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On to state



Photo courtesy Toni Gallegos

The Pagosa Springs High School cheer squad will head to Denver next week to compete at the Spirit State Championships. The event will take place Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 12-14, at the Denver Coliseum.

Water conservancy district reiterates opposition to ranch sale

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) Board of Directors reiterated and expanded upon its opposition to the potential sale of Running Iron Ranch by the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) at its Dec. 2 meeting.

Following an executive session convened to discuss the sale of the ranch, SJWCD president Candace Jones commented that the board has publicly stated its objections to the sale of the ranch and that selling the

property without "knowing more" would not be consistent with the mission of the SJWCD.

She added that the board rejected a specific purchase offer which purported to include the construction of a reservoir.

However, Jones stated that the offer did not include a commitment to building a reservoir and provided the buyer "for no additional consideration" with water rights wholly owned by the SJWCD that were conveyed to it by the Southwestern Water Conservation District.

■ See Opposition A8

Canvass board members in seven Colorado counties vote against election certification

By Sarah Wilson
Colorado Newswire

Canvass board members in seven Colorado counties voted against certifying the 2024 general election results, citing a recent password leak from the Secretary of State's Office as the reason.

Members in Archuleta, Boulder, Eagle, El Paso, Gilpin, Jefferson and Larimer counties refused to certify the results of the Nov. 5 election, which is an administrative task to

determine that the number of votes cast and votes counted is equal.

Because the other board member and county clerk voted in favor of certification in each of those counties, the election was still certified.

Canvass boards are composed of a Democrat and a Republican, who are appointed by county party chairs, and the local county clerk. Some counties include an unaffiliated voter on the board.

It is an uptick in Republican board
■ See Election A8

Commissioners, county attorney talk natural psychedelic substances, marijuana regs

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

Colorado Proposition 122, concerning access to natural psychedelic substances, was approved by state voters in November 2022 by a margin of 53.64 percent in favor and 46.36 percent of voters opposed.

The state will begin accepting applications for licensed facilitators, licensed facilities and other related licenses on Dec. 31, County Attorney Todd Weaver explained during a work session held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Tuesday, Nov. 26.

Weaver explained that the proposition created "two prongs" which address personal use of natural medicines along with licensed healing centers.

According to Weaver's presentation, the Colorado Natural Medicine Health Act (CNMHA) defines natural medicine to include dimethyltryptamine, mescaline (but not peyote), ibogaine, psilocybin and psilocin.

Weaver mentioned that the CNMHA makes it legal to cultivate and possess natural medicines in personal quantities, but not to produce at a commercial scale or to sell
■ See Regs A7

PSSGID approves ordinance authorizing bonds for sewer repairs

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Dec. 3, the Pagosa Springs Town Council, acting as the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District (PSSGID) board, approved the second reading of Ordinance 20, allowing the issuance of tax-exempt revenue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$4.8 million.

The second reading was passed unanimously.

The PSSGID previously hired a financial advisor, Joey McLinely with McLinely and Company, a division of SAMCO Capital Markets Inc.

During the Dec. 3 meeting, McLinely indicated he was pleased to report that conversations with rating agencies went well, and praised
■ See Bonds A8

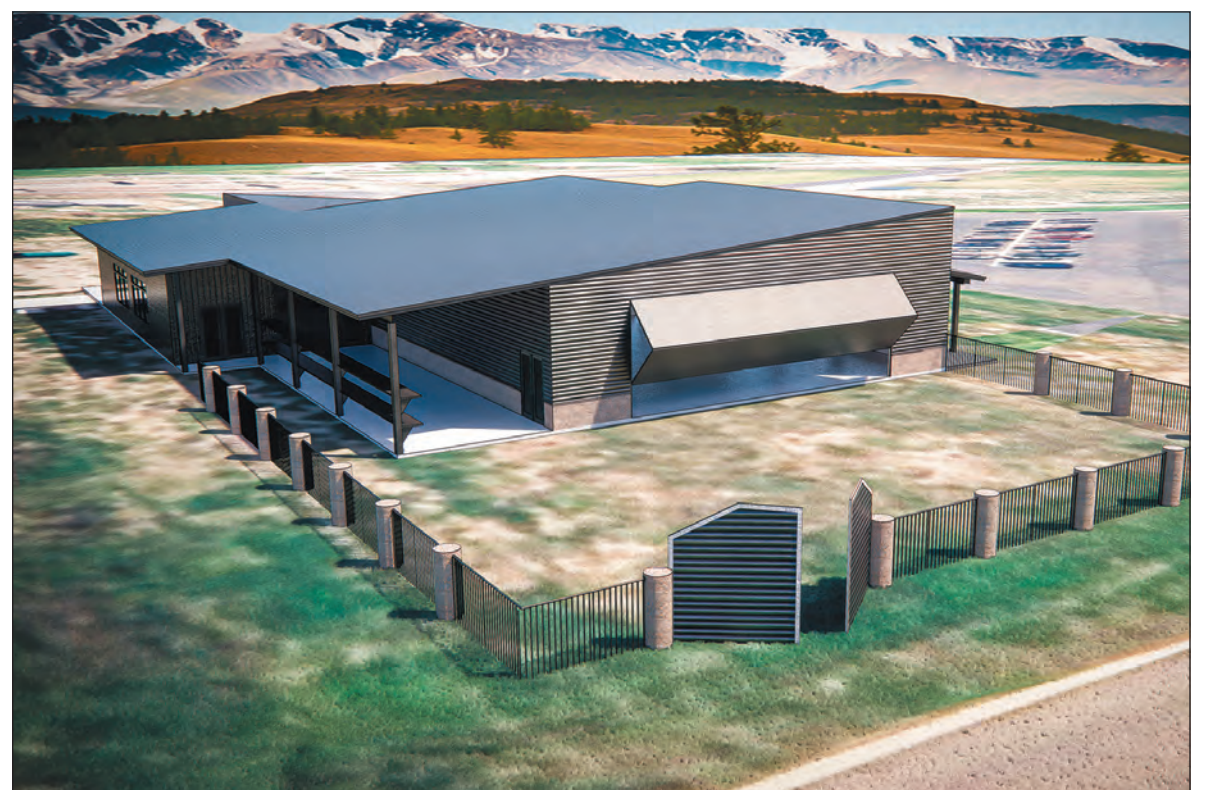


Building the tools to grow: Build Pagosa looks to break ground on regional workforce center in 2025

Build Pagosa

Since 2017, the local non-profit organization Build Pagosa has been supporting fun, meaningful educational experiences for Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) students while addressing the skilled labor shortage in Pagosa Springs and Southwest Colorado.

Local businesses face ongoing
■ See Building A8



Renderings courtesy Build Pagosa

A rendering shows what the planned regional workforce center will look like. Build Pagosa plans to break ground on the center in 2025.

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OUR VIEW

Hope amid controversies

To say there's been no shortage of controversial political news lately is an understatement.

Every day, something catches our attention that catches us off guard or makes us shake our heads. You'd think we'd be used to it by now.

We look through headlines from state, national and world news sources thinking things like, "What now?" and "What were they thinking?"

At least we know we're not alone in thinking those things and questioning why elected and appointed officials have made some of these decisions.

Several of these things have continually made headlines over the last few months, among them President-elect Donald Trump's picks for his cabinet and administration, and Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold's handling of the leaking of election passwords.

But there has been something giving us hope amidst the controversies: bipartisan criticism.

We like seeing elected officials willing to put themselves out there to criticize members of their own political parties and not solely the perceived wrongdoings of the opposing party.

We'd much rather see people of differing political stripes working together for a com-

mon good instead of tearing each other down, but the bipartisan criticism we've seen lately seems like a step in the right direction.

Accountability should come from both within and outside of any organization and governmental entity.

We've also seen some surprising bipartisan praise lately. Despite catching us off guard, it shows that some in office are working to forge a path forward on common ground, which we applaud.

The criticism and praise show that members of both major political parties are unwilling to let problematic issues slide and that disagreements shouldn't rule the day.

What a breath of fresh air, despite the underlying issues that are, in many cases, still ongoing.

Trump has made some very controversial choices with his cabinet and administration picks ahead of his return to the White House next month, which have drawn both bipartisan criticism and some bipartisan praise.

Democrats and Republicans alike have promised to have tough questions for the president-elect's cabinet picks who are subject to the confirmation process, and that's something we sincerely hope we see. Those who hold such high roles in our country should be subject to a rigorous process and

not rubber-stamped to appease whoever is our commander in chief at the time.

We've already seen multiple picks withdrawn from consideration due to some of the rigor, which we hope will lead to better choices being made for those roles moving forward.

We also hope to see Griswold make better choices moving forward after she admitted in October that her office posted a spreadsheet online that included partial passwords to voting equipment used throughout the state.

The passwords were included on a hidden tab in a spreadsheet posted to the office's website for months.

Understandably, criticism from both sides of the aisle swiftly followed the discovery and announcement, focusing in part on Griswold's handling of the issue and delay in telling county clerks.

There have also been calls for Griswold to resign after she put Colorado's election security in question in the eyes of many at a time when trust in that process was critical.

We sincerely hope that once investigation into the incident concludes Griswold makes the decision that is best for the state, future elections and trust in the democratic process.

Randi Pierce

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
December 5, 1924

The board of county commissioners convened Monday, S.E. Edmisten, newly elect, succeeding W.E. Colton as a member. Mr. Colton was appointed by Governor Sweet in May to succeed C.O. Dunagan, whose office was declared vacant by the other two members. His term expired on election day, when Mr. Edmisten was elected to complete the term which ends in January.

The new board apportioned the recently received forest reserve money, amounting to \$2626.63, as follows: Roads and bridges, \$2363.97, General school fund, \$262.66.

A contract was let to Geo. Moore in the sum of \$525 for the building, according to plans and specifications, of a bridge across the Little Blanco river on the new road constructed this past season. Also, \$250 was appropriated for road work on the lower Big Blanco river, in the Marquez vicinity.

A petition was presented by Commissioner Howe for the construction of a new road between Juanita and Pagosa Junction, and he was authorized to employ a surveyor and have the proposed route surveyed, the same to be submitted to the board at the next meeting for approval or rejection.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
December 2, 1949

Christmas is one week nearer and again Pagosans are reminded to continue planning on having their homes and business establishments lighted up on Sunday, December 18, which is official lighting up night.

The members of the Civic Club committee will be glad to offer suggestions about decorations if anyone wishes to call them.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nossaman and daughters, Beverly and Barbara, went to Dyke to spend Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Royal Nossaman. They were accompanied by Mrs. Elizabeth Nossaman. Other guests present at the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Johnson and family and Miss Genevieve Johnson.

The Christmas lights on the main street were strung up this past week and are now turned on at nights. The work was done by REA crewmen in cooperation with town employees. Many of the stores are decorated for Christmas and the town is rapidly taking on holiday garb. The ground is still bare of snow here in town and the weather is anything but Christmasy with warm sunshiny days and no sign of snow.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
December 5, 1974

Construction work was completed this week on a municipal water supply reservoir that will give the town an emergency supply of water. The reservoir will store approximately seven million gallons of raw water.

The reservoir was first proposed as a part of the project which brings town water from the West Fork of the San Juan River. However, shortage of funds at that time prevented its construction. Since that time the cost of construction has tripled from an estimated \$40,000 to about \$130,000.

Water from the West Fork is transported through a large pipeline to the filter plant area. There it may go directly into the filter plant and then into the town system or one of two steel reservoirs, each with a capacity of one-quarter million gallons. The water may also go into the new reservoir and be stored there until needed.

The construction of the new reservoir was one phase of a contract to improve the stability of the town water system.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
December 2, 1999

Upgrades and repairs to the Vista wastewater treatment plant top the list of capital improvements slated for the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District's Year 2000 budget.

When finished, the renovated plant will have a capacity of about 2 million gallons per day, up from the current 1.35 million gallons per day. Financing for the proposed project is expected to come from revenue bonds issued by PAWS. Revenue bonds do not require prior voter approval. Treated effluent from the plant is discharged into the Martinez Creek drainage.

Additional capital projects for the coming year include \$280,000 for facilities upgrades and \$205,000 for a variety of other projects.

The \$60,000 scheduled for a system analysis will allow the district to measure current capacity against future needs.

About \$60,000 will be spent to update maps showing the location of water distribution and sewage collection systems. Ultimately, the updated maps will interface with satellite maps for a comprehensive rendition of the entire system.

LOOKING BACK



From the Dec. 6, 1979, Pagosa SUN — **PAGOSA PIRATE BOOSTER** — The Pagosa Pirate Rooster has added depth to the cheering section for the basketball team and some entertainment for the crowds. **Bill Williams** is the man under the beak and joins in various morale raising activities during the games.

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Abby, Samuel and Tyden Barber join grandmother Mable Barber in Salvation Army bell ringing Saturday, Nov. 30. The Archuleta County Salvation Army supports the less fortunate in our community through emergency shelter, substance abuse rehabilitation, prescription medication assistance, and family and newborn support.

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funding for cultivated-meat research. Jon Hochschartner Granby, Conn.

Prosecute Griswold

Dear Editor:
Sometime in June 2024, the BIOS (Basic Input/Output System) passwords for the voting machines in 63 Colorado Counties, including Archuleta County, were published

on the Colorado Secretary of State's (SoS) website where they remained for about four months. BIOS passwords are used to access the voting systems at the county level that "could allow you to make significant changes to how it [the machine] operates," said Chris Nelson, an experienced voting systems security expert.

When Griswold became aware of the passwords being accessible to the public is anyone's guess, but the story made the news about October 30. In an interview with Jena Griswold, Colorado 9NEWS anchor Kyle Clark asked some tough questions. Instead of being forthcoming and answering the question, "How many passwords and for which counties?," Griswold

minimized the issue by stating only half of the passwords were leaked, indicating it took two passwords to access each voting machine. It was later revealed that this was not true - one password is required. This interview also brought out that the county clerks had yet to be notified of this potential security breach.

On October 31, a teleconference was held between officials from the SoS office, including Jena Griswold, and the county clerks that is available on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q55Z9s1By9M>. During this conference, El Paso Clerk Steve Schleiker, in an attempt to absolve some of the representatives of the

■ See Letters A4

Humor

Dear Editor:
I'd like to congratulate the Sun for providing a platform for climate deniers who dispute the scientific consensus on climate change. I look forward to hearing from flat earthers, anti-vaxxers, conspiracy theorists and other science deniers in future letters. Thanks for the much appreciated humor!

DC Duncan

Cultivated-meat research

Dear Editor:
With the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirming the first child in the United States has tested positive for bird flu, our political leaders should, among other things, consider a massive increase in public funding for cultivated-meat research. For those who don't know, cultivated meat is grown from livestock cells. Since animals are removed from the process, the risk of zoonotic pandemics would be dramatically reduced.

Though the new protein has been approved by the United States Department of Agriculture and the Food and Drug Administration, it is currently too expensive to mass produce. Further development in the field of cellular agriculture could overcome these cost barriers. Any politician, at either the state or federal level, who cares about preventing future pandemics, should support government

Letters

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Business

Nominations open for 2024 Community Awards

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

In this season of thanksgiving, as we celebrate family and friendships, we should also take time to thank the people, businesses and organizations that make our community tick.

All year we attend functions that raise money for our nonprofit agencies so they can provide specialized services to our residents.

All year there are hundreds of volunteers in our community that help make these events happen.

All year there are businesses that donate money, goods and services to organizations so the organization can be profitable.

And every year we want to thank some of these entities for the good they do for Pagosa Springs.

Now it's time for you to look around at family members, friends, co-workers, places of business that you frequent and organizations that provide needed services and nomi-

nate them for one of the following awards: Citizen, Volunteer, Non-Profit and Small Business of the Year.

In each of the categories, the person or business must have lived or been established in the community for three years.

For Volunteer and Citizen awards, the acts of service may not be a part of their regular work; it must be a volunteer activity. The big differential between the Volunteer and Citizen of the Year is in the Citizen category, the person or persons must have made a lasting impact on the community in one of the following categories: economic, cultural, philanthropic or lifestyle. Examples of such selfless people include Evelyn Tennyson, Dan and Venita Burch, Bob and Robin Brobst, Dale Johnson, Lisa Scott, and Jack and Claudia Rosenbaum. These people have supported our community philanthropically, but many have given of themselves and improved an aspect of Pagosa as in Dale and Dan and Venita's example in the cultural and lifestyle

realm working with our youth. Who of your acquaintances would you like to nominate? Who has made an impact on our community and changed the way we do things?

As for the Non-Profit or Small Business categories, these entities offer services or give back to the community constantly. Examples of nonprofit winners are groups such as Vets for Vets, the Human Society, Seeds of Learning, Rise Above Violence, the Nordic Club and Habitat for Humanity. Examples of our Small Business winners are Pagosa Baking, Happy Trails, Rosie's Pizzeria, Pagosa Mountain Sports, Growing Spaces, and Footprints. Each of these businesses provides excellent customer service, offers employee benefits or perks and gives back endlessly to the community. There are so many businesses here that meet the criteria. Why not thank them by nominating them as a Small Business of the Year?

Nomination forms are available on the Chamber's website. Click on the graphic for Community Awards

on the Chamber's home page. That link will take you to the various nomination forms. You can fill out that form or write the nomination on a separate piece of paper.

