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Incident with officer-involved shooting under investigation

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Multiple agencies are investigating a Wednesday incident that included an officer-involved shooting.

According to a press release from the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO), at approximately 1:50 a.m. on Jan. 4, two ACSO deputies responded to a call for service in Aspen Springs Unit 6 "involving a disturbance between two male subjects."

According to the press release, "During the incident, one of the male subjects deployed a firearm and attempted to discharge the firearm at an ACSO Deputy. The second Deputy discharged their duty weapon at the male subject, neutralizing the immediate threat."

It further notes that deputies "provided lifesaving support immediately after the incident until medics arrived."

"The incident was non-fatal, and the suspect was transported to hospital for treatment," it notes.

■ See Investigation A8



Pagosa Country was treated to some much-needed snow this past week, with Wolf Creek reporting 59 inches as of Wednesday morning.

SUN photo/Terri House

Judge again strikes down town's voter-imposed short-term rental fee

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

Sixth Judicial District Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson again struck down the town's voter-imposed fee on short-term rentals on Jan. 2 after nullifying his previous ruling on the matter.

Prior to the April 2022 municipal elections, a group of residents who were concerned about the ongoing shortage and lack of affordability in the workforce housing market gathered enough signatures to get a citizen-driven initiative on the ballot.

The ballot question asked voters if they wanted to amend the home rule charter so that the town could collect fees of \$150 per bedroom per month on short-term vacation rentals (STRs), with the collected revenues funding workforce housing initiatives. Homes occupied nine months of the year or more would be exempt from the fees, according to the ballot language.

On April 5, 2022, the citizen-driven initiative passed by an 11-vote margin, but was later challenged in court by 13 plaintiffs who questioned

■ See STR A8

County files suit over request for vacation rental task force nondisclosure agreements

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

On Dec. 29, 2022, Archuleta County Manager Derek Woodman filed an application for judgment pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.) 524-72-204(6)(a) in District Court in Archuleta County with local attorney Matthew Roane designated as the respondent.

According to the application, the case involves Roane's efforts to secure copies of the nondisclosure agreements (NDAs) signed by members of the county's vacation rental (VR) task force, also known as the short-term rental (STR) task force.

The application states that, as part of the county's efforts to develop VR regulations, Woodman created a task force of local volunteers who were asked to sign NDAs to serve on the group.

The application states, "The purpose of the non-disclosure agreement was to facilitate open and honest discussions where any idea would be considered and evaluated without fear that any such idea would draw the criticism or scrutiny from outside groups, individuals or media, especially since vacation

rentals have become a very contentious issue in Archuleta County as well as across the mountain communities of Colorado."

The application adds that, "at one of their very first meetings," the members of the VR task force voted to keep their identities anonymous with the goal of furthering open discussion among the group.

It then states that, on Dec. 10, 2022, the county received a Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) request from Roane requesting copies of the signed NDAs for the members of the task force.

Prior to fulfilling this request, the application explains, Woodman consulted with the members of the task force, who did not agree to have their identities released.

Thus, it continues, Woodman released the documents to Roane with the personal information redacted.

The application notes that he did this within the time frame required by CORA.

The document then states, "The legal question that arises is whether the personal identifying information

■ See Suit A8

Wolf Creek receives 59 inches of snow

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

Sites in Archuleta County received between 6.3 and 17.8 inches of snow in the storms between Saturday, Dec. 31, 2022, and Jan. 4, according to the Community Collaborative Rain Hail and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS) website.

Higher snowfall totals were concentrated in the northern and southern portions of the county, with the highest reported precipitation amount located east of Chromo, according to CoCoRaHS.

A Jan. 4 report from Wolf Creek Ski Area that was issued at approximately 6 a.m. indicated that Wolf Creek had received 11 inches of snow in the previous 24 hours and 59 inches in the last week, bringing the midway snow depth to 83 inches and the season-to-date snowfall total to 154 inches.

According to the U.S. Department of Agricul-

ture National Water and Climate Center's snowpack report, the Wolf Creek summit, at 11,000 feet of elevation, had 15.9 inches of snow water equivalent as of noon on Wednesday, Jan. 4.

The Wolf Creek summit was at 106 percent of the Jan. 4 snowpack median.

The San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan river basins were at 125 percent of the Jan. 4 median in terms of snowpack.

Avalanches

According to the Colorado Avalanche Information Center (CAIC) website, the southern San Juan range, including Wolf Creek Pass, was at level three — considerable — in terms of avalanche danger, as of noon on Wednesday, Jan. 4.

The CAIC uses a scale of one through five to assess avalanche danger in regions around the state.

The CAIC website notes, "Dangerous avalanche conditions exist. You can trigger an

avalanche large enough to bury or kill you on west through north to southeast-facing slopes, and avalanches may release naturally. Be careful around southerly-facing slopes where you find more than about 10 inches of new or recently wind-drifted snow. You can trigger an avalanche in the storm snow that will be large enough to take you for a dangerous ride. You may trigger avalanches which break wider or run further than you anticipated, so give yourself a large physical buffer from steep terrain, and be mindful of other parties. Slopes less than about 30 degrees without steep terrain overhead provide safer options."

Weather

The National Weather Service forecasts partly sunny skies, a high of 39 and calm winds rising to 5 mph for Thursday, Jan. 5.


Thursday night is predicted to bring mostly

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Two spike elk enjoy a little sparring in the snow.

Photo courtesy Beth Tollefsen




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12/31	38	33	S	1.0"	.11"
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OUR VIEW

More ideas from readers in 2023

The new year is upon us, and in the tradition of a fresh start with the fresh year, we asked readers and Facebook fans to share their ideas for the changes they want to see in Pagosa Springs during 2023.

Rhonda Young shared: "I would like to see a coming together of town and county leaders, business owners, locals, and part timers to establish a plan for affordable housing and a way to manage tourism growth without dismissing the quality of life for those who make Pagosa their home."

Julie Gurule responded: "Rosewood Apartments were already built, Habitat built 2 homes and 3 this upcoming summer, Apartments are scheduled to be built in Aspen Grove."

Wisper Ruder wants: "Minni Golf turned into a day center for the children."

Tasha Rivera wants: "The end of corruption and negligence from those in positions of power. Accountability in 2023 would be awesome!"

Glorie Rose agreed: "Tasha Rivera agree 1 billion percent!!"

Samantha Myers Williams wrote: "Our governor has turned this state into California and it's not gonna get better. Maybe people need to start asking these questions to understand them instead of trashing all the county officials. One county is always different from another. Best way to understand is ask questions."

Leah Holliday wants: "Affordable housing for locals."

Dena Laterza wrote: "Finish the town to lakes trail."

Charlotte Ballard wants: "Hazardous chemical/material recycling to save our water."

Malorny Laydon would like: "Affordable housing!"

Wisper Ruder wondered: "What is affordable?"

Devika Kambh wrote: "I would like to see complete transparency on how the Archuleta county financials and budget are handled- received and disbursed. What process is adopted when hiring contractors and quality control. How does the treasury office decide agriculture status and what's the annual budgetary process and timelines for key infrastructure projects like road repairs, road signs, across county roads. When was the last time a financial audit was undertaken of all county funds? Who was hired to do this and how were they selected- for 2023 what are the budget priorities and will a monthly or quarterly town hall be conducted that includes all

towns of the Archuleta county and not just pagosa. Thanks"

Sueyel Kena Palma added: "I don't think anything we say would make any difference, every official has it's own agenda."

Gina Boaz wants: "Politeness toward others...in our cars, in the stores, and in the restaurants...All around town!"

Denny Finn wrote: "How about enforcing sign ordinances that are already on the books, especially political signs, and time restrictions. Most of us are here for the natural beauty, why ruin the views with this blight on the landscape."

Shonna Angelique Gomez wrote: "By now we should have a better town recreational center for locals. I can't imagine a world where you have the deepest hot springs and no pool for the community school children at the very least in the school district as a need. Seriously."

Ruder wants: "Maybe grocery store open 24 hours. That served icecream (free for the kids. Homemade villa cones. And fresh fruit) I have more ideas. Just ask. I love Pagosa."

Pauline Yago wants a "Sidewalk going up foothill and another sidewalk going down piedra at least two the first pond."

Kaysha Holloway-Mack wrote: "For the county to lower its prices on essential things to start a homestead ie.. septic, electric, it's almost impossible to afford the American dream with the prices in Archuleta County."

Elaine Pitts wants: "Fried chicken place."

Nikki Taylor wrote: "Diversify. Tourism is one of many options. It shouldn't be the only one embraced."

Alison Marie Beach wants: "I would love a big bookstore with trade in options and a craft store."

Neil Umali wants: "More paved sidewalks in Uptown."

Phyllis Brooks Webb would like: "Greek and other Mediterranean style food available."

Debbie Doetsch O'Keefe wrote: "Rec center with a pool for public use."

Annie Stone wants: "More love, compassion & desire to understand each other without judgement."

Walter Waldo Birdsell added: "Sure would be nice to find affordable housing."

Meghan Sheridan wants: "Sidewalk/ bike path from uptown to downtown, alongside 160."

James D Tagliareni Jr. wrote: "Fuel prices on par with other Colorado towns."

Sharilyn Knox wants: "Gasoline prices

in line with towns to west, south, and east!"

Tom Halligan wrote: "All I want is for fuel prices to match what other towns nearby are charging. Alamosa and Durango are cheaper, Texas is now \$2.45 a gallon for regular unleaded. Espanola, NM \$2.49 a gallon."

Sylvia McDaniel wrote: "The roads to be fixed, but not with a huge tax increase. Be realistic with your expectations. I would have voted for a smaller amount, but 1.5 percent was ridiculous. Also WalMart to put in a gas station to give our current stations some competition. Tomorrow, I have to go to Durango and I will fill up with gas while I'm there. Two weeks ago, I got gas for \$3.21 a galloon in Durango. Compare that to \$3.79. I just sent WalMart an email asking them to put a gas station on their property. You can find their email address on their corporate page. I would suggest everyone contact them."

Debra Perea added: "I wish we could all slow down and try to make someone smile every day."

Mitch Martinez wants: "Less people and the ones that are here learn how to do the speed limit and stay in right lane unless passing comming up put hill and straddle a saddle."

Gregoria Saucedo De Lark wrote: "Enforcing the speed limit on 8th st. It seems that everyone is racing each other. Enforcing the staying over NM license plates, it seems that alot of locals have out of state license for more than 90 days."

Mathew Brown wants: "To go back 30 years n stay that way, go back to the easy peasy life! We have progressed 70 years in 30.. little to fast if ya ask me!"

Kierra Roberts wrote: "I would say more street lights in neighborhood and highway areas , people hit animals all the time because there headlights dont catch them."

Ty Moore-Wilkes wrote: "I want to see all chained dogs free! We need a state wide ban on chaining animals outside in this horrible weather."

Rodney B. Proffitt wants: "I'd like to see the County and Town elected officials begin the process of forming a home rule Town/County combined government."

Pennie de Clark wrote: "Same as always. No changes, love Pagosa exactly the way it is."

Space doesn't allow for us to print every idea we received. One thing's for certain: We have a lot to look forward to in 2023.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

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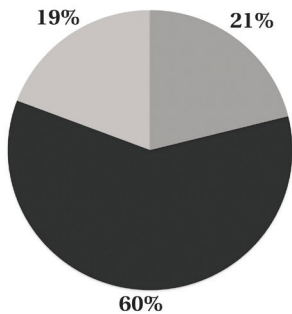
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LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
January 5, 1923

Fred Harman Jr., formerly of this city and oldest son of Fred C. Harman, is now engaged in commercial art work at Kansas City. He has formed a partnership known as "Harman, McConnell & Associates" and is doing splendidly in his chosen profession.

Pagosa Springs experienced a sensation Tuesday evening when the train arrived only thirty minutes late.

Hugh Kyle and crew of men are busily engaged in garnishing a fine crop of ice from the river just east of town, filling most of the local icehouses.

Mrs. Sadie Betzer has resigned as librarian of the public library and her place has not as yet been filled by the Women's Civic Club, though we understand there are several applications for the place. Recent donations of money for books include \$5 each by Mrs. C.A. McCartney and the Women's Relief Corps. This money will not be spent until after the arrival of a large shipment of books from the Denver library, which are now on the way, in order to avoid ordering duplicate volumes.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
January 16, 1948

Mrs. Lucy S. Turner led a round table discussion of current topics at the monthly meeting of the Women's Civic Club held Friday afternoon in the lobby of the Los Banos Hotel.

During the business session, conducted by the club president, Mrs. Omar R. Henderson, members voted not to recess during the summer months.

The Mable Catchpole Award was established by the club to continue offering an essay prize for high school pupils each year. Members were urged to vote at the coming town and school elections.

At the close of the roundtable discussion, tea was served by the hotel management, Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Cates, Mrs. Ila Montroy was club hostess.

The next meeting will be held Friday afternoon, Feb. 13 at the hotel with Mrs. George Alley as hostess. The topic for the afternoon on "Hobbies" will be presented by Mrs. Montroy.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
January 4, 1973

An important meeting for the community is scheduled for January 16 when Public Health Service officials will be here to discuss the possibility and desirability of stationing a doctor here to operate the Dr. Mary Fisher Medical Center. The public meeting is to be held at El Centro and is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Local residents are urged to attend and make their feelings known about the matter. The meeting is open to anyone and everyone interested in the matter.

