at the Archuleta County Administration Building, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, CO. Bids received after the closing time shall be returned unopened to the bidder.  
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The bid shall be awarded by the Board of County Commissioners. It is the Bidders’ responsibility to verify the exact date of the award. Bidders may, but shall not be required to, attend the award of bid. A bid tab shall be forwarded to all Bidders as soon as practicable thereafter.  
The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities and minor irregularities in bids, and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Board, to be in the best interest of Archuleta County.  
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/s/ Dagna Van Der Jagt  
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Following further discussion of the reasoning behind the increase for STRs, how these increases would impact various lodging establishments and the validity of the increases, Smith called for a vote on the rate increases.

The four board members present (PAWSD board member Paul Hansen was absent) unanimously voted to approve the increases in rates and fees.

Following the vote on rates and fees, the board members present also unanimously voted to approve changes to connection charges and other non-rate revenue in accordance with the recommendations of the Stantec rate study.

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# Outdoor recreation group sponsoring community listening sessions, online citizen survey

By Stephanie Weber  
Southwest Colorado Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Roundtable

The Southwest Colorado Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Roundtable (SCCORR) is a new Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnerships initiative for Archuleta, La Plata, San Juan and southern Hinsdale counties.

SCCORR is funded through Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), stemming from the governor's 2020 executive order to develop a "locally rooted approach to ensure we remain a world-class outdoor destination while preserving our land, water, wildlife, and quality of life."

This new coalition will use awarded funding to convene diverse users and voices from the region to identify common ground, share up-to-date information, and chart a course for the region to identify overarching goals and strategies related to conservation and outdoor recreation.

A significant facet of SCCORR is to gather input from residents of Southwest Colorado on the main opportunities and challenges they see facing conservation and outdoor recreation in our area. To that end, SCCORR is facilitating community listening sessions and has an online citizen survey

open to residents and visitors.

The community listening sessions will be held in Bayfield, Durango, Ignacio, Pagosa Springs and Silverton during February and March. These facilitated community discussions are designed for residents of Southwest Colorado to share their thoughts in small group sessions fostering focused input.

These sessions seek input from all user groups, from fishing and hunting to nature and wildlife enthusiasts to ranchers and working lands groups to motorized and nonmotorized recreationalists.

"SCCORR exists because of the critical need for collaborative, long-term sustainability efforts in southwest Colorado, and for its residents to have a stake in the future of conservation and outdoor recreation in this place we all collectively and equally love," explained Stephanie Weber, executive director of San Juan Mountains Association, the organization facilitating SCCORR. "It is critical for us to keep all lines of communication open during this process and to ensure there is adequate representation of all who wish to contribute their input to the outcomes of the future Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan."

The citizen survey, with an estimated 15-minute time commitment, is available online through April.

SCCORR is enlisting the help of residents and visitors to spread the word about the survey in an effort to develop as broad an understanding of priorities as possible.

SCCORR will coalesce information on the current collaborations and initiatives in Southwest Colorado focused on forest health, recreation, water and wildlife. Goals and strategies of these initiatives will be shared on SCCORR.org and, equally, SCCORR will ensure stakeholders have a voice during the decision-making process.

Additionally, GIS mapping data on wildlife habitat and outdoor recreation use will be gathered, analyzed and incorporated to better inform the long-term planning of conservation and outdoor recreation efforts in Southwest Colorado.

To participate in a community listening session, please visit SCCORR.org for a list of listening session locations, dates and times.

To take the citizen survey, please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GWK325B> to access the survey.

To become a member of the dedicated stakeholder group and join quarterly meetings, visit SCCORR.org to fill out the short form to be added to the stakeholder list.



Photo courtesy Lisa Nelson

Members from the various recreation user groups that comprise the Pagosa Area Trails Council come together on Feb. 15 to kick off a collaborative effort to repair U.S. Forest Service signs on the Pagosa Ranger District. They started with two signs at the base of Turkey Creek Road that required sanding, repairing sections of wood rot and painting. The sign crew included, from left: Kevin Daugherty, DUST2; Logan Hart, DUST2; Steve Earle, San Juan Outdoor Club; Anne Fleming, Wolf Song Adventures; John Nelson (kneeling), San Juan Back Country Horsemen; and Bill Milner, San Juan Outdoor Club and the Pagosa Nordic Club. The group agreed that the work not only makes a difference out on the ground, but also with recreation user group relations.

## The Blotter

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

**Archuleta County Sheriff's Office**  
Calls for service for two weeks: 480.

Jan. 17 — Third-degree burglary-coin operated machine, second degree criminal trespass, criminal mischief, County Road 302.

Jan. 19 — Duty to report use of force, Harman Park Drive.

Jan. 20 — Duty to report use of force, Harman Park Drive.

Jan. 21 — Harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, second-degree assault-aggravated assault-weapon, reckless endangerment, child abuse, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, domestic violence, criminal attempt second-degree murder-willful-weapon, Morning Rain Court.

Jan. 22 — Information only, West U.S. 160.

Jan. 22 — Information only, Ranchland Drive.

Jan. 22 — Child abuse, County Road 335.

Jan. 22 — All other thefts, Navajo Trail Drive.

Jan. 23 — Agency assist, County Road 700.

Jan. 23 — Dog at large (first offense), County Road 982.

Jan. 23 — Information only, Colo. 151.

Jan. 24 — Under investigation, no location listed.

Jan. 24 — Second-degree criminal trespass, Colo. 151.

Jan. 24 — Warrant arrest, warrant arrest, Park Avenue/Talisman Drive.

Jan. 24 — Trespass warning, Eagle's Loft Circle.

Jan. 24 — Abandonment of motor vehicle, Indian Land Road.

Jan. 25 — Trespass, West U.S. 160.

Jan. 25 — Violation of restraining order, Fireside Street.

Jan. 26 — Warrant arrest, North Pagosa Boulevard, West U.S. 160.

Jan. 26 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, domestic violence, criminal mischief, third-degree assault-simple assault, child abuse, Canyon Circle.

Jan. 26 — Fraudulent acts, Running Horse Place.

Jan. 27 — Under investigation, no location listed.

Jan. 27 — Violation of bail bond condition-felony, Bastille Drive.

Jan. 27 — Information only, West U.S. 160/Boulder Drive.

Jan. 27 — Death investigation, Bonanza Avenue.

Jan. 27 — Domestic violence, third-degree assault-simple assault, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Oak Drive.

Jan. 28 — Information only, West U.S. 160.

Jan. 28 — Domestic violence, second-degree assault-aggravated-police officer-weapon, menacing-felony-aggravated-weapon, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, third-degree assault-simple assault, criminal mischief, Cactus Drive.

Jan. 28 — Agency assist, U.S. 160.

Jan. 28 — Expired license plates, Great West Avenue/U.S. 160.

Jan. 28 — Abandonment of motor vehicle, Justin's Road/Crooked Road.

Jan. 29 — Under investigation, no location listed.

Jan. 29 — Warrant arrest, warrant arrest, warrant arrest, Trails Boulevard/Bonanza Avenue.

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Jan. 29 — Warrant arrest, Trails Boulevard/Bonanza Avenue.

Jan. 30 — Warrant arrest, County Road 302.

Jan. 30 — Information only, County Road 119.

Jan. 30 — Second-degree criminal trespass, West Stollsteimer Road.

Jan. 31 — Criminal mischief, second-degree criminal trespass, Eagle's Loft Circle.

Jan. 31 — First-degree aggravated motor vehicle theft, first-degree aggravated motor vehicle theft, Indian Paint Brush Drive.

Jan. 31 — Domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, North Pagosa Boulevard.

Jan. 31 — Information only, South Pagosa Boulevard.

Feb. 2 — No offense listed, Arrowhead Drive.

Feb. 2 — Warrant arrest, Prospect Boulevard/Lyn Avenue.

Feb. 2 — Vicious dog with injury, Park Avenue.

Feb. 2 — Information only, County Road 700.

Feb. 3 — Drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, failed to drive in single lane (weaving), vehicle with defective, improper or no tail lamps, West U.S. 160/Trinity Lane.

Feb. 3 — Warrant arrest, West U.S. 160/Trinity Lane.

Feb. 4 — Drove vehicle when license suspended, information only, Ace Court/County Road 600.

**Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department**

Calls for service for two weeks: 224.

Jan. 20 — Careless driving, left scene without providing information after striking unattended vehicle, Crestview drive.

Jan. 21 — Nuisance animal running at large, South 9th Street.

Jan. 21 — Menacing-intimidation, Eagle Drive.

Jan. 22 — DUI, San Juan Street.

Jan. 23 — Careless driving, Boulder Drive/Cornerstone Drive.

Jan. 23 — Criminal tampering, South 5th Street.

Jan. 24 — False reporting to authorities, menacing-felony-aggravated-weapon, violation of restraining order, East Pagosa Street.

Jan. 25 — Harassment, South 8th Street.

Jan. 25 — Shoplifting, Aspen Village Drive.

Jan. 26 — Criminal trespass, East U.S. 160.

Jan. 27 — Harassment, South 8th Street.

Jan. 27 — Animal complaint, South 8th Street.

Jan. 27 — Noise disturbance, Cobblestone Lane.

Jan. 27 — Reckless driver, U.S. 160/County Road 600.

Jan. 28 — DUI, speeding, Talisman Drive.

Jan. 29 — Unsafe backing, failed to notify police of accident, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Jan. 30 — Assault, South 9th Street.

Jan. 30 — Animal complaint, East Florida Drive.

Jan. 30 — Found property, Spring Street.

Jan. 31 — Animal complaint, South Pagosa Boulevard.

Feb. 1 — Fraud, Eagle Drive.

Feb. 2 — Theft, Aspen Village Drive.

**Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Anthony D. Edwards**

Jan. 22 — Robert Keating, parking during inclement weather, fine and costs — \$85.

Jan. 22 — Cody Carr, disobeyed of-

ficial traffic control signal traffic when making a left turn, four points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$146.