Nominations are due back to the Chamber by the close of business on Jan. 13, 2025. The award nominees will be celebrated at our annual gala.

This year the Chamber gala and Community Awards will be held on Feb. 7, 2025. You won't want to miss this event.

Think about putting a table together with colleagues or friends to enjoy the fun. More event information will be coming soon.

Should you have any questions about the qualifications for any of the community award categories, please contact Mary Jo Coulehan at director@pagosachamber.com or (970) 264-2360.

Take a few minutes to say thank you; let's honor and celebrate those people and organizations that often we take for granted. We don't say thank you often enough. Let's do so now.

Town approves sales tax revenue distribution agreement with county

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council approved an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with Archuleta County at its Nov. 21 meeting, with the new IGA detailing how sales tax revenues will be distributed between the two entities.

The approved IGA renewed what the two entities agreed to in 2014, when the previous IGA was approved,

maintaining an even split of the county's sales tax revenues between the two entities.

According to an agenda document on the matter, prior to 2014, the county "retained 3% of all sales tax revenues committed to the Town."

It adds, "With the approval of the agreement in 2014, the Colorado Department of Revenue began sending 50 percent of the sales tax directly to the Town, rather than routing the

funds through the County Treasurer's office, thereby allowing the Town to not have to pay the 3%."

The county currently disburses 50 percent of its 4 percent sales tax to the town, pursuant of the IGA approved in 2014.

However, the 2014 IGA terminates after a 10-year period, with that date coming on Dec. 31, necessitating the approval of another agreement.

Town Manager David Harris said, "We have negotiated with

both attorneys, the county attorney and our town attorney, and we have before you a new agreement for another 10 years of this same distribution."

When a motion was made to approve the new IGA, it was passed unanimously by the council. It was approved by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners on Nov. 12 and will take effect on Jan. 1, 2025.

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IRS, Security Summit partners urge watching out for bad tax advice on social media

Internal Revenue Service

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Security Summit partners issued a consumer alert on Dec. 3 about the growing threat of bad tax advice on social media that continues to dupe people into filing inaccurate tax returns.

The alert came on day two of the ninth annual National Tax Security Awareness Week, with the IRS and the Security Summit partners spotlighting the wildly inaccurate tax claims that continue to build across social media. These scams take many different forms and make outlandish promises to inflate refunds.

"The growth of bad tax advice on social media continues to grow, luring unsuspecting taxpayers into filing bad tax returns," said IRS Commissioner Danny Werfel. "We urge people to do some research before falling for these scams. Finding a trusted tax professional or visiting

IRS.gov is a better way to research a tax issue than relying on someone talking in their car or their kitchen about a nonexistent tax hack."

For years, members of the Security Summit — representing state tax agencies, tax professionals, tax software companies and the financial industry — have worked to raise awareness about tax-related identity theft and related tax scams.

To counter this growing threat of tax scams, many of the Summit members have joined together to launch a related group, the Coalition Against Scam and Scheme Threats (CASST).

Throughout the past year, the IRS and the Summit partners saw an escalation of new scams and bad advice surface on social media that promise to magically enrich taxpayers.

This year, the public has seen the emergence and rapid spread of financial scams ranging from the Fuel Tax Credit on federal tax returns to "pig-butcher" scams that involve

investments in fake cryptocurrencies that ultimately leave the victims penniless.

The newly formed CASST alliance, comprising dozens of public and private-sector organizations, is working cooperatively to combat these growing scams and protect taxpayers against filing inaccurate tax returns fueled by social media advice. Increasing awareness of new and emerging tax schemes on social media is one part of a multipronged effort by the CASST coalition to combat tax scams and fraud.

Scams that promise easy money through claiming inaccurate credits or other schemes are seen in social media and in other places. Some producers of misleading content on social media are driven by a criminal profit motive, while others are simply trying to gain attention and clicks, with little regard for the risks it poses to their followers.

"Common wisdom dictates that if

it sounds too good to be true, it often is, and that's especially with some of the crazy ideas about taxes being spread on social media," Werfel said. "Social media platforms are rife with influencers making claims about tax credits or deductions that stretch the truth or are outright lies, aimed at gaining themselves clout or pushing up their views. At the same time, this puts their audience's tax returns and personal finances at risk. If people want good tax information on social media, they should follow options like a trusted tax professional or the IRS social media platforms."

What to watch out for on social media

The IRS is aware of various filing season hashtags and social media topics leading to inaccurate and potentially fraudulent information. A common theme among many of these examples involves people trying to use legitimate tax forms for the wrong reason.

The IRS has seen a spike this year ■ See IRS page 5

Letters

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SoS office also on the call, stated that, "They [the people and the media] want to hear directly from their elected officials here [in El Paso Co]...All these guys have no faith in the secretary at this point in time...but I just wanted to share that many of the media outlets here aren't even going to the secretary's website or looking at the media releases," validating their complete disregard for what Griswold has to say. Griswold, who was also on the call, had a perfect opportunity to admit her error, taking full responsibility for the actions of her office, yet her only response was, "Yeah I got nothing in response to that?"

Keep in mind that in 2022, Colo. Rev. Stat. §1-13-708 was passed that stated: "(2) Any person who knowingly publishes or causes to be published passwords or other confidential information relating to a voting system shall immediately have their authorized access revoked and is guilty of a class 5 felony."

So what can we do to ensure the law applies to her? An affidavit has been created to encourage the Attorney General in the 6th Judicial District to independently investigate the Secretary of State's actions, or lack thereof, in this matter. According to Colorado law, C.R.S. §1-13-101, a District DA must open an investigation upon receiving a signed affidavit and prosecute "if reasonable grounds appear". This affidavit can be downloaded from <https://drive.proton.me/urls/8NDJ0TQC1C#Spgi8sZ7sj> Links may need to be copied/pasted or typed into your browser. After your signature is notarized, send the document to the DA whose address

appears at the top of the document. Sally Kennedy

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Dear Editor:

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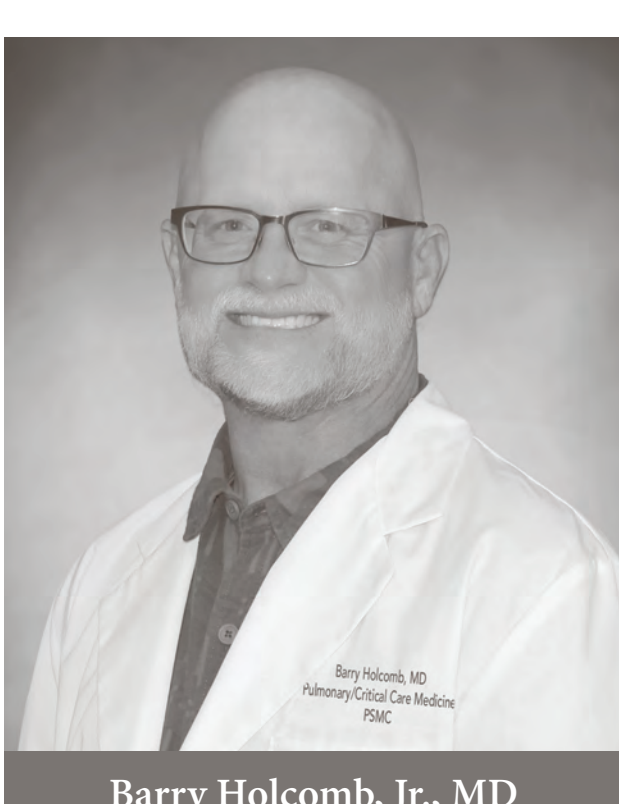
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Town receives Folk and Traditional Arts Project Grant

By Alissa Johnson
Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade

The Colorado Creative Industries (CCI) Division of the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) announced this week that 25 artists and arts organizations across Colorado have been awarded Folk and Traditional Arts Project Grants.

From Archuleta to Larimer counties and Huerfano to Denver counties, these grants will help preserve, celebrate and document the local artistic traditions and heritage of unique Colorado communities.

"We are thrilled to celebrate the culture and heritage of communities across our state and help ensure these traditions continue into the future," said OEDIT Director Eve Lieberman on Dec. 2. "The recipients announced today embrace the values and traditions from past generations through their preservation of folk and traditional arts, offering all of us the opportunity to realize the rich history our state holds."

The Folk and Traditional Arts Project Grants seek to enhance community well-being, cultural identity, economic vitality and sense of place, especially in areas that are often underrepresented in the contemporary art space.

Funds will support the creation, presentation, or teaching of folk and traditional arts, and/or the documentation of folk or traditional arts and cultural heritage through community archiving, oral histories, photojournalism, video or other creative works.

Among the recipients, the Grand Lake Creative District will film a documentary about the craftsmanship behind cowboy artisans' traditional cowboy gear, which includes leatherworking and silversmithing. Another project from Banda La Patrona will

introduce Mexican Banda music to Colorado State University and the Fort Collins community to increase visibility of the genre in academic and cultural institutions.

In Bent County, artist Douglas Crow Wolf will lead Native American moccasin making workshops for residents of the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless Fort Lyon Supportive Residential Community and will share completed projects with the local community.

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Pagosa Springs Recreation Supervisor Amanda Gadomski

As part of the grant's preservation efforts, all funded projects will be archived in the state archives and made accessible to the public through History Colorado.

"Folk and traditional art holds a

deep connection to the cultural identity and history of a community. We are grateful to these artists and organizations for serving as a living record of their community's traditions, and sharing their talents to celebrate Colorado's unique background," said CCI Director Josh Blanchard.

To help make the Folk and Traditional Arts Project Grant more accessible and equitable for individual artists and organizations with limited grant-writing capacity, CCI developed a Grant Navigator program to assist applicants. Prospective applicants are able to meet one-on-one with consultants to get their questions answered, receive feedback on their draft application materials and get assistance in navigating the application process. This does not guarantee the applicant will receive funding through the grant they are applying for.

The Folk and Traditional Arts Project Grant was developed in response to a two-year planning process with a stakeholder group engaged in Colorado's folk arts.

A total of \$75,000 is being awarded to 25 artists and art organizations, funded in part by a partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts.

In Archuleta County, the Town of Pagosa Springs received \$3,000 for an arborglyphs project preserving and highlighting the rich tradition of sheepherding in Pagosa Springs, with a particular focus on the unique cultural practice of creating arborglyphs—carvings made by sheepherders on aspen trees.

"This exciting opportunity allows us to honor and preserve the rich history of sheep herding in our community, with a special focus on arborglyphs—an art form capturing the stories and traditions of sheep herders through their tree carvings, which is at risk of being lost to time," Pagosa Springs Recreation Supervi-

sor Amanda Gadomski wrote in a statement to The SUN.

The town's public arts committee will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 11th at the Ross Aragon Community Center "to discuss goals, future projects, and the direction of Public Arts in our town. We look forward to incorporating this cultural legacy into our creative vision," according to Gadomski.

About CCI

CCI is a division of OEDIT. Established to capitalize on the immense potential for our creative sector to enhance economic growth in Colorado, the mission of CCI is to promote, support and expand the creative industries to drive Colorado's economy, grow jobs and enhance our quality of life.

For more information, visit oedit.colorado.gov/colorado-creative-industries.

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in the following types of scams on social media:

- "Self Employment Tax Credit": Promoters on social media have made misleading claims that taxpayers — particularly self-employed individuals and gig economy workers — can get up to \$32,000 through the so-called "Self Employment Tax Credit."

In reality, there is no "Self Employment Tax Credit"; rather, scammers are advising taxpayers to incorrectly use Form 7202, Credits for Sick Leave and Family Leave for Certain Self-Employed Individuals, to improperly claim the specialized and very limited Sick Leave and Family Leave Credit on their income.

People who were self-employed could claim credits for Sick and Family Leave only for limited COVID-19 related circumstances in 2020 and 2021; the credit is not available for 2023 or 2024 tax returns. The IRS has a detailed set of FAQs describing the very technical requirements for meeting this provision of the law.

- Household employment taxes: In a variation on the "Self Employment Tax Credit" scheme, taxpayers are being advised to "invent" fictional household employees and then file Schedule H (Form 1040), Household Employment Taxes, to claim a refund based on false sick and family medical leave wages they never paid.

- Fuel Tax Credit: This specialized credit is designed for off-highway business and farming use. Taxpayers need a business purpose and a qualifying business activity such as running a farm or purchasing aviation gasoline to be eligible for the credit.

The vast majority of individual taxpayers do not qualify for the Fuel Tax Credit. It is only for businesses that use certain types of fuel (not for the gas people put in their car). Yet, promoters increasingly advise ineligible taxpayers to claim it, and then the promoters line their own pockets by charging the individual a hefty fee.

- Inflated income and withholding: This scheme encourages people to use tax software to manually fill out Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement, and include false income information. Scam artists suggest people make up large income and withholding figures, as well as the employer from which it's coming. They then instruct people to file the bogus tax return electronically in hopes of getting a substantial refund — sometimes as much as five figures — due to the large amount of withholding.

- Claim of Right: In this long-seen scheme, taxpayers are advised to file tax returns and attempt to take a deduction equal to the entire amount

of their wages. Promoters advise them to label the deduction as "a necessary expense for the production of income" or "compensation for personal services actually rendered." The deduction is based on a complete misinterpretation of the Internal Revenue Code and has no basis in law.

The IRS has seen hundreds of thousands of dubious claims like these, leading to refunds being delayed and the need for taxpayers to show legitimate documentation to support their claims — which they often don't have. The IRS is on the lookout for each of these types of false tax claims as well as others.

The IRS and Summit partners urge taxpayers to exercise caution when filing their tax returns and ensure they only claim credits to which they're entitled. Taxpayers who did fall victim need to follow steps to verify their eligibility for the claim. Otherwise, they could face audits and expensive fines; in some cases, they could be subject to federal criminal prosecution and imprisonment.

If individuals have doubts about the legitimacy of a particular tax credit, they should review the many resources available on IRS.gov or seek advice from a qualified tax professional and, in some cases, file an amended return to remove claims for which they're ineligible to avoid potential penalties.

'Tis the season

These threats are present year-round, but the approach of the 2025 tax filing season means that misinformed influencers and outright scammers will intensify efforts to

persuade the public to take their bad advice.

Instead of looking to shady or ill-informed influencers on social media, a better option for taxpayers to learn how to properly use tax forms and claim credits is to go to IRS.gov and follow IRS social media channels.

IRS.gov has a forms repository with legitimate and detailed instructions for taxpayers on how to fill out the forms properly.

Use IRS.gov to find the official IRS social media accounts, or other government sites, to fact check information.

Taxpayers should also consider consulting a tax pro if they're thinking of applying tax advice seen on social media to their own tax situations.

Pass it on

The IRS encourages the public to report improper and abusive tax schemes, as well as tax return preparers who knowingly prepare improper returns, including "ghost preparers." To report an abusive tax scheme or a tax return preparer, people should mail or fax a completed Form 14242, Report Suspected Abusive Tax Promotions or Preparers, and any supporting material to the IRS Lead Development Center in the Office of Promoter Investigations.

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Alternatively, taxpayers and tax professionals may report the infor-

mation to the IRS Whistleblower Office for possible monetary award.

Taxpayers can also report scams to the treasury inspector general for tax administration or the Internet Crime Complaint Center. The Report Phishing and Online Scams page at IRS.gov provides complete details.



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Navajo Dam among 77 projects to receive funding to increase drought resilience and improve water delivery systems

U.S. Department of the Interior

The Department of the Interior announced on Tuesday, Dec. 3, a \$849 million investment to revitalize aging water delivery systems across the West.

The funding supports 77 projects in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah and Washington to improve water conveyance and storage, increase safety, improve hydropower generation and provide water treatment.

This includes 14 projects totaling \$118.3 million in the Colorado River Basin.

The announcement follows the release of five alternatives earlier this month that will be analyzed as part of the Post-2026 Operations for the Colorado River Basin.

Since day one of the Biden-Harris administration, the department has led critical discussions over how to bring the Colorado River back from the brink

of crisis in the face of an unprecedented 24-year drought. Having achieved overwhelming success in 2023 on interim operation plans to guide operations through 2026 with a historic consensus agreement, and following more than a year of collaboration with the states and tribes who call the Colorado River Basin home, the release of alternatives is the next step in a responsible path to guide post-2026 operations for the Colorado River.

“As we work to address record drought and changing climate conditions in the Colorado River Basin and throughout the West, these investments in our aging water infrastructure will conserve community water supplies and revitalize water delivery systems,” said Acting Deputy Secretary Laura Daniel-Davis.

“Reclamation is committed to utilizing these historic investments from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to revitalize our infrastructure for continued reliability and sustainability for the next generation,” said

Bureau of Reclamation Deputy Commissioner Roque Sanchez. “These facilities are essential to the West as they provide water for families, farms and tribal communities, while also and producing hydropower and recreation opportunities for communities throughout the basin.”

The projects selected for funding are found in all the major river basins and regions where the Bureau of Reclamation operates.

Among the 77 projects selected for funding are efforts to restore canal capacity, sustain water treatment for tribes, replace equipment for hydropower production and provide necessary maintenance to aging project buildings.

Included in the funding is \$1.6 million for a Navajo Dam float well replacement.

The project will replace the float well instrument system within Navajo Dam utilized for measuring and recording reservoir elevations. The current system will be replaced

with a new float well system using a plastic material that will not be susceptible to corrosion. Funding is provided for design activities and implementation.

