



Above: New and current volunteer members of Our Community News Inc. enjoy food and conversation before their annual meeting Jan. 12. Publisher John Heiser, who connected long-distance via telephone, reviewed the historical data and led discussions about circulation and advertising. The monthly governance newspaper relies solely on ad revenue and volunteers. From left are Janet Sellers, Harriet Halbig, Allen Alchian, Lynda Pate, Steve Pate, Michael Weinfeld, Mike McGrath, Kim Statham, Jennifer Kaylor, and Sharon Williams. More than 40 volunteers are currently involved in producing and distributing OCN each month. *Photo by John Howe.*

the first Saturday of the month.

Stacks coordinator

Location: Work from home and MSD. This role involves organizing papers for stacks route deliveries and scheduling and managing volunteers who deliver the four routes. Time commitment includes about two hours per month in phone calls/email for scheduling and about two hours on mailing day.

Ads sales

Location: Work from home and meet advertisers at their

respective businesses. This volunteer will enjoy engaging potential advertisers about the many benefits of reaching potential customers through OCN's distribution from the mountains to Black Forest Road, and from County Line Road to Northgate Boulevard. The time commitment varies widely from 15 to 40 hours per month.

Graphic layout

Location: Work from home. This is a long-term commitment that involves learning

the layout and design process using an InDesign application and working with the managing editor to determine content. Volunteers can expect to work 20 to 30 hours during the final three to four days prior to print day.

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BFFRPD (Cont. from 1)

Open burn fire permits mandatory

Langmaid said an illegal fire started on Vessey Road was significant enough to "traumatize" some neighbors and require the involvement of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office. BFFRPD was the first agency to request that the Sheriff's Office enforce the county's burn ordinance.

Burn permits for any

kind of fire, including small recreational ones, are required by law and can be obtained from BFFRPD. Unauthorized burns carry a fine of \$500 to \$1,000.

Structure fire discussed

Local resident Linda Smith asked for clarification regarding the response to the Bridle Bit Road house fire on the morning of Dec. 25 in which one person died and three were injured.

Langmaid's comments included:

- The initial address they were dispatched to was on Shoup Road when it should have been Bridle Bit Road...The Sheriff's Office is running a dispatch center on a very tight budget.
- The home was already 75% engulfed on arrival, and "the outcome of the fire was not altered by that slight delay."



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