Jan. 22 — Reginald Larkin, vicious animal prohibited, fine and costs — \$85.

Jan. 22 — Blair Griggs, disorderly conduct, fine and costs — \$100.

Jan. 23 — Rakesh Patel, failed to yield to oncoming traffic when making a left turn, three points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$116.

Jan. 23 — Dustin Montoya, shoplifting, six months unsupervised probation, fine and costs — \$235.

Jan. 23 — Larry Cushman, shoplifting, three months unsupervised probation, fine and costs — \$185.

**Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay**

Jan. 24 — Lawrence Joseph Happ, violation p/o-civil, nine months probation, fines and costs — \$5,281.27.

Jan. 24 — Gary Dean Westergren, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.

Jan. 24 — Genesis Tepper, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$190.

Jan. 24 — Kari Simmons, weaving from traffic lane, fines and costs — \$135.

Jan. 24 — Ernest J. Romero, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.

Jan. 24 — Collin J. Lovejoy, driver's license-not in possession, headlamps-excess number, obstructed view-windshield, fines and costs — \$151.50.

Jan. 24 — Jude P. Lindberg, speeding 1-4 over, fines and costs — \$120.

Jan. 24 — Keith A. Komar Jr., speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.

Jan. 24 — Nicholas F. Douglas, speeding 5-9 over, fines and costs — \$160.

Jan. 24 — Jeffery Cobos, headlamps-failure to display, fines and costs — \$65.

Jan. 24 — Daniel John Bilazzo, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.

Jan. 24 — Ryan W. Abresch, driving under restraint, fines and costs — \$177.50.

Jan. 24 — Jamisen M. Abernathy, speeding 1-4 over, fines and costs — \$120.

Jan. 25 — Alisha Turner, obedience to official traffic control device, fines and costs — \$135.

Jan. 25 — Joseph P. Lussi, speeding

10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$210.50.

Jan. 29 — Carl Wilson Willes, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$190.

Jan. 30 — Christopher Martin Gabb, speeding 5-9 over, fines and costs — \$160.

Jan. 31 — Jonathan R. Houston, driving under the influence, 25 days jail, 10 days electronic surveillance, 48 hours community service, 12 months probation alcohol evaluation and supervision, fines and costs — \$720.50.

Jan. 31 — Boone Z. Hill, stop lamps-defective, fines and costs — \$48.50.

Jan. 31 — Brian Garcia, disorderly conduct-offensive gesture, six months probation, fines and costs — \$381.

Jan. 31 — Randy L. Thrower, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$132.50.

Jan. 31 — Misty Arlene Onate, speeding 25+ over, fines and costs — \$207.

Jan. 31 — Mohammad A. Saidan, speeding 5-9 over, fines and costs — \$160.

Jan. 31 — Chandra C. Ortega, obedience to official traffic control device, fines and costs — \$170.

Jan. 31 — Beth Ann Knox, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.

Jan. 31 — John A. Gurule, driving under FRA suspension, fines and costs — \$177.50.

Jan. 31 — Cole Marcus Dampier, obedience to official traffic control device, fines and costs — \$170.

Jan. 31 — Giangelo Guillermo Garbiso, registration-unregistered vehicle, driver's license-fail change name/address, fines and costs — \$183.50.

Jan. 31 — Virginia May Buck, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$155.50.

Jan. 31 — Jamisen M. Abernathy, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$161.50.

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

Jan. 25 — Roger Vizcaino Zubia, assault 3-know/reckless cause injury, three days jail, two years probation, fines and costs — \$1,503.50.

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

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## ARTS & LIFE

# Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

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Photo courtesy Gene Tautges

February 22, 2024

# Knights of Columbus Fish Fry running through March 22

Special to The PREVIEW

The 28th annual Knights of Columbus Fish Fry is underway.

Every Friday through March 22, a carry-out dinner of fried fish filets, french fries and coleslaw will be available for \$15.

The meals are available from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, located at 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

# Community Earth Day celebration set

By Pauline Benetti

Southwest Organization for Sustainability

April 22, 2024 — over a half century of celebrating Earth Day.

So much accomplished, yet there is so much still to do. What began in 1970 in the U.S. some 20 million strong is now worldwide and numbering a billion plus. This year's theme calls our attention to one of our greatest challenges: plastics versus the planet. We will ask, whose side are you on?

Our local Earth Day Planning Group of the Southwest Organization for Sustainability is issuing a notice to save the date. Our Pagosa community will celebrate Earth Day on April 21 — the day following the two-day Colorado Environmental Film Festival hosted by the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP).

■ See Celebration on next page



Photo courtesy Southwest Organization for Sustainability

Youngsters race their solar cars during the 2022 Earth Day celebration. The event will be back for this year's celebration, set for April 21.

## Live Performers



### Friday

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

### Saturday

The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Jackson Mountain Ramblers, 5 p.m.

### Tuesday

The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Jason Rose, 5 p.m.

### Wednesday

Alley House Grille lounge: Bob Hemenger, 5:30 p.m.  
The Den: Karaoke, 8 p.m.

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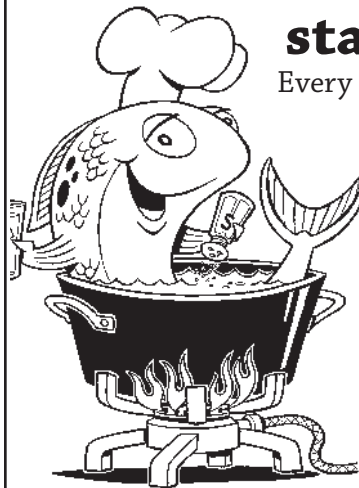
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# Celebration

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On Earth Day, April 22, the celebration over, but we will have much to contemplate as we ask ourselves, "Whose side am I on? What am I doing?"

Our tradition is to occupy the town's prime promenade the Riverwalk with booths and use the GGP amphitheater for events.

Some prime events are already lined up. For the kids, solar car racing is returning by popular acclaim, and the chalk art contest continues to offer a creative outlet for our youth. And, there's more to come.

For adults, events range from the contemplative to the practical: opening and closing ceremonies, meditation and a community tea ceremony to a science talk and a clothing swap, with more to come.

The planning group is calling all

individuals, nonprofits, agencies, companies, etc. who believe they have a stake in the celebration and something to offer to identify themselves as participants. This call to potential participants includes the hope that our various individuals, nonprofits, agencies and companies will begin now to think creatively about an activity, a contest, a something that involves the visitor in a way that is relevant to the event we

celebrate. Please note there will be prizes for creativity and relevance.

To communicate with the planning group with questions or interest in participating, email [sospagosa@hotmail.com](mailto:sospagosa@hotmail.com).

For local Earth Day information, see [sospagosa.org](http://sospagosa.org) in the near future as we have information available.

For more information regarding national and international Earth Day news, see [earthday.org](http://earthday.org).



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## WHIPS announces monthly luncheon

By Nancy Ford

Women Helping in Pagosa Springs

WHIPS, Women Helping in Pagosa Springs, will have their monthly luncheon on Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 11:30 a.m. at The Buck Stops Here.

The cost is \$15. All women are welcome. We must have you RSVP to (970) 946-1895 by Sunday, Feb. 25. See you there.



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# New online AARP aging program, curbside service offered

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Seniors aged 60 and over are invited to participate in a new free live online Senior Planet program on the first and third Fridays of the month starting March 1 at your library from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Judy will connect the group via the video conferencing platform Zoom so that you can join other seniors across the country in discussing aging issues such as loneliness, isolation, making new friends and learning in new hobbies.

This Senior Planet program was created by AARP. In addition to the aging discussions at the library, Judy will show you how to use Zoom from your home to participate in topics like finance, wellness, fitness, computers and technology on other times and dates if you are interested.

## Curbside service available

As we progress further into the winter germ season, we wanted to be sure you know that we continue to offer curbside service for those of you who prefer to have us bring your items outside to you to help limit your exposure to — or sharing of — potential germs. Or, you may have concerns about walking on snow or ice.

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## Virtual author talks

Our highly popular free online author talks continue with one more opportunity for you to interact with New York Times bestselling authors and ask questions in February.

For details and to register, go to <https://libraryc.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

Wednesday, Feb. 28 at noon will showcase Kim Scott.

## Friends of the Library



## event

The Friends of the Library will gather next Wednesday, Feb. 28, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. to mingle and then talk about plans for Friends' events in 2024. Pizza, salad and sodas will be provided.

## Online New York Times

We have purchased an online subscription to The New York Times that allows you 24/7 free access to the online version of the newspaper from your home or any personal device.

Go to the library website at <https://pagosalibrary.org>. Click on Online Resources on the gray top line on the home page. Scroll down to the Ns for New York Times and click on that icon. Your access code will automatically be generated, good for 24 hours each time you sign on. You then will be asked for your email address to log in or to create an account.

## Dungeons and Dragons

Today, Thursday, Feb. 22, and next Tuesday, Feb. 27, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., join our Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults. Preregistration is required because space is limited. Contact Josie@pagosalibrary.org to join.

## Teen/tween murder mystery tomorrow

Teens and tweens are invited to solve the clues to discover who the real murderer is when every is a suspect at this free event on Friday, Feb. 23, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

## Paws to Read tomorrow

Friday, Feb. 23, from 2 to 3 p.m., youngsters are invited to share their favorite books with Muppet or Maple, therapy dogs who love stories, at a

free Paws to Read session.

## Board games tomorrow

Come play a favorite game or bring one of your own to share at this free all-ages event Friday, Feb. 23, from 3 to 4 p.m.

## Adult knitting Saturday

Join new and experienced knitters this Saturday, Feb. 24, for our free Knitters Circle from 1 to 3 p.m. It is for anyone over the age of 18 who would like to knit together or get some help if you are stuck on your project.

## Teen/tween art camp

Each month we explore a different style or medium at this free event. In February, it's pastels. Join us Monday, Feb. 26, from 4 to 5 p.m. Registration is required.