To view a full list of projects selected, visit <https://www.usbr.gov/bil/docs/infrastructure/FY-2025-Aging-Infrastructure-Projects.pdf> on the Bureau of Reclamation’s website.

As climate change has accelerated over the past two decades, the Colorado River Basin experienced the driest period in the region in more than 1,000 years. Together, the Inflation Reduction Act and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provide the largest investment in climate resilience in our nation’s history, including \$15.4 billion for Western water across federal agencies to enhance the West’s resilience to drought and deliver resources to protect the Colorado River System for all whose lives and livelihoods depend on it. This includes \$5.35 billion for over 577 projects in the Colorado River Basin states alone.

Fire protection district approves budget, readies for impact fees

By Garrett Fevinger
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Fire Protection District approved its 2025 budget during a regular meeting of its board of directors on Dec. 3, with the final draft reflecting increased cost-of-living allowances for fire personnel and slightly lower revenues from general property taxes.

Fire Chief Robert Bertram described the 5 percent cost-of-living increase as one of the “biggest adjustments” made from earlier versions of the budget — which had originally capped the increase at 3 percent.

Bertram will also receive the increased living adjustment, in addition to a 2 percent pay increase and an extra week of vacation leave, following an executive session to evaluate his performance.

The approved 2025 budget also grants the district funds to hire three additional full-time firefighters, which in earlier meetings Bertram described as necessary to increase minimum levels of staffing.

“Right now our minimum staffing is three,” Bertram said during the board’s Oct. 1 meeting. “When we have four, we’re able to split our crews a lot easier,” he said. “More than half the time we’re running as three, so we don’t have that ability.”

At that meeting, Bertram also explained the additional hires would support staffing a future station.

“We’ve got to start building up from somewhere so we don’t have just a ton of new people on shift,” he said. “This will help get us set up for the future.”

The district’s total 2025 payroll expenses are proposed to be \$2,320,914 — up from \$2,289,827 anticipated in 2024.

Revenues in the district’s operating budget are projected to decrease slightly in 2025 — from \$5,349,597 anticipated in 2024 to \$5,060,743 proposed in 2025 — due in part to decreased general property tax valuations.

“The general property tax went down by about \$5,000 due to a little bit lower of an assessment when we got our final valuation,” Bertram explained during the Dec. 3 meeting.

The proposed revenues also do not account for any donations the district may receive in the coming year; in 2024, that figure is anticipated to be slightly more than \$10,000.

Dividends from COLOTRUST, where the district has its investment portfolio, are also anticipated to be slightly lower in 2025 — from \$140,000 anticipated in 2024 to \$110,000 in 2025.

An additional \$415,000 transfer from reserves into the proposed 2025 operating budget will assist the district in completing asphalt paving projects originally scheduled for

2024, according to Bertram.

Those projects include improvements to stations 1 and 3, as well as to the administrative building’s parking lot. The district had hoped to complete all three in 2024.

Elsewhere in the budget, administrative expenses are expected to increase from \$455,274 anticipated this year to \$502,129 in 2025.

The district’s fleet maintenance budget is also set to go up next year,

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with increased spending proposed for vehicle parts and tires. In total, fleet maintenance expenditures proposed in 2025 are \$144,900.

In 2025, the district’s training budget is proposed to be \$995,200.

“We were not able to fill the training captain’s position,” Bertram reported to the board. “We still definitely have a need for a training person, and ... make training more available. We’re just trying to figure out the best way to do it. We’ve been working on trying to come up with a good solution to that and move forward.”

Impact fees a possibility in 2025

One new line item added to the district’s 2025 budget allows for future revenues collected from proposed impact fees, which the board moved closer to adopting on Dec. 3.

In a letter that was to be delivered to town and county officials on Dec. 4, Bertram outlined the district’s intent to impose the fees as well as the 2024 law allowing it to do so, thereby triggering a 60-day comment period. “At its February 4, 2025, regularly

scheduled meeting,” the letter states, “the Board will hold a public hearing on its intent to establish and assess impact fees.”

In the letter, the fees for residential and commercial developments are outlined as follows:

- For a new single-family dwelling, a fee of \$1,426.
- For a new multifamily dwelling, a fee of \$1,104.
- New commercial and other industrial units would be charged 65 cents per square foot.

During the 60-day comment period, the town and county may provide feedback to the district, but, according to the district’s attorney, Dino Ross, the decision ultimately lies with the district’s board of directors.

“This letter constitutes the statutory notice that the Town (and County) has through February 3, 2025, to submit comments on the Fire District Board’s intent to establish and assess impact fees,” the letter states.

Following that period, a public hearing will take place during the

district’s regularly scheduled board meeting on Feb. 4, after which a final course of action will be set.

Questions about how and when to collect any potential fees arose during the Dec. 3 meeting, with Bertram signaling more discussion with the town and county would be needed in the weeks ahead.

“Do you find in other counties that the county assists in the collection of these fees?” board treasurer and secretary James Martin asked.

“If you have a good working relationship, they may very well agree to just collect them,” Ross replied, adding that it would “make the most sense” if the impact fees were collected before the issuance of a building permit.

And while the fire district does not have the authority to withhold a building permit, Ross suggested that failure to pay an impact fee could result in a lien being placed on the new structure.

If approved, the new fees would take effect on Feb. 5, 2025.

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Opposition

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She added that the transfer of the water rights would likely be opposed by various parties.

"The pencil terms that were offered were just not favorable to the public and would have been a bad deal for the public, and we're concerned about the public's interest and what assets the district has interest in," Jones said.

She then asked for a motion from the board to reiterate the points she had just made in a public statement.

Jones added that she would write a statement that would then be circulated to other members of the board for editing before being distributed

to the public.

She also invited the scheduling of a SJWCD work session to discuss how to address PAWSD's concerns, after which the board would invite the PAWSD board to "sit with us and have an open and frank discussion of our respective positions on the Running Iron Ranch because I think that kind of consultation is ... what the boards agreed to do as joint owners of this property in the first place."

The board then unanimously voted to approve these actions.

On Dec. 3, the SJWCD issued a public statement further outlining the board's next steps and objections to the offer it rejected.

The statement opens by noting that the SJWCD is committed to keeping its water rights and the land for future water storage in public control.

"Selling those valuable assets deprives County residents and property owners of the best available site for a reservoir and water supply that can help sustain the community years from now," the statement adds.

It comments that the offer the SJWCD rejected at its Nov. 7 meeting was a "bad deal" for the public and would have required the SJWCD to turn over its water storage rights to the buyer for free.

The statement comments that the offer was "described as" providing for

the future development of a reservoir but did not include a "realistic plan or timeline."

It adds, "The inevitable result would have been the public's loss of land and water rights to a private developer."

The statement continues that the SJWCD is willing to work with community stakeholders, including PAWSD, on cooperative water planning efforts, which it comments should go "hand in hand" with strategic planning by the Town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County.

"SJWCD board members will also consider assets that might be offered for sale consistent with the public's interest," it states, adding that the SJWCD has scheduled a work session at 4 p.m. on Jan. 6 to "continue its planning work."

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Election

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members who chose not to vote to sign off on results in this election cycle, but not enough to affect the election certification timeline and process. In the June primary election and last year's general election, Republican members from Boulder, El Paso and Jefferson counties were the only ones to vote against certification.

The increase comes as Colorado GOP leaders specifically spoke out against certification for the Nov. 5 general election in light of a password security breach from Secretary of State Jena Griswold's office.

In late October, the office announced that Basic Input Output System — or BIOS — passwords for election systems in numerous counties had inadvertently been publicly

available online for months.

Election equipment was not tampered with, and the breach did not constitute a threat to election security, experts and officials said. A third-party investigation of the incident is underway.

"If ever we were going to decertify an election, this would be the time to do it," Candice Stutzriem, a Republican El Paso County canvass board member, said during a Nov. 11 party call. "We have been served up the best reason we're going to see in our lifetime with this BIOS breach."

She urged Republicans to appeal to Republican county clerks and convince them to vote against certification. That did not happen in any county.

Richard Walker, a Republican in Archuleta County, also noted the

BIOS password leak in his written statement about not certifying, adding that it is in "no way a reflection on our county clerk or the office, which did an excellent job."

In her minority report, Jefferson County Republican Nancy Pallozzi wrote that the processing of ballots following the password leak news did not give her confidence in the election.

"I feel all tabulators should have been shut down, had an emergency Logic and Accuracy Test to clear the machines and then started over with the processing of the ballots. There was still enough time before Election Day to do this," she wrote.

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Building

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ing challenges in finding skilled workers to meet their needs, which hampers economic growth and limits opportunities for community development.

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In response to these challenges, Build Pagosa is spearheading the creation of a regional workforce center.

The regional workforce center will serve as a transformative resource for PSHS and the broader community.

Designed as additional classroom space for the high school's CTE programs, the center will strengthen PSHS's offering of hands-on learning opportunities in fields such as building trades, metal fabrication, health sciences, culinary and more.

Beyond high school, the facility will also serve as a hub for community actors, including colleges, workforce training organizations and other educational providers, ensuring year-round use and broader impact.

Thanks to the incredible support of many stakeholders, we have made significant progress toward bringing this vision to life.

We are thrilled to announce that

we have raised approximately \$2.8 million in funding for the project. This total reflects the commitment of multiple organizations and individuals who share our passion for fostering education and workforce development in our region.

Notable contributions include generous contributions from the Boettcher Foundation and the Gates Family Foundation — two organizations renowned for their commitment to supporting educational initiatives in Colorado.

The Colorado Department of Local Affairs, in partnership with the Town of Pagosa Springs, has provided a \$600,000 grant, further underscoring the importance of this project to our community.

Additionally, a Congressionally Directed Spending grant, managed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, has contributed \$1 million, reflecting the recognition of our project's value at the federal level.

Finally, the many private donations from generous community members make up the rest of the \$2.8 million. This highlights the grassroots support that has been vital to our progress. The success of this project would not have been possible without this incredible community support.

In addition to this impressive financial backing, Archuleta School District has provided a crucial piece of the puzzle: the use of land for the regional workforce center, near the high school campus. This proximity

ensures seamless integration with existing CTE programs while offering accessibility to students, educators and community partners.

Principal Sean O'Donnell, a strong advocate for the project, says "The [regional workforce center] is not just about offering more classes — it's about providing our students with real-world skills, hands-on experiences and the confidence to step into high-demand careers. This facility will elevate our CTE programs to the next level and create opportunities that our students and community have never had before."

As we look ahead, Build Pagosa is thrilled to be planning to break ground on this much-anticipated project in the summer of next year.

The regional workforce center is more than just a building — it's a vision for a stronger, more resilient Pagosa Springs, where students and community members build the tools to grow with our changing economy.

As we approach the end of the year, we ask for your support. Please consider donating to Build Pagosa through the Colorado Gives Foundation at coloradogives.org/organization/Build-Pagosa.

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Town of Pagosa Springs staff for the work they've put in.

"The call could not have gone better," McLinely said, explaining that he has these conversations with rating agencies regularly and that they are typically not so pleasant.

He explained it was a "delightful phone call," as he was able to supply the agency with everything it asked for.

McLinely noted the next step is to wait to receive the rating, which should come in approximately two weeks.

McLinely also spoke about how the town is discussing a policy of not financing anything for longer than 75 percent of its usable life, which he praised by saying, "Nobody of a community this size or 10 times this size even addresses that. You guys addressed it in that policy."

According to agenda documentation, the bonds will go toward funding repairs to the town's sewer collection system, with an agenda document stating, "It's anticipated that these funds will go to address the more critical sections of the collection system, which have commonly been referred to as category 4s and 5s."

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Sports

BASKETBALL

‘Exactly where we need to be’: Lady Pirates look to open season with strong defense

By Garrett Fevinger
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate basketball team will look to begin its Intermountain League title defense this week as it prepares to host the annual Wolf Creek Classic and rekindle the magic that last season propelled the team to a 21-5 record and the quarterfinals of the state championships.

The Lady Pirates are entering the 2024-2025 season as the No. 9 team in the 4A preseason poll.

The Lady Pirates are scheduled to face 5A Central Grand Junction at 5 p.m. today, Dec. 5, followed by a 1 p.m. game versus 3A Gunnison on Dec. 7.

Coach Sarah Osborn has liked what she’s seen in early workouts with the team.

“Practices have been really strong and intense,” Osborn said. “We’re kind of getting through a lot of our offenses and our defenses, and just kind of getting the rust off. I think we’re exactly where we need to be going into this first weekend of games.”

At the Classic, Osborn expects to pay close attention to what’s become the signature pride of the team: an aggressive Lady Pirate defense.

“We always focus on defense first — and that’s something our team takes pride in, I take pride in,” the coach said. “We like to play fast and

we like to play hard. So, just coming out and showing that we have those disciplined skills on defense ready to go, and then I think that offense will come from our experienced seniors leading our team.”

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Leading the Lady Pirates this year will be three returning starters — Elizabeth Currier, Karsyn Shahan and Kylie Ketchum — who Osborn noted she expects to be a “huge part of our success this year.”

“I just think we have a really good returning varsity team that we can build off of from last year with how

we ended doing well,” she said.

The coach continued, “We’re remembering where we came from, but it’s a clean slate as this is a new team, a new group of girls, and I’m excited to see what they do.”

Schedule

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

Following the conclusion of this week’s Wolf Creek Classic, the squad is scheduled to hit the road Dec. 19-21 for a trio of games against 5A teams at the Black Canyon Classic in Montrose. There they will face the hosts at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 19, Glenwood Springs at 2 p.m. on Dec. 20 and Pueblo Central at 10 a.m. on Dec. 21.

Heading into the new year, the Lady Pirates are scheduled to travel to Broomfield for the Holy Family Invite, where they will face the 4A hosts at 6 p.m. on Jan. 3, 2025, and 4A Kent Denver at noon on Jan. 4, 2025.

The team’s first home game of 2025 is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 7, when they will host the 2A Sanford Mustangs.

On Jan. 10, 2025, the Lady Pirates are scheduled to travel to Salida for a 5:30 p.m. game against the 3A Spartans.

A home game versus the 5A Durango Demons is scheduled for 5:30

p.m. on Jan. 14, 2025, followed by two consecutive road games against 3A opponents: The Lady Pirates will face Monte Vista at 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 17, 2025, and then Ignacio at 2:30 p.m. the following day.

Following that road trip, the squad will enjoy successive home court advantages as they host 4A Alamosa at 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 24, 2025, and 4A Montezuma-Cortez at 12:30 p.m. on Jan. 25.

The team will then head to Del Norte for a 5:30 p.m. game against the 2A Tigers on Jan. 28, 2025, followed by a trip to Bayfield for a 5:30 p.m. game against the 3A Wolverines on Jan. 31, 2025.

The Lady Pirates will enjoy home court support to begin February, when they will host the 3A Centauri Falcons at 2:30 p.m. on Feb. 1, 2025; Monte Vista at 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 7, 2025; and Ignacio at 2:30 p.m. on Feb. 8, 2025.

On Feb. 14, 2025, the team will travel to Alamosa to face off against the Mean Moose at 5:30 p.m. before traveling the next day to visit Montezuma-Cortez at 2:30 p.m.

The Lady Pirates’ final regular-season home game of the season is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 21, 2025, against Bayfield. They will wrap up regular season play in La Jara for a 2:30 p.m. game against the Centauri Falcons on Feb. 22, 2025.

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Pirates to rely on experience, new talent in season opener

By Garrett Fevinger
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate basketball team and defending Intermountain League champ will begin its 2024-2025 campaign this week at home as hosts of the Wolf Creek Classic — the team’s first tournament play since a quarterfinal finish at the state playoffs in March.

The Pirates are the No. 4 team in the 4A preseason rankings.

The 4A Pirates, who last season compiled a perfect 10-0 Intermountain League record, will take on 4A Delta at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 5, followed by a 2:30 p.m. game versus 3A Gunnison on Dec. 7.

In addition to its league title, last season the Pirates advanced to the Great 8 — or the quarterfinals of the state championships — and compiled an overall record of 24-2.

With the loss of some key players from last season, coach Wes Lewis indicated he plans to look to his younger players to “step up and fill some voids” as the team heads into its first games of the season.

“We just got to go be good defensively, limit our turnovers, and we got to hit shots when we’re open,” the coach said. “We’ve got pretty decent guard play, some very strong bigs — they’re strong kids and they’re good basketball players,” Lewis said.

At the Wolf Creek Classic, Lewis’ eye will be focused on fundamentals while he and his coaching staff work

to solve a perennial riddle: how to build a new team with the new talent on the floor.

“There’re some things we can do that we couldn’t do with last year’s group,” he said. “You got to build your philosophy around the kids that you

“We just got to go be good defensively, limit our turnovers, and we got to hit shots when we’re open,” the coach said. “We’ve got pretty decent guard play, some very strong bigs — they’re strong kids and they’re good basketball players.”

Coach Wes Lewis

have, and it’s a little different every year, especially at the high school level.”

Schedule

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

Following this week’s Wolf Creek Classic, the Pirates are scheduled to travel for extended tournament play beginning Dec. 19 at the Black Canyon Classic in Montrose. There, the Pirates will face the hosts at 7 p.m. on Dec. 19, followed by a 4 p.m. game against Glenwood Springs on Dec. 20

and a matchup with Pueblo Central at 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 21.