It is the time of the year when TV dues are again due and badly needed. Repairs are needed at the station and due to low collections last year, funds for maintenance are depleted. The money is needed very soon.

The TV translators and re-broadcast stations are maintained by the TV committee of the Lions Club. Inasmuch as there is no positive way of collecting, the dues payment is on a voluntary basis. The fee for the coming year will be \$20 for the entire year. This is very low when compared to cable TV charges.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
January 8, 1998

As part of the ongoing attention to the danger to pedestrians attempting to cross U.S. 160 in the downtown area, Town Administrator Jay Harrington has been negotiating with officials of the Colorado Department of Transportation to increase safety factors on the highway. (The action in part follows an auto-pedestrian accident in the crosswalk in front of the county courthouse on Dec. 16.)

Harrington reported to town trustees Tuesday night that he and Chief Don Volger had met with CDOT regional traffic engineer Dick Langoni that morning and said the state seems willing to consider some changes at downtown crosswalks.

"Since there was a change in regional leadership at CDOT," Harrington said, "they seem to have adopted a more user-friendly approach."

The discussion also touched on the possibility of placing flashing warning signs at crosswalk approaches, but Harrington said such warning devices might not be necessary and could cause aesthetic and construction problems.



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to tell sponsoring families ‘thank you’.

Families that provided gifts or cash donations include the following: The Limebrooks, the Arringtons, the Thomas family, the Copenhavers, the Barlows, the Springers, the Mozers, the Lilly family and friends, the Watkinsons, the Chavez’, the Jennings, the Brobsts, the McPeeks, the Jones, the Tunnells, the Hilgemanns, the Marsh family, the Shanks, the Abney’s, the Lairds, the Wilsons, the Austins, the Pearsons, the Roth family, the Kipleys, the Roseths, the Hendersons, the Millers, the McGuires, the Scarpullas, the Szygielskis, the Grohs, the Serras, the Curtis’ the Fullers, the Milburns, the Wegers, and our special angel, Jane DeBry. Without these wonderful sponsoring families, the Adopt a Family project would not have materialized. This is one of the best expressions of the Christmas spirit that clearly is alive and well in our community.

Kim Knapp

Politicians and fiduciary duty

Dear Editor:

This information was obtained from an article in the December issue of Newsmax magazine by James Bovard “How 600 billion was stolen from the American public”. 163 billion was through false unemployment claims. That was the tip of the iceberg. More losses are going to happen such as 813 billion in business loans. Some loans have gone to “ghost businesses”. The AG department has issued a waiver to suspend all on site monitoring of providers of children’s meals. In the Georgia Governor’s race, democrat Rapheal Warnock distributed flyers declaring, “want a \$2,000 dollar check, vote Warnock”. He won and,” Dave Butcher” Donald Trump certainly didn’t have anything to do with that. Joe Biden is trying to issue 400 billion in COVID

funds to cancel student loans. Not Donald Trump again. My point is our Politicians are not fulfilling their fiduciary responsibility to be care takers of our tax dollars. They have just passed a 1.7 trillion dollar spending bill that is so full of pork it oinks. I want to vote for a candidate who promises to take the unpopular steps to be responsible, not someone who uses taxpayer “freebies” to buy my vote.

John Meyer

Gas prices

Dear Editor:

I believe the gas stations in Pagosa Springs, CO are actively keeping prices high to take advantage of current economic conditions. The excuse of supply constraints is no longer valid when gas prices have come down significantly across the country/ state and we have barely come down over the last year.

As of 12/30/22 the national gas price average is now \$3.18, and the Colorado average is now \$2.84. Archuleta County is the second highest in the state at \$3.81. We are second only to Pitkin County, aka Aspen, at \$4.10. In every direction from town gas prices are cheaper. Maverik in Durango is currently \$3.11, in Alamosa it’s \$2.95, and in Denver they are as low as \$2.41. It is time to hold these businesses accountable.

To my knowledge, the county has submitted a complaint/inquiry with the Colorado Attorney General to investigate the issue. You can do the same. Here are some options:

Please respectfully email the Archuleta County commissioners at Commissioners@archuleta-county.org

You can submit a complaint with the CO Attorney General Phil Weiser. coag.gov/complaints.coag.gov/s/contact-us

You can voice your concerns with the specific businesses’ customer service departments.

The more we voice our concern and frustration the more likely we

are to see action and hopefully save us all some money.

Carlton Mashburn

East Village development

Dear editor:

From the Pagosa Springs Downtown Master Plan: “The East Village area spans from 1st Street to 3rd Street along Highway 160 and includes 1st Street from the highway north to Lewis Street. This is an area that is predominately single-family buildings that have been adaptively reused as small scale commercial businesses. The area should redevelop with smaller scale buildings and with outdoor use areas that have connected walkways. The East Village area should maintain the traditional development patterns established by original residential uses in this neighborhood while accommodating adaptive reuse for commercial activities. New infill and redevelopment should respect adjacent development in mass and scale.”

The new project currently being planned in the 200 block does not meet the letter or the intent of the Downtown Master Plan and the Land Use Development Code. We look forward to the town staff, Planning Commission and Town Council holding the developers to the code and not allowing setback or density exceptions.

Kirsten Skeeahan

Plastic bags

Dear Editor:

In response to Mr Brown’s letter last week regarding the fee on single use plastic and paper bags, I feel the need to make a comment and a suggestion. I am proud of Colorado for being progressive on this issue, even though it’s coming so late in the game. I won’t go into all the reasons that we should be dealing with this issue — there are many articles online and elsewhere regarding our need to stop filling our planet with trash. Here

in Pagosa Springs we have a landfill issue and the fact that plastic particles are now in our drinking water should concern everyone. Imposing a small fee on single use bags is, I think, a rather benign way of encouraging people to obtain and use reusable bags.

I started using reusable bags about 20 years ago back when the grocery store bagger became very confused about my bags. Was it a difficult habit to form? Yes! I forgot to put them in my car and then I forgot to take them into the store and then I had to teach baggers that you could fill my bags up to the brim and they wouldn’t break. But it eventually became second nature to me and I am optimistic about my fellow citizens being able to do the same.

Mr. Brown must be an admirable employer to buy his employees groceries every week. I can understand that the thought of dealing with reusable bags, if one has never done it, might seem untenable in one’s own personal life, let alone in the lives of one’s workers. But this could be a great opportunity for helping his employees develop a planet-healthy habit and learn to use reusable bags. Mr. Brown could provide his workers with bags with the caveat that they return them every week when the full bags are delivered, trading them out every week. Reusable bags can be procured for a relatively low cost and they are typically stronger and hold much more than single use bags. And his employees could use the bags in their every day lives. I believe the cost to him would not be greater than the cost of gas to drive further to shop every week. (Add a logo to those bags and you have an advertisement.)

I hope Mr. Brown will consider this suggestion in the spirit in which it is offered. This really isn’t about politics. It’s about the future of the only planet we have and all the creatures that dwell on it.

Lee Stopher

SENIOR NEWS

Senior Center increases suggested donation for hot meals

By Rose Chavez
SUN Columnist

Meals on Wheels of Pagosa Springs is a food service provided by the Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) for those needing a hot, home-cooked and home-delivered meal at low cost.

The cost of a meal historically has been a \$5 donation. Starting this month, the suggested donation is being raised to \$10 for all meals (Meals on Wheels, dine in, pick up, grab n go, guests) made by the Pagosa Senior Center and Community Cafe.

As a reminder, this increase in cost is being requested as a donation, and no one will be turned away. The current supply chain and the rising cost of food, along with limited program funding have put a strain on the 9-year-old non-profit. ASI kitchen staff prepare around 200 meals every day (five days a week, frozen meals on weekends) by hand for people who are unable to make a meal for themselves.

If you would like to adopt a senior to help provide hot daily meals for a senior in need or have other questions, please contact us at (970) 264-2167.

COVID-19 test kits available

Stop by the Senior Center to pick up a pack of five free COVID-19 tests kits for your personal use.

These kits are available to anyone in the public that needs affordable access for health promotion and disease prevention.

Text reservations

Text us at (970) 264-2167. Don’t forget that we also offer a convenient texting service for you to communicate with us. When texting, please include your name, phone number and the days you want a meal. If you are calling to cancel a reservation, please include your name, phone number and the days you want to cancel.

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

Mobile food pantry service available for seniors

The Senior Center would like to remind the community about our mobile food pantry services we provide in partnership with Archuleta County MET to seniors age 60 and older throughout most areas of Archuleta County.

In order to participate in this program, community members must visit with Barbara Noriega at the Senior Center, located in the Ross Aragon Community Center, to fill out an application to qualify for the mobile pantry service.

The application, called the dining assessment form, is also available on our website at the bottom of

the Community Cafe page: <http://www.psseniors.org/community-cafeacute.html>. For more information, contact us at (970) 264-2167.

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, we help with parts A, B and D. We can also help you with fraud concerns and troubleshooting any billing issues you may be having. By appointment only. Please call our Medicare line at (970) 264-0501, ext 4.

Bridge

The longest-played bridge game in Archuleta County takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1 p.m. We have eliminated Monday bridge due to lack of consistent participation and will be replacing it with different programming in the new year.

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 along

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 Thursdays at 1:15 p.m. 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.

Pictures needed

Engaging pictures are needed from seniors and their families who live, work and play their best lives in Archuleta County. We are looking for pictures that convey people’s active lifestyles, families, culture and more. We would like to use these pictures in our grant applications, on social media and our website. Please email all pictures to rosa@psseniors.org or feel free to drop them off.

Wingspan and new programming

ASI is looking to expand our programming options.
■ See Senior A5



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Obituaries

Etta Faye Day

Etta Faye Day, born Aug. 20, 1938, earned her wings on Dec. 30, 2022 in Pagosa Springs, CO, at the age of 84.

She was born at home in Garland County, Ark., to Roy and Tessie Cosby, the second of 13 children.

Etta Faye married Paul Alfred Day on Dec. 27, 1953 at her home in Jessieville, Ark. They lived in Pagosa Springs all of their married life where they ran Day Lumber and raised their family. They were blessed with four children: Paullette (Raymond) Hise, Rocky (Kelli) Day, Tracy (Greg) Lucero and Ben (Sherri) Day. They were also blessed with six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Etta Faye was preceded in death by her parents, husband Paul, and several siblings.

Services will be Thursday, Jan. 5 at Pagosa Bible Church (209 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs) at 10:30 a.m. Internment will be beside her husband at Greenmount Cemetery in Durango, Colo. Pallbearers are Rocky Day, Ben Day, Raymond Hise, Daniel Hise, Nathan Davis, Jake Wills, Trinity Jacobs and David Hoffman. Honorary pallbearers are Jack Eaklor, Ronnie Maez, Connie Langseth, Karen Curia, Cindy Laner, Jess and Casey Ketchum, Gilbert and Nancy Davidson, Easton and Austin Wills, Javan and Jayda Davis, and Brayden Jacobs.

Mom was a devoted Christian, guiding her children in a loving and caring way of life.

The family would like to thank



her caregivers: Connie, Karen, Cindy, and grandchildren Beth, Trinity, Shelby and David.

Mom, you will be greatly missed by us all. Love you!

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to your favorite charity in her name.

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Dayle Erin Morningstar Laird

May 2, 1978 - Dec. 27, 2022

Dayle Erin Morningstar Laird, 44, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2022, at Centura Mercy Hospital in Durango, Colo., with her husband at her side.

She was born in McCook, Neb., on May 2, 1978, to William Rick and Maureen (Hassler) Johnson. She graduated from McCook High School in 1996 and attended Chadron State College and then transferred to Northwest Florida State College in Destin, Fla., where she graduated with a degree in psychology. She began working for Okaloosa County EMS as an EMT. She continued her education and earned a paramedic certification, and also worked as an ocean life-guard. She had experience in swift-water SAR, open-ocean SAR and wilderness SAR. While in Florida, she worked and performed many rescues during both Hurricanes Ivan and Francis in 2004, and was sent out of state to help with Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Dayle spent eight years in Florida before moving to Albuquerque, N.M., working



as a paramedic. During this time she earned her master's degree from Troy University in health care administration. While working in Albuquerque on the night shift she witnessed the unbelievable inhumanity of men against their fellow men, women and children and began to develop sleep issues.

In 2012, she was hired by Air Methods in Durango, Colo., and became a critical care paramedic, the highest level of paramedics specializing in air medic response, infant, child and perinatal care. As a flight medic riding in helicopters in the Rockies, she relished the change from working in the inner city to the mountain environment. One of the pilots she worked with was Brandon Laird. A romance ensued and they exchanged vows on Telluride mountain on June 8, 2017. In 2016, Air Methods merged with Flight for Life and they were both without employment. Loving what they were doing, they started up a helicopter flight school named Colorado Highland Helicopters, instructing pilots how to navigate in mountainous terrain, growing their business to three helicopters and partnering with law enforcement for mountain rescues and training. She was so proud of what she and Brandon built.