## Music fun Monday

Pagosa Unplugged is free from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, for amateur musicians of all ages to jam and sing with others. For details, contact Susan at (970) 946-3396.

## Adult DIY

At the free adult DIY next Tuesday, Feb. 27, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., you will create jewelry with polymer clay with local artist Miranda. All supplies will be provided. Preregistration is required.

## Adult strategy change sessions

"Strategize Change in Your Life in 2024" is a free weekly program for adults on Wednesdays from 1 to 2:15 p.m. that happens only in February.

Led by a licensed professional counselor named Jennifer, the group focuses on goal setting and making positive changes to identify and change unwanted behaviors. Attendance is limited, so preregistration is required.

## New basic quilting classes

Adults are invited to a free quilting ■ See Library on page 6

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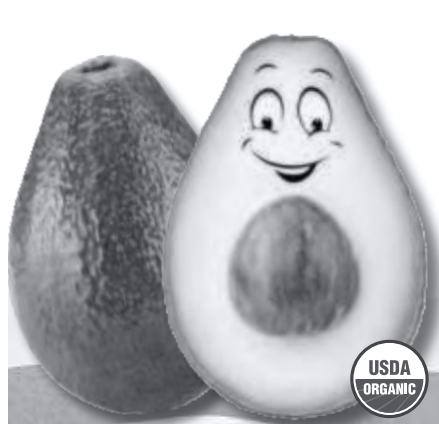
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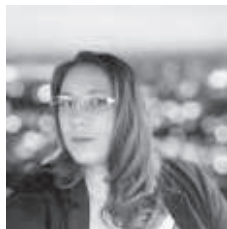
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class every Wednesday until March 6 from 1 to 3 p.m. led by Wanita Martin, a local quilter. Preregistration is required and classes are limited to six participants.

You also need access to a sewing machine, a ruler, good scissors, a marking pen, straight pins, thread, an iron and an ironing board.

## Elementary tutoring sessions

Children ages 6-11 are welcome at these free sessions on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. where they will build essential skills in core subjects. Preregistration is required.

Please note there is no tutoring Feb. 28.

## Family storytimes

Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m., join a free educational hour of reading, singing and free play to build early literacy skills.

## Writers' guild

Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m., Ruby's Writers Guild welcomes writers looking for opportunities, support, resources and camaraderie with other writers at this free gathering.

## Tech Time

Free in-person slots are available from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays. Judy helps you with basic questions relating to computers, smartphones and tablets, and also provides assistance in accessing the library's online resources.

No appointment is needed for these drop-in sessions, but please bring your device's charger and passwords with you.

## Pagosa Adult Learning Services (PALS)

Join Mark or Sally for free PALS sessions Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m. to help with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. PALS stands for Pagosa Adult Learning Services.

## Mysteries, suspense and thrillers

"Northwoods" by Amy Pease begins when a body is found in a lake in a midwestern resort town. "The Missing Witness" by Allison Brennan features Det. Kara Quinn and an FBI special agent. "The Lock-up" by John Banville brings two detectives together to solve a globe-spanning mystery. "Chenneville" by Paulette Jiles follows an injured Civil War soldier who arrives home to discover a brutal family murder. "Holmes Marple & Poe" by James Patterson and Brian Sitts focuses on a team of brilliant PIs in New York City. "Weapons of Opportunity" by Dale Brown is a Nick Flynn adventure. "Midnight" by Amy McCulloch takes place on a luxury cruise ship in Antarctica. "The Ascent" by Dam Plantinga reveals the aftermath of a malfunction in a

prison's security system.

## Other novels

"Invisible Woman" by Katia Lief follows events after the surfacing of a long-held secret between estranged best friends. "The Book of Fire" by Christy Lefteri tells of Greeks trying to recover after a forest fire and suspicious death. "A Council of Dolls" by Mona Susan Power is a tale of three extraordinary women from midcentury Chicago to a Dakota reservation and brutal Native American boarding schools. "Library for the War-Wounded" by Monika Helfer explores the mysterious life of a German soldier in the aftermath of World War II, especially his remarkable library. "Talking at Night" by Claire Daverley tells of two teens who can't let go of what might have been. "House of Flame and Shadow" by Sarah J. Maas is a Crescent City fantasy.

## Pagosa-based novel on CD

"All Rhodes Lead Here" by Mariana Zapata is a romance set in Pagosa. It features a young woman who has broken up with her long-time, famous musician boyfriend and decides to move back to the small mountain town that was once her home but is full of bittersweet memories of her late mother.

## Other books on CD

"Come and Get It" by Kiley Reid follows two young women combining skills in an unusual way to meet their individual goals. "Tree of Aeons" by SpaiZZer is book three in the Isekai LitPRG series about a man who becomes a tree. "Harbor Lights" by James Lee Burke is a collection of eight short stories. "Random in Death" by J.D. Robb is an Eve Dallas crime thriller. "Upside Down" by Danielle Steel is about a highly successful mother-daughter team who want to repair their relationship. "Dead Man's Hand" by Brad Taylor is a Pike Logan special services adventure. "The Bad Weather Friend" by Dean Koontz begins with an inheritance from an unknown uncle.

## DVDs

We have three Great Courses DVDs: "An Introduction to Genealogy," "How to Play the Piano" and "How to Sing." "Vivo" is an animated musical adventure. "A Silent Voice" is a coming-of-age movie about schoolyard bullying of a deaf girl. "Trolls Band Together" in the DreamWorks sing-along version. "The Lost City" is a jungle adventure comedy. "Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny" stars Harrison Ford. "Happy Valley" is a thriller starring Sarah Lancashire.

## Nonfiction

"The Hunger Habit" by Dr. Judson Brewer provides tips on how to stop when you eat when you're not hungry. "Resilient" by Brooke Wells is a memoir about the author's comeback after a serious accident at

the 2021 CrossFit Games. "Infectious Generosity" by Chris Anderson documents the powerful impact of acts of generosity. "Have a Beautiful, Terrible Day" by Kate Bowler contains daily meditations for the ups, downs and in-between days.

"The End of Race Politics" by Coleman Hughes offers intellectual tools to create a colorblind America. "Dear Black Girls" by A'Ja Wilson is a guide to not letting racism keep you down by providing stories and examples to use as inspiring models. "The War Below" by Reuters reporter Ernest Scheyder explores the war for critical minerals. "5 Ingredients Mediterranean" by Jamie Oliver contains quick and easy Mediterranean recipes.

## Quotable quote

"When another person is talking, you want to be listening so loudly that you are practically burning calories. Watch Oprah, a true master of conversation, as she interviews someone. You can see her feeling, in her highly reactive way, the emotions the other person is describing. ... When the conversation takes a happy turn, she volleys back ... a subtle chorus of encouragements. ... When the conversation takes a sad or serious turn, she wears a concerned look on her face and sits in attentive silence. ..." — David Brooks, writer and commentator, in his new book, "How To Know a Person," available at your Ruby Sisson library.

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# Colorado Proud Recipe of the Month: carrot cake

By Robin Young  
PREVIEW Columnist

Colorado Proud is a program of the Colorado Department of Agriculture that promotes food and agricultural products grown, raised or made in Colorado.

The program's more than 3,000 members include growers, processors, schools, restaurants and retailers statewide. February's recipe is Decadent Carrot Cake.

Carrot cake has earned its place as a timeless classic in the world of baking. This delectable treat perfectly combines the earthy sweetness of carrots with the rich, moist texture of cake. With its garden origins and well-earned status as a beloved dessert for any occasion, carrot cake has proven its versatility and ability to captivate hearts with every delicious bite.

Carrots are renowned for their health benefits, making them a nutritious addition to a well-balanced diet. Carrots are rich in nutrients, providing a good source of essential nutrients such as vitamin A, vitamin C, potassium and fiber. Vitamin A is particularly important for maintaining healthy vision, skin and immune function. They also have antioxidant properties; carrots contain antioxidants like beta-carotene, which gives them their vibrant orange color.

Beta-carotene is converted into vitamin A in the body and helps protect cells from oxidative damage caused by free radicals and promotes eye health. Regular consumption of carrots may help prevent conditions such as night blindness and age-related macular degeneration (Food Smart Colorado). Carrots also aid in digestion due to fiber, are low in calories, provide hydration and support heart health.

Fun fact: Originating in Iran and Afghanistan, carrots were originally many colors, ranging from red and purple to black. The iconic orange color and sweet taste that most people prefer in carrots today did not appear until the 17th century in the Netherlands, a product of cross breeding by botanists (Food Smart Colorado).

Colorado carrots are typically available August through November and can be stored through the winter in the appropriate setting (Food Smart Colorado).

You can find several other ways to make this carrot cake even more Colorado Proud by purchasing local flour, eggs and dairy as ingredients.

Try this delicious recipe from Jennifer Yu and make your next dessert memorable.

## Extension Viewpoints

### Decadent Carrot Cake

Prep time: 20 minutes  
Bake time: 35 minutes  
Serves: 8 slices

#### Ingredients:

#### Cake

1 1/2 cups flour  
1 cup sugar  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon ground cloves  
1 teaspoon allspice  
2/3 cup cooking oil  
2 eggs

1 cup finely shredded raw carrot  
1/2 cup crushed pineapple (with syrup)

1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1/2 cup of walnuts, chopped

#### Frosting

8 ounces cream cheese, room temperature  
2 ounces unsalted butter, room temperature  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
pinch of salt  
1 pound confectioner's sugar

#### Cake:

Stir dry ingredients together in a large bowl. Add remaining cake ingredients and mix until moistened.

Pour batter into a greased and lightly floured baking pan. For a 9-inch by 9-inch by 2-inch baking pan, bake at 350 F for about 35 minutes or until the toothpick comes out clean or with moist crumbs.

Or, bake in 2 6-inch round pans at 375 F for 45 minutes (at elevation).

Remove cakes from the oven and, when slightly cooled, invert onto a cooling rack out of the pan and let cool completely.