The Pirates will then head to Broomfield for the Holy Family Invite, where they will face the 4A hosts at 7 p.m. on Jan. 3, 2025, then 4A Peak to Peak Charter at 1:30 p.m. the following day.

The team’s first home game of 2025 is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Jan. 7, when they will host the 2A Sanford Mustangs.

On Jan. 10, 2025, the Pirates are scheduled to travel to Salida for a 7 p.m. game against the 3A Spartans.

A home game versus the 5A Durango Demons is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Jan. 14, 2025, followed by two consecutive road games against 3A opponents: first Monte Vista at 7 p.m. on Jan. 17, 2025, and then Ignacio at 4 p.m. the next day.

Back home, the squad will host 4A Alamosa at 7 p.m. on Jan. 24, 2025, and 4A Montezuma-Cortez at 2 p.m. on Jan. 25, 2025.

The Pirates will then head to Del Norte for a 7 p.m. game against the 2A Tigers on Jan. 28, 2025, followed by a trip to Bayfield for a 7 p.m. game against the 3A Wolverines on Jan. 31, 2025.

The squad will enjoy home court advantage heading into February as they host the 3A Centauri Falcons at 4 p.m. on Feb. 1, 2025, Monte Vista at 7 p.m. on Feb. 7, 2025, and Ignacio at 4 p.m. on Feb. 8, 2025.

On Feb. 14, 2025, the team is scheduled to travel to Alamosa to face off against the Mean Moose at 7 p.m. before traveling the next day to visit Montezuma-Cortez at 4 p.m.

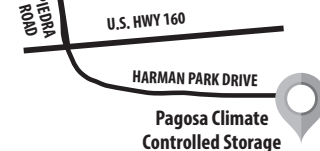
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WRESTLING

Pirate grapplers to open season on road

By Clayton Chaney and Garrett Fevinger
Staff Writers

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate grapplers will head to Bayfield this weekend for their first tournament of the 2024-2025 season — an opportunity coach Dan Janowsky hopes his young team uses to build confidence and lay the foundation for a season of growth.

The Lady Pirates will also open their season this weekend, though in Farmington, N.M.

Assessing the boys' and girls' teams, Janowsky said, "We've got some outstanding wrestlers, we do."

He called a handful of his wrestlers state contenders. Janowsky commented that the boys' squad has three individuals ranked in the top six of the state: Anthony Manzanares, Colton Lucero and Antonio Quesada.

Janowsky also commented that the girls' squad has around 10 wrestlers with one state qualifier returning, Laken Baxstrom.

"They're a hard working bunch," he said.

The team advanced seven wrestlers to the state tournament last season.

"But the majority of our team is

kind of in the developmental stage and we're going to have to spend our time and be patient with them and be smart about when we wrestle and who we wrestle," he continued. "We've got to build their skills and build their confidence."

From what he's seen so far, Janowsky indicated one essential skill is already in place: desire.

"I love teaching young people how to wrestle," Janowsky said, "and you take them where they are. And, I'm glad they're here and I'm glad they want to learn how to do it. We the coaching staff will give them everything we got."

With "one, good structured practice under their belts," Janowsky pointed to Bayfield and Farmington as a chance for the Pirates to implement game plans and focus on the battle, rather than results.

"I do expect to see they're going to give a great effort," the coach said. "I don't have any doubt of that. They're going to work hard and they're going to battle. They'll wrestle hard."

He continued, "I think that's going to result in some wins. But we're not really concerned with that at this point."

Schedules

The following schedules were ac-

curate as of press time Wednesday, but is subject to change.

Lady Pirates

The girls' wrestling team will open its season this Friday, Dec. 6, as they travel to Farmington, N.M., to take on the Farmington Scorpions. Matches are slated to begin at 3 p.m.

On Saturday, Dec. 14, the Lady Pirates will compete in the Bobcat Duals taking place at Bloomfield High School in Bloomfield, N.M., with matches starting at 9 a.m.

The Lady Pirates will then compete in the Warrior Classic on Dec. 20 and 21 at Grand Junction High School. Matches are scheduled to begin at noon on Dec. 20 and 9 a.m. on Dec. 21.

After the new year, the Lady Pirates will resume action at the Queens of the Mountain tournament scheduled for Jan. 18, 2025, at Battle Mountain High School in Edwards. Matches are set to begin at 11:30 a.m.

On Jan. 25, 2025, the Lady Pirates will compete in the Butch Melton Invitational at Ignacio High School. Matches are set to begin at 9 a.m.

On Feb. 1, 2025, the Lady Pirates will travel to Del Norte to participate in the Rio Grande Women's Showdown, with matches starting at 9 a.m.

Pirates

The Pirate boys' wrestling team will open its season this Saturday, Dec. 7, competing in the Bayfield tournament, with matches set to start at 9 a.m.

On Saturday, Dec. 14, the Pirates will take on Columbine High School in Columbine, with matches starting at 9 a.m.

On Dec. 20 and 21, the boys' team will also be competing in the Warrior Classic Grand Junction. Matches are set to start at noon on Dec. 20 and 9 a.m. on Dec. 21.

After the new year, the Pirates will host the Rocky Mountain Duals and Rocky Mountain Tournament at Pagosa Springs High School on Jan. 10 and Jan. 11, 2025. Match times are to be determined.

On Jan. 17 and 18, 2025, the Pirates will compete in the Mel Smith Invitational in Florence. Match times are to be determined.

The Pirates will then compete in a varsity dual against Bayfield High School on Jan. 24, 2025 in Bayfield, with matches set to begin at 5 p.m.

On Jan. 25, 2025, the Pirates will compete in the Centauri Tri in La Jara, with matches starting at 9 a.m.

On Jan. 28, 2025, the Pirates will host a dual against Montezuma-Cortez, with matches starting at 5 p.m.
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Pagosa Springs Middle School releases first-quarter honor roll

By Anjelica Gallegos
Pagosa Springs Middle School

Pagosa Springs Middle School has released its honor roll for the first quarter.

The following fifth-grade students made the honor roll with a 3.5 to 3.99 cumulative GPA: Ainsley Bracken, Tylan Branson, Lily Burk, Kiniza DeDios, Steele Forest, Ivy Fort, Rafe Halterman, Isaac Hanley, Juniper Hertzke, Violet Hutcherson, Kaden Karas, Xane Laursen, Ziva Logacz, Lucy Lyons, Sadie Matyniak, Liam McRae, Evelyn Mendoza, Kenzie Miller, Zaen Mitchell, Jeri Moeller, Kaci Moeller, Ursa Moody, Jaxen Nielsen, Evan Pond, London Rafferty, AnnaBeth Ray, Sierra Rich, Bianca Rivera, Paige Rogacki, Eleano Samu, Grant Saylor, Timothy Sheehan, David Smith, Kai Smith, Liam Stratos and Elise Tlachac.

The following Pagosa Springs Middle School fifth-grade students made the A honor roll with a 4.0 GPA: Emma Alexander, Louis Carroll, Lorretta Hinojosa, Beatrice Iverson, Jachin Kossler, Tanner Mote, Penelope Peck, Jariah Portnell and Kensington Wallace.

The following sixth-grade students made honor roll with a 3.5 to 3.99 cumulative GPA: Jacob Adams, Aria Archuleta, Kiley Braun, Taylor Cole, Mayley Evans, Chauncey Forster, Naomi Gutierrez, Mia Gutierrez, Merick Halterman, Russell Hudler, Cora Jackson, Colle Looper, Sebastian Lujan-Para, Kai Mathews-Davey, Delilah Powell, Lyla Reynolds, Hannah Richards, Ana Romero, Rystle Ross, Samuel Roukema, Samuel Sanchez, Riley Sanders, Damien Turk and Lilyan Vega.

The following sixth-grade students made the A honor roll with a 4.0 GPA: Kai Alexander, Brooke Anderson, Grant Bliss, Wynnona Buchner, Wyatt Buck, Molly Hart, Tia Henson, Sage Merrill-Exton, Kiara Patel, Tyson Sewell and Nova Wilson.

The following seventh-grade students made honor roll with a 3.5 to 3.99 cumulative GPA: Elias Becker Sweden, Camellia Bellina, Kenzy Bowdridge, Carlie Bridges, Zander Campbell, Kyleah Coss, Keyonnah Daniels-Wesley, Shiloh Degelman, Olivia Diffey, Jacob Freeman, Octavio Garcia, Kayleen Gonzalez, Elijah Hanto, Cooper Laner, Avitt Lee-Shaw, Mia Lucero, Eduardo Marinelarena, Derek Mendez, Ty Mitchell, Lucy Modern, Katalena Ordonez, Vanessa Ramirez, Eloise Ridley, Neitzey Shepherd, Arianna Talamante, Harlee Taylor, Colten Ulibarri, Jaycee Wallace, Francis Witting and Tevey Zissman.

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Asher Smith, Livia Souza, Trent Tator, Tuff Terrazas, Micah Tyler and Michael Wells.

The following eighth-grade students made honor roll with 3.5 to 3.99 cumulative GPA: Nathalia Arvizo, Rylan Ash, Charlie Barraza-Haymaker, Brailon Bowman, Bentley Briscoe, Jaycub Carter, Veda Deitemeyer, Samson Dennis, Lilly Gallegos, Cole Hancey, Aaron Hazelwood, Kaydence Hibbert, Derek Johnson, Elijah Julian, Analisa Kappauf, Brandt Kerns, Eisa King, Daniel Kinsley, Kelaney

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Updated car seat laws will take effect Jan. 1, 2025

Colorado Department of Transportation

On June 4, Gov. Jared Polis signed a new bill that updates Colorado's child restraint system law for the first time in 14 years.

The updates reflect the latest research and recommendations on child passenger safety, ensuring that the laws keep pace with evolving best practices.

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) will launch an awareness campaign in January to ensure that Coloradans are aware of the new updates to the laws. Motor vehicle crashes remain a leading cause of death for children in the U.S., according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

Key Child Passenger Safety Law changes effective Jan. 1, 2025:

- **Booster seats:** Children must now use a car seat or booster seat until they are 9 years old (previously under 8 years old).

- **Rear-facing car seats:** Children under 2 years old and weighing under 40 pounds must be restrained in a rear-facing car seat in the rear seat if available (previously under 1 year old and under 20 pounds). Children under 2 years old but weighing more than 40 pounds may use either a rear-facing or forward-facing car seat.

- **Seat belt or car seat requirement ages:** Children under 18 years old must now be properly restrained in a seat belt or child restraint system (previously under 16 years old).

For more details on these and other changes, visit the Colorado Child Passenger Safety Law webpage.

Car Seats Colorado emphasizes that car seats, booster seats and seat belts are developed to protect children based on their size, not their age. Even if your child looks big enough to move to the next size seat, be sure to follow all manufacturer recommendations on the car seat label.

"It's important to remember that car seat fit is highly individualized," said Trooper Kent Trimbach of the Colorado State Patrol and program coordinator for Car Seats Colorado. "The fit must be based on the child's size and developmental stage, not just their age. Ensuring each car seat is properly adjusted and installed is crucial for maximizing safety."

Properly securing children in cars seats that meet federal motor vehicle safety standards significantly enhances their safety.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that child restraints reduce fatalities by 71 percent for infants and by 54 percent for toddlers in passenger cars.

Last year in Colorado, 78 percent of car seats inspected by child passenger safety technicians were not being used correctly or were not installed properly, according to the Child Passenger Safety Board's National Digital Car Seat Check Form database. This figure is an increase from 2022, when the misuse rate was just under 70 percent.

Factors contributing to improperly restrained children include an incorrectly installed car seat, use of a car seat that does not fit the child based on their size and development, not properly securing the harness or

seat belt, and moving a child out of a booster seat too soon.

In addition, too often, parents move their children to the front seat before they should, which increases the risk of injury and death, even if that child is buckled up. Children under 13 years of age should always ride in the back seat.

Parents and caregivers can have their car seats checked for free by a certified technician to ensure proper installation and fit. To locate a car seat inspection location near you, visit CarSeatsColorado.com.

"Ensuring your child is protected in the car starts with using the proper safety restraint and making sure it's installed correctly," said Darrell Lingk, director of the Highway Safety Office at CDOT. "We offer many resources to make this as easy as possible for families, because these little ones rely entirely on their caregivers for their safety."

The Colorado State Patrol and local law enforcement agencies will continue to prioritize enforcing proper child passenger restraint use. Parents and caregivers are responsible for properly restraining a child and will be ticketed if they fail to do so.

If you are unable to afford a car seat for your child(ren), WeeCycle, Children's Hospital Colorado and SafeKids Colorado Springs have programs through which families can get a free or low-cost car seat. Visit their websites for more information.

Learn more about how to keep children safe in vehicles and download informational resources at Car-

SeatsColorado.com.

About Car Seats Colorado

Car Seats Colorado is a joint effort of the Colorado State Patrol, CDOT, local car seat technicians, law enforcement, emergency services and other professionals who are dedicated to implementing child passenger safety programs and encouraging parents to take the necessary steps to protect their children when in vehicles.

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Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

- Nov. 25 — Warrant arrest, Harman Park Drive.
- Nov. 25 — Warrant arrest, Harman Park Drive.
- Nov. 26 — Information only, U.S. 160.
- Nov. 26 — Agency assist, Great West Avenue.
- Nov. 26 — Warrant arrest, Harman Park Drive/North Pagosa Boulevard.
- Nov. 27 — Abandon vehicle on public property, no location listed.
- Nov. 28 — Disobey lane usage sign, driving under the influence of drugs (marijuana), Piedra Road.
- Nov. 28 — False imprisonment, criminal mischief-\$1,000 to \$2,000, domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, throwing missiles at vehicles, Eagle Drive, Wits End Place.
- Nov. 29 — Driving under the influence of alcohol, North Pagosa Boulevard/Talisman Drive.
- Nov. 29 — Information only, North

Pagosa Boulevard.

- Nov. 29 — Habitual domestic violence offender, violation of protection order-criminal, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges DC, Park Avenue/Fireside Street.
- Nov. 30 — Vicious dog with injury-bodily injury to domestic animal, information only, Flicker Lane.
- Dec. 1 — Information only, U.S. 84.
- Dec. 1 — Dog at large, Oakridge Drive.
- Dec. 1 — Unlawful possession 4 gm< of Schedule I or II or ketamine or flunitrazepam, drug paraphernalia-pose, driver's license-driving without, registration-fictitious plate, failure to display headlamps when required, possession of loaded firearm in vehicle, U.S. 160.
- Dec. 1 — Warrant arrest, U.S. 160.

Pagosa Springs Police Department

- Nov. 17 — Motor vehicle theft misdemeanor, Pagosa Street.
- Nov. 17 — Assault in the third degree, false imprisonment-force, domestic violence, Eaton Drive.
- Nov. 17 — Assault in the third degree, domestic violence, Lewis Street.
- Nov. 18 — Death investigation, Hot Springs Boulevard.
- Nov. 18 — Shoplifting/departs or attempts to depart without payment,

Aspen Village Drive.

- Nov. 19 — Shoplifting/departs or attempts to depart without payment, San Juan Street.
- Nov. 20 — Criminal mischief, South 9th Street.
- Nov. 20 — Lost and found, Country Center Drive.
- Nov. 20 — Dog at large, Hot Springs Boulevard.
- Nov. 21 — Disorderly conduct/offensive utterance or gesture, East Pagosa Street.
- Nov. 21 — Trespass warning, Eagle Drive.
- Nov. 21 — Information only, South 9th Street.
- Nov. 21 — Assault in the third degree, menacing-misdemeanor, criminal mischief \$300 to \$1,000 public, disorderly conduct-petty, cruelty to animals, Village Drive.
- Nov. 22 — Violation of protection order, South 9th Street.
- Nov. 22 — Trespass warning, East Pagosa Street.
- Nov. 22 — Menacing-misdemeanor, criminal mischief \$1,000 to \$5,000 business, South Pagosa Boulevard.
- Nov. 22 — Trespass warning, East Pagosa Street.
- Nov. 23 — Menacing-felony-aggravated-weapon, South 6th Street.
- Nov. 23 — Trespass warning, Talisman Drive.

■ See Blotter A12

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Colorado State Patrol prepares for increase in impaired drivers over holidays

Colorado State Patrol

Along with decorations and holiday music, the festive season also brings an increase in impaired driving incidents. Looking at the top holidays in 2023 that Colorado State Patrol troopers investigated impairment-involved crashes, the bookends of the holiday week, Christmas Day and the New Year, both were found in the top five. Christmas was tied for fourth place with 18 impairment-caused crashes, and New Year's had 21.

"While drunk driving is a year-round issue, certain holidays are known to have an increased rate of DUI incidents," stated Col. Matthew C. Packard, chief of the Colorado State Patrol. "Even if someone is fortunate

enough to avoid a crash, their chance of a DUI increases during the holidays. Troopers follow the crash trends, and we add more resources to protect innocent roadway users during peak times."

A DUI arrest can quickly steal the joy from you and your family's holiday. The Colorado State Patrol is sharing 10 ways to stop a friend or loved one from driving impaired:

1. Be the designated driver: Take on the role so everyone gets home safely that night.
2. Call a taxi or ride-share: Why wait for the impaired person to do it? Make sure the driver has explicit instructions and help set up payment.
3. Offer to drive their vehicle. If you are sober, drive your friend and their vehicle back home for them.