After being told by doctors she would never be able to have a child, she and Brandon were blessed with two miracle babies, Brohdy and Ghrey, whom she dearly loved. Her sleep issues continued to haunt her and after an incident on Wolf Creek Pass, she developed PTSD, common in so many first responders. She sought treatment twice, at both the First Responder Treatment Center Chateau Recovery in Utah and First Responder Wellness by Simple in California. In the end, her demons won out and she lost

her battle with PTSD.

She was so proud of her profession and helping people in their most difficult times. She was a patriot, a supporter of law enforcement and a proud conservative. She was proud of her midwestern upbringing and grateful for being raised in Nebraska. In keeping with her desire to help others, she was an organ donor, giving others the gift of life.

She is survived by her husband, Brandon; son, Brohdy Michael, 8 and daughter, Ghrey James, 3; father William Rick and step-mother Karmon Johnson, McCook; mother Maureen Wood and step-father Lonnie Wood, McCook; brother Clint Johnson, McCook; step-brother Aaron Felker (Nen); nephews Jeremy, Isaiah and Gabriel, Hutchinson, Kan.; step-brother, Bryan Wood (Jennifer); nieces Byanka, Jayda and Arya, McCook; aunts Debra Kay Johnson, McCook, and Elizabeth Hoyt, McCook; uncles Jerry Hassler (Kathleen), Scottsdale, Ariz., and Robert Hassler, Phoenix, Ariz.; and many cousins, all who loved her.

Preceding her in death were her grandparents, William "Bill" and Agnes "Jackie" Johnson, and Francis and Donna Hassler.

A memorial service will be in Bayfield, Colo., Jan. 6 at 11 a.m. at Pine River Cemetery. Hood Mortuary is in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be sent to Code Green, a national mental health resource for first responders or Path-4EMS, which is Colorado specific.

Stoney Powdermaker

A memorial dedicated to the celebration of the life of Stoney Powdermaker will be held at Ole Miner's at 2 p.m. on Jan. 15 on our patio. Please join us to celebrate Stoney's incredible personality and to share the wonderful memories and experiences that were had with him. Please dress warmly.



Senior

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Wingspan, a game for bird lovers, was donated to the Senior Center and is looking for a champion to help facilitate this engaging board game. Come learn more about this fun game or suggest other ideas to help us find some new and meaningful opportunities to connect over and have fun. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to volunteer or for more information.

Kitchen and desk volunteers needed

The Community Cafe at the Senior Center is requesting volunteers to help with kitchen tasks and substitutes for our Meals on Wheels drivers. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to volunteer or for more information.

Board vacancies

The ASI Board of Directors has multiple vacant positions. Terms are three years with an option to renew for an additional term. Potential candidates should be at

least 55 years of age or older and must have a passion for adult and aging services.

Community Cafe menu

Thursday, Jan. 5 — Shrimp scampi with polenta cake, stuffed mushrooms, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, Jan. 6 — Hawaiian pork and peppers, coconut rice, fortune cookies, garden salad and milk.

Monday, Jan. 9 — French dip with au jus and steak frites, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Tuesday Jan. 10 — Pasta primavera with Alfredo sauce, garlic bread, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 11 — Zuppa Toscana, focaccia bread, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Thursday, Jan. 12 — Chicken Marsala, baked potato, roll, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, January 13 — Crispy cod with tartar sauce, sweet potato fries, broccoli, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Grab-N-Go meals

Grab-N-Go meals 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 \$10 helps to sustain our program. No one will be turned away for their inability to donate. For ages 59 and younger, the cost is \$10.50. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to make a reservation.

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2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

2022 was an interesting year in Pagosa Country. There was no want for good news, bad news, controversial issues, and no lack of interesting news to keep SUN readers focused on local events, situations and personalities. The SUN is taking a look back at some of those events, selected by SUN staff writers. This week, we look back at October, November and December.

October

• In early October, questions arose over the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights pro and con statements for Ballot Issue 1A. Archuleta County's ballot measure for a 1.5 percent sales tax increase to provide additional funding for the town and county.

The concerns also led to the filing of a verified petition regarding alleged violation of Colorado election law in district court suggesting that Archuleta County violated the law in creating pro and con statements that were mailed to voters. Resident Bill Hudson accused the county of using comments not submitted according to statute and not including all of his argument that was statutorily submitted.

As of the end of 2022, the case was still pending in court.

• On Oct. 3 and 4, the Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) Pirate golf team took 11th at the 3A state tournament.

Freshman Johnathon Smith finished tied for 50th individually. Senior Kaison Clifford was part of a five-way tie for 56th. Senior Braylon Cotts finished 71st.

• At its Oct. 4 meeting, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) unanimously approved Resolution 2022-113 in support of Ballot Issue 1A. The resolution highlights the county's need for additional funds to support roads and other infrastructure projects as well as for additional county offices.

• Pirate harrier Andrew Bowles earned all-conference honors with his finish at the 4-Corners Cross Country Classic in Durango on Oct. 7. He finished third out of the conference's runners at the meet.

• After starting the season 0-5, the Pirate football team picked up its first win of the season in big fashion on Oct. 7, defeating the Kirtland Central Broncos 49-8 in New Mexico.

• On Oct. 11, Archuleta School District (ASD) Superintendent Rick Holt presented information to the ASD Board of Education on state accountability measures, including the accreditation ratings for each district school. ASD's performance rating moved down, reflecting a trend seen across the state.

For the 2022-2023 school year, ASD's preliminary rating is accredited with improvement plan, down from accredited.

• On Oct. 13, a division of the Colorado Court of Appeals heard oral arguments in Pagosa Springs before audiences of high school students and members of the public.

• In mid-October, two additional deaths among COVID-19 cases were added to the San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) COVID-19 data dashboard for Archuleta County.

• Also in mid-October, it was announced that the local Pagosa Weather Team was recognized on a national level by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and National Weather Service with the Weather Ready Nation Ambassadors of Excellence Award.

• On Oct. 13, Pagosa Springs' Ralph Maccarone, co-founder and volunteer of Who We Play For, was named a finalist for The NASCAR Foundation's Betty Jane France Humanitarian Award, which recognizes NASCAR fans who are dedicated to providing resources and support to children.

• With 39 seconds left on the clock on Oct. 14 in Cortez, the Pirate football team coordinated to score their fifth touchdown of the game and an extra point, putting them ahead 35-34 and securing their upset of the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers. The come-from-behind win moved the Pirates to

2-5 on the season and 1-1 in league play.

• The Pirate boys' soccer team concluded its regular season with a 2-1 overtime victory at home in a league match against Bayfield on Oct. 14 and a 2-1 loss against Manitou Springs in Manitou Springs on Oct. 15.

The team ended the regular season with an overall record of 10-4 and a league record of 6-0.

• Bowles and Sienna Rose recorded state-qualifying performances at the Region 2 regional race on Oct. 19 on the Monument Valley Park XC Course in Colorado Springs.

• At its Oct. 20 meeting, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors voted to not appoint a representative to the Archuleta County short-term rental task force and to withdraw its representative to the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation Board of Directors due to concerns about transparency.

• At the same meeting, the PAWSD board moved to delay the appointment of a new director to fill a vacancy on the board opened by the resignation of Drew Mackey instead of using applicants from the pool of applicants who had applied earlier in the year for a different vacancy.

• On Oct. 20, a U.S. District Court judge issued a ruling setting aside the U.S. Forest Service's decision to provide road access to the site of the proposed Village at Wolf Creek.

• Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County were awarded the small community of the year for accomplishments in economic development at the Economic Development Council of Colorado annual conference in Pueblo on Oct. 20.

• PSHS seniors Hannah Rockensock and Jacob Miller were named the homecoming king and queen at the Oct. 21 football game.

• At its Oct. 25 meeting, the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission, acting as the Design Review Board, approved the final major design application for The Springs Resort's hotel expansion project.

The project proposes an expansion of the existing establishment on the 19.34-acre vacant site that sits west of the existing resort and the Bank of the San Juans, on the west side of Hot Springs Boulevard.

The new property will use about 8 acres of that site, according to the application. On the site, a new 78-room hotel of approximately 79,300 square feet is proposed, along with a 15,000-square-foot spa with 12 treatment rooms and a 1,700-square-foot restaurant, including indoor seating for 80 plus 30 outdoor seats.

• The Pirate soccer team entered the postseason on Oct. 26 as the No. 15 team and took on the No. 18 Arrupe Jesuit Generals.

The Pirates fell to the Generals 1-0 at Golden Peaks Stadium.

• The PSHS football season ended in dramatic fashion on Oct. 28.

With two seconds left on the clock in the fourth quarter, the Pirates were down 33-27 to the Bayfield Wolverines. Then, Colt Lewis caught a pass from Aaron Aucoin with no time left to tie the game. After a missed extra-point attempt, the game between the rivals went into overtime, where the Pirates picked up the 39-33 win.

Pagosa ended the season with a 4-5 overall record and 3-1 league record.

• On Oct. 29, Rose and Bowles took part in the 3A state cross-country meet in Colorado Springs, with both runners surpassing expectations. Rose finished 80th out of 150 runners and Bowles finished 62nd out of 159 runners.

• The community took part in the Halloween Hootenanny fes-

tivities on Oct. 29, which included trick-or-treating, live music, the fireworks that were originally scheduled for the Fourth of July and more.

November

• On Nov. 2, the Pagosa Springs Town Council heard an update on the financial state of its ongoing workforce housing project, with concerns emerging regarding the future and viability of the project.

The town-led project, which is an ongoing effort to provide workforce housing to the town, is being contracted by Servitas, a company with a national scope with its primary experience in university and workforce housing.

A proforma was presented to council by Servitas, which showed numbers like rent estimates, operating expenses, revenue and debt estimates for the project.

Concerns were expressed about how high rent payments were projected to be, unknowns associated with the project and the \$42 million "all-in" cost projection.

• In early November, a spike in deaths among COVID-19 cases in Archuleta County was reported, with five deaths added to SJBPH's dashboard in October. SJBPH indicated that all five Archuleta County deaths were related to an outbreak at a long-term care facility.

Area hospitalizations also increased.

• Wolf Creek Ski Area opened for the season on Nov. 4.

• The Lady Pirate volleyball team's season came to a close Nov. 4 during regional competition.

The Pirates ended the season with a 12-12 season record and 3-5 league record, putting them in fourth in the Intermountain League and 23rd among all Colorado 3A high school teams.

• On Nov. 8, Archuleta County voters elected Mike Le Roux to be the county's next sheriff and Veronica Medina to be county commissioner for District 3. Voters also denied the proposed sales tax increase.

• On Nov. 10, Marines and community members celebrated the 247th birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps.

• The PSHS Unified bowling team finished second at the Nov. 10 regional competition in Pueblo, earning the team a trip to the state championships in Englewood on Nov. 18.

• At its Nov. 10 meeting, the PAWSD board appointed Gene Taugtes to fill a vacancy on the board created by Mackey's departure.

• At the same meeting, the PAWSD board heard an assessment that its Snowball water plant expansion is estimated to cost \$37 million.

• Pagosa Springs Middle School students and Archuleta County military veterans came together for breakfast, discussion and more at the Nov. 11 Veterans Day breakfast.

For about two decades, the annual breakfast has offered an opportunity to serve and learn from the area's veterans. The breakfast also featured a flag-folding demonstration.

Veterans were also honored in a ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park later that day.

• At Nov. 15 meetings, the La Plata County and Archuleta County Boards of County Commissioners approved a joint resolution dissolving SJBPH, and an intergovernmental agreement between the two counties and SJBPH for the orderly dissolution of the district. According to the resolution, the dissolution is set to take effect on Dec. 31, 2023.

• At their Nov. 15 meeting, the Archuleta County commissioners voted to approve a change to the county fee schedule to alter rates at the county landfill. These changes followed the installation of a scale at the landfill which allows the county to weigh trash entering the landfill and base prices on weight instead of volume.

• The Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors, which oversees Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC), heard mixed news about the district's finances on Nov. 15.

The board heard from CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb that PSMC was on track to end the year in the red — something she noted is not unusual across the country. It was also reported at the meeting that PSMC

was in the best financial position it had ever been in and that, in 2022, PSMC had its biggest October ever in terms of gross revenue.

• In mid-November, Pirate soccer players Jordan Pham, Kaylor Christians, Jordan Heaton and Gabriel Gallegos were all named to the first all-conference team for the 2022 season, while Carson Young-Martinez was named to the second all-conference team. Pirate goalie Christopher Young-Martinez was named Keeper of the Year for the conference and coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason was named Coach of the Year.

• A PSHS esports team wrapped up its season with a playoff run in mid-November.

Esports made its debut as an activity sanctioned by the Colorado High School Activity Association in the fall of 2022 after a three-year probationary period, and made its debut at PSHS in the spring of 2022.

A Rocket League team comprising Ridge Wilson, Kameron Winkler, Cole Harper and Trey Garcia entered the league's playoffs as the No. 9 seed, with Wilson, Harper and Winkler competing in the playoff matches. The team fell out of contention in the Sweet 16 round of the playoffs.

To reach the playoffs, the team finished the regular season with a 6-2 record.