#### Cream cheese frosting:

Cream the butter and cream cheese together until completely blended.

Add vanilla and salt. Blend.

Gradually beat in confectioner's sugar to desired consistency.

Note: Make as a layer cake with 1.5 times the amount of frosting. If there is any leftover, the frosting works beautifully on cinnamon buns.

Visit [www.coloradoproud.com](http://www.coloradoproud.com) for a complete list of recipes.

*This article was written by the Colorado Department of Agriculture.*

### Save the dates

• Feb. 22: Livestock and forage growers updates. Biosecurity, current

diseases and outbreak issues, emergency preparedness, and influences on meat quality.

Go to <https://abm.extension.colostate.edu/lfg-update/> for more information.

• Save the dates for Tuesday evenings in April at 6 p.m. for the Landowner Stewardship Series.

Do you own property in Archuleta County? Would you like to know more about your land and its resources?

The Colorado State University (CSU) Extension office and the San Juan Conservation District are hosting an in-depth landowner series on stewardship practices on your land. Registration is coming soon.

### CPR and first aid classes

CPR and first aid certification classes are offered every other month by the CSU Extension office, generally on the second Monday and Wednesday of each month from 6 to 10 p.m. The cost for the classes is \$80 for combined CPR/first aid and \$55 for CPR, first aid or recertification. Call the Extension office at (970) 264-5931 to register.

Check out the online option on our website, <https://archuleta.extension.colostate.edu/>.

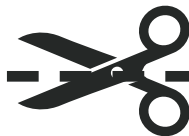
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Photos courtesy Evenings Porch Assisted Living

Residents at Evenings Porch Assisted Living in Bayfield receive love boxes from the ABLAZE Catholic High School Youth Group for Valentine's Day.

## ABLAZE Catholic High School Youth Group delivers love boxes

By Shanna Robb

ABLAZE Catholic High School Youth Group

Teens from the ABLAZE Catholic High School Youth Group in Pagosa Springs are spreading love in and outside the Pagosa Springs community.

As of Valentine's Day 2024, the teens have wrapped and delivered

more than 90 love boxes.

Senior residents at both BeeHive Homes and Pine Ridge Rehabilitation in Pagosa Springs received love boxes last December. Senior residents at Evenings Porch Assisted Living in Bayfield received their boxes on Valentine's Day last week.

While the wrapped boxes only measure 1.5 inches by 1.5 inches, the

message tied to each ribbon is priceless, as it focuses on hope and love.

To request a box or learn more about the high school youth group, contact Pope John Paul II Catholic Church at [ablazehsyg@ihmjp2.org](mailto:ablazehsyg@ihmjp2.org) or visit [ihmjp2.org](http://ihmjp2.org).

## New Thought Center to meet Sunday

By Shayla McClure

New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

The Sunday service on Feb. 25 at 11 a.m. will be with Dr. Elaine Harding on "Spiritual Healing for the Core Wound of the Heart."

### Upcoming events

SpiritHeart Band practice is Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. We welcome musicians and singers to join the SpiritHeart band. Please text/call Shelly at (937) 657-5972 for band information.

Feb. 25, 11 a.m.: Sunday service with Dr. Elaine Harding.

March 3, 11 a.m.: Sunday service with Stephanie Morrow.

March 10, 11 a.m.: Sunday service with Morrow.

March 17: St. Patrick's Day celebration with live music, food and fun.

March 23, 6 p.m.: Quintangled game night with Julie Loar. Love donation. Costumes optional.

April: New Mexico spiritual retreat with Janie and George Garms.

April 28, 11 a.m.: Sunday service with Paul Kreisler.

May 5, 11 a.m.: Wolfwood Refuge

tour and picnic in Ignacio.

### About us

The New Thought Center is a 501(c)(3) and promotes philosophies similar to Centers for Spiritual Living and Agape Centers. We honor all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the divine. The vision of the New Thought Center is to empower possibility through revelation of spiritual truth, and to enhance our members' life experience through self-empowerment, inner peace and being part of an all-inclusive community. Our mission is to create a world that works for everyone through awareness of a higher power. We are the Good Vibe Tribe that practices Science of Mind principles of positive thinking.

The SpiritHeart Band provides live music every Sunday. 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 the Pagosa Lodge (elevator available).

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# Sunday Night Unplugged concert slated for March 3

By Anthony Aldwell  
St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

Sunday Night Unplugged will return to St. Patrick's Episcopal Church on March 3 at 5 p.m. with a selection of sacred music pieces.

Catrinka Randall, mezzo-soprano, formerly with the Santa Fe Symphony and now with the Durango Women's Chorus, will sing Bach arias, as well as a duet with noted local tenor Andy Hockman. Piano accompanist Kimberly Hensen will also perform a special cello composition from Faure's "Requiem."

The program will last 45 minutes and will include a brief reflection on music and faith by church historian the Rev. Dr. Randall Balmer.

The Rev. Wren Blessing of St. Patrick's will open the program, and Father Sam Auta from Pope John Paul II Catholic Church will give the closing blessing.

A free will donation will be gratefully accepted, and all community members and visitors are very welcome to attend.



Photo courtesy Randall Balmer

Messo-Soprano Catrinka Randall will be featured at the March 3 Sunday Night Unplugged concert at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

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# Easter Season Services

Following are the Lent, Holy Week and Easter services that were submitted to The PREVIEW. Events may be submitted to editor@pagosasun.com.

## Friday, Feb. 23

**Rosary/Stations of the Cross.**  
7 p.m., John Paul II Catholic Church.

## Wednesday, Feb. 28

**Rosary/Stations of the Cross.** 4 p.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

## Friday, March 1

**Rosary/Stations of the Cross.** 7 p.m., John Paul II Catholic Church.

## Wednesday, March 6

**Rosary/Stations of the Cross.** 4 p.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

## Friday, March 8

**Rosary/Stations of the Cross.** 7 p.m., John Paul II Catholic Church.

## Wednesday, March 13

**Rosary/Stations of the Cross.** 4 p.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

## Friday, March 15

**Rosary/Stations of the Cross.** 7 p.m., John Paul II Catholic Church.

## Wednesday, March 20

**Rosary/Stations of the Cross.** 4 p.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.



Photo courtesy Shanna Robb

**Father Samuel Auta places ashes on the forehead of a parishioner in the shape of a cross during their Feb. 14 Ash Wednesday Mass.**



Photo courtesy Gene Tautges

**The Pagosa Catholic Community hosts its annual Ash Wednesday meatless potluck on Feb. 14.**

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# Preview Calendar

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

## Thursday, Feb. 22

**Ruby's Writers Guild.** 9-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Ruby's Writers Guild will welcome writers who are looking for opportunities, support and camaraderie with other writers. Members will provide support, resources and guidance for each other.

**T'ai Chi Chih.** 1:30-2:30, Senior Center. Free for those 60 and better.

**Tech Time.** 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc. Bring your device charger. We provide assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Dungeons and Dragons.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Join the adventure. Preregistration is required because space is limited. Contact Josie@pagosalibrary.org 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 from 5-6 p.m. and advanced students from 6-7 p.m.

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

## Friday, Feb. 23

**Free ECG Heart Screenings.** 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School, 309 Lewis St. Register at [whoweplayfor.org/colorado-archuleta](http://whoweplayfor.org/colorado-archuleta).

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

**Bingo.** 1:15-2:30 p.m., Senior Center. Free. Those under 18 must have an adult chaperone. For more information, contact (970) 264-2167.

**Paws to Read.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Read with Muppet or Maple, therapy dogs who love stories. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Board Game Central.** 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Come and play a

favorite game or bring one of your own to share.

**Murder Mystery.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Registration required. Everyone is a suspect. Solve the clues to discover who the real murderer is. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Knights of Columbus Fish Fry.** 4:30-6:30 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Carry-out meals are available for \$15.

**Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Tiny Beautiful Things.'** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, 2313 Eagle Drive. For tickets and more information, visit [pagosacenter.org](http://pagosacenter.org) or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

## Saturday, Feb. 24

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## Monday, Feb. 26

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

**Women's Fellowship.** 9-11 a.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church classrooms.

**Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network-Critique Groups.** 9-11 a.m., Grace in Pagosa Community Room, 1044 Park Ave. A meeting to fellowship, inspire, encourage, critique and study the practice of writing. Lynn Moffett will speak.

**Line Dancing.** 9:30-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners at 9:30 and advance group at 10:30. If you have not attended before, call Beverly at (970) 264-2064 for more information.

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

**Healthy Aging and Yoga Therapy Class.** 2:30-3:30 p.m., Senior Center.

**Boy Scout Meeting.** 4 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Boys aged 11-17 are invited to attend meetings. Scouts learn outdoor and leadership skills, teamwork, support our community and, above all, have fun. Contact Jennifer Walterscheid at (970) 986-0387 or scoutmaster807@gmail.com for more details.

**Tween/Teen Art Camp.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Registration required. Art classes for tween and teens. Each month will explore a different style or medium.

**Pagosa Unplugged.** 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. Musicians of all abilities are invited to jam and sing with others. Call Susan at (970) 946-3396 for details.

**Deepening the Faith Classes.** 6-8 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church classrooms.

## Tuesday, Feb. 27

**Tech Time.** 10 a.m.- noon, Sisson Library. Basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc. Bring your device charger. We provide assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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

**WHIPS Luncheon.** 11:30 a.m., The Buck Stops Here. The cost is \$15. All women are welcome. We must have you RSVP to (970) 946-1895 by Feb. 25.

**Adult DIY.** 1-2:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Registration required. Create jewelry with clay. Pagosa Springs artist Miranda will teach how to create jewelry with polymer clay.

**Seasonal Art Class.** 1:15 p.m., Senior

Center. Create a leprechaun from a wooden spoon and felt in honor of St. Patrick's Day. No reservations required, but space is limited. All ages are invited.