4. Call a friend or family member for them. And, do this for yourself if you've been drinking, too.
5. Join them on public transportation. Take the bus, light rail or walk with them.
6. Collect car keys. If you are hosting, ensure everyone stays the night or gets a safe ride home.
7. Offer nonalcoholic options. If you are hosting, let people stop or take breaks from drinking without asking. Make fun nonalcoholic cocktails.
8. Stop serving. Stop serving alcohol at least two hours before the party is over and still check to see if anyone needs a sober ride home.
9. Refuse to ride. Intoxicated people tend to follow the group decision

and refuse to ride in the car with an intoxicated friend. Show them you are serious about their condition and don't trust their abilities.

10. Let it be known and explain that you care. Politely but firmly tell the person you cannot let them drive home and persist. Don't argue; be calm and firm.

The Colorado State Patrol is highlighting the consequences an average Colorado driver experiences after being convicted of DUI this holiday season as part of its "Don't Underestimate Impairment" campaign.

Making a good decision "in the moment" while already intoxicated is unlikely. Don't underestimate the consequences of this choice, and plan ahead for a sober ride.

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■ **Continued from A11**

Nov. 23 — Driving under restraint, reckless driving.

Nov. 24 — Assault, East Pagosa Street.

Nov. 24 — Violation of protection order, South 9th Street/Country Center Drive.

Nov. 25 — Truancy, South 8th Street.

Nov. 25 — Second-degree burglary, Cornerstone Drive.

Nov. 26 — Shoplifting/departs or attempts to depart without payment, criminal trespass, Country Center Drive.

Nov. 26 — Menacing-misdemeanor, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, South 9th Street.

Nov. 27 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, South 8th Street.

Nov. 27 — Second-degree motor vehicle theft, South 9th Street.

Nov. 27 — Driving under the influence of alcohol, careless driving, Country Center Drive.

Nov. 27 — Information only, Country Center Drive.

Nov. 27 — Shoplifting/departs or attempts to depart without payment, Aspen Village Drive.

Nov. 28 — Information only, North 5th Street.

Nov. 29 — False report to authorities, Eagle Drive.

Nov. 29 — Menacing, North 8th Street.

Nov. 30 — Shoplifting/departs or attempts to depart without payment, Country Center Drive.

Nov. 30 — Driver operated vehicle without insurance, Eagle Drive.

Nov. 30 — Owner/custodian allowed animal to run at large, South 7th Street.

Nov. 30 — Driving under restraint, lane usage violation, North 8th Street.

Nov. 30 — Trespass warning, West U.S. 160.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Anthony D. Edwards
No report.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Nov. 20 — Jeremiah Murillo, careless driving, fines and costs — \$4,397.96.

Nov. 20 — Carol Anne Theiss, careless driving, fines and costs — \$185.

Nov. 20 — Registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$126.50.

Nov. 20 — Robert Andy Warren, careless driving, fines and costs — \$238.50.

Nov. 20 — Krishna Sai Gundaboina, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$210.50.

Nov. 20 — Elijah I. Huerta, speeding 5-9 over limit, fines and costs — \$139.50.

Nov. 20 — Michael A. Cody, commercial vehicle safety violation, fines and costs — \$138.50.

Nov. 20 — Ethan Hunter Hatske, driving under restraint, fines and costs — \$154.50.

Nov. 20 — Kimberly Rose Beasley, alcohol-under 21-possession/consumption, fines and costs — \$76.

Nov. 20 — David Yerton, driving/restraint-alcohol-related-second offense, 10 days jail suspended imposition, fines and costs — \$276.50.

Nov. 20 — Gabriel Axel Duran, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$190.

Nov. 20 — Austin Scott Zuflet, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$161.50.

Nov. 20 — Alex Paul Malouff, failed to cover load, fines and costs — \$105.

Nov. 20 — Luke Andrew Kinsley, weaving from traffic lane, speeding 20-24 over, fines and costs — \$366.

Nov. 20 — Kyle Lovis Godbey, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.

Nov. 20 — Jimmy D. Elledge, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.

Nov. 21 — Jesse Lee Nations, controlled substance-possession Schedule I/II/III/, 120 days jail, fines and costs — \$1,146.50.

Nov. 22 — Anthony Matthew Maestas, driver's license-driving without,

license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$182.50.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Nov. 21 — Carlos Valenzuela-Barreno, arson 4-property \$1,000 to \$2,000 endangered, 12 months probation, fines and costs — \$903.50.

Nov. 21 — Jesse Nations, menacing, 120 days jail, fines and costs — \$258.50.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

Nov. 18 — Ethon James Tatum, assault 2-strangulation, 60 months Department of Corrections, fines and costs — \$428.50.

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Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

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As part of this initiative, PSCDC will draw up to 8 qualified homebuyers from the pool of pre-approved applicants who can select one of our newly built affordable homes. A neutral party will draw the names to ensure fairness. Each household drawn will have the opportunity to select one of the available homes to purchase.

Important Information

- To participate, potential homebuyers must first apply with PSCDC, obtain pre-qualification from a bank, and receive verification of Area Median Income (AMI) with the Archuleta County Housing Authority.
- Homebuyers must be present or have a representative present at the drawing.
- Homebuyers drawn will have 5 minutes to make their home selection. If no desired home is available, the homebuyer(s) will be placed on a waiting list in the order drawn.

Homebuyer applications for 2024-2025 builds will remain open! Interested homebuyers are encouraged to apply. For more information and to submit an application, please visit: <https://pagosaspingscddc.org/work/force-housing/> or contact Emily Lashbrooke at (970) 264-3023 or Emily@pagosaspingscddc.org. Published November 28 and December 5, 2024 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (251420)

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION
CRS 338-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2024-007

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:

On September 24, 2024, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.

Original Grantor(s)
Jason Robert Dille

Original Beneficiary(ies)
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR LIBERTY HOME MORTGAGE CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt
SERVBANK, SB

Date of Deed of Trust
July 12, 2018

County of Recording
Archuleta

Recording Date of Deed of Trust
July 12, 2018

Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.)
21804215

Original Principal Amount
\$178,703.00

Outstanding Principal Balance
\$155,509.73

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(j), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

LOT 13, BLOCK 13, ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 3 AMENDED, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED JULY 6, 1971, AS RECEPTION NO. 74567, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO APN#: 569312204028

Purported common address: 383 Steep Place, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

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

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 01/23/2025, at the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office at 449 San Juan St. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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DATE: 09/24/2024
Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado
By: Elsa P. White, Public Trustee

The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Alison L. Berry #34531
Janeway Law Firm, P.C. 9540 Maroon Circle, Suite 920, Englewood, CO 80112 (855) 263-9295
Attorney File # 24-032994

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

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

Plaintiff:
ERVIN ANGST

Defendants:
JAMES M. WARD, and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION.

Submitting Attorney:
Duke Eggleston, #24965
Eggleston Kosnik LLC
160 E. 12th St., Ste 7
Durango, CO 81301
Phone Number: (970) 403-1580
E-mail: deggleston@e-klaw.com
Case Number: 2024CV30061

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
PLAINTIFF ERVIN ANGST
TO THE BELOW NAMED DEFENDANTS:
JAMES M. WARD AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are

required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.

This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows:
Lot 27 of Block 10 in ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 3, according to the plat thereof filed for record July 6, 1971 as Reception No. 74567, being an Amendment of the plat of Aspen Springs Ranch Subdivision No. 3, filed for record on April 9, 1971 as Reception No. 74284. Respectfully Submitted this 12th day of November, 2024.

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Eggleston Kosnik LLC
/s/ Duke Eggleston
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DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO
CIVIL ACTION NO. 2023CV030086 DIVISION NO. 1
INITIAL COMBINED NOTICE OF SHERIFFS' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND RIGHT TO CURE AND REDEM

Plaintiff, Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association v.
Defendant, AARON BOWMAN

SHERIFF SALE NUMBER 2024-02

This is to advise you that a Sheriff sale proceeding has been commenced through the office of the undersigned Sheriff pursuant to a Court Order and Decree dated May 3, 2024, and C.R.S. 38-38-101 et seq., by Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, the current holder of a lien recorded on August 25, 2021 at Rec. No. 22106393, in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The judicial foreclosure is based on a default under the Declaration of Restrictions Pagosa, recorded on June 24, 1970 at Reception No. 73297 in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The Declaration and notices, as recorded, establish a lien for the benefit of Pagosa Lakes Property Owners

EARLY DEADLINES

for The Pagosa Springs SUN issue of
Thursday, December 26

Display Advertising
Noon, Friday, December 20

Classified Advertising,
All Categories
10 a.m., Monday, December 23

Legal Advertising, Articles & Letters
Noon, Thursday, December 19

The Pagosa Springs SUN office will be closed
Wednesday, December 25, in observance of Christmas.

for The Pagosa Springs SUN issue of
Thursday, January 2, 2025

Display Advertising
Noon, Friday, December 27

Classified Advertising,
All Categories
10 a.m., Monday, December 30

Legal Advertising, Articles & Letters
Noon, Thursday, December 26

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Town of Pagosa Springs streets crew member Mark Lapen adds festive holiday flare to a tree Dec. 3 in downtown Pagosa Springs. Lapen hoisted himself about 40 feet up in the air to hang custom ornaments in the shape of snowflakes, snowmen and classic globes.



BLM Colorado offers personal use permits to harvest Christmas trees, firewood

By Allison Sandoval
Bureau of Land Management

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is now offering permits to cut Christmas trees on specified public lands across Colorado until Dec. 24.

You can buy permits for cutting trees for personal use either online or at most BLM field offices.

The cost for each permit is \$6 to \$10, and different types of trees are available. If you want to plan your trip ahead of time, you can get maps showing where you can cut trees from a local field office or online.

The BLM suggests bringing a hand saw, eye protection, rope or twine, extra food, water and blankets. It's also a good idea to have

tire chains, a shovel and emergency supplies just in case.

Use a map or a device with GPS to make sure you are cutting a tree in an area where it is allowed.

You can harvest Christmas trees until Dec. 31. Remember to attach a haul tag to your tree when you take it from BLM lands.

After the holidays, please dispose of your tree properly; many communities have compost collection sites for Christmas trees.

For more information about cutting a Christmas tree or firewood on BLM-managed public lands, visit BLM Forest Product Permits at <https://www.blm.gov/programs/natural-resources/forests-and-woodlands/forest-product-permits> or contact your nearest field office: Tres Rios Field Office, Dolores Public Lands Office, 29211 Highway 184 in Dolores. The office can be reached at (970) 882-7296.

app on Google.

La Plata County's regional weather radar, located at the Durango-La Plata County Airport, greatly increases the coverage and accuracy of weather prediction in Southwest Colorado.

More information on the radar, including a work session detailing the capabilities of the system, can be viewed on the La Plata County website at <https://bit.ly/3B8Dukc>.

For more information, please contact Ted Holteen at tholteen@lpcgov.org or call (970) 382-6265.

La Plata County weather app now available on all platforms

By Ted Holteen
La Plata County

The La Plata County Weather Radar app is now available for Android devices via the Google Play store. Just search "La Plata County Weather Radar."

The weather radar app and information has been available on Apple devices and on the web since October, but the Android version had been delayed due to a longer than expected administrative process to publish the

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The Pagosa Springs SUN

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FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION

- Check our website at: elite-recycling.com
- Email us at RouteChange@elite-recycling.com and include your name and service address and we will email you back with your new route day(s).
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The Heralds of Christmas will offer a wide variety of musical numbers Saturday, Dec. 8, at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. The event is put on by the Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society.

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Heralds of Christmas slated for Dec. 8

By Rick Artis
Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society

The Heralds of Christmas concert series will be held this coming Sunday, Dec. 8, at 3 p.m.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church is again hosting the event. The church is located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd., just south of the hospital.

This year's event promises to be better than ever. A wide variety of musical numbers, featuring many of Pagosa's favorite performers, will fill the hall. Seasonal favorites combined with less traditional arrangements promise to delight the audience.

Heralds of Christmas is presented by the Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society (PSIMS). The PSIMS is dedicated to music education in Pagosa Springs, providing equipment, instrument repair, private lessons and more to the various schools in town.

This year, the schools have a variety of needs. From providing pairs of drumsticks or a series of private lessons and many items in between, there are many ways that you can help. Your generous donations will help to meet these needs. The PSIMS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Your donations may be tax-deductible.

The Heralds of Christmas is a free gift to the community. Find your seats early as the church will begin to fill well ahead of time.

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Pagosa Peak Genealogical Society to hold potluck gathering Dec. 7

By Carolyn Paschal
Pagosa Peak Genealogical Society

The Pagosa Peak Genealogical Society (PPGS) will host a potluck gathering on Saturday, Dec. 7, for our members and friends.

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

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

The genealogical society meets on the first Saturday of each month. It hosts guest speakers on a wide range

of topics relating to genealogy and history, including the rich history of our local area. It is a member of the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies, where it has access to professional speakers from across the state.

The society has also partnered with the Town of Pagosa Springs in its ongoing efforts to research and improve our local cemeteries.

Anyone is invited and all are encouraged to attend our potluck to meet our members and learn more about our group.

For more information, contact Carolyn Paschal at carolynpaschal@gmail.com.

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Dan Burch, Pagosa Springs Community Choir director, will lead more than 70 choir members in bringing the sounds of Christmas to the stage for three concerts Dec. 13-15.

Pagosa Springs Community Choir concerts set for Dec. 13-15

By Angie Ranson
Pagosa Springs Community Choir

The time is coming up for the Pagosa Springs Community Choir Christmas Concert.

Performances are Friday, Dec. 13, and Saturday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 15, at 4 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.

We have more than 70 choir members who have faithfully been learning and practicing music since September. The music is very challenging thanks to our much loved and award-winning directors, Dan and Venita Burch. Because the music is challenging, the results are phenomenal.

As the choir members encircle the

auditorium singing favorite songs for the season, together we have created the beautiful sound of Christmas music that creates joy in surround sound.

If you have not seen this concert before, get ready for the bubbling happiness that comes from an immersion of beautiful music. If you have seen this performance before, then you understand how this Christmas concert kicks off the holiday season with excitement and expectation for the following month of celebration of the season.

Added in will be familiar tunes that will have you tapping your feet ("Go, Tell it on the Mountain") and waves of sound that reflect angels singing ("Angels we have Heard on

High") and even a sing-along that everyone enjoys ("Hallelujah Chorus").

Please join us in this musical experience to start the celebration of peace on earth and good will to men in the spirit of Christmas.

The definition of joy is a feeling of great pleasure and happiness. Entertaining, yes. Exceedingly happy, yes. Joyful, absolutely. We unite to proclaim joy to the world.

We look forward to welcoming you in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium on Friday, Dec. 13, and Saturday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m., and again on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 4 p.m.

Admission is free. Donations are tax-deductible and greatly appreciated.





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SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center announces upcoming events

By Shayla McClure
SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center

Spiritual topics are discussed every Tuesday at the SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center.

Upcoming events

Dec. 8, noon to 4 p.m.: Jenelle Syverson and Shayla Azriel, body, mind, soul refresh sessions with Reiki, energy healing, spiritual guidance, and more.

Dec. 18, noon: Health Club meeting with presentations free to the public. Please bring a lunch and meet up with others who are on the healing journey and helping others. This will be educational and inspiring.

About us

SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center is a 501(c)(3). We are an all-inclusive community honoring all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the Divine.

SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center events are held at 3505 W. U.S. 160, on the second floor of the Pagosa Lodge (elevator available).

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe to be held Dec. 12

By Shanna Robb
Pagosa Springs Catholic Community

In the Mexican culture, faith and family go hand in hand. As a country, Mexico ranks second in the world for the most Catholics with approximately 78 percent of the population being Catholic.

The faith of many Mexicans and Mexican Americans is culturally linked to the story of Juan Diego in 1531. This is when the Virgin Mary appeared to Juan Diego under the title of "Guadalupe." She asked that he visit the bishop and request that a chapel be built on the spot where she appeared so that she might show the infinite majesty and mercy of God to all His children of America.

According to tradition, after a series of apparitions that were not

initially accepted by the bishop, the Virgin Mary showed Juan where to pick roses, even though it was winter. Opening his cloak before the bishop, as the roses fell to the floor, a beautiful image of the Virgin Mary was revealed.

The shrine was built as requested. In the following seven years, more than 9 million Mexicans became Catholic.

Located in a borough of Mexico City, the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe is visited every year by 12 million pilgrims. Considered Mexico's patron saint and the patroness of all the Americas, the Basilica is the most visited Marian sanctuary in the world.

On display at the Basilica is the cloak (tilma) worn by Juan Diego with the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Made of cactus fibers, traditional tilmas last approximately 15-20 years. Juan Diego's tilma, which has been verified by many experts and has survived a bomb explosion, is more than 500 years old.

The community is invited to attend the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Thursday, Dec. 12, at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church located at 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. A bilingual rosary at 6 p.m. will be followed by special music leading into a 7 p.m. Mass. Following Mass will be a reenactment of Juan Diego's story, a dinner hosted by the Mexican families of the Catholic community and dancing.

To learn more about the Pagosa Springs Catholic Community, including the daily 6:30 p.m. novena and dinner being held through Dec 11, visit ihmjp2.org.