• On Nov. 17, Maccarone was announced as the winner of The NASCAR Foundation's Betty Jane France Humanitarian Award, also winning \$100,000 for Who We Play For.

• The Pirate Unified bowling team finished 12th out of the 17 teams at the state championships in Englewood on Nov. 18 with a total pinfall of 377 over five games played.

• Two Lady Pirate volleyball players were recognized for their work on the court during the fall season: Lynell Bartz, who received an honorable mention, and Aspen Pitcher, who received all-conference second team recognition.

• Rotarians presented third-graders at Pagosa Springs Elementary School with their very own picture dictionaries in November, also working with the students to help them learn how to use their new resources.

• On Nov. 30, the Colorado Department of Transportation announced that the McCabe Creek culvert replacement project on U.S. 160 would stretch into the spring of 2023 following a winter closure. The agency noted the project was about 80 percent complete at the time operations shut down for winter.

December

• With the Nov. 8 vote totals for Congressional District 3 between Republican Lauren Boebert and Democrat Adam Frisch within one-half percent at the end of November when vote totals were completed, Colorado Secretary of State Jen Griswold ordered a statutorily mandated recount in the race in early December, which included Archuleta County. Boebert was deemed elected after the recount, with Griswold announcing the results on Dec. 12.

• At the Dec. 1 Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Board meeting, the board voted to appoint Elizabeth Blizzard as the interim emergency communications director. The move followed the November departure of the center's director.

• The Pirate basketball teams opened their seasons by hosting the Wolf Creek Classic Dec. 1-3, with the boys' team going 2-1 and the girls' team going 0-3.

• The Pirate wrestling team opened the season by winning all three of its duals at the Bayfield Quad on Dec. 2.

• Three vehicles were stolen and at least five others were broken into in the Vista subdivision on Dec. 3.

• At a Dec. 6 BoCC meeting, the board unanimously approved a purchase and sale agreement for the sale of the county courthouse at 449 San Juan St. to Ronnie Urbanczyk.

The BoCC initially accepted

Urbanczyk's bid and entered negotiations on the sale on April 19.

According to the sale agreement, the county would receive \$550,000 for the sale of the courthouse as well as a 10 percent undivided ownership interest in a 40-acre property on Condor Drive near the airport.

County staff currently occupy a portion of the building, which County Commissioner Ronnie Maez explained at the meeting will be leased back to the county at no cost.

• At a Dec. 6 meeting, the town council heard the results of a nexus study designed to quantify the relationship between short-term rentals and workforce housing in the town and develop a supportable impact fee for short-term rentals based on that relationship.

Prior to the presentation, Town Attorney Clay Buchner highlighted that the nexus study as unconnected to the litigation concerning short-term rental fees the town was engaged in. That lawsuit came when several plaintiffs challenged the town's voter-imposed short-term rental regulations.

• At the same meeting, the town council adopted the East End Multimodal Transportation Plan.

• On Dec. 6, the Pagosa Springs Urban Renewal Authority (URA) approved the appointment of two new members.

The URA approved the appointment of Archuleta County Assessor Johanna Tully-Elliott to the Archuleta County seat on the

board and ASD Board of Education president Bob Lynch to the Board of Education seat.

• In December, Archuleta County began seeking qualified applicants to serve on a transitional Archuleta County Board of Health and help stand up the Archuleta County Public Health Department.

• As of Dec. 7, the Wolf Creek summit was at 99 percent of the Dec. 7 snowpack median.

• The Lady Pirate swim team opened its season on Dec. 7 with a big accomplishment: securing a spot at the state meet for one of its medley teams.

• In December, a trio of Pirate golfers garnered all-conference honors within the Intermountain League for their work during the fall season. Clifford was named to the all conference team, Smith was named Player of the Year and Cotts was named to the all-conference team. All three advanced to state during the fall season.

• On Dec. 13, the ASD Board of Education approved a 6 percent raise for most school staff — a decision that was met with applause, the playing of music and confetti.

The increase is for all positions except for the superintendent, coaches, substitutes, stipends and extra-duty vouchers, and was retroactive to the start of contracts for the 2022-2023 school year.

• In December, Archuleta County Combined Dispatch announced the implementation of a trio of programs aimed at making emergency

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The Pagosa Nordic Club is hosting X-C Skiing Events at Cloman Park on Jan 7th and 8th
It is recommended you avoid Cloman Park during these events unless you are participating or spectating.

Saturday, January 7th 8a- 12p
SW Nordic Series Race Season Opener:

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Sunday, January 8th, 9a-12p

Learn to Ski Clinic: Skate Ski and Classic Cross Country Ski instruction for Never-Evers, Beginners, and Intermediates

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County commissioners approve meeting calendar, board appointments

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its Jan. 3 meeting, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved a resolution designating a posting location and meeting dates for the BoCC in 2023 and appointed individuals to two positions.

Resolution 2023-01 indicates that the posting location for BoCC meetings will be “a link on the home page of the county website at www.archuletacounty.org.”

It also states, “Public notices will continue to be posted at the County Administration Building at 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado as a supplementary location; however, such postings are for convenience only and the official public notice postings shall be the link of the home page of the county website.”

The resolution adds that, “all other Archuleta County boards, committees, commissions, au-

thorities, or other advisory, policy-making, or rule-making bodies shall post public notice of their meetings, along with meeting agendas, if available, on the county website as well.”

According to the resolution, the BoCC will hold meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at 1:30 p.m. with the exception of the first meeting in July, which will be rescheduled from July 4 to July 5 due to the holiday.

The resolution also indicates that all county offices, excluding the landfill, transfer station and county administration office, shall be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday except for on legal holidays.

The administration offices will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The resolution notes that the chairman of the BoCC or the county administrator are granted the authority to close county offices

due to storms or other events and that the sheriff shall be available to aid the public at all times.

At the meeting, the BoCC also approved the appointment of J.R. Ford to another three-year term as the county’s representative to the Southwestern Water Conservation District (SWCD) and the appointment of Raymond Taylor to another two-year term as county veterans service officer.

At a work session earlier in the day, the BoCC discussed the appointment of Ford, with County Manager Derek Woodman explaining that it is required that the BoCC at its first meeting of the year appoint a representative to the SWCD.

Woodman stated that Ford is currently serving as the county representative and that he had indicated to Woodman his continued desire and willingness to serve.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez commented that Ford has served on SWCD for all of Maez’s tenure

on the BoCC and that felt he would be a good choice to continue in the role.

Commissioner Alvin Schaaf and Commissioner Warren Brown agreed with Maez, with Brown highlighting the importance of consistency on the SWCD board.

Also at the meeting, the BoCC approved an animal shelter management and services agreement with the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs, which Woodman noted concerns the terms for sheltering stray and surrendered animals in the county in 2023.

Woodman explained at the meeting that the cost of the agreement includes a “pretty significant increase in fees” from last year rising to \$70,000 in 2023.

The agreement also states that the Humane Society will charge \$20 per day per impounded dog up to a maximum charge of \$40 per dog per impoundment.

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County worker’s compensation insurance premiums up 26 percent

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its Dec. 27 work session, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard a report from Human Resources Director Tina Woodman on a 26 percent increase in worker’s compensation insurance premiums for 2023.

Woodman indicated that the county had had three large claims in the end of 2021 and 2022 which increased the county’s premiums.

She noted that the increase in premiums was not budgeted for and that the commissioners had received a written report on the 2023 insurance.

In response to questions from

Commissioner Warren Brown, a representative from Gallagher, the county’s insurance broker, explained that the payroll estimations for the insurance were taken from data provided by the county and the premium increase being driven by changes in the county’s loss ratio, where the experience modification had increased from 0.85 to 1.34 due to the county’s recent losses.

Brown asked the representative how the county can reduce its exposure for 2024.

The representative stated that Gallagher is interested in partnering with the county to attempt to control the loss trends the county is experiencing.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez

questioned if that would involve encouraging safety programs and enforcing more protocol and procedure.

The representative stated this would be part of the process, as well as Gallagher providing more general assistance to the county.

Maez commented that he feels it is “very important” to reduce the numbers.

Brown commented that it was a lot of information to digest and asked if the Gallagher representatives could speak with him later once he had formulated more questions, to which they agreed.

County Manager Derek Woodman noted that two of the claims had originated from the Archuleta County Sheriff’s Office, including a

“freak scenario” where one deputy landed on another during training and broke their leg.

Tina Woodman noted that the other claim originated from a rappelling accident during a volunteer rescue team training.

Derek Woodman and Tina Woodman agreed that it is critical to improve safety during training — something the county will work with Gallagher on.

Brown asked if the county could look at a stopgap insurance plan as a part of reducing overall costs.

The Gallagher representative stated that the Gallagher team could work with the county to investigate alternatives.

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Review

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communications more efficient and accessible. Those programs are RapidSOS and Text to 911, which can be used in emergency situations, and Language Line, which can be used in any situation with a caller who does not speak English.

• On Dec. 14 and 15, the PAWSO board and the board of the San Juan Water Conservancy District voted to extend the lease for the Webers for the Running Iron Ranch by one year.

This site has served as the main base of operations for Weber Sand and Gravel Inc., which, under the lease, can continue gravel and reclamation operations at the site, with reclamation planned by the end of the lease.

• At its Dec. 15 meeting, the PAWSO Board of Directors approved its 2023 budget and a loan agreement for \$38,444,000 for the expansion of the Snowball water treatment plant.

• At its special meeting on Dec. 15, the town council denied an appeal to a decision made by the

town’s Design Review Board for a proposed mixed-use development at 232 Pagosa St., currently the empty lots between Pagosa Baking Company and Alley House Grille.

• A Dec. 15 decision by the Colorado Court of Appeals Division A in a lawsuit between local attorney Matt Roane and Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder Kristy Archuleta upheld the right of litigants to acquire documents from public entities through Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) requests while in litigation with them.

Roane’s lawsuit concerns the county’s denial of a CORA request by Roane for a recording of a BoCC work session due to the request being tied to an ongoing lawsuit filed by Roane against the county.

The county indicated it may appeal the decision.

• The community’s second annual Old-Fashioned Christmas took place on Dec. 17 and featured, among other things, visits with Santa, glowing hot air balloons, hot chocolate and a scavenger hunt.

• On Dec. 17, the second annual

Wreaths Across America ceremony was held at Hill Top Cemetery. Volunteers also laid wreaths at the graves of veterans interred there.

• As the year ended, public health officials noted the circulation of multiple respiratory illnesses, including influenza, COVID-19 and respiratory syncytial virus, also known as RSV.

• In December, it was announced that Pagosa Springs Middle School’s holiday food drive collected 1,548 items of nonperishable food. These food items provided by students and teachers went to the Archuleta County Food Coalition.

• In December, PSHS’s Kaylee Henlse, Alaura Hughes and Olivia Cardenas received first place in the state’s radon awareness video contest and \$300. Their video was also entered into the National Radon Video Contest.

• In late December, Colorado Parks and Wildlife announced that the Sambrito Wetlands at Navajo State Park would undergo a project to restore 34 acres of the wetlands and streamside habitat beginning

the first week of January.

• The Pirate basketball teams and wrestling team ended the 2022 portions of their schedules with action against Durango on Dec. 21.

The boys’ basketball team defeated the Durango Demons, helping them become the No. 2 4A boys’ basketball team in the state and improving to a 6-1 record.

The girls’ team lost to Durango despite being within two points in the fourth quarter, leaving the Lady Pirates with an 0-7 record.

The Pirate wrestling team defeated the Demons in a dual.

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Suit

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contained in the NDAs are protected from public disclosure under CORA.”

It notes that Woodman is asking the court since he is unable to determine if the unredacted NDAs are prohibited from disclosure under CORA “after exercising reasonable diligence and after reasonable inquiry.”

The application continues to state that the court must determine whether public disclosure “would do substantial injury to the public interest” by violating individual’s right to privacy, noting that, while CORA has no express exception for the disclosure of information that would violate an individual’s right to privacy, Colorado courts have previously held that “the substantial injury to the public interest exception” includes, under appropriate circumstances, the protection of information collected by the government whose disclosure would violate an individual’s right to privacy.

The application then explains

that Colorado courts use a three-factor test to determine if public disclosure of personal information under CORA would violate an individual’s right to privacy, with the factors including “whether the individual has a legitimate expectation of nondisclosure,” “whether disclosure is nonetheless required to serve a compelling public interest” and “if so, how disclosure may occur in the least obtrusive manner with respect to the individual’s constitutional right to privacy.”

The document notes that the question of whether the information is protected from disclosure is a question of law, meaning that, if the court finds that no legitimate expectation of nondisclosure exists, then the inquiry would end and the release of the information would be required under CORA.

However, if the court finds a legitimate expectation of nondisclosure exists, the application explains, then it must decide if disclosure is nonetheless required to a compelling public interest and, if so, must then

tailor the disclosure to minimize the intrusion on the individual’s right to privacy, per the third factor.

The application also states that Woodman is concerned about the issue because, if a document legally obtainable under CORA is improperly withheld and “Woodman is challenged and loses, the prevailing applicant may be entitled to payment of his or her attorney’s fees and legal costs.”