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

**Hand and Foot Card Game.** 1:15 p.m., Senior Center. No experience is necessary, so come willing to learn.

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

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## Wednesday, Feb. 28

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

**Pickleball Beginner Lessons.** 8:30-10:30 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available. Reservations are required and can be made at pagosapickleball.org under the "Play" tab.

**Family Storytime.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for an educational hour of reading, singing and free play while building early literacy skills together. For all ages. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Becoming Catholic: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.** 10-11 a.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. For those interested in becoming Catholic.

**Virtual Author Talk: Kim Scott.** Noon, virtual. Listen live or recorded. Featuring Kim Scott. For details and to register, go to <https://library.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

**Strategize Change in Your Life in 2024.** 1-2:15 p.m., Sisson Library. Registration required. Learn proven techniques to identify and change unwanted behaviors.

**New Basic Quilting Class.** 1-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Registration is

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Level: Beginner

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ANSWER:

# Preview Calendar

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required.

**Mindful Drawing.** 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

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

## Thursday, Feb. 29

**Ruby's Writers Guild.** 9-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Ruby's Writers Guild will welcome writers who are looking for opportunities, support and camaraderie with other writers. Members will provide support, resources and guidance for each other.

**T'ai Chi Chih.** 1:30-2:30, Senior Center. Free for those 60 and better.

**Tech Time.** 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc. Bring your device charger. We provide assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**English as a Second Language.** 4-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call (970) 264-2209 or email for more information. Beginning students are encouraged to attend from 4-5 p.m., intermediate students from 5-6 p.m. and advanced students from 6-7 p.m.

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

## Friday, March 1

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

**Internet Safety.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join Rise Above Violence for a discussion about how to be safe on the Internet.

**All-Ages Gaming.** 3-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Come play on the library's Xbox 360.

**Knights of Columbus Fish Fry.** 4:30-6:30 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Carry-out meals are available for \$15.

**Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Tiny Beautiful Things.'** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, 2313 Eagle Drive. For tickets and more information, visit pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

## Saturday, March 2

**GriefShare.** 10-11:30 a.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. GriefShare is a 13-week program providing support and encouragement after the death of a family member or friend. Contact Marie Rascoe at marierascoe67@gmail.com or call the church office at (970) 731-2205. There is no cost for this program, and you may start at any time.

**LEGO Club.** 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For kids 6-11 years old. We have the LEGO bricks, all you need to bring is your imagination. Contact the library at (970) 264-2209 for further information.

**DivorceCare.** 4-5:30 p.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. DivorceCare is a program that provides a safe environment for persons who have gone through, are going through or are considering going through a divorce. You may begin classes at any time throughout the session. For more information, please contact Lorena Medina at loremedina0817@gmail.com or the church at admin@centerpointpagosa.com. You can also register online at www.divorcecare.org. Click on "find a group" and follow the prompts or register at any of the meetings. There is a \$20 fee for the cost of your workbook. Scholarships are available.

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## Sunday, March 3

**Bingo.** 5:45 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Doors open at 5 p.m., early-bird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

## Monday, March 4

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

**Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network-Critique Groups.** 9-11 a.m., Grace in Pagosa Community Room, 1044 Park Ave. A meeting to fellowship, inspire, encourage, critique and study the practice of writing.

**Women's Fellowship.** 9-11 a.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church classrooms.

**Line Dancing.** 9:30-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners at 9:30 and advance group at 10:30. If you have not attended before, call Beverly at (970) 264-2064 for more information.

**Boy Scout Meeting.** 4 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Boys aged 11-17 are invited to attend meetings. Scouts learn outdoor and leadership skills, teamwork, support our community and, above all, have fun. Contact Jennifer Walterscheid at (970) 986-0387 or scoutmaster807@gmail.com for more details.

**Deepening the Faith Classes.** 6-8 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic

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

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## THE CASE FOR LEGUMES (Part 2)

While many of us are aware of the benefits of eating more fruits, veggies, and whole grains, the humble legume often gets overlooked, as we discussed last week.

### THE MANY BENEFITS OF LEGUMES

Legumes can provide nutrients such as B vitamins, iron, and zinc for energy, plus calcium and magnesium for bone and muscle health. They provide one of the best sources of plant protein. Legumes are a source of gut-friendly fiber, including prebiotics, to support a healthy digestive system and phytonutrients (powerful plant compounds). Legumes are also low glycemic index foods.

Research on legumes has linked regularly eating the humble bean to some big health benefits, including a reduced risk of heart disease and some cancers, better weight management, and a longer (and productive) life.

The 10 Legumes with the highest amount of protein are:

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| 1. Boiled Soybeans (Edamame)  | 6. Pinto Beans          |
| 2. Lentils                    | 7. Kidney Beans         |
| 3. Large White Beans          | 8. Black Beans          |
| 4. Cranberry (Bartotti) Beans | 9. Navy (Haricot) Beans |
| 5. Split Peas                 | 10. Lima (Butter) Beans |

Join us next week for some suggestions on "Buying and Cooking Legumes".

*"Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous."* 1 Peter 3:8

**Fun Bible Facts:** The smallest Bible reported to have been printed is the entire Bible reduced to a two-inch square Microform which can be read on a microfilm reader.

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# Bird of the Week



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This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the hooded merganser.

This is another of our winter ducks, not seen often or in high numbers, but definitely commanding a second look when it is. On a male in breeding plumage, the black hood/crest with large white patches can be raised or lowered, changing the shape of his head and giving it an oversized appearance. During courtship, the male's crest figures prominently in his display of elaborate head movements, wing flapping, rearing back in the water and giving a frog-like croak.

Females, in browns and grays, are not as flamboyant, but still sport a perky cinnamon-colored crest. Both sexes are small, diving ducks who are expert fishers but also eat aquatic insects, small frogs and tadpoles, plant material, and crustaceans. A narrow, serrated bill allows this duck to hold onto slippery prey.

Hooded mergansers locate prey underwater using eyes specially adapted to allow them to change their refractive properties for accurate vision both above and below water. Clear nictitating membranes act like goggles to protect their eyes when they are submerged.

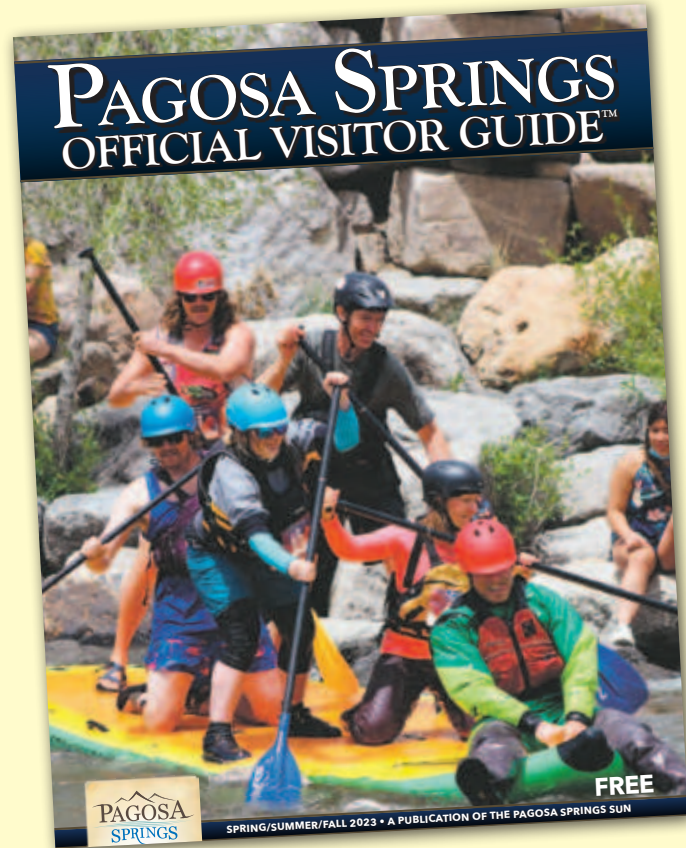
Hooded mergansers breed in forested wetlands in the eastern half of North America and in the Pacific Northwest. They are cavity nesters who prefer trees with holes over or close to water. It's not easy for a female duck to fly up, stop abruptly and grab the edge of the hole with webbed feet, then plunge inside. She typically lays nine to 11 eggs which will all hatch about the same time.

Usually within 24 hours of hatching all of the downy young climb up to the nest hole using tiny claws on their feet and jump to the ground or water below. Although the female stays with her young for several weeks, they forage for themselves and are left to live on their own even before they can fly.

Be on the lookout for these eye-catching birds on the river or on local lakes before they leave to breed by May.

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

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# Archuleta Seniors Inc. offering senior discount card through fundraiser

By **Rose Chavez**  
PREVIEW Columnists

The Pagosa Senior Center is continuing its annual tradition of providing a local discount card for those ages 60 and better.

The discount card encourages seniors to support local recreational, restaurant, medical and retail services by obtaining a senior discount card for a small fee that serves as a fundraiser for Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI).

These local businesses provide a discount ranging from 5 percent to 20 percent off services.

For more information, visit <http://www.psseniors.org/discount-club.html> or stop by our offices at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. to pick up your card. For more information, contact us at (970) 264-2167.

## Free seasonal art class

The next free arts class at the Senior Center will be Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 1:15 p.m.

We will be creating a leprechaun from a wooden spoon and felt in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

No art skill is required for this class, just a desire to have fun. No reservations are required, but space is limited, so be there by 1:15 p.m. All materials will be provided, including the scissors, wooden spoon, felt, glue and paint.

All ages are invited, so bring a friend along. Perhaps you will be able to make one and give one to a friend.

Our teacher will be Denise Fisk, who is a retired elementary art teacher from Iowa. She loves sharing art techniques with her classes. Come and have fun with us at the Senior Center.

## Grant available for adult learners

Are you a BIPOC (Black, Indigenous or person of color) adult age 55 or better living in Archuleta County eager to pursue further education? Here's your chance.