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Volunteers from the Pagosa Springs Catholic Community organized a hot chocolate and holiday craft day on Saturday, Nov. 30, at Bee Hive Assisted Living. Crafts included fabric pumpkins and ornaments.

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Unitarian Universalists offer Going Deeper Sharing Circle

By De Anna Hoyle
Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist (UU) Fellowship offers a monthly gathering we call Going Deeper Sharing Circle.

This Sunday, Dec. 8, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the theme will focus on gratitude in daily life and how moments of awe and wonder can help us be more fully in the present. We will explore interdependence as we honor the web of all existence and acknowledge our place in it.

This small-group ministry-style gathering is held the second Sunday of the month, which follows the guided meditation group held the second and fourth Sundays from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

The Going Deeper Circle is a time

to come together in community and engage with a greater sense of that which brings meaning to our lives. We take time to check in with ourselves, listen deeply with an open heart — to one another and to spirit, however you define that.

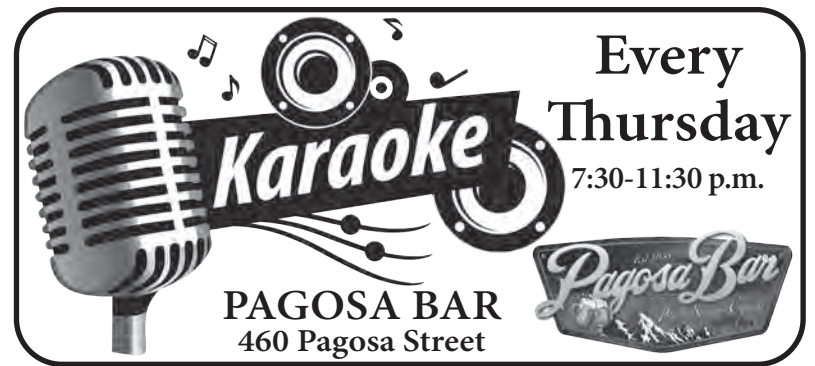
These gatherings are part of our motto of "Grow Your Spirit," which includes "Make Friends" and "Do Good."

The fellowship is exploring ways to live more fully into our shared values of interdependence, pluralism, justice, transformation, generosity, equity and love, which is at the center.

Join us for light refreshments and journey with us as we build community in a safe, small-group setting. We meet at Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., on the north side facing the Pagosa Peak.

The website is another place to

find more information about our programming with links to the most recent newsletter and the UU Association. We invite you to visit PagosaUU.org and join us in fellowship and spiritual growth.



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Preparing the way: Advent pilgrimage gathering set for Dec. 7

By Shanna Robb
Pagosa Springs Catholic Community

As the Christmas season approaches, so does the bombardment of shopping, holiday parties, family gatherings, travel, decorating, and all the "stuff" that social media and advertisements aim to promote. For many, the anticipation and joy of Christmas are being displaced by chaos and self-imposed expectations to get through the season versus celebrating the season.

To help turn off hectic distractions and prepare for the real reason for the season is Advent.

Advent is derived from the Latin word ad-venire, which means "to come to." It begins four Sundays before Christmas day and is a season of waiting and preparing ourselves, like the Israelites, by reliving the coming of the Savior.

Hope, faith, joy and peace are the four pillars of Advent. Putting these

pillars into practice during the holiday season is a remedy for unfolding the true meaning of Christmas.

In preparation for the Christmas season, the Pagosa Springs Catholic Community is hosting an opportunity for all community members to experience the story of Advent. The theme of the gathering will be based on a documentary visiting places in the Holy Land associated with Christ's life.

If you are looking for a way to stay grounded and deepen your spiritual roots leading into Christmas, please know you are welcomed. The special gathering will be on Saturday, Dec. 7, at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church located at 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. The day will start with First Saturday Mass at 8 a.m. followed by breakfast, fellowship and discussion tied to the documentary starting at 8:45 a.m.

To learn more about the Pagosa Springs Catholic Community, including Christmas Mass schedule, visit ihmjp2.org.

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Thursday, Dec. 5

Main Street Bethlehem. 6-7:30 p.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. Visit Bethlehem in Pagosa Springs as the ancient city of Christ's birth comes alive.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena. 6:30 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Bilingual rosary followed by a hosted dinner and fellowship. For more information, visit ihmjp2.org.

Friday, Dec. 6

Main Street Bethlehem. 6-7:30 p.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. Visit Bethlehem in Pagosa Springs as the ancient city of Christ's birth comes alive.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena. 6:30 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Bilingual rosary followed by a hosted dinner and fellowship. For more information, visit ihmjp2.org.

Saturday, Dec. 7

Advent Pilgrimage. 8 a.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. In preparation of the Christmas season, community members are invited to experience the story of Advent based on a documentary visiting places in the Holy Land associated with Christ's life. An 8 a.m. Mass will be followed by breakfast, fellowship and discussion.

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Sunday, Dec. 8

Advent Service. 10 a.m., Trinity Anglican Church, 246 Harman Park

Drive. Dedicated to the reflective preparation for the arrival of Jesus Christ's nativity at Christmastime.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena. 6:30 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Bilingual rosary followed by a hosted dinner and fellowship. For more information, visit ihmjp2.org.

Monday, Dec. 9

The Immaculate Conception Mass. 8 a.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. For more information, visit ihmjp2.org.

The Immaculate Conception Mass. 12:15 p.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary, 455 Lewis St. For more information, visit ihmjp2.org.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena. 6:30 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Bilingual rosary followed by a hosted dinner and fellowship. For more information, visit ihmjp2.org.

Tuesday, Dec. 10

'The First Advent in Palestine' Book Study. 1:30-2:30 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Meet in the Parish Hall library to read and discuss Kelly Nikondeha's book and the scripture texts it explores.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena. 6:30 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Bilingual rosary followed by a hosted dinner and fellowship. For more information, visit ihmjp2.org.

Wednesday, Dec. 11

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena. 6:30 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Bilingual rosary followed by a hosted dinner and fellowship. For more information, visit ihmjp2.org.

Thursday, Dec. 12

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. 6 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Bilingual rosary will be at 6 p.m. At 6:30 p.m. there will be special music and celebration prior to 7 p.m. Mass. There will be dinner, dancing and re-enactment immediately following

Mass. For more information, visit ihmjp2.org.

Sunday, Dec. 15

Advent Service. 10 a.m., Trinity Anglican Church, 246 Harman Park Drive. Dedicated to the reflective preparation for the arrival of Jesus Christ's nativity at Christmastime.

Winter Music and Sharing. 10 a.m., Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., Unit B-15. A relaxed morning of music and singing.

Tuesday, Dec. 17

'The First Advent in Palestine' Book Study. 1:30-2:30 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Meet in the Parish Hall library to read and discuss Kelly Nikondeha's book and the scripture texts it explores.

Advent Penance Service. 5 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. For more information, visit ihmjp2.org.

Friday, Dec. 20

Solstice Gathering. 6 p.m., Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., Unit B-15. Honoring the darkness and holding the light within.

Saturday, Dec. 21

'The Longest Night' Service. 4 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. A contemplative service of song, prayer and lament as we name before God our grief and our hope.

Sunday, Dec. 22

Advent Service. 10 a.m., Trinity Anglican Church, 246 Harman Park Drive. Dedicated to the reflective preparation for the arrival of Jesus Christ's nativity at Christmastime.

Tuesday, Dec. 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. 5 p.m., Open Door Church, 110 Trinity Lane.

Christmas Eve Mass. 5 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353

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Christmas Eve Pageant. 5 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Children will share the message of the angels as we gather for a nativity play, song and prayers for all ages. The worship will end with Eucharist and music offered by candlelight. Children who would like to be an animal or angel in the nativity play are welcome to come a bit early to get costumed.

Christmas Eve Service. 7:45 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church,

225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Enjoy instrumental Christmas hymns. A liturgy of Holy Eucharist with choir begins at 8 p.m.

Christmas Eve Mass. 8 p.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 455 Lewis St. For more information, visit ihmjp2.org.

Wednesday, Dec. 25

Christmas Day Mass. 9 a.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. For more information, visit ihmjp2.org.

Christmas Day Service. 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Rejoice together in

prayer on Christmas morning with a quiet liturgy.

Sunday, Dec. 29

Carol Service. 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Share in one liturgy as we worship with our annual carol sing.

Wednesday, Jan. 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass. 9 a.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. For more information, visit ihmjp2.org.

Sunday, Jan. 5

Epiphany Service. 8 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Celebrate the end of the Christmas season as we gather for worship, remembering the journey of the Magi, and considering our own dreams and callings.



Photo courtesy Ruby Sisson Library Foundation and Friends

Enjoy a festive evening of holiday-themed crafts in support of your Ruby Sisson Library at Late Night at the Library from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14. Try the easy-to-learn art technique known as Zentangle, with instruction provided by Roberta Strickland and Barb Kramer, or transform used books into Christmas trees or other DIY projects. Event includes catered hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks, wine and beer. Tickets, available for \$50 at pagosalibrary.org, support the Mountains of Opportunity campaign to expand and renovate the library. Space is limited. This is a 21-and-over event.

Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



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Archuleta Seniors Inc. plans holiday activities

By Rose Chavez
PREVIEW Columnist

Join us this Thursday afternoon, Dec. 5, at 1:15 p.m. in the dining hall at the Pagosa Senior Center for our monthly seasonal art class.

The art project will be easy to do and the results are cute and festive, so come join in on the fun. Bring a friend or come solo.

All supplies will be provided for free. No reservations are required. Our teacher will be Denise Fisk, who is a longtime resident of Pagosa and a retired elementary art teacher. She loves sharing art techniques with the community.

18th annual Festival of Trees

Vote for and view the beautifully adorned Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) tree at the Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd., today, Thursday, Dec. 5, from noon to 6 p.m.

Come and vote on your favorite tree during the public viewing on Thursday while you enjoy cookies, hot cocoa and coffee from noon to 6 p.m. Pictures with Santa, also on Thursday, are from 3 to 6 p.m.

For more information, please call (970) 264-4152.

Then, Friday, Dec. 6, at 5:30 p.m., also at the Community Center, is the auction with live music, food and a cash bar.

Tickets are \$30, available through the Community Center or online on the Town of Pagosa Springs' website at the Parks and Recreation portal under "Special Events."

Southwest Colorado Gives Day

Southwest Colorado Gives Day is Tuesday, Dec. 10. Colorado comes together to raise funds for local non-profits, and ASI is participating this year. Every gift is tax-deductible and is matched up to \$5,000 until the end of 2024. Early giving is open now.

You can donate at www.psseniors.org by clicking the link to the Colorado Gives website, or use the following to go there directly: <https://www.coloradogives.org/story/Asi-fallfundraiser>.

Also feel free to drop off cash or a check at the ASI office at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. at the Community Center Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. We are closed for lunch between noon and 1 p.m.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support.

Community Christmas Party

The community is invited to attend a casual and festive Christmas party at the Senior Center on Wednesday, Dec. 18, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Come for lunch and stay for a joyful time together.

Plans are in the works to have music from local group Acoustic Picnic, and we will follow lunch with hot coffee served alongside house-made

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holiday desserts. We are planning a pseudo snow fight, possibly some shenanigans with Santa Claus and a few door prizes to jazz up the moments we share together.

To join us for lunch, make a reservation before Dec. 18 or by 9 a.m. on Dec. 18 by calling or texting (970) 261-2167.

Meals on Wheels volunteers needed

For more than 50 years, the Pagosa Senior Center (established in 1971)/ ASI (established in 2013) has been meeting the social and nutritional needs of older adults (age 60 and better) in our community.

We serve thousands of nutritious

meals annually in Archuleta County, and volunteers deliver Meals on Wheels and friendly visits/wellness checks to homebound older adults.

We depend on more than 55 volunteers annually to help us serve and deliver meals and provide other wrap-around services.

The cost of each meal is \$10.50, but we only ask for a suggested donation of \$6 per meal. Meal recipients are asked to contribute what they can afford, and no one is ever turned down.

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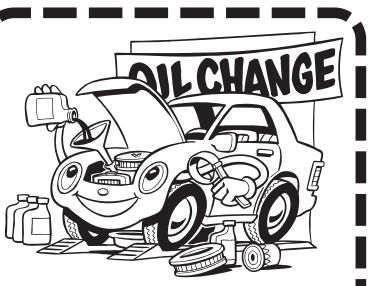
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Meals on Wheels volunteers receive background checks and training prior to delivery. Typically a volunteer shift is one day a week from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. depending on the size of the route. Staff works closely with volunteers to allow for periodic breaks.

If you are interested in volunteering, please stop by the ASI office at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. to pick up an application. Questions? Please call ASI at (970) 264-2167.

Emotional Freedom Technique sessions

Join Judith Newman at the Senior Center the second Wednesday of each month, with the next session being on Dec. 11, to participate in the popular, ongoing "Tapping" class (also known as EFT, or Emotional Freedom Technique) from 10 to 11 a.m. that is free and open to all ages and walks of life.

The first half of class is learning or reviewing the technique, and the second half of the hour is practicing the technique and answering questions.

This is a supportive, fun and informative class.

EFT is an evidence-based, self-regulating technique using acupressure trigger points as well as elements from other therapeutic practices. Extensive research shows EFT to be effective in lowering both psychological and physical symptoms of anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, insomnia, stress and more.

This technique is easy to learn and then use any time you want to lower your anxiety, gain clarity about emotional challenges and increase your ability to work with difficult transitions in your life.

Join the class and improve your well-being; meet new people in the community; support yourself and others while learning a powerful, helpful tool; find new ways to deal with insomnia, stress and change.

For more information or questions, please contact Newman at (505) 577-0194 or ASI at (970) 264-2167.

Healthy aging and yoga therapy classes

The Healthy Aging Yoga Series continues to be offered in person at the Senior Center on Mondays from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

It is 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 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.

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 request that individuals new to the series arrive early for intake inquiries and to please communicate with our instructor, Kimberly Anderson, directly by email at zinkgraf@gmail.com.

Stretching and mobility class

Community members are invited to attend new free weekly classes every Tuesday this fall and winter from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

The stretching and mobility classes for older adults (age 55 and up) are designed to help build balance in the body through functional exercises that aim to improve mobility and flexibility.

Participants will have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of techniques that can help enhance overall movement efficiency.

Though not necessary, a mat is recommended for this class.

The program is instructed by local ballet dance instructor Dee Pitchon, who will provide modifications to ensure the safety and effectiveness of the exercises.

Bingo

The Senior Center will be hosting bingo twice a month on Friday afternoons from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Bingo will be on Dec. 6 and Dec. 20.

Participation 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 offers T'ai Chi Chih with accredited instructor Patti

Popovich each Thursday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. to support older adults who want to discover purpose and fulfillment in this transitional phase of life. Meet in the Senior Center dining hall.

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.

No special clothing or equipment is required.

For more information, call (970) 264-2167.

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The Pagosa Senior Center will host its annual Community Christmas Party on Wednesday, Dec. 18, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. All are welcome. Call or text (970) 264-2167 by 9 a.m. on Dec. 18.

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Salmansohn brings to our conversations a variety of topics designed to stimulate discussions within a safe and comfortable environment as we explore our well-being and shared experiences.

This is a unique opportunity to connect with others living within the Archuleta community for friendship and togetherness.

Snacks will be provided.

Afterward, hosted by Robin Williams, is a get-together created for those who wish to continue the conversation. This opportunity is typically from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., following Senior Conversations.

The group occasionally reconvenes as an informal gathering at various local restaurants.

Scrapbooking Club

The Pagosa Springs Scrapbooking Club holds monthly meetings the second Saturday of each month at the Senior Center.

It meets each month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to be creative, share ideas, connect with friends, learn new techniques, share supplies and indulge in a potluck lunch together.

Bring your scrapbooking projects — or any crafting project that you may want to work on with the group. If you would like to be added to the mailing list to receive notifications each month of the upcoming meet-

ing along with handy tips and tricks for scrapbooking, please send your request to copenhavercreative@gmail.com.

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.

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 \$6, 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.

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.

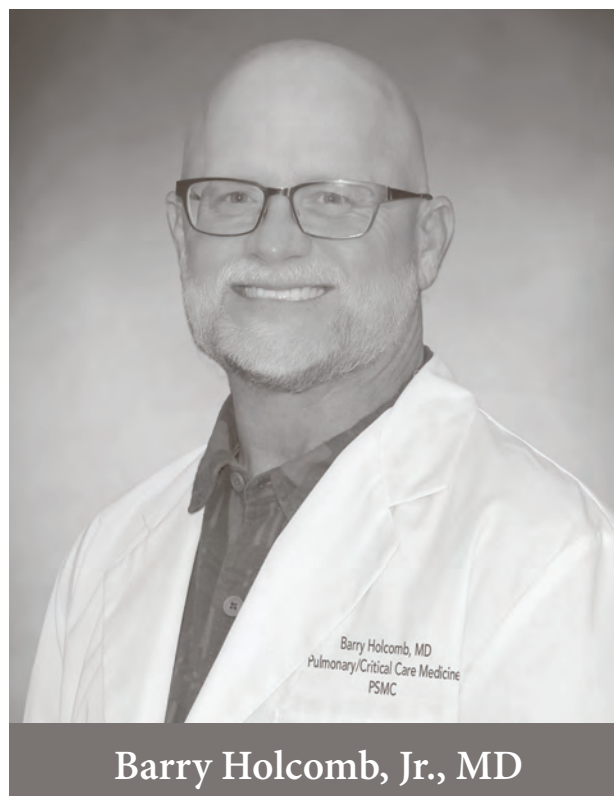
Community Cafe menu

Thursday, Dec. 5 — Cobb salad with bacon, avocado, blue cheese, tomato, chicken and cucumber; cream of chicken soup, bread, fruit and milk.