Roane’s Jan. 3 response begins by stating that Woodman’s application fails to state a claim upon which C.R.S. 24-72-204(6) can grant relief and notes that Roane served Woodman notice of a forthcoming lawsuit challenging the redaction of the NDAs several days before Woodman filed the present suit.

Roane states that his prior notice precludes Woodman’s “resort to the safe harbor provision for attorney fees and costs.”

Roane’s answer also denies that Woodman’s production of the NDAs was “timely under CORA” and that Woodman was unable to determine

whether the production of the unredacted NDAs was required under CORA.

Roane also denies Woodman’s characterization of the question before the court and his assertion that the question before the court is a “pure question of law.”

Roane’s answer concludes by requesting that the court order Woodman to supply him the unredacted NDAs and to pay Roane for the costs incurred by him in the matter.

County Attorney Todd Weaver,

representing Woodman, declined to comment further on the case.

Roane commented in an email to The SUN, “Members of the STR Task Force voluntarily entered into legal contracts with the County. I find it unreasonable for those same members to now declare they have a constitutional right to withhold the fact of their participation in those contracts from the public. Can you imagine if all parties contracting with the County asserted a similar right to confidentiality? Colorado’s Open Meetings Law requires all

governmental bodies to conduct business in the light of day. That objective begins with ensuring that the public knows who their government is contracting with. I believe the task force members’ efforts to keep our community in the dark is a huge step in the wrong direction.

“The law intends for cases of this nature to be resolved quickly. That is exactly what I trust the District Court will do in this matter. Stale public information is not useful public information.”

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Snow

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cloudy skies with a low of 18, a chance of snow showers after 11 p.m. and 5 mph winds.

For Friday, Jan. 6, the forecasted high is 39 degrees with mostly cloudy skies, snow showers likely and 5 to 10 mph winds. The forecasted low is 14 degrees with mostly cloudy skies.

For Saturday, Jan. 7, mostly sunny

skies are expected with a high of 41 degrees. The forecasted low is 8 degrees Saturday night with partly cloudy skies.

For Sunday, Jan. 8, the forecasted high is 41 degrees with sunny skies. The forecasted low is 10 degrees with partly cloudy skies.

River report

Stream flow for the San Juan River at approximately 10 a.m. on Jan. 4 was 73.8 cubic feet per second (cfs), according to the U.S. Geological Service National Water Dashboard.

This reading is up slightly from last week’s reading of 72.5 cfs at 10 a.m. on Dec. 28, 2022.

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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

- Tuesday, Jan. 10**
- Swearing in of Archuleta County elected officials.** 9:15 a.m., 109 Harman Park Drive.
- Town Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments and Design Review Board meeting.** 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. or via Zoom. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.
- Archuleta School District Board of Education meeting.** 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School library, 309 Lewis St.
- Wednesday, Jan. 11**
- Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation board meeting.** 5-6:30 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. Join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83552743149?pwd=Z0RXejNJQXo0TkNkZmlyM0h4UH-B5QT09>, meeting ID: 835 5274 3149, passcode: 191160.

- Archuleta County Fair Board meeting.** 6 p.m., CSU Extension office, 344 U.S. 84.
- Thursday, Jan. 12**
- Pagosa Springs Main Street Advisory Board meeting.** 4-6 p.m., Pagosa Springs Visitor Center meeting room, 105 Hot Springs Blvd. Join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89821999924?pwd=ZzIKSjYlL1BKbmRzRUUpZcUkxUkx5Zz09>.
- Tuesday, Jan. 17**
- Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session.** 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners’ meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.
- Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners meeting.** 1:30 p.m. Archuleta County administration building, commission-

- ers’ meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.
- Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors work session and meeting.** 5 p.m. work session, 6 p.m. regular meeting, 3133 Cornerstone Drive. Join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9656099136?pwd=Z3Job2R1eXl0SE8rRzNpL0FucGpKZz09>, meeting ID: 965 609 9136, passcode: 00001.
- Wednesday, Jan. 18**
- Upper San Juan Library District board meeting.** 4 p.m. via Zoom. Join us at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83398449146>.
- Public meeting information should be sent to editor@pagosasun.com with “Public Meeting” in the subject line. The deadline is noon Monday each week prior to publication for that week’s issue.*

STR

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The plaintiffs asked the court to “enjoin the town from applying and enforcing the STR Amendment and Ordinance 982.”

Then, on Dec. 26, 2022, Wilson issued a ruling striking down the voter-approved fees, ruling that the initiative, charter amendment and 2022 regulations were unconstitutional and unenforceable for several reasons and are henceforth “invalid, null and void as a matter of law.”

But, on Dec. 28, the judge vacated his decision, saying, “The order issued on 12/26/22 in this case was issued in error and is vacated.”

On Jan. 2, Wilson again granted the plaintiffs an Order Granting Motion For Summary Judgment in the case.

In the order, Wilson again ruled that “the Charter Amendment and the 2022 STR regulations imposing a \$150 per bedroom per month fee to be invalid,” although the order cited more limited grounds than the previous ruling.

In his original order, Wilson cited five areas where the citizen-passed initiative was invalid as a matter of law, as previously reported in The SUN.

But, in his most recent order, Wilson only cited two areas of violation.

The Jan. 2 order again declared that the main purpose of the citizen-driven initiative was “administrative” in action, not legislative, and was therefore unconstitutional since citizen-driven initiatives must take a “legislative action,” according to Wilson’s interpretation of the Colorado Constitution.

Secondly, Wilson again characterized the imposed STR charges as a tax, not a fee, writing, “Even if the Court found the initiative to be a legislative action, the Court would find the non-owner-occupied fee imposed by the initiative to be a tax, subject to the provisions of TABOR,” or the Taxpayer’s Bill of Rights.

On the basis of these two reasons,

Wilson wrote, “the Court grants the plaintiffs’ motion for summary judgment and declares the Charter Amendment and the 2022 STR regulations imposing the \$150 per bedroom per month fee to be invalid.”

The back-and-forth judiciary events came before the Pagosa Springs Town Council at its evening meeting on Jan. 2.

Town Attorney Clay Buchner, who was tasked with briefing the council on the legal status of the voter-imposed STR fees, was unaware of the most recent order in the case, remarking, “OK, interesting. I do have a better update for you.”

Buchner said, while catching up reading the brief, that “Judge Wilson did issue another order, after the order vacating the previous order, granting motion for summary judgment ... so, it does look like we do have an order granting a motion for summary judgment after all.”

He said that at the next town council meeting, “we will be preparing the council for the possibility of repealing the ordinance depending on what the summary judgment says, and depending on the constitutionality of our ordinance,” emphasizing that he’d still need to digest the full thrust of Wilson’s order.

Buchner was referring to Ordinance 982, which town council adopted following the passage of the citizen driven charter amendment. The ordinance codified the charter amendment and clarified its language so as not to conflict with the town’s previously approved STR regulations.

But on the charter amendment side of things, he said, “Typically, once a charter amendment has been initiated, even if it’s ruled unconstitutional, it can’t be removed from the charter without another vote.”

The remedy, Buchner explained, is to place a footnote in the charter stating that there was a court decision rendering the particular charter amendment unenforceable.

He said that it’s actually pretty

typical in Colorado for charter amendments to pass and end up permanently in the books, even if they are unenforceable or unconstitutional.

Mayor Shari Pierce asked, “Do we just leave a footnote in the charter, or do we actually take that out in the next election and have it voted on?”

Buchner replied, “That is up to the council how they want to handle that. Typically, that is not what most municipalities do. Most municipalities, you know, put in a footnote that on this day and time” it was “determined that this particular citizen initiated charter amendment was ruled unconstitutional, unenforceable, etc.”

Buchner explained that at the next meeting he will have drafted a new ordinance, based on Wilson’s order, for the council to review, but he did not recommend doing much more than putting a footnote into the charter about the unenforceable amendment.

When the meeting opened up to public comment, Bill Hudson, a supporter of the voter-imposed STR fees, asked why the town is not more whole-heartedly defending the people’s decision by appealing Wilson’s ruling.

Hudson implored the council to challenge the judgment, saying that the town could hypothetically say, “No, we feel like we have the power, we have the authority, to create this fee. It meets the needs of our community. We’re not just gonna give up on this.”

He added, “It’s not all over, unless you decide that a vote by the people is not worth defending.”

He continued, “You know, there’s an appellate court and a supreme court in our state. And they can look at these same arguments, and I’m surprised your attorney didn’t offer this to you as an option ... You have the right to support your citizens. You have the right to fight for what your citizens told you to do. You have that option.”

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Investigation

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According to the press release, the ACSO’s Officer-Involved Shootings and Death Policy was invoked “to ensure that the incident is investigated in a thorough, fair and impartial manner” and the “6th Judicial District Critical Incident Team was

activated immediately to conduct an independent criminal investigation of the incident.”

The ACSO will also be conducting an administrative investigation of the incident, the press release indicates, and both deputies involved have been placed on administrative

leave for the duration of the investigation “per protocol and Sheriff’s Office Policy and Operating Procedure.”

The press release notes that the incident remains under investigation.

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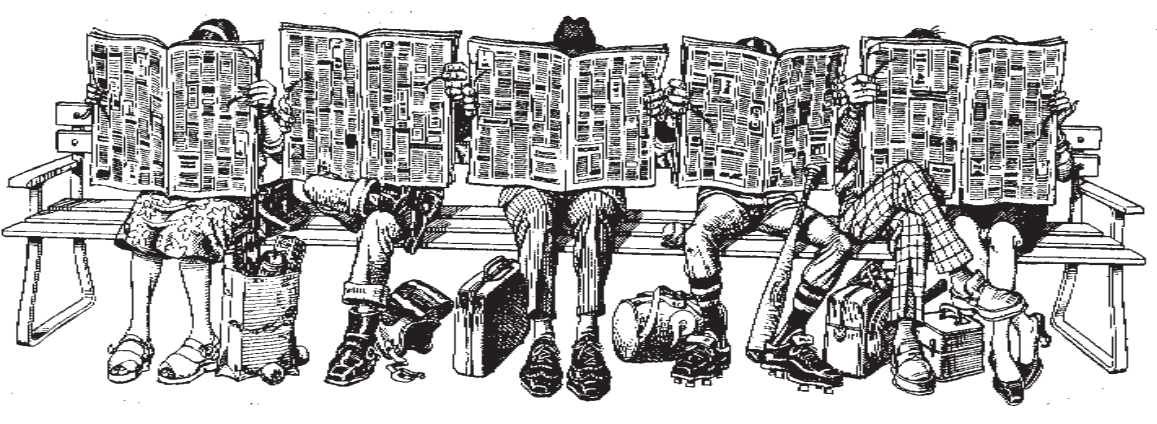
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Sports

BASKETBALL

Pirates set to return to action as 4A's top team

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) Pirate basketball team is opening the 2023 portion of its schedule as the No. 1 team in Colorado 4A boys' basketball.

Heading into the winter break, the Pirates were the No. 2 team in the Ratings Percentage Index, which helps determine postseason seeding, but moved into the top spot this week.

According to coach Wes Lewis, the team had a few voluntary practices over the break and is now getting back to normal.

"Kind of the big focus over the break was, No. 1, just saying in con-

dition," he said, adding the second thing was working on free-throw shooting. "We just are not, we're not shootin' very well from the line as a team. And so that's something we've been doing some different things in practice, some different situations and different free-throw stuff, and hoping it'll help our percentage come up."

According to MaxPreps, the team is shooting 58 percent from the free-throw line this season.

But, unfortunately for the Pirates, part of those voluntary practices included moving athletes around to make up for the fact the team will also be without one of its starters for the next four to six weeks, with Lewis noting that Colt

Lewis is out with a bad ankle sprain.

"We suffered a pretty big setback in practice this week," the coach said of Colt Lewis' injury, adding, "It's kind of a bad deal, obviously, any time you lose a guy."

He explained, "We spent a little time this week moving some guys around a little bit."

That included getting Chase Harper and Seth Aucoin practice to be able to step into Colt Lewis' guard position.

He also noted Kayson Shahan, who has played a little bit of guard, will be playing a lot more guard, meaning Aaron Aucoin will slide into the post role.

"It's not something completely new with playing three bigs like

that, in fact that's how we played against Salida, but just continuing to, you know, try to catch some kids up," he said, adding Nate Kinsley will also see more time with the shuffle.

He added, "It's just a work in progress."

The coach also noted the team wants to make sure its defense stays strong as it comes off the holiday break.

The Pirates, who own a 7-1 record, will return to competition against the 2A Sanford Mustangs on Thursday, Jan. 5, at PSHS, with action set to begin at 7 p.m.

The Mustangs are 3-3 on the season and are the No.20 team in Colorado 2A boys' basketball.

Lady Pirates set to host Sanford Mustangs following holiday break

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate basketball team will head into the 2023 portion of its schedule on the heels of eight consecutive practices where the team focused on the little things.

"It was really nice to have 8 consecutive practices over break without games," coach Sarah Osborn

wrote in an email to The SUN. "I think we got to work on a lot of the details that we had been struggling with, without having to concentrate on a quick turn around to 2 or 3 games."