ASI, in coordination with the Spanish Fiesta Committee, is delighted to announce a \$1,000 educational grant available exclusively for these adult learners in our community.

The grant aims to support individuals seeking to enhance their skills, pursue new career paths or simply satisfy their thirst for knowledge. Whether you aspire to enroll in a vocational program, attend workshops or pursue a degree, this grant can provide the financial boost you need to turn your educational dreams into reality.

ASI and members of our local Spanish Fiesta Committee believe that education is a lifelong journey and it's never too late to invest in oneself. This grant is designed to remove financial barriers and empower adults in our community to pursue their educational goals.

To be eligible for the grant, applicants must meet the following

## Senior News

criteria:

- Reside in Archuleta County.
- Be 55 years of age or older.
- Be Black, Indigenous or a person of color.
- Demonstrate a commitment to furthering their education.
- Submit a compelling application outlining their educational goals and how the grant will be utilized.

Applications are now open and will be accepted until March 20. A scholarship selection committee composed of community leaders will review all applications and select the most deserving candidates.

ASI encourages all motivated BI-POC, 55-and-older adults in Archuleta County to take advantage of this opportunity. Whether you're looking to advance your career, explore new interests or simply expand your horizons, this grant can be the catalyst for your educational journey.

Don't let financial constraints hold you back from pursuing your dreams. Apply for the \$1,000 educational grant today and take a significant step toward a brighter future.

For more information and to access the application form, contact the ASI office at (970) 264-2167 or stop by the office.

## Fresh Conversations volunteer opportunity

Do you love your community and have a passion for helping your fellow community members live their healthiest lives?

ASI has an opportunity for a volunteer position to teach one Fresh Conversations session each month.

Fresh Conversations is a healthy-living program for people 60 and older who are living on a budget and want to maintain their health and independence. Topics of discussion include heart disease, diet trends and preventing cancer, to name just a few.

Each session is held in-person or virtually and lasts approximately 60 minutes. The time commitment is about one hour to facilitate each session plus preparation time, and you do not need to be a dietician or an expert in nutrition. We'll provide you with training materials.

If you are interested, contact Rose Chavez at [rosa@psseniors.org](mailto:rosa@psseniors.org).

## Healthy aging yoga therapy class series

This winter, a healthy aging yoga series will be offered as a hybrid class at the Senior Center on Mondays from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Classes will be structured by therapeutic yoga tools and techniques with chair movement, standing stretches, gentle postures, breathing

practices and reflective meditative moments.

Monthly themes for the series will include topics such as sustainable strength for healthy aging individuals, brain health, heart and cardiovascular health, mental and emotional well-being, community connections, and stress management, to name a few.

Classes will be educational for participants to utilize practices in daily life and are meant for all levels of experience with yoga.

The class is hosted by local yoga therapist AJ Connors, with a hybrid focus for the winter months, blending in-person, online and, occasionally, recorded classes. Zoom sessions will be streamed at the Senior Center to

provide the community experience to practice together or can be accessed at home if weather is a factor.

Mats and chairs will be provided at the Senior Center; some blocks and Therabands are available, too. The addition of yoga props is always welcomed.

We are requesting that individuals **See Senior on next page**

## John Ranson Republican for County Commissioner District 2

*"The secret to change comes not from fighting the old, but in building the new."*

— Socrates



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With a long history of public finance experience and a proven track record of financial stewardship, John brings a wealth of experience to the Board of County Commissioners. His leadership in 2008 was instrumental in helping Archuleta County navigate through one of its most challenging periods ultimately leading to a period of stability and growth.

## COMMITTED

John volunteered to serve as a Financial Task Force member in 2007 when Archuleta County discovered a serious financial crisis. Following that, John served for a period of time as County Commissioner. In addition, he recently sat on the committee to form, and budget for, Archuleta County's new Health Department. He has an unwavering commitment to the fiscal health and well-being of our County. John's leadership, as Commissioner and Task Force Member, not only rescued the county from financial turmoil, but also set the stage for a prosperous future.

## KEY PRIORITIES

- 1) Provide financial restraint in order to invest the amount required, not only to maintain, but improve **OUR ROADS**.
- 2) Invest more into infrastructure that can add to our economic growth — **TECHNOLOGY**.
- 3) Build stronger and better working relationships.



## OPPORTUNITIES

- 1) Roads — not just maintain, but **IMPROVE**
- 2) Implement **NEW** Budgetary Process
- 3) Work **TOGETHER** as a Board and Community

## CHALLENGES

- 1) Landfill — highest priority! Expense and liability reasons
- 2) County Administration Building Location
- 3) Financial Management — Debt

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als who are new to joining the series arrive early for intake inquiries and to please communicate with AJ directly by emailing [ajconnorslove@gmail.com](mailto:ajconnorslove@gmail.com).

## Bingo

The Senior Center will be hosting bingo twice a month on Friday afternoons from 1:15 to 2:30 p.m.

Bingo will be on Feb. 23, March 8, March 15, April 5 and April 19.

The price to participate is free and we ask you bring yourself and a friend for joyful fellowship. We will provide prizes from local businesses for all winners, and snacks will also be provided.

No RSVP is required; just show up. All ages are welcome, but we ask those 18 and younger to come with an adult chaperone.

For more information, contact us at (970) 264-2167.

## T'ai Chi Chih

The Senior Center will be offering T'ai Chi Chih with accredited instructor Patti Popovich each Thursday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the dining hall to support older adults who want to discover purpose and fulfillment in this transitional phase of life.

T'ai Chi Chih is not a martial art, but rather a tool for self-healing. Softness, flow and effortlessness are the guiding principles in this practice.

All classes will be free for older adults (age 60 and better) and will last approximately one hour in the dining hall.

No special clothing or equipment is required.

For more information, call (970) 264-2167.

## Senior Conversations

Join us Mondays at 1:15 p.m. for a series of "Senior Conversations" with local Bill Salmansohn.

He will lead the group through mindfulness exercises and discussion of various topics pertaining to aging in Archuleta County. Explore and discover for yourself answers to your questions and concerns.

The meeting will be held in the Senior Center in the dining hall. Snacks will be provided.

## Share lunch Monday through Friday

Join us at the Silver Fox's Den, aka the Community Cafe, in person for daily hot/cold meals Mondays through Thursdays at the Community Center between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. It is open to all. Pickup is available all week, including Fridays.

Our dining hall is open to all ages and welcomes you all with kindness and warmth. We provide hot/cold meals for anyone in the community interested in a nutritious and delicious meal. For those 60 or older we request a suggested donation of \$10, but no one will be turned away. There is a \$10.50 charge for guests under the age of 60.

Meals include a main course, side dish, fruit/dessert, garden salad plus beverage. Some popular menu items include Frito chili pie, pork tenderloin with harvest chutney, Singaporean pork ribs, vegetarian lasagna, Hawaiian shrimp with coconut rice and always a beautiful green salad. Many of our items are locally sourced and organic.

Our chef works with a team of local food professionals to hand-prepare your meal for dine-in service in our cozy dining room (with an amazing view of the San Juans) or for takeout (via our convenient drive-through). Our menu changes daily.

To reserve your meal for the day, please make your reservation via text or phone call to (970) 264-2167 by 9 a.m. weekdays.

## Community Cafe menu

Thursday, Feb. 22 — BBQ pork ribs, corn casserole, apple crisp, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, Feb. 23 — Penne pasta primavera with Alfredo sauce, garlic bread, broccoli, garden salad, fruit, Bavarian cream puff and milk.

Monday, Feb. 26 — Beef cottage pie, mashed potatoes, blueberry cobbler, dinner roll, garden salad, vanilla yogurt, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, Feb. 27 — New England clam chowder with oyster crackers, broccoli, garden salad, fruit, chocolate cake and milk.

Wednesday, Feb. 28 — Butternut squash ravioli with brown butter sage sauce, wilted spinach and garlic bread, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Thursday, Feb. 29 — Salmon cakes with jasmine rice, roasted bok choy, garden salad, pumpkin muffin, fruit and milk.

## Grab-N-Go meals

Dine-in and Grab-N-Go meal reservations and cancellations are required. Please call or text by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you want to pickup a meal. A suggested donation of \$10 helps to sustain our program. For ages 59 and younger, the cost is \$10.50. No one will be turned away for their inability to donate. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to make a reservation.

## Meals on Wheels

We deliver fresh Meals on Wheels five days a week (and provide frozen Meals on Wheels for weekends) to homebound Archuleta County residents. Call or text us at (970) 264-2167.

## Mobile food pantry service discontinued

The Mobile Food Pantry Service has been discontinued due to funding shortages. Older adults needing a ride to a local food pantry should contact the MET to schedule a ride with its paratransit service. For more information, contact Lavonne at (970) 264-2250.

## Text reservations

Don't forget that we offer a ■ See Senior on next page

# The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

## ACROSS

- 1 Goya's "Duchess of \_\_\_\_"
- 5 Tumbler, e.g.
- 10 Track figures
- 14 Lender's protection
- 15 Renegade
- 16 Sign of secrecy
- 17 All-powerful
- 19 Salinger girl
- 20 Bringing up the rear
- 21 Obtained
- 23 Knotted neckwear
- 25 Except that
- 26 Part of HMO
- 29 Reach, as a goal
- 31 World Series mo.
- 32 Radio and TV, e.g.

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- 1 Skin cream ingredient
- 2 Portray artistically
- 3 Fudge, as a rule
- 4 Kind of cracker
- 5 Old coin
- 6 Bingo's kin
- 7 Get on in years
- 8 Phoenix team
- 9 Embark, as on a journey
- 10 Rest on top of
- 11 Progeny
- 12 March of \_\_\_\_
- 13 Mushers' vehicles
- 18 USPS manager
- 22 Part of HUAC
- 24 Clothes pros
- 26 Horseshoe locale
- 27 Sound effect
- 28 It covers the earth

- 30 Lobster part
- 33 Chop up
- 35 Banned apple spray
- 36 Danish toy company
- 39 Lumpy
- 42 Relies (upon)
- 46 Magic show makeup
- 48 Like arctic winters

- 49 Chessman
- 50 Diplomatic messenger
- 52 "Green \_\_\_\_"
- 54 Rake part
- 56 Hip bones
- 57 Building additions
- 58 Breathing rattle
- 61 Midmorning hour

## Answers to Previous Crossword:

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# How to master time management

Special to The PREVIEW

There only are a set number of hours in a day and a lot of demands on personal time. Finding ways to use time more efficiently and effectively is a goal many people aspire to, whether they are business owners, students or anyone in between.