Friday, Dec. 6 — Crispy codfish with tartar sauce, peas and carrots,

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Monday, Dec. 9 — Korean beef with rice, broccoli, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 10 — Chicken Dijon, peas and pearl onions, dinner roll, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, Dec. 11 — Red curry codfish, rice, garlic snap peas, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Thursday, Dec. 12 — New Orleans sausage and corn chowder, ciabatta bread, Mardi Gras salad, fruit, and milk.

Friday, Dec. 13 — Beef spaghetti, broccoli, garden salad, 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 pick up a meal. A suggested donation of \$6 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

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 convenient texting service for you to communicate with us. Text us at (970) 264-2167. When texting, please include your name, phone number and the days you want a meal. If you are canceling a reservation, please include your name, phone number and the days you want to cancel.

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

Mahjong

Mahjong is a 19th century Chinese

tile-based game that is commonly played with four players. Each player receives 13 tiles with a goal to make matching sets and pairs (like poker). To win, a player must form four sets and one pair.

Come to the Senior Center to learn or play every Tuesday at 1:15 p.m.

Medicare call by appointment

For anyone who needs help enrolling and navigating Medicare plans, the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging helps with parts A, B and D. They can also help you with fraud concerns and troubleshooting any billing issues you may be having. By appointment only. Please call the Medicare line at (970) 264-0501, ext 2.

Mindful drawing

Mindful drawing is an easy-to-learn, relaxing and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. Join our friendly instructor, Roberta Strickland.

Classes are every Wednesday at 1:15 p.m. in the Senior Center. This activity is open to all ages. Help us create an intergenerational community. For those under 18 and/or with disabilities, you are welcome to join us, but we kindly ask you to please bring an adult chaperone with you.

Bridge

The longest-played bridge game in Archuleta County takes place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 1:15 p.m.

Bridge is a four-player card game with partners sitting opposite each other around a table. It is a trick-taking card game using a standard 52-card deck. Come alone or bring a partner.

Hand and foot card game

Whether you are new to hand and foot or interested in learning, please join us most Tuesdays at 1:15 at the Senior Center.

This card game involves four rounds of playing until the final round is reached — some two to three hours later. Plan to stay and meet some new friends or catch up with those you have missed over the last couple of years.

No experience is necessary, so come willing to learn.

Board vacancies

The ASI Board of Directors has multiple vacant positions open. The terms are three years with an option to renew for an additional term.

Potential candidates should be at least 21 years of age or older and must have a passion for adult and aging services.



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Entrants for the 2024 Pagosa Springs Area Holiday Lighting contest have been announced, with participants turning on their lights for viewing every evening from 6 to 8 p.m. between Nov. 29 and the end of the year.

Vote for your favorite between Nov. 29 and Dec. 22

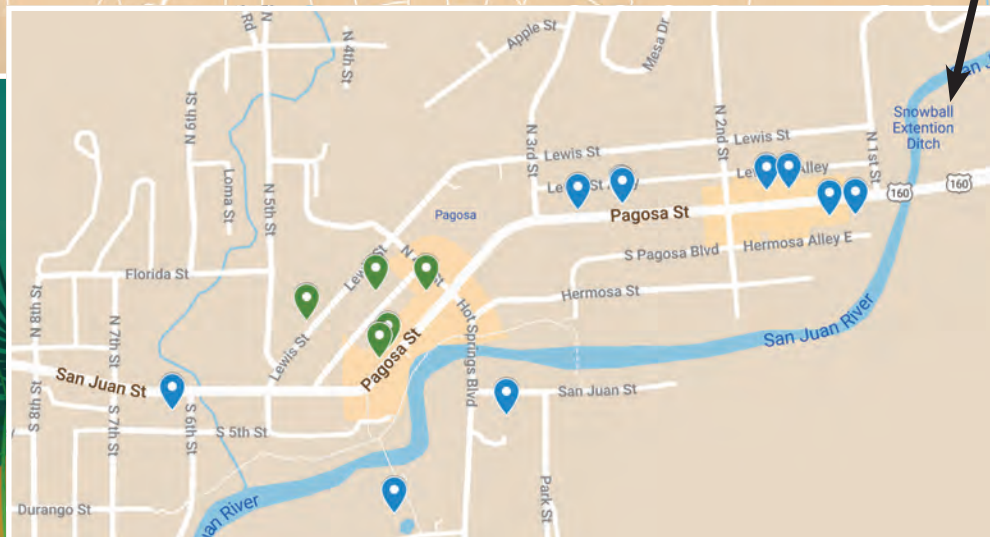
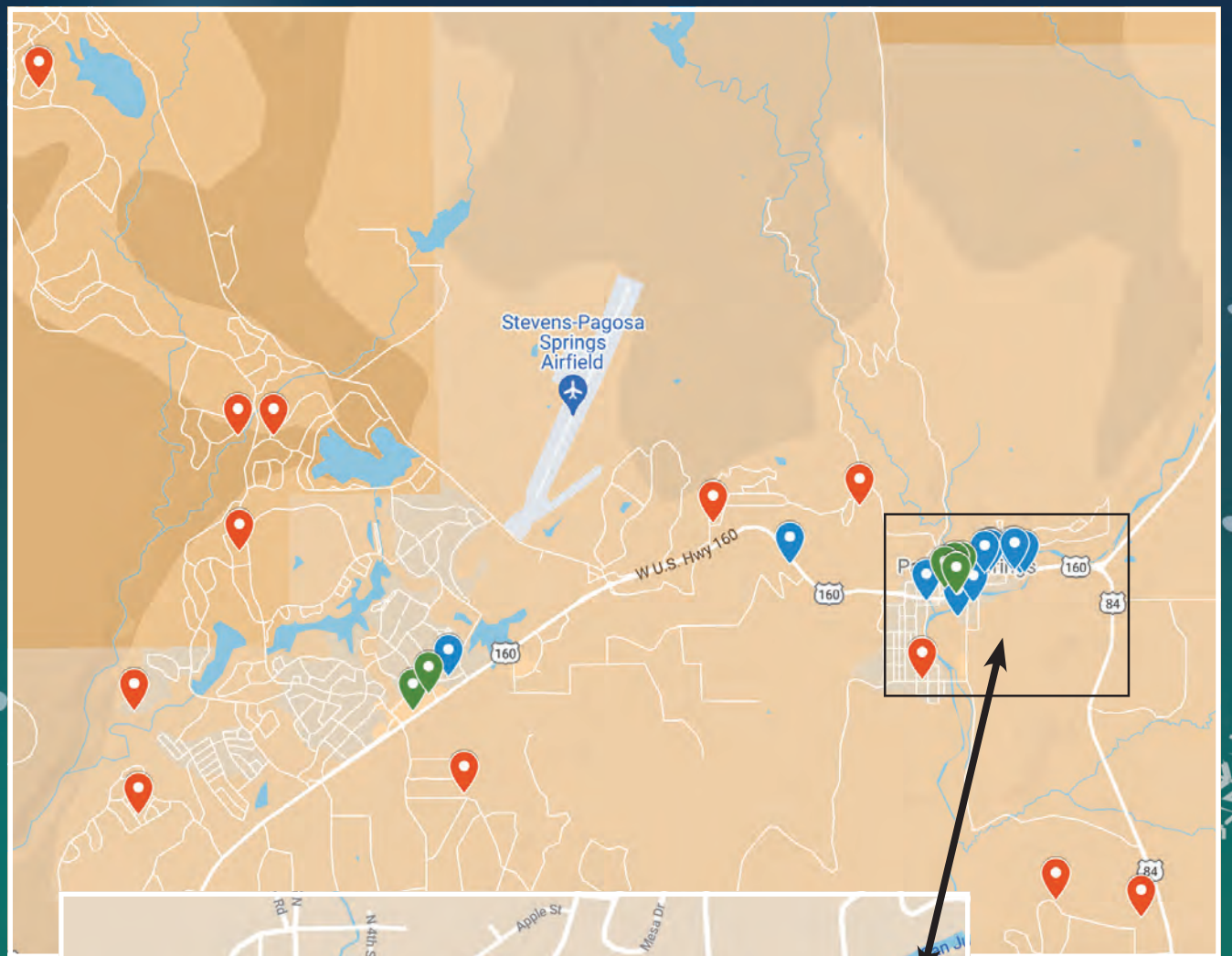
Contest winners will be announced in The Pagosa Springs SUN on Dec. 26.

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Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the prairie falcon.

With long, pointed wings, falcons are designed for speed and lift and are able to change directions rapidly in flight. The peregrine falcon is often reported to be the fastest bird in the world, and the prairie falcon probably flies just as fast, although it does not dive from as high up as peregrines do.

Prairie falcons are birds of the wide open, treeless spaces of the West. They thrive in shrubby deserts and grasslands, avoiding forested areas. During breeding season, they nest in open country up to 11,000 feet in elevation with bluffs and cliffs, where they raise young in a crevice or on a ledge protected by an overhang.

Adults are colored sandy-brown on the back, have white cheeks and lines over the eyes, and a dark mustache stripe. When seen in flight, they show a dark triangle of feathers from the "armpit" to wrist areas. Perched birds appear large and broad-shouldered with a blocky, crew-cut appearance to the head.

Exceptional eyesight is critical to the hunting success of these fast-moving predators. Studies have demonstrated that birds can process visual images more than twice as fast as humans can. This ability allows them to dodge obstacles and track prey while flying at high speeds. Prairie falcons hunt by surprise while watching from a perch and while soaring or cruising fairly low over the land.

In summer, prairie falcons primarily hunt small mammals, especially ground squirrels. During incubation to halfway through the nestling period, males are solely responsible for bringing food for the female and young to the nest. During this season, excess prey is tucked away for later consumption. When rodents become less numerous in winter, prairie falcons switch to hunting more songbirds, migrating in response to food availability.

Although shooting these birds is illegal, it is still a common cause of their mortality. As people move into once unoccupied desert lands, prairie falcons are experiencing habitat encroachment from agriculture, livestock grazing, energy development, off-road vehicles and military training.

For information on events, visit www.weminucheadubon.org and www.facebook.com/weminucheadubon/.

Mount Allison Grange to host free community breakfast, food drive

By Larry Corman
Mount Allison Grange

On Saturday, Dec. 7, Mt. Allison Grange will host a free community breakfast. This will be held from 9 until 11 a.m. and will include biscuits and gravy, ham, scrambled eggs, potatoes, juice and coffee.

We would also appreciate it if each attendee brought a food item for a community food distribution.

Everyone is invited. So, come join your neighbor and do some socializing before you go off to town for Christmas shopping. We hope to see you there.

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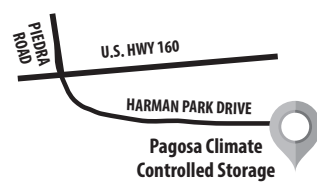


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Thursday, Dec. 5

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

Seasonal Art Class. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center dining hall. All supplies will be provided.

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.

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Festival of Trees Public Viewing. Noon-6 p.m., Community Center. View the trees and vote for your favorites. Santa will be there from 3-6 p.m.

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

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

Friday, Dec. 6

A Woman's Retirement Outlook: Time Matters. Noon-1:15 p.m., Sisson Library. Retirement income strategies, including perspectives on Social Security and making your savings last. How to prepare for the unexpected, including market risks and the impact of rising costs.

Good News Club. 1:15-3:15 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. A weekly club for kids in

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All-Ages Gaming. 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Play on the library's Xbox.

Teen/Tween Takeover. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. The large meeting room and some of the computers will be set aside for tweens/teens to use and spend time with friends.

18th Annual Festival of Trees. 5:30 p.m., Community Center. Experience the magic of 19 beautifully decorated Christmas trees, each crafted by local nonprofits to raise funds for their causes. Tickets are \$30, and table reservations are available for groups. Tickets are available for purchase at The Ross Aragon Community Center or online at <https://secure.rec1.com/CO/pagosa-springs-co/catalog>. For more information, call (970) 264-4152.

Saturday, Dec. 7

Pagosa Peak Genealogical Society Potluck Gathering. 10 a.m.-noon, Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. There will be a short business meeting followed by appetizers, coffee, tea and dessert. Everyone is invited. For more information, contact Carolyn Paschal at carolynpaschal@gmail.com.

LEGO Club. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For kids 6-11 years old. Bring your own or use the library's LEGOs to free build. Contact the library at (970) 264-2209 for further information.

Wolf Creek Classic: Pagosa Springs High School Varsity Girls' Basketball. 1 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa Springs vs. Gunnison High School.

Wolf Creek Classic: Pagosa Springs High School Varsity Boys' Basketball. 2:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa Springs vs. Gunnison High School.

Sunday, Dec. 8

The Heralds of Christmas Concert. 3 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. A myriad of holiday and seasonal works will be performed by local musicians. Presented by the Pagosa Springs Instrumental Society.

Monday, Dec. 9

Indoor Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Ross Aragon Community Center.

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

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

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 To boot
- 5 Cheek cosmetic
- 10 Con man's target
- 14 Welcome benefit
- 15 Gossipy gal
- 16 Lean anagram
- 17 Revise writing
- 19 Fair feature
- 20 However, briefly
- 21 What Spock is not
- 23 Spot for grilling?
- 25 Unreactive
- 26 Netflix series, "Never Have I _____"
- 28 Have, as surgery
- 30 Style of blouse
- 32 Really like
- 33 Reiner or Lowe
- 36 Sunday paper extra

- 37 Golden years
- 39 Summer hrs. in St. Paul
- 40 Roofing material
- 42 Church topper
- 43 Kitchen set
- 45 Feudal land
- 46 Snacks in shells
- 49 Like Lenin and Lincoln
- 51 In a _____; without delay
- 53 '90s trade pact
- 56 Garden bloom
- 57 Teacher or tailor, e.g.
- 59 One of a 1492 trio
- 60 Extreme, as pain
- 61 Conclusion preceder
- 62 On an even _____; steady
- 63 Become narrower
- 64 College VIP

DOWN

- 1 "Dancing Queen" quartet

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- 2 Take it easy
- 3 Gulf Coast region
- 4 Tiny, as a town
- 5 "See ya!"
- 6 Far from strict
- 7 In the buff
- 8 Stiffly formal
- 9 Angelic ring
- 10 Wool source
- 11 Wonderland girl
- 12 "M*A*S*H" role
- 13 Prepared to propose
- 18 Kind of "hole" or "holder"
- 22 Little laugh
- 24 Beachgoer's goal
- 26 Grand story
- 27 Sell from a machine
- 29 Disorderly person
- 31 Kahlo, for one
- 33 In quick succession, as questions
- 34 Make eyes at
- 35 It's what's for dinner
- 38 Got the better of
- 41 Kirstie's "Cheers" role
- 42 Law on the books
- 43 Kind of fin
- 44 Mad Hatter prop
- 46 Use your noodle
- 47 Condor's home
- 48 Oscar winner for "The Cider House Rules"
- 50 Genetic stuff
- 52 Gravy container
- 54 Loose garment
- 55 In a while
- 58 Price word

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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

High School Math Tutoring. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Math tutors are available for ages 14 and up. Registration is required.

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

Tuesday, Dec. 10

Stretching and Mobility Class. 9:30-10:30 a.m., Senior Center.

A stretching and mobility class for those age 55 and up.

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.

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. 10 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Veterans and family members are invited to share experiences with vets of all ages. Find out about the latest in vets benefits, vets news and community-focused events. Contact (970) 880-8387 for more details.

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.

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.

Ruby's Book Club. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join to discuss "Our Missing Hearts" by Celeste Ng. Pick up a copy at the library.

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.

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Men's Fellowship. 6 p.m., Pope John

Paul II Catholic Church classrooms.

Wednesday, Dec. 11

Indoor Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Ross Aragon Community Center.

Introduction to Pickleball. 8:30-11 a.m., Ross Aragon Community Center. Register on the Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation page at <https://secure.rec1.com/CO/pagosa-springs-co/catalog>.

Pagosa Catholic Quilters. 9 a.m.-2 p.m., John Paul II Catholic Church classrooms. For more information, contact Maxine Everaert at quilters@ihmjp2.org.

Kids Kare. 9:30-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. A weekly club for 3- to 5-year-olds where the Bible is taught with songs, stories, object lessons, games and more. For more information, email Frank and Connie Porter at ceflittlekids@gmail.com.

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

Emotional Freedom Technique Session. 10-11 a.m., Senior Center.

Therapy Dog Visit. 11-11:45 a.m., Sisson Library. Stop by and visit with a certified therapy dog.

Virtual Author Talk: Laura Dave. Noon, virtual. Laura Dave, author of "The Night We Lost Him," a combination suspense and family drama, will speak. For details and to register, go to <https://library.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

Legal Clinic. 2-3:40 p.m., Sisson Library. Meet with a volunteer civil attorney via Zoom at the library. Registration required. Registration opens on the first day of each month. Space is limited. Call (970) 264-2209.