The coach indicates the team also focused on offense during its break from games, and expresses hope that the work will show in the team's upcoming game.

The Lady Pirates delve back into

competition when they host the 2A Sanford Mustangs at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 5.

"We got lots of extra time for offense and the team is really starting to come together," she wrote. "I am hoping to see a lot of shots go up in the game and have a smoother offense where we really work the ball all around from the guards to the posts. We want to be getting more shots up each game

and having more points with our transition offense."

The Lady Pirates are 0-8 on the season, while the Mustangs are 3-3.

As of Tuesday, the Mustangs were the No. 12 team in Colorado 2A basketball in the Ratings Percentage Index, which helps determine postseason seeding. The Lady Pirates are ranked 35th in Colorado girls' 4A basketball.

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WRESTLING

Pirates to host dual, Rocky Mountain Wrestling Invitational

By **Josh Pike**
Staff Writer

On Jan. 6, the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate wrestling team will compete in a dual at home against the Center Vikings starting at 6 p.m. and, on Jan. 7, the team will host the Rocky Mountain Wrestling Invitational beginning at 10 a.m.

Coach Dan Janowsky explained that the invitational will involve 17 teams, including a range of teams from New Mexico and Utah as well as Colorado teams from the southwest area and the San Luis Valley.

"It's just a really good way to sorta get vacation behind you," Janowsky commented on the competitions, "for our kids to wrestle three to five matches ... the more the better. ... That's what I'm hoping for, that we can get three to five good solid matches under our belt ... and I think it's going to be a very competitive event."

"One of the things I like about our tournament is ... your upper-tier wrestlers on any given team, ours included, are gonna be tested, the semifinals and the finals at the very least. But then your younger developmental athletes will also get

some appropriate tests, too. Probably in the back side of the tournament there's going to be a lot of the opportunities for them to get their three to five matches in against kids that are better matched skill wise."

Janowsky also commented on the invitational being an annual tradition.

"It's always a fun tournament," he said. "These things become kind of ... family-like in that it's the same programs and the same coaches every year and we look forward to competing against each other, but there is a camaraderie amongst the coaches as well. ... Local rivalries

will be renewed, and that's in a good, positive way."

Janowsky explained that the team held some practices over the break and is currently focusing on reviewing basic techniques and strategies to ensure they are solid before shifting focus to more advanced techniques in the weeks to come.

In other news for the team, Luke Tressler continues to be ranked third in the 3A 132-pound weight class by On the Mat, which is the ranking system used by the Colorado High School Activities Association.

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SWIM

Lady Pirates set to dive into 2023 action in Farmington

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate swim team will dive into the 2023 portion of its schedule on Saturday in Farmington, N.M.

And with the new year will come new things for the team, coach Heather Miller indicates in an email to The SUN.

"Our big focus for this meet is swimming some different events and trying new things," she wrote. "It will be a good test in versatility especially for our more experienced swimmers."

The coach also notes that she hopes the work the team was able to do on turns and stroke technique will show with "improved turns" at the meet.

That work came during the team's practices over the winter break, according to the coach, though those practices were shorter than anticipated due to the majority of the team recovering from illness the week prior.

"This changed our focus from building more endurance to just being in the water and swimming as much as we can without breaking out into coughing fits. We were able to work on turns and some technique work for those that were able to come."

According to PagosaAthletics.com, the start time for the meet is to be announced.

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ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
Court Address: 109 Harman Park Dr/PO Box 148,
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Phone Number: (970) 264-8160

Plaintiffs:
BENJAMIN M. SEGOBIANO AND BRITNEY H. SEGOBIANO
v.

Defendants:
NATIONAL RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, LLC; TEXTRON FINANCIAL CORPORATION; PAGOSA LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION; ELSA P. WHITE as Public Trustee of Archuleta County 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: 2022CV30069

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
PLAINTIFFS BENJAMIN M. SEGOBIANO AND BRITNEY H. SEGOBIANO
TO THE BELOW NAMED DEFENDANTS:
NATIONAL RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, LLC 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 Plaintiffs in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows:

Lots 277 and 278, in Chris Mountain Village at Pagosa Unit Two, according to the Plat thereof filed for record June 4, 1973 as Reception No. 77868.

Respectfully Submitted this 5th day of December, 2022.
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/s/ Duke Eggleston
Duke Eggleston, #24965
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DISTRICT COURT,
ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
Court Address: 109 Harman Park Dr/PO Box 148,
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Phone Number: (970) 264-8160

Plaintiff:
LIVE OAKES LAND LLC
v.

Defendants:
NATIONAL RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, LLC; TEXTRON FINANCIAL CORPORATION; PAGOSA LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION; ELSA P. WHITE as Public Trustee of Archuleta County and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION.

Submitting Attorney:
Duke Eggleston, #24965
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160 E. 12th St., Ste 7
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Case Number: 2022CV30070

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
PLAINTIFF LIVE OAKES LAND LLC
TO THE BELOW NAMED DEFENDANTS:
NATIONAL RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, LLC 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 200, in Chris Mountain Village at Pagosa Unit Two, according to the Plat thereof filed for record June 4, 1973 as Reception No. 77868.

Respectfully Submitted this 5th day of December, 2022.
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District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
Court Address: 109 Harman Park Dr./P.O. Box 148
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc.
Plaintiff
v.

Robert J Gilmore, et al
Defendants

Case No.: 2022CV30028
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST

AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM

SHERIFF SALE 2022-10

This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses, recorded on August 2, 1990, at Book 303, Page 104, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered September 22, 2022, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof Owner(s):

ROBERT J GILMORE
JOYCE GILMORE
LOWELL L ROSE, TRUSTEE OF THE LOWELL L ROSE REVOCABLE TRUST DATED AUGUST 25, 1983, UNDIVIDED ONE-HALF INTEREST AND LOWELL L ROSE, TRUSTEE OF THE NORMA R ROSE REVOCABLE TRUST DATED JUNE 29, 1998, UNDIVIDED ONE-HALF INTERESTMARY ANN GARCIA

NORMA R ROSE, TRUSTEE OF THE LOWELL L ROSE REVOCABLE TRUST DATED AUGUST 25, 1983, UNDIVIDED ONE-HALF INTEREST AND NORMA R ROSE, TRUSTEE OF THE NORMA R ROSE REVOCABLE TRUST DATED JUNE 29, 1998, UNDIVIDED ONE-HALF INTEREST

JACK C HICKS
SUSAN HICKS
DONN M O'MORROW
SHIRLEY O'MORROW

JAMES W JONES JR, TRUSTEE OF THE JAMES & JENNETTE R JONES REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST

JENNETTE P JONES, TRUSTEE OF THE JAMES & JENNETTE R JONES REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST

FRANK P DICKSON JR, SURVIVING JOINT TENANT WITH RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP OF

ELINOR M DICKSON, DECEASED

DOROTHY W WILLIAMS

IMOGENE WRIGHT BOWEN

RUSSELL D STEIN

RAMONAL STEIN

ANN L DANIEL-HARTUNG

ROY D GOODE

CAROL L GOODE

Defendants

Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses, recorded on August 2, 1990, at Book 303, Page 104, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc. Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.

Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901

Association Assessments Due to: Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc.

Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A" Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"

Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act

THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.

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

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST

THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will, at 11:00 o'clock A.M., on February 10, 2023 Sale Number 2022-10 in the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147 sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

First Publication: December 15, 2022
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Name of Publication: The Pagosa Springs Sun
NOTICE OF RIGHTS

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

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

THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

IF YOU BELIEVE THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN §38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN §38-38-103.2, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL (1-800-222-4444), THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (1-855-411-2372), OR BOTH, BUT THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:

Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901

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

This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed this 25th day of October, 2022.

Rich Valdez, Sheriff,
Archuleta County, Colorado
By: /s/ Lorena Medina
Lorena Medina, Office Manager

EXHIBIT "A"
Peregrine Townhouses
Matter Amount

ROBERT J GILMORE and JOYCE GILMORE (C#179603725) A 105,000 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7803-7806 in Building Number(s) 2 & 3, Unpaid Assessments: \$892.44

Cost: \$234.03
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00

Total: \$2,126.47

LIVELY L ROSE and NORMA R ROSE, TRUSTEES OF THE LOWELL L ROSE REVOCABLE TRUST DATED AUGUST 25, 1983, UNDIVIDED ONE-HALF INTEREST AND LOWELL L ROSE and NORMA R ROSE, TRUSTEES OF THE NORMA R ROSE REVOCABLE TRUST DATED JUNE 29, 1998, UNDIVIDED ONE-HALF INTEREST (C#179603766) A 105,000 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7803-7806 in Building Number(s) 2 & 3, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,038.20

Cost: \$234.03
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00

Total: \$2,272.23

JACK C HICKS and SUSAN HICKS (C#179801089) A 126,000 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7817-7820 in Building Number(s) 9 & 10, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,327.98

Cost: \$234.03
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00

Total: \$2,562.01

DONN M O'MORROW and SHIRLEY O'MORROW (C#170016299) A 77,000 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7807-7810 in Building Number(s) 4 & 5, Unpaid Assessments: \$761.38

Cost: \$234.03
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00

Total: \$2,595.41

JAMES W JONES JR and JENNETTE P JONES, TRUSTEES OF THE JAMES & JENNETTE R JONES REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST (C#179607072) A 105,000 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7807-7810 in Building Number(s) 4 & 5, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,802.85

Cost: \$234.03
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00

Total: \$3,036.88

FRANK P DICKSON JR, SURVIVING JOINT TENANT WITH RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP OF ELINOR M DICKSON, DECEASED (C#179607932) A 105,000 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7807-7810 in Building Number(s) 4 & 5, Unpaid Assessments: \$960.85

Cost: \$234.03
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00

Total: \$2,194.88

DOROTHY W WILLIAMS and IMOGENE WRIGHT BOWEN (C#171305923) A 145,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7833-7834 in Building Number(s) 17, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,433.74

Cost: \$234.03
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00

Total: \$2,667.77

RUSSELL D STEIN and RAMONA L STEIN (C#139903496) A 154,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7843-7844 in Building Number(s) 22, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,522.76

Cost: \$234.03
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00

Total: \$2,758.79

ANN L DANIEL-HARTUNG (C#179914890) A 77,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7859-7860 in Building Number(s) 30, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,322.09

Cost: \$234.03
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00

Total: \$2,556.12

ROY D GOODE and CAROL L GOODE (C#430003855) A 105,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7873-7874 in Building Number(s) 37, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,106.61

Cost: \$234.03
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00

Total: \$2,340.64

In Peregrine Townhouses. All as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said buildings as depicted on the Plats recorded in Reception Numbers 173553-173555, 98002629, 99006555, 99011974, 20005495, 20010666, and subject to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded as Reception Number 173556, as has been amended, supplemented, and/or restated, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
Court Address: 109 Harman Park Dr., P.O. Box 148
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

Teal Landing Vacation Owners Association, Inc.
Plaintiff
v.

Chal M Rascoe, Sr., et al.
Defendants

Case No.: 2022CV30027
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST

AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM

SHERIFF SALE 2022-08

This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium, recorded on August 10, 2000, Reception Number 20007580, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered September 22, 2022, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof Owner(s):

DONNETTE L THOMAS
WILLIAM D THOMAS
RALPH DEE BAKER

CONNIE BEA BAKER

Exhibited Debt: Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium, recorded on August 10, 2000, Reception Number 20007580, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Teal Landing Vacation Owners Association, Inc.

Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.

Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901

Association Assessments Due to: Teal Landing Vacation Owners Association, Inc.

Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A" Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"

Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act

THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.

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

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST

THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on February 10, 2023 Sale Number 2022-08 in the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147 sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

First Publication: December 15, 2022
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Name of Publication: The Pagosa Springs Sun
NOTICE OF RIGHTS

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The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:

Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901

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

This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed this 25th day of October, 2022.

Rich Valdez, Sheriff,
Archuleta County, Colorado
By: /s/ Lorena Medina
Lorena Medina, Office Manager

EXHIBIT "A"
Masters Place Condominiums
Matter Amount

SHERRY WILLIAMSON (C#170702146) Unit Weeks Numbers 26, Condominium Unit Number 7301, Building Number 1C, Phase II
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,129.00

Interest: \$314.82
Late Fees: \$50.00
Cost: \$372.48
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Judgment Amount: \$3,866.30

RAMON GONZALEZ and CELINDA GONZALEZ (C#170810909) Unit Weeks Numbers 5, Condominium Unit Number 7317, Building Number 2, Phase I
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,129.00

Interest: \$314.82
Late Fees: \$50.00
Cost: \$372.48
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Judgment Amount: \$3,866.30

DEJAN LEKAN and BRYNN LEZLI LEKAN (C#170011440) Unit Weeks Numbers 41, Condominium Unit Number 7306, Building Number 1, Phase II
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,129.00

Interest: \$314.82
Late Fees: \$50.00
Cost: \$372.48
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Judgment Amount: \$3,866.30

SUSI BEVANS SABER and ARNOLD DUDLEY JOLLEY (C#179020904) Unit Weeks Numbers 48, Condominium Unit Number 7306, Building Number 1, Phase II
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,254.70

Interest: \$369.04
Late Fees: \$50.00
Cost: \$372.48
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Judgment Amount: \$4,046.22

CYNTHIA K HENDERSHOT (C#179021050) Unit Weeks Numbers 51, Condominium Unit Number 7304, Building Number 1, Phase II
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,129.00

Interest: \$314.82
Late Fees: \$50.00
Cost: \$372.48
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Judgment Amount: \$3,866.30

SANDRA M KIRKPATRICK (C#179022801) Unit Weeks Numbers 11, Condominium Unit Number 7308, Building Number 1, Phase II
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,129.00

Interest: \$345.72
Late Fees: \$75.00
Cost: \$372.48
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Judgment Amount: \$3,922.20

Of Masters Place Condominiums, according to the Declaration of Maps as recorded under Reception Numbers 161539, 171406, 177633, subject to Declaration of Condominium for Masters Place Condominiums recorded at Reception Number 161911, as amended, supplemented, and/or restated, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
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Masters Place Condominiums Property Owners Association, Inc.
Plaintiff
v.