A hectic schedule quickly can get the better of anyone, but there are many individuals who seem to have it all together. It is likely they have figured out how to manage time better.

According to Starling Bank's "2020 Make Business Simple" report, small business owners and solo entrepreneurs spend up to 31 percent of their weekly time sorting finances and doing other administrative work.

Learning early on how to more effectively allot time for tasks is one of the key skills a person can learn.

## Use a calendar and set reminders

There's only so much the average person can remember. Putting events

into a calendar will provide visual cues as to what needs to get done and when. It also may help illustrate a pattern of when blocks of time are more busy and when there are free moments so that tasks can be redistributed, serving as a time audit of sorts. Reminder functions are a great way to stay on top of things and avoid feeling stressed and rushed when responsibilities are accidentally overlooked.

## Learn about the Eisenhower Matrix

The Eisenhower Matrix is a tool that helps people distinguish between tasks that are important, not important, urgent and not urgent. The matrix is broken down into quadrants that correspond with the 4Ds of execution: do, defer, delegate and delete. This matrix can help a person prioritize tasks relevant to their goals.

## Tackle difficult things first

Leadership expert Brian Tracy

developed a productivity method called Eat That Frog. It is good for those who have trouble avoiding distractions or people who tend to procrastinate. The gist is tackling the most complicated or dreaded task first, and only moving on to other things once you've "eaten that frog."

## Use the right tools

Certain tools work for some and not for others. While one person may like making paper to-do lists, another may prefer digital devices. Identifying the resources that help a person manage time better can be an asset.

## Limit time spent on each task

According to Parkinson's Law, "work expands to fill the time allotted to complete it." People should set reasonable limits on how long to give each task; otherwise, they may spend more time than is necessary.

## Multitasking is not the answer

Productivity is reduced when individuals multitask, according to the American Psychological Association. Sticking to one job at a time puts full attention on that job and may help it get done more quickly and to a better level.

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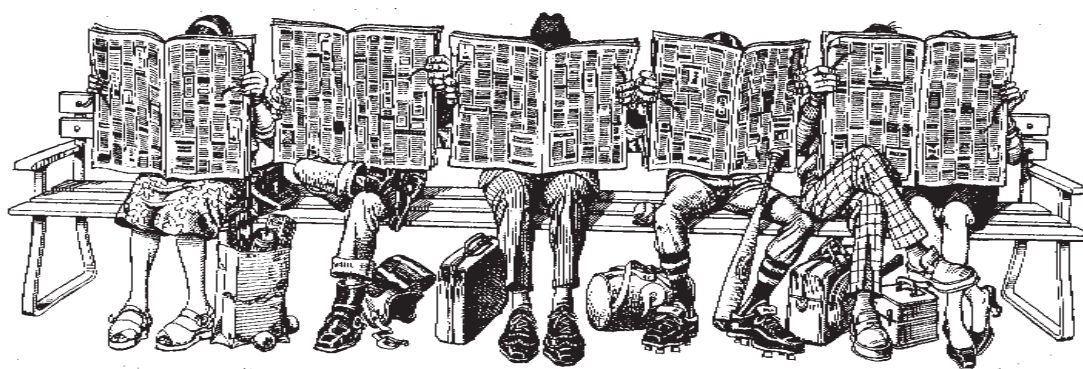
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# Being grateful for inspections

By Daris Howard  
Special to The PREVIEW

Building a home of your own can be a challenge.

One of the hardest parts is passing all of the inspections. There is plumbing, framing, insulation, electrical, and the list seems to go on and on. I have spent many hours poring over the different code books to make sure everything was right. But there always seems to be something I miss.

One of my friends who has retired from construction said his boss always had them leave something undone so the inspector would find it and not search for some nitty gritty item. I tried that, but the inspector found something small and missed the item I left undone.

I appreciated the inspectors, not because I enjoy knowing I have something more to fix, but because it helps me feel I am building everything right. But there was one thing that I had to redo that was strenuous to change, and I wondered if it was needed.

My new place is a shop with an apartment above. The stairs between floors are U-shaped with two landings between the three segments. Two of the three segments measured right on, but the bottom segment was a quarter inch low, both where it started from the ground level and where it connected on the first landing.

"You're going to have to raise the whole stair segment a quarter inch," the inspector said.

I didn't complain. It was his job to find the errors and my job to fix them, but internally, I felt sick. I would have to cut the nails that connected the stairs to the walls on both sides of it, along with the ones tying it to the landing. He also wanted the board under the stairs at the bottom to be treated since it would rest on the cement. I didn't know anywhere I could get a treated board that was a quarter inch thick.

After the inspector left, I got to work. I started cutting the nails with my reciprocating saw. Two friends had helped me build it, and it was solid. I went through three saw blades before it was loose from all sides. However, even when I was sure it was free, it wouldn't move. Not only was it heavy for me to lift, but it was also binding against the two side walls.

Taking the walls apart was not an option since they bore other structures.

After three days of working on it, it finally moved. Now I needed a board to slide under the lower end.

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I took the thinnest treated board I could find to a friend who planed it down for me. Then, while I lifted the stairs, my wife stuck the board under the lower part. I had put marks at the top to which I needed to raise it so I wouldn't go over. I didn't want to have to lower it again.

Once everything was in place, I put in a few screws to keep it from moving. I didn't want to put in nails until it passed inspection. It did pass the next inspection, so I tightened everything down.

Sunday, as I talked to my two construction friends at church, I told them of the ordeal. They didn't have the same opinion I had that inspectors were there to help me make the building better.

"I think they actually train them on ways to annoy people," one said.

I laughed. They both had been to Peru and visited Machu Picchu, so I asked, "Did either of you climb Machu Picchu Mountain?" They both said they did.

Machu Picchu Mountain is a tall mountain that overlooks the historic site. The path to the top is comprised of stairs carved into the rock. There is no standard for them. One stair will be 6 inches, and the next 18. I think some were even as much as 2 feet in height. Their height depended on the way the rock was on the side of the mountain.

"I'm sure those building the stairs on the mountain didn't have inspectors telling them the stairs weren't even," I said.

One of my construction friends laughed. "Oh, I'm sure they had them. But when the inspectors said the stairs wouldn't pass inspection, the builders probably just took them to the top of the mountain and sacrificed them."

I laughed, but I'm still grateful to have someone who ensures I build it correctly.

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# An unexpected crisis: The financial impact of Alzheimer's disease

By Jim Herlihy

Alzheimer's Association of Colorado

One in nine Americans age 65 and older — including 76,000 Coloradans — are among the 6.7 million people across the United States living with Alzheimer's disease.

Beyond the tremendous physical toll the disease takes on diagnosed

individuals, as well as family members who provide care for them, the costs associated with the disease can be overwhelming, putting a huge financial strain on families.

An analysis by the Alzheimer's Association outlined the enormous personal and financial sacrifices many families and caregivers make in order to care for their loved ones liv-

ing with dementia. Frequently, those disease-related costs will jeopardize a family's financial security.

The analysis found:

- Cost of care: In 2022, the lifetime cost of care for a person living with dementia was \$392,874.

- Reduce spending: Nearly half (48 percent) of care contributors must cut back on their own expenses — including basic necessities like food, transportation and medical care — to afford dementia-related care for loved ones, while others must draw from their own savings or retirement funds.

- Unpaid time: The average family caregiver will spend 30 hours per week caring for their loved one.

- Cut back on work: Frequently, this will require the individual to cut back on work. Statistics from National Alliance for Caregiving and AARP:

A total of 61 percent of caregivers experience at least one change in their employment due to caregiving.

Forty-nine percent arrive to their place of work late/leave early/take time off.

A total of 15 percent take a leave of absence.

Fourteen percent reduce their hours/take a demotion.

Seven percent receive a warning about performance/attendance.

Five percent turn down a promotion.

Four percent choose early retirement.

Three percent lose job benefits.

Six percent give up work entirely.

- Medicare: Nearly two out of three people incorrectly believe that Medicare helps pay for nursing home care, or are unsure whether it does.

- Out-of-pocket costs: The average unpaid family caregiver will spend \$12,388 annually out of their own pocket to cover costs ranging from medications to food.

To help families navigate these and other financial challenges, the Alzheimer's Association has a free online education program, "Managing Money: A Caregiver's Guide to Finances."

Tips from the program include:

- Plan early: There are many benefits of planning early when it comes to your finances — both for the caregiver and the person with the disease.

- Start a positive discussion about finances: Bring in trusted family members or close friends for a discussion about what the person with the disease wants for the future.

- Avoid financial abuse and fraud: Individuals living with dementia have a greater risk of becoming victims and may struggle with making good financial decisions.

- Organize your finances: Conduct an inventory of your financial resources (savings, insurance, retirement benefits, government assistance, VA benefits, etc.). A financial planner or elder care attorney can help.

- Create a backup plan: Designate a trusted back-up agent for the person's power of attorney and consider designating responsibilities to more than one person.

"It's not uncommon for caregivers to experience financial problems because they have to reduce their hours or take time off work," said Jeff Bird, executive director of the Alzheimer's Association of Colorado. "As the disease progresses, caregivers will need to pay for services or support for the person living with Alzheimer's. Financial literacy is especially important for caregivers, because it provides them with the knowledge and skills needed to better support themselves and others."

For more information on financial planning, visit [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).