Teen/Tween Activity. 4-4:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Head to the teen area every Wednesday after school for a fun craft or challenge. Activities will range from taste tests to art challenges and minute-to-win-it-style games.

Elementary Tutoring. 3:30-4:30 p.m., Sisson Library. After-school tutoring in reading and math for grades 1-3. Registration required. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information or to sign up.

Environmental History of the Southwest with Andrew Gulliford. 5-6:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Andrew Gulliford, professor of history and environmental studies at Fort Lewis College and author of seven books on the American West and environmental issues, will speak.

Order of the Eastern Star Peace and Harmony Chapter #158. 7 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 277 Lewis St. Call Donna at (970) 946-8201 for more

information.

Thursday, Dec. 12

Ruby's Writers Guild. 9-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Ruby's Writers Guild welcomes writers who are looking

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Cleans your bowels: Lemons increase peristalsis in the bowels, helping to create a bowel movement thus eliminating waste and helping with regularity. Add the juice of one lemon to warm water and drink first thing in the morning.

Scurvy is treated by giving one to two ounces of lemon juice diluted with water every two to four hours. In 1747, a naval surgeon named James Lind cured scurvy with fresh lemons. To this day, the British Navy requires ships to carry enough lemons so that every sailor could have one ounce of juice a day. In the past, lemons were replaced with limes; this is where the English got their nickname "limeys." Watch this video: "Scurvy Pirates and the Lemon of Love"

The citric acid in lemon juice helps to dissolve gallstones, calcium deposits, and kidney stones.

Source: "16 Health Benefits of Lemons." By Diana Herrington.

Bonus Tip: Visit <http://www.AmazingFacts.org> for spiritual refreshment every week!

"And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow every tree for food, whose leaf shall not wither, neither shall the fruit thereof fail: it shall bring forth new fruit every month, because the waters thereof issue out of the sanctuary; and the fruit thereof shall be for food, and the leaf thereof for healing." Ezekiel 47:12 ASV

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Christmas Bird Count Bird Identification Class. 6-8 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St.

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Impulse Control with Rise Above Violence. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Teen brains are moving a mile a minute and sometimes it can be hard to keep up. Learn some strategies for impulse control with guest speakers from Rise Above Violence.

Craftapalooza. 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Join for a variety of crafts for people of all ages and abilities.

Pagosa Springs Community Choir Christmas Concert. 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.

'All is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For tickets and show information, see pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

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Saturday, Dec. 14

Chess Club. 9:30-11:30 a.m., Sisson Library. Learn how to play chess with quick lessons and game time or practice your skills. All ages and abilities are welcome.

Wreaths Across America Ceremony and Wreath Laying. 10 a.m., Hilltop Cemetery. Join for a missing man aerial formation, ceremony and wreath presentation. There will be hot beverages and holiday snacks to keep everyone warm while placing the wreaths.

Pi Beta Phi Christmas Angel Luncheon. 11:30 a.m., home of Carole Howard. San Juan Alumnae Club members are invited. Guests are asked to dress in holiday attire. Please bring an anonymous wrapped angel gift (does not have to be an ornament) to exchange and a monetary contribution to Healthy Archuleta for food banks. RSVP to Carole.

Knitters Circle. 1-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join new or experienced knitters to get help with your project, or sit and knit.

Late Night at the Library. 4:30-7:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Explore the art of Zentangle or learn to transform used books into holiday crafts while enjoying food and fun. Tickets are \$50 and support the Mountains of Opportunity campaign to expand and renovate the library. Tickets are available at pagosalibrary.org or at the door. This is a 21-and-over event.

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Sunday, Dec. 15

'All is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914.' 3 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For tickets and show information, see pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Pagosa Springs Community Choir Christmas Concert. 4 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.

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 at 6 p.m.

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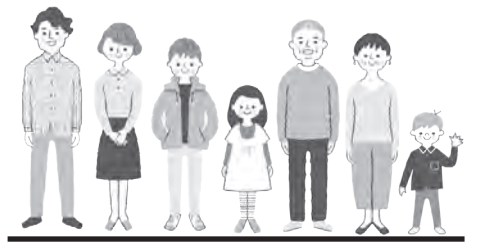
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Professional actors, directors and crew from across the country have arrived in Pagosa Springs to begin rehearsing Thingamajig Theatre Company's production of "All is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914," the remarkable true story told in the words and songs of Allied and German soldiers. This poignant and powerful show will be performed at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts Dec. 13-28. It opens as German soldiers initiate an informal truce by emerging from the infamous trenches of the war singing "Stille Nacht." For one extraordinary night, the shooting stops as the enemies enjoy camaraderie, music and peace in No Man's Land. Andrew Barratt Lewis is director of the production and Dominic Girolami is music director. Tickets for this holiday event are available at pagosacenter.org or (970) 731-SHOW (7469).



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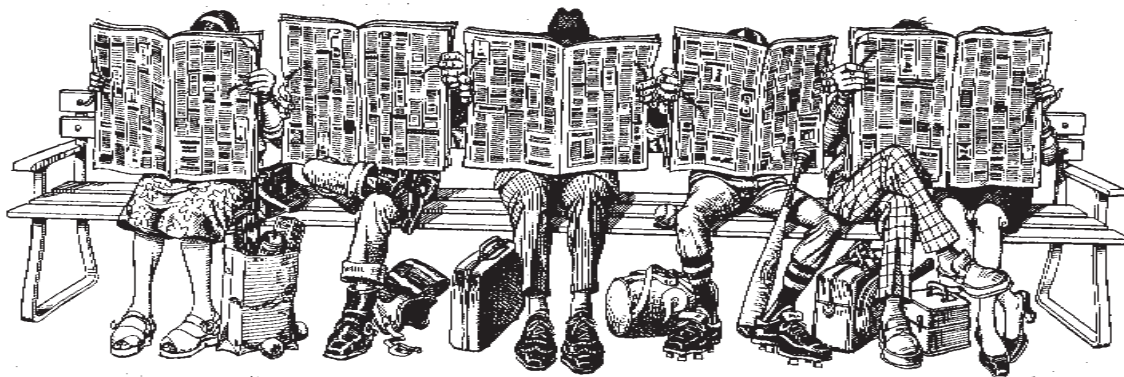
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Women's retirement advice and Southwest history talks on tap this week

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Retirement income strategies, including perspectives on Social Security and making your savings last, will be among the topics discussed at a free talk on women's retirement strategies tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 6, from noon to 1:15 p.m. presented by Kelly Maestas, MBA. She also will offer advice on how to prepare for the unexpected, including market risks and the impact of rising costs on your retirement nest egg.

Then next Tuesday, Dec. 10, we welcome always-popular speaker Andrew Gulliford, who will discuss the environmental history of the Southwest at a free talk from 5 to 6:30 p.m. He is professor of history and environmental studies at Fort Lewis College in Durango and the author of seven books on the American West and environmental issues.

Library closure

Your library will be close early on Monday, Dec. 9, for a staff meeting at 5 p.m.

This is our regular staff meeting schedule — on the second Monday of the month.

Online author talks

Our highly popular free online author talks continue with one opportunity in December for you to interact with New York Times best-selling authors and ask questions.

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

Wednesday, Dec. 11, at noon will showcase Laura Dave, author of "The Night We Lost Him," a combination suspense and family drama.

Special teen impulse control talk

Save the date of next Friday, Dec. 13, from 2 to 3 p.m. for a special free talk for teens about impulse control from speakers from Rise Above Violence. Teen brains are moving a mile a minute, so it can be helpful to learn some strategies to help you keep up.

Library News

Gaming tomorrow

Enjoy free all-ages video gaming on our Xbox tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 6, from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Teen/tween takeover tomorrow

We are setting aside the large meeting room and some of the computers for tweens and teens to use and spend time with friends Friday, Dec. 6, from 2 to 4 p.m.

LEGO Club Saturday

Kids aged 6-11 are invited to the free LEGO Club on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 11 a.m. to noon. Bring your own LEGOs or use ours to free build.

High school math tutoring

High school math tutors will continue to be available for ages 14 and up Mondays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. through Dec. 16 for free tutoring, except for Dec. 9, when it ends at 5 p.m. because of our regular monthly staff meeting. Registration is required.

Free math tutoring will resume in the spring, depending on demand and tutor availability.

Ruby's Book Club next Tuesday

Ruby's Book Club meets from 2 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 10, to discuss "Our Missing Hearts" by Celeste Ng. Copies are available at your library.

This book club is held the second Tuesday of each month, alternating between fiction and nonfiction titles. Anyone is welcome to attend. Snacks provided.

Dungeons and Dragons

Next Tuesday, Dec. 10, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., join our Dungeons and

Dragons game free for teens and young adults.

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The Pagosa Springs community filled more than 3,000 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child this year. The project is part of Samaritan's Purse.

Pagosa gives 3,074 boxes to Operation Christmas Child

By Linda George
Operation Christmas Child

Way to go, Pagosa Springs. In September, Linda George, Archuleta County's Operation Christmas Child (OCC) coordinator, set a goal of filling 3,000 red and green shoe box gifts for the world's largest annual Christmas project of Samaritan's Purse.

It has been an ongoing project of Pagosa for the last 15 years and gets bigger every year.

Our little town got busy promoting the shoe boxes in several stores, churches and groups. The drop-off center at Grace In Pagosa was a busy place Nov. 18 through 25 with 30 volunteers unloading, packing, counting and filling large cartons for shipping.

On Monday, Nov. 25, a 26-foot truck donated by a generous business owner was loaded to capacity

and headed to Denver Processing Center in preparation for flight. Soon our 3,074 boxes packed with toys, clothes, toiletries, school supplies, and even personal notes and photos will be on their way to bless needy children around the world and hurricane victims in the southeast this Christmas.

When the numbers came in for all Four Corners, Pagosa Springs rocked the charts again. Aztec filled 906, Bayfield filled 637, Cortez filled 855, Durango filled 2,531, Farmington filled 994 and Pagosa filled 3,074. The Four Corners collected a total of 8,997 boxes of love for needy children.

A big thank you goes to Rotary Club and eight business owners that had displays for customers to pick up shoe boxes at their location.

Six youth groups in Pagosa filled the red and green boxes, too. They

were Colorado Kids, Shady Pines, Rocky Mountain Riders, Wolf Creek Wonders and Hot Shots from 4-H, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in the high school and middle school, as well as Future Farmers of America.

Several churches in our little mountain town brought hundreds of boxes to our drop-off center on Park Avenue. They were Calvary Home Fellowship, Centerpoint, Community United Methodist, Grace in Pagosa, Jicarilla Apache Reformed Church, Open Door, Our Savior Lutheran, Restoration, Pagosa Baptist Church and St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. Thank you for bringing joy to the world this Christmas and making a difference.

We hope that you will be part of the world's largest Christmas project next year with OCC. To find out more, go to samaritaspurse.org/OCC.



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Therapy dog visit

Next Wednesday, Dec. 11, from 11 to 11:45 a.m., all ages are invited to a free visit with a certified therapy dog. The visits will be limited to 10-15 minutes — just the right amount of time to pet the dog, read to the dog or just say “Hi.”

Legal clinic tomorrow

This month’s free legal clinic is by appointment tomorrow, Wednesday, Dec. 11 from 2 to 3:40 p.m. Come to the library to meet privately via Zoom with our volunteer civil attorney. To schedule an appointment, phone us at (970) 264-2209.

When you call, let us know if you need a translator. Registration opens the first of the month and is required as space is limited.

Elementary tutoring

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.

Family storytime

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

Teen/tween activity

Join us in the teen area every Wednesday after school from 4 to 4:30 p.m. this month for a fun craft or challenge. Activities will range from taste tests to art challenges to minute-to-win-it-style games.

Writers Guild

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

ESL classes

Free in-person evening classes take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with 4 to 5 p.m. reserved for beginners, 5 to 6 p.m. for intermediate and 6 to 7 p.m. for advanced students. Please help us share the word about these classes.

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. No appointment is necessary.

Activities calendars

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Downloadable books

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Short stories

“The Wood at Midwinter” by Susanna Clarke is a beautifully illustrated short fantasy story about a 19-year-old who can talk to animals and trees. “You Like It Darker” by Stephen King is a collection of 12 stories delving into the darker part of life. “Januaries” by Olivie Blake is a collection of short stories of love, magic and betrayal.

Books on CD

“Night and Day” by John Connelly is a collection of nine supernatural short stories. “Return of the Runebound Professor” by Actus is book two of the fantasy series. “Raised by Wolves” by James Patterson and Emily Raymond begins with two teens ransacking a small-town grocery store. “The Mirror” by Nora Roberts is book two in the Lost Bride Trilogy. “To Die For” by David Baldacci is a mystery featuring Travis Devine on an FBI case in Seattle. “The Waiting” by Michael

Connelly is a Ballard and Bosch mystery featuring Harry’s daughter. “The House of Cross” by James Patterson is an Alex Cross thriller. “A Bloom in Winter” by J.R. Ward is a Black Dagger Brotherhood book.

Large print

“What Does It Feel Like?” by Sophie Kinsella follows a novelist dealing with health issues after brain surgery. “The Grey Wolf” by Louise Penny is a Chief Inspector Gamache suspense. “Now or Never” by Janet Evanovich is a Stephanie Plum mystery. “The More the Merrier” and “Dog Day Afternoon” by David Rosenfelt are Andy Carpenter mysteries. “Rockin’ Around the Chickadee” by Donna Andrews is a Meg Langslow mystery. “A Controversial Cover” by Lorna Barrett is a Booktown mystery. “Clive Cussler’s Desolation Code” by Graham Brown is a NUMA adventure. “The Great Hippopotamus Hotel” by Alexandra McCall Smith is a No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency mystery. “Something Lost, Something Gained: Reflections on Life, Love and Liberty” by Hillary Rodham Clinton is a memoir by the former first lady who also was secretary of state and a U.S. senator.

Nonfiction

“10-minute Decorating Ideas for Christmas” by KariAnne Wood reveals more than 60 ideas. “The Comedy of Errors” is a No Fear Shakespeare version of the play with the complete original text on the left page and the easy-to-understand translation on the right. “The Propagation Handbook” by Hilton Carter is a guide to propagating houseplants. “Wilderness Navigation Made Simple

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Other novels

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of an 80-year-old retired pharmacist who meets up with a man who broke her heart 60 years earlier. "The Restless Wave" by Admiral James Stavridis is about an immature young naval officer in World War II. "Blue Sisters" by Coco Mellor follows three estranged sisters after their fourth sister's death.

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 Voting for Aspen House's tree at the Festival of Trees is one way to support the organization this month.

Celebrate the holidays with Aspen House

By Pattie Copenhaver
 Aspen House

The holiday season is in full swing, and Aspen House invites the community to join in the festivities while supporting a meaningful cause.

With several exciting activities running throughout December, there are plenty of ways to spread holiday cheer and make a difference in the lives of adults with developmental disabilities.

Here's how you can get involved:

- Double your donations through Colorado Gives Day (now through Dec. 10): Your contributions go even further on this special day. Every dollar you donate to Aspen House through Colorado Gives will be matched, helping us reach our goal of building a safe, supportive home for adults with developmental disabilities.

- Vote for the Aspen House "Home Sweet Home" tree for the Festival of Trees: We're making it more conve-

nient than ever to help Aspen House win at Festival of Trees. Just visit PS FroYo to cast your vote for our beautifully decorated tree. Each \$1 vote will help fund Aspen House's mission. We'll cast all your votes on the evening of Dec. 5 during viewing and voting at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

- Grab a tag from the "Holiday Helping" tree: Located inside PS FroYo, this tree is adorned with tags representing items and activities that support Aspen Services programs. Pick a tag, make a donation and brighten the season for adults with developmental disabilities.

It's all happening this December. Let's come together this holiday season to build brighter futures. To learn more, visit us at PS FroYo, 459 Lewis St., or follow us on social media.

For more information on how to support Aspen House, please visit www.aspenhousepagosa.org.

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RECYCLING DISPOSAL



Route days for trash and recycling are changing.

Effective 12.9.24

Elite Recycling & Disposal is reorganizing trash and recycle routes to increase reliability and efficiency.

The route changes will not affect all customers. Recycle Routes are changing from primarily just Friday to Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

If your route service day is changing, you will receive a letter during the week of 12/2/24 that tells you what day of the week your trash and/or recycle service is changing to. Do not be alarmed if you do not receive a letter as this means that your route day has not changed.

FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION

- Check our website at: elite-recycling.com
- Email us at RouteChange@elite-recycling.com and include your name and service address and we will email you back with your new route day(s).
- You will receive an email from us two days prior to your new route service day which will list your trash route service day for the coming week of 12/9/24 and going forward. If you are a recycle customer, you will receive an email regarding your recycle service day. These emails will be sent out by route so you will receive the email regardless of whether your route day has changed or not. We will send additional email reminders to help you stay on track.
- Call us at 970-226-1999. We encourage you to call as a last resort. Our phones will be busy. If you receive voicemail, please leave your name, service address and return phone number and we will get back with you as soon as we can. Please allow 24 hours for a call back.

Thank you for being a customer of Elite Recycling and Disposal.

Your patience is greatly appreciated as we implement these route day changes.