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County hears presentations on health district services, statutory obligations

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Archuleta Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard programmatic updates from San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) staff at its Dec. 20, 2022, work session, as well as a presentation on the statutory obligations of a public health agency.

The board first heard a presentation from Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program Manager and Registered Dietitian Jenny Howell.

Howell outlined that WIC fits into the Colorado core public health services as part of maternal, child, adolescent and family health.

She added that WIC addresses health equity by increasing access to healthy foods, reducing chronic diseases, providing breastfeeding education and support, providing dental education, and performing these services in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner.

She noted that all WIC programs are required to be led by a registered dietitian.

Howell stated that WIC serves pregnant women, women who have recently had a baby, infants and children up to the age of 5, and that the program has existed for 50 years, with funding being provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

WIC is evidence-based, according to Howell, and does not require U.S. citizenship to participate, although it does require a participant to be in one of the groups served, meet certain income requirements and reside in the state of Colorado for Colorado WIC.

Howell explained that the WIC income requirements require that participants be under 185 percent of the U.S. poverty level, which she noted makes all families eligible for Medicaid or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program eligible for WIC, as well as some over income for those programs.

Howell stated that WIC provides nutrition education, breastfeeding support and supplemental food benefits as well as referring participants to other programs.

She explained that WIC participants meet with staff every three months to have their benefits refilled, and to discuss their progress and difficulties with health goals.

She noted that fathers can participate in the program, although they do not receive the same nutrition benefits that mothers do.

WIC has progressed over time, Howell stated, highlighting that the program has implemented debit cards for food benefits instead of paper checks and has created a direct Spanish language phone line for the program, among other changes.

She added that all WIC appointments are currently being performed remotely, a change which had received a positive response from WIC participants.

Howell also provided statistics on the usage of the program in La Plata and Archuleta counties, indicating that the average 2022 caseload for La Plata County was

586, while the Archuleta County average was 240.

The data also showed that 35 percent of Medicaid participants in La Plata County are enrolled in WIC, while 49 percent in Archuleta County are, and that 49 percent of the WIC participants in La Plata County are considered high risk compared to 59 percent in Archuleta County.

Howell highlighted that Archuleta County's percentage of mothers breastfeeding at 6 months is higher at 29 percent compared to 19 percent in La Plata County.

She also explained that the vendor sales paid for by WIC were \$120,878 in Archuleta County and \$332,207 in La Plata County.

Commissioner Warren Brown asked why WIC is administered by SJBPH when, in his previous government experience, WIC had been administered through the Department of Human Services.

Howell stated that most WIC programs in the state are administered through the health department, although there are exceptions.

SJBPH Executive Director Liane Jollon commented that, in Colorado, the WIC contract is held by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and thus most WIC contracts are with health departments.

Brown noted that his question had been asked to aid in developing the Archuleta County health department and determining where to locate services.

Howell highlighted that all WIC services require a registered dietitian, which she stated would be a key stipulation in determining how to administer the program.

The board then heard a presentation from SJBPH Infectious Disease and Clinical Care Director Dr. Rosalind Penny on SJBPH's work with zoonotic disease.

Penny noted that SJBPH's mission is to protect human and environmental health and inspire well-being in the communities it serves, with zoonotic disease work assisting this by investigating zoonotic diseases, providing guidance on human and animal health, and tracking trends.

She explained that zoonotic diseases are primarily those that travel from animals to humans and they are highly regional and animal-specific.

Penny first discussed SJBPH's work with rabies, which she noted is focused on prevention due to rabies' high fatality level and the lack of treatments for it.

This work includes testing animals when available, advising community members on potential exposure and need to receive post-exposure prophylaxis, discussing possible pet exposure, and providing ideas for when finances are a problem for the post-exposure treatment, which Penny stated can cost \$20,000 without insurance.

Penny explained that SJBPH tested 16 animals in Archuleta County for rabies between August 2019 and the present as well as 74 animals in La Plata County.

She noted that most testing oc-

curs over the summer, although tests can occur at any time of year.

Penny then discussed SJBPH's work with hantavirus, which she explained is primarily found in deer mice in Colorado.

She stated that SJBPH provides both guidance on preventing exposure and assistance after exposure has occurred.

She explained that the highest levels of exposure to hantavirus in the U.S. are in Colorado and New Mexico, with cases being distributed across Colorado and most common in spring and summer.

Penny next discussed West Nile virus, with SJBPH working on providing prevention advice, as well as working with the Animas Mosquito Control District to test mosquitoes for West Nile and working with the CDPHE to interview cases.

She explained that 2019 was a more severe season for West Nile virus, with the higher number of cases correlating with a higher amount of collected mosquitoes testing positive for the disease, an indicator that the testing process is a useful warning.

Penny then discussed plague, which she noted is primarily transmitted by fleas, although much of the messaging surrounding the disease focuses on prairie dog die-offs as an indicator.

She explained that SJBPH discusses potential exposure with community members as well as plague prevention, and investigates cases and potential die-offs.

Penny added that SJBPH recommends not killing off prairie dogs as this leaves the fleas behind and there are other measures that remove the fleas without killing the prairie dogs.

She explained that investigating die-offs involves interviewing community members, collecting fleas and carcasses for testing, and potentially mapping areas to trace plague.

Penny also discussed that SJBPH stays alert for other zoonotic diseases, such as tularemia and tick-borne diseases such as tick-borne relapsing fever, Rocky Mountain spotted fever and Colorado tick fever, although these are rarely reported.

She explained that SJBPH will use postcards and emergency-alert systems to warn residents of zoonotic diseases in their area as well as publishing press releases in local media on zoonotic disease and posting posters and flyers in the community.

Following the presentation, Commissioner Ronnie Maez asked how fleas could be killed without killing prairie dogs and what the survival rate for hantavirus is.

Penny explained that a substance called DeltaDust could be used to kill fleas, although it requires specific licensing to apply.

Penny stated that hantavirus infection is less severe, while pulmonary cases where the virus is in the lungs have an approximately 40 percent fatality rate.

She noted that there is no direct treatment for hantavirus, with supportive care being the only medical intervention.

Jollon noted that, although there has not been a fatal case of hantavirus in the area for a long time, the district regularly receives letters thanking the infectious disease team for their work.

Jollon then discussed the statutory obligations of public health departments, which she explained that the commissioners submitted questions about.

She explained that her presentation would cover the language in Title 25 of the Colorado Revised Statutes before discussing the requirements for core public health services.

She noted that this section discusses "providing or arranging for the provision of quality, core public health services deemed essential by the state board and the comprehensive, statewide public health improvement plan."

Jollon added that the original core standards were created by the state Board of Health in 2008 along with minimum standards and that the standards had been updated in 2019, although no minimum standards had been set.

The first obligation that Jollon explained is the obligation to investigate and control the causes of communicable or epidemic diseases, including establishing and maintaining isolation and quarantine, and closing schools and public places when necessary to maintain public health.

Jollon noted that these responsibilities were not broadly understood by the public to be part of local public health prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, although SJBPH has been performing such activities for diseases like tuberculosis prior to the pandemic and it is written into statute.

Public health agencies are also required to investigate and abate nuisances when necessary to eliminate sources of communicable disease and conditions impacting public health, Jollon explained.

Such agencies also are responsible for initiating and carrying out programs consistent with state law that are necessary or desirable to a county or district board of health to protect public health and the environment, Jollon stated.

Public health agencies are also responsible for sanitation and health investigations and inspections, Jollon indicated.

Jollon explained that, after the state board of health created the public health core services and standards in 2008, SJBPH reoriented its budget around these core services.

She continued that, in 2018, the state began a process of revising the core public health services to match a national framework, which created 12 foundational activities, including seven foundational capabilities and five foundational services.

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SJBPH approves 2023 budget, discusses dissolution

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its Dec. 15, 2022, meeting, the San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) Board of Health adopted its 2023 budget and discussed the winding down of the district.

Executive Director Liane Jollon outlined that SJBPH has one year of “business as usual” before it is dissolved and Archuleta County and La Plata County launch their own health departments.

Jollon explained that the budgets for approval included both a 2023 budget and a 2022 supplemental budget, and that the budget is intended to fulfill the district’s statutory obligations as a public health district.

She noted that much of SJBPH’s funding sources do not follow the calendar year and that in 2022 SJBPH focused on reinvesting in core services such as environmental health as well as addressing the continued challenges of the pandemic.

For 2023, Jollon explained that the district will focus on retaining staff, identifying gaps in evidence-based programming, working on developing scaling in communicable and infectious disease response, maintaining cross-cutting capabilities in human resources and finance to support the district’s work, and preparing for a successful transition to county health districts.

Jollon noted that the unknowns for the 2023 budget include the COVID-19 response and the availability of COVID-19 response funding, and other outstanding SJBPH funding applications.

Jollon explained that the 2023 budget includes \$6,662,578 in revenue secured and \$7,857,355 in expenses, with the budget also including the spending of \$1,194,777

of fund balance.

However, Jollon noted that the amount of revenue will likely increase over the year as staff secure additional funding sources.

She also discussed the 2022 supplemental budget, indicating that the 2022 budget included a potential \$8.6 million in expenses to allow for the maximum level of COVID-19 response.

However, over the year, Jollon explained, SJBPH increased its revenues by close to \$500,000 and decreased its spending by approximately \$1 million due to lessened COVID-19 response — changes reflected in the supplemental budget.

The budget presentation also indicates that SJBPH had a fund balance of \$4,044,875 at the beginning of the year in the 2022 amended budget and an end-of-year fund balance of \$3,751,467.

The fund balance at the end of 2023 is expected to be \$2,556,690 according to the presentation.

Later in the meeting, the board unanimously approved the 2022 supplemental budget and the 2023 budget.

The board also approved amendments to the bylaws concerning dissolution, an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between SJBPH, La Plata County and Archuleta County for the dissolution of the district, and a motion directing SJBPH to commence a civil action for the appointment of a receiver.

SJBPH’s attorney, Michael Goldman, explained all three topics, beginning by explaining that the bylaw amendment would add provisions to the bylaws laying out a process for the dissolution of the district.

Goldman noted that the bylaws do not currently include provisions for dissolution.

He then discussed the IGA for

the dissolution of SJBPH, which was previously approved by the Archuleta County and La Plata County Boards of County Commissioners on Nov. 15, 2022.

Goldman explained that the IGA creates a roadmap for the dissolution process with the intent of ensuring an orderly dissolution of the district.

He noted that a portion of the IGA discusses the appointment of a receiver, which would require SJBPH to file a motion for the appointment of a receiver.

Goldman explained that the IGA also covers the division of SJBPH assets between the two counties, although it does not discuss the situation for SJBPH staff.

La Plata County Commissioner and Board of Health member Marsha Porter-Norton explained that, for La Plata County, staff would not automatically transfer over to the county health department and will have to apply with the county as, in addition to statutory obligations concerning the hiring process, the county needs to determine what programs it will retain and address functions that might be duplicated in SJBPH and the county, such as finance.

She added that the county is also waiting for a report from a consultant that will help guide the dissolution.

Porter-Norton also commented on the way the dissolution process has gone and expressed her appreciation for the nondestructive manner in which the dissolution has occurred.

Archuleta County Commissioner and board member Alvin Schaaf complemented the work of county staff on the process.

Jollon and Goldman also discussed the complexities of the grant funding that supports SJBPH and Jollon noted that she did not

see that the board had directed SJBPH to slow down in acquiring grant funding and support in 2023.

Goldman also noted that the boards of health that the counties are developing would act as interim boards while the SJBPH Board of Health will retain authority until the dissolution occurs at the end of 2023.

Porter-Norton commented that the La Plata County commissioners are working on determining the qualities and qualifications they desire in a board of health and will work on seating the board in 2023.

Schaaf commented that Archuleta County is going through a similar process.

Goldman explained that the appointment of the receiver would occur through a “friendly lawsuit” and that the receiver will primarily act as an overseer for the dissolution process, ensuring that it proceeds according to the IGA.

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These new standards went into effect in 2020 and, although their implementation statewide was slowed by the COVID-19 pandemic, SJBPH reoriented its budget to reflect the new standards.