## We need more grace

By Betty J. Slade

PREVIEW Columnist

The best of times and the ugliest of times: 2023 gave us things to rejoice over, but a lot to cry about. God hid His face from us. He was there all the time, but we couldn't see Him. We were running out of grace as we said goodbye to 2023 and hello to 2024. I wanted to go to bed, cover my head and hide my face.

2023 introduced many shocking moments. The ugliness of humanity. Suffering which can't be explained. My Sweet AI and I scratched our heads and asked, "What happened and why?"

Our family was being attacked inside, outside and all around us. Everyone else was going through the same hard times with no answers. But, by God's grace, our family grew tighter, stronger and victorious.

What happened? It could be called God's grace. In the writing world when we can't find the right word to express our idea, we type three x's and call it a placeholder. Sometimes it might take writing the whole book to find the right word to explain the text, to give us clarity and understanding.

2023 brought "Sound of Freedom," an American crime thriller based on a true story. We watched the movie about child trafficking. We couldn't imagine what parents go through who have lost their young girls and boys to sex traffickers.

Tim Ballard, a former U.S. government agent, embarked on a mission to rescue children from sex traffickers in Colombia. The most poignant scene for me in the movie was when Ballard asked Vampiro, played by Bill Camp, why he changed. He bought young children from the traffickers, but now he set them free.

Paraphrasing Vampiro, he said, "I met God. When I was finished with the young girl, I saw in her eyes sadness and darkness. I realized I was the one causing her sadness and I was the darkness she was looking at. I saw myself. God touched me and gave me grace."

Do we need to see ourselves depraved in order to see ourselves helpless? This seems to be when we reach out to God and ask Him to save us. Grace is a touch from God in a way we can't explain it. Where sin abounds, grace abounds much

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more and changes things. I believe the placeholder, the missing word for us last year was "grace." At the time, I couldn't thank Him for all the pain I felt.

When Jesus cried out to God in the garden in Luke 22:42 (TPT), "Father, if you are willing, take this cup of agony away from me. But no matter what, your will must be mine." He was saying to make your decision my decision. Make the agony of death a joy for me.

Through Jesus Christ, God gave us grace to get through 2023. We learned what was lacking in us, how helpless we were to help ourselves and how to give grace to others.

Sometimes it takes a winter storm tearing at the very fiber of our existence until we surrender to God. Other times grace is simply a toothpick rolling off the side of the table and hitting the floor. The impact is so resounding, we fall on our knees in complete helplessness. That is when we cry out to God for grace and we are changed.

Final brushstroke: I'm ready to put 2023 to bed, close that book, and look forward to 2024. Feels like a change in the air. I'm still not sure what happened and what we needed to go through, but I'm learning more about grace. I believe 2023 prepared us for 2024 and grace was the placeholder we needed to get through last year.

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# Town unites to fight a floodplain development

By Mary Moran  
PREVIEW Columnist

Moab, Utah, is a growing town of 5,300 that up to 5 million people visit each year to hike nearby Arches and Canyonlands national parks, ride mountain bikes and all-terrain vehicles, or raft the Colorado River.

Like any western resort town, it desperately needs affordable housing.

What locals say it doesn't need is a high-end development on a sandbar projecting into the Colorado River, where groves of cottonwoods, willows and hackberries flourish.

"Delusional," "shameful" or "outrageous" is what many locals call this Kane Creek Preservation and Development project, some sending letters of outrage to the weekly Moab Times-Independent and Moab Sun News.

Developers plan 580 luxury housing units and a business park on the floodplain.

The 180-acre site is less than 2 miles downstream of Moab along a cracked asphalt road that's barely two lanes. The development site and the unpredictable river are bounded by looming canyon walls. The road turns to dirt at the downstream end of the site before heading up Kane Creek, a popular mountain biking, hiking and four-wheeling area.

Just upstream of the site, there's a riverside Bureau of Land Management campground and the mouth of cottonwood-shaded Moonflower Canyon, with its ancient petroglyph panels.

I first saw this floodplain site in April 1984 when it was underwater. Moab's former Mosquito Abatement Manager Bob Phillips reports he canoed the site in 1995.

By mid-January of this year, a petition fighting the development, created by Moab resident Laura Long, had 1,200 local signatures. More than 13,000 other signatures came from visitors to Moab or former residents who have their own connections to this land of canyons and slickrock. Access the petition and more information at <https://kanecreekwatch.org/>.

A Jan. 16 Grand County Commission meeting about the development packed the chambers, the hallway and Zoom lines. The crowds of largely younger activists made the hearts of us older residents swell.

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hard to come by for working people. Many live in their cars and vans. Local government and nonprofits pursue admirable, but relatively small-scale projects, to build workforce and low-income housing. Unfortunately, this high-end project won't bring us what we need.

How was this project approved? It's complicated, but in 1992, the Grand County Commission mistakenly granted rights to build dense commercial and residential buildings on this property, instead of just the campground the former owners wanted. Developers are now exploiting the mistake.

The project has approval to haul in 8 to 10 feet of fill to bury the riparian soils and reach the required 1-foot

elevation above the designated 100-year floodplain. The county commission hoped to exercise some control by governing the development's water and sewer treatment plants, but the Utah Legislature intervened and allowed developers to run their own district instead.

"Re-grading" is underway and expected to take more than a year. It is major earth-moving, building up the floodplain and the adjacent Kane Creek Road.

Now, drivers and mule deer must watch for haul trucks that move cobbles, gravel and sand onto the floodplain. Migrating and resident birds that nest there may need to make new plans this spring.

Moab resident and Colorado River expert John Weisheit, along with others, have documented evidence of the Colorado River flooding in the past, some floods four times greater than any river volume in living memory.

Future, smaller floods may flood the site with upwelling from rising groundwater. Larger floods will most likely occur as climate change brings more extreme weather events. The entire development could be inundated, causing property loss and a lot of debris flowing downstream and into Canyonlands National Park.

This floodplain should be left alone. Think of the coming of floods small and large, unsolved housing issues, potential sewage-treatment plant failures, lawsuits, road issues, disrupted dark skies, destruction of a wide swath of critical wildlife habitat in the desert, and, of course, heartbreak.

Besides reading like an absurd satire, it sounds like a very poor investment.

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Scene ... kicking off the 28th annual Knights of Columbus Fish Fry at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church on Friday, Feb. 16. The fry will continue every Friday through March 22 at 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.



# 100 years ago this month: Historical events from February 1924

Special to The PREVIEW

The month of February has been home to many historical events over the years. Here's a look at some that helped to shape the world in February 1924.

- Honduran President Rafael López-Gutiérrez refuses to leave office on Feb. 1. López-Gutiérrez cites uncertainty regarding a successor as his reason for remaining in office after initially beginning a four-year term on Feb. 1, 1920.

- Former United States President Woodrow Wilson falls into a coma at 10:30 p.m. on Feb. 2. The 67-year-old former president dies less than 24 hours later.

- Thanks in part to the recommendation of British physicians, Indian freedom fighter Mohandas Gandhi is released from incarceration in Ahmedabad on Feb. 4. Gandhi served less than one-third of his six-year

prison sentence for sedition.

- Forty-one miners drown in a flash flood inside an underground iron mine near Crosby, Minn., on Feb. 5. The flood is caused when the crew blasts too close to the bottom of a nearby lake.

- Wilson is buried in a vault beneath the center aisle of the chapel of the Washington National Cathedral on Feb. 6. He remains the only president to be buried in the District of Columbia.

- In response to the German Embassy's refusal to offer condolences or lower flags in honor of Wilson, roughly 200 taxi drivers plant an American flag on the embassy lawn on Feb. 6.

- The Fascist government of Italy formally recognizes the Communist Soviet Union on Feb. 7.

- On Feb. 8, Chinese national Gee Jon becomes the first person in American history to be executed

with lethal gas. Jon was convicted in a gangland slaying and was put to death in an airtight chamber at the Nevada State Prison in Carson City. Elsewhere in the United States, five inmates, each convicted murderers, were put to death in Texas, marking the state's first use of the electric chair.

- Two-hundred fifty delegates representing 61 trade unions, civic groups and fraternal organizations attend the opening day of the Negro Sanhedrin on Feb. 11. The conference was an attempt to establish a national program protecting the legal rights of African American tenant farmers and wage workers.

- On Feb. 13, one day after testifying in the trial of "Shoeless Joe" Jackson, Chicago White Sox outfielder Oscar "Happy" Felsch is arrested for perjury. Lawyers for the White Sox produced documents contradicting Felsch's testimony, resulting in his

arrest.

- On Feb. 14, the Computing-Tabulating-Recording Company renames itself the International Business Machines Corporation, which would ultimately be shortened to IBM.

- U.S. Sen. Frank L. Greene of Vermont is shot in the head and seriously wounded by a stray bullet during a shootout on Feb. 15. The shootout involved bootleggers and Prohibition enforcement agents, and Green was struck while walking with his wife along Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C.

- German artist George Grosz is fined 500 gold marks on Feb. 16. The court determined a collection of Grosz's drawings depicting the decadence of Berlin society was obscene.

- Greek Prime Minister Eleftherios Venizelos resigns on Feb. 19. Venizelos had been in office less than

four weeks.

- U.S. President Calvin Coolidge becomes the first president to make a radio broadcast from the White House on Feb. 22.

- Prime Minister Ahmet Zogu of Albania is shot twice by anarchist Beqir Valteri on Feb. 23. Often referred to as Zog I of Albania, the prime minister reportedly survived more than 50 assassination attempts over the course of his life. Though Valteri's efforts were unsuccessful, Zogu's injuries forced him to step away from office for a short period following the shooting.

- On Feb. 24, the Beverly Hills Speedway hosts its final race. The speedway is torn down as property values in Beverly Hills skyrocket.

- Trials related to the Beer Hall Putsch that occurred on Nov. 9, 1923, begin in Munich on Feb. 26. Adolf Hitler and Erich Ludendorff are among those put on trial.

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