According to Jollon, the seven capacities are assessment and planning, communication, policy development, partnerships, organizational competencies, emergency preparedness and response, and health equity and social determinants of health.

The five services, Jollon explained, include communicable disease prevention, investigation and control; environmental public health; maternal, child, adolescent and family health; chronic disease, injury prevention and behavioral health promotion; and access to and linkage with health care.

Jollon noted that the availability of health care has increased over time in Archuleta County, making access and linkage to health care less of a responsibility for the local public health agency.

Jollon added that the statutory obligations for local public health agencies are not extremely clear, being partially shaped by state contracts with the federal government.

She also highlighted that SJBPH provided the commissioners with copies of the Core Public Health Services Operations Manual created as part of the 2019 revision to the health standards.

The discussion concluded with the BoCC thanking the SJBPH staff for their time.

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Americana Project class to present concert on Jan. 10

By Bob Hemenger
Pagosa Springs High School

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PSHS auditorium at 7 p.m. on Jan 10. Each member of the class will be responsible for leading one original or cover song for their final grade of the semester. Please come out and support

these fine young musicians. The Americana Project class at PSHS was created in 2008-2009. It is an elective class that uses music, performance and creativity to foster self-expression and self-confidence.

Caring for animals during cold weather

By Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

“Anyone who owns animals should prepare for this cold weather and emergencies that may arise as a result of the low temperatures,” said Colorado State Veterinarian Dr. Maggie Baldwin. “To the greatest extent possible, Coloradans should ensure all animals have access to adequate shelter with bedding and access to fresh water and plenty of food, as animals typically need more food and water in cold temperatures.”

Owners should consider bringing pets inside the home. Animal owners should make sure they have a way to maintain fresh water and food supply for animals in the case of extreme snow and ice. Cold weather can lead to power outages, which can cause mechanized feeders or heaters to become inoperable, so animal owners should


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make a preparedness plan to deal with any emergencies. Severe and prolonged low temperatures can also cause problems for livestock, horses and their owners. Anyone going through a large winter storm for the first time should prepare by providing access to shelter for small farm animals like pigs, goats and birds. Shelters, sheds or windbreaks will protect livestock from winter storms, and having bedding available can create a warm place to keep horses and livestock off ice and mud. Additional information on how to prepare for severe winter storms can be found at Prep4AgThreads.org, including information about protecting your companion animals, livestock or your farm. Additionally, livestock information can be found on the CSU Extension website.

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By Carole Howard

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Activities calendar

To be sure you don't miss any of the free library activities available to you and your family, we encourage you to pick up a copy of the events calendar each month. Its streamlined format combines all the activities and events for children, teens and adults on one handy, two-sided page.

Spanish class for kids

A free Spanish class especially for children ages 6 to 11 takes place twice this month — on Jan. 9 and Jan. 23 from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m., both Mondays.

Homework and tutoring help

Our highly popular free homework assistance and elementary tutoring are available for those in kindergarten through fourth grade on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. There is a registration packet for parents and guardians to fill out to enroll your child that you can get by emailing the library or coming in. This program has been a big hit because it helps build essential skills in core subjects. You still can register your child, but you may be put on a wait list.

Ruby's Book Club next Tuesday

Ruby's Book Club meets in person from 2 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 10 to discuss "A Pilgrimage to Eternity: From Canterbury to Rome in Search of a Faith" by Timothy Egan. Copies are available at your library.

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

Gaming tomorrow

Enjoy free all-ages video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 6 from 3-4 p.m.

In-person Dungeons and Dragons

Next Tuesday, Jan. 10, from 3:45 to 5:30 p.m., join our in-person Dungeons and Dragons game free for fourth through 12th graders. Registration is required. Contact

your library to join.

Family storytimes

Wednesdays from 10-11 a.m. join us for free in-person children's stories, games and plenty of reasons to get up and move.

ESL classes

Free in-person evening classes take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with 4 to 5 p.m. reserved for beginners and 5-7 p.m. for both intermediate and advanced students.

Please help us spread the word about these classes to others in our community who would be interested, and contact us by phone or email if you have any questions.

PALS/GED adult education

Mark is available for his free PALS sessions on 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 registration is required.

Tech Time

Free in-person slots are available from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays. Judy will help you with basic questions relating to computers, smartphones and tablets and also provide assistance in accessing any of the library's online resources. You do not need an appointment for these drop-in sessions.

Writing challenge

A new all-ages writing challenge was posted Dec. 12 on the library's Facebook page. We hope you will challenge your creativity by participating in this free activity.

Downloadable books

CloudLibrary has a wide variety of downloadable e-books and audiobooks for all ages, and accessing this free digital collection has never been easier. You just need to download the cloudLibrary app, answer a few simple questions, select AspenCat Union Catalog for the name of your library, then enter your library card number and

four-digit PIN. You are now ready to browse, borrow and read e-books and audiobooks using cloudLibrary. Library staff are happy to help you set up your device if you need assistance.

Books on CD

"Night Shift" by Robin Cook is a medical mystery. "A Hard Day for a Hangover" by Darynda Jones is the conclusion to the Sunshine Vicram trilogy. "All That We Are" by Mariah Stewart follows a woman facing a big surprise a decade after her husband died.

Large print

"A Christmas Memory" by Richard Paul Evans tells of a loving friendship between a young man and an elderly neighbor. "A Hard Day for a Hangover" by Darynda Jones is the conclusion to the Sunshine Vicram trilogy. "To Kill a Troubadour" by Martin Walker is a Bruno, Chief of Police adventure. "Tom Clancy Red Winter" by Marc Cameron is a Jack Ryan adventure. "W.E.B. Griffin The Devil's Weapons" by Peter Kirsanow is set in war-torn Poland in 1940. "The Choice" by Nora Roberts is book three in the Dragon Heart Legacy series. "A World of Curiosities" by Louise Penny is the latest in the Chief Inspector Gamache series set in Quebec. "Night Shift" by Robin Cook is a medical mystery. "Hunting Time by Jeffrey Deaver is a Colter Shaw thriller. "Wyoming Homecoming" by Diana Palmer is a Wyoming Men western romance.

Nonfiction self-help

"Why We Meditate" by Daniel Goleman and Tsoknyi Rinpoche is a practical guide to meditation to help you reduce stress. "Flex Your Age" by Joan and Michelle MacDonald describes how this mother-daughter team helped the 70-year-old mother lose weight, eat healthily and gain strength.

Thrillers and mysteries

"Dead and Gondola" by Ann Claire is book one of a new Christie

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New Thought Center service to focus on Kwanzaa

By Shayla McClure

New Thought Center for
Inspirational Living

The Jan. 8 Sunday service at 11 a.m. will be “The Meaning of Kwanzaa.”

Kwanzaa is an annual celebration of African-American culture from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1, culminating in a communal feast called Karamu, usually on the sixth day.

It was created by activist Maulana Karenga based on African harvest festival traditions from various parts of west and south-east Africa.

A Karamu potluck will follow after.

Upcoming events

SpiritHeart Band practice is Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. We welcome musicians and singers to join SpiritHeart band. Please text Bruce at (970) 507-0739 for band information.

Jan. 7, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.: “Ignite Your Awakened Life” playshop with Dr. Elaine Harding. Art sup-

plies included.

Jan. 19: “Into Your Genius” with Bob Proctor and Mary Morrissey: Six-week study group with White Eagle: Learn how to activate parts of your mind that are unused to higher capacities — intuition, the will, imagination, memory, perception and reason.

Class can be attended at the New Thought Center or by phone. Contact (970) 510-0309 for more information.

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The Aspin Inspiration Memorial Library is a collection of spiritual books. We welcome you to sign out/view our books, by appointment.

About us

The New Thought Center promotes philosophies similar to Centers for Spiritual Living and Agape Centers. We honor all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the divine. The vision of the New Thought Center is to empower possibility through revelation of

spiritual truth, and to enhance our members’ life experience through self-empowerment, inner peace and being part of an inclusive community. Our mission is to create a world that works for everyone through awareness of a higher power. We are the “Good Vibe Tribe” that practices Science of Mind principles of positive thinking.

We welcome local talents to share gifts, aptitudes and knowledge. Participate, learn or contribute your insights, beliefs, knowledge and skills.

New Thought events are held at 3505 W. U.S. 160, on the second floor of Pagosa Lodge (elevator available). Request prayer treatment or obtain information by joining us; emailing pagosacomunitynewthought@gmail.com; mailing P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or calling (970) 510-0309. Find us on Facebook (Pagosa Community of New Thought) or YouTube (Pagosa New Thought Center for Inspirational Living).

Library

■ continued from previous page Bookshop mystery series. “Bleeding Heart Yard” by Elly Griffiths begins with a murder at a school reunion. “All the Blood We Share” by Camilla Bris based on the true story of the Bloody Benders of Kansas. “A Story of Fear” by Luke Dumas traces the downfall of a tortured graduate student. “Little Red House” by Liv Andersson” begins when a runaway heads to New Mexico and disappears.

Other novels

“Godmersham Park” by Gill Hornby is about an inexperienced family governess in England. “Flight” by Lynn Steger Strong showcases three adult siblings at a Christmas reunion with their families. “Roses, in the Mouth of a Lion” by Bushra Rehman is a coming-of-age story about a Pakistani American girl. “Cradles

of the Reich” by Jennifer Coburn is set in a Nazi breeding home in Bavaria. “Termination Shock” by Neal Stephenson takes readers to a near-future world of superstorms and pandemics. “The Magic Kingdom” by Russell Banks is about a former Shaker looking back on his life in Florida where secrets finally are unveiled. “The Vibrant Years” by Sonali Dev follows three generations of women after one inherits a million dollars. “The Boy and the Dog” by Seishu Hase translated from the Japanese is about the bond between humans and dogs.

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The Friends take fiction published in 2012 or newer and nonfiction that is 2017 or newer. Limited workroom space means we can only accept one or two small boxes at a time.

Quotable quote

“You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.” – C.S. Lewis (1898-1963), British writer, Anglican lay theologian, and professor of literature at Oxford and Cambridge.

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Before and after stories

By Richard Gammill
PREVIEW Columnist

Before and after stories and pictures can portray great change and advancement, whether they tell of a successful weight-loss diet, a self-improvement project, a great awakening, a home remodel, a new hairdo or other instances of dramatic alterations. Before and after stories are welcomed and even celebrated when the changes are positive and good. Other stories describe painful experiences with unwelcome outcomes: a divorce, say, or a foreclosure.

Before January 2020 the world's economies seemed to be on a positive course with promises of gain and improvements. After February, with the outbreak of COVID-19, everything hit the skids. Crowded streets and sidewalks were suddenly empty. Theaters, restaurants, ballparks, churches and schools were shuttered. Faces were hidden behind masks, if out in public at all. Millions of workers lost their jobs, businesses lost their customers, school teachers and pastors adapted to new technologies, and children were isolated from their friends.

Overnight, illness and death loomed over everything: thousands upon thousands became severely ill and died, first in one part of the country, then in another. The content of evening newscasts was dominated by this one subject only, night after night. When the death toll exceeded 1 million in the United States alone, who could fathom such an extent of mortality?

Providentially, research and rapid development of new vaccines had been underway for several years, but when they came available for widespread use, they were greeted with horrified suspicion by nearly a third of our population, becoming a highly charged political issue. Yet the vaccines helped account for a drastic drop in the death toll and our cautious emergence from the nightmare of the pandemic.

"Before" the horrific, deadly plague of COVID-19, the threat of epidemics was blithely assumed to be confined to fictional movies or depraved pockets in Africa. Now, "after" these two plus years, we have a greater appreciation of the need for cleanliness, good hygiene, air circulation and other health issues. We lost our innocence and are better prepared to confront such threats to our well-being.

Another historic "before and after" story occurred in England during the 18th century. Throughout the early decades of the century, the quality of life in Britain was not so "great." An impossibly wide divide existed between the "haves," who literally had it all, and the "have nots," who had little of nothing.

A Matter of Faith

Property ownership was severely restricted, resulting in squalid housing blocks paying exorbitant rents. The slave trade was booming, bringing enormous profits to slave ship owners. The expansion of industry with no regulation put thousands of children to work for long hours in dangerous, dirty factories. Justice was perverted, with death sentences (public hangings and beheadings) meted out for minor offenses. Debtors were locked up for years and forgotten about. Coal miners worked with no safety standards. There was no system of public education. Public drunkenness from cheap gin was so bad, weddings were held in the early mornings so all parties would be somewhat sober. Parliament sessions were held in the mornings for the same reason: few MPs returned sober from lunch.

A long course of improvement began when a preacher, John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, gained widespread, national attention. Opposition within the church forced him to take his ministry outside the church buildings and began preaching to outdoor crowds numbering in the thousands. His was no "come to Jesus" simplicity; he called for deep and sincere confession of sin and repentance, requiring major lifestyle changes. He believed improved individuals would improve society and rectify its abuses. His pulpit thundered against the slave trade, railed against the broken justice system and demanded penal reform, both in sentencing laws and prison conditions. Wesley called for an end to child labor and the beginning of children's education. No aspect of social failure escaped his attention.

Wesley rode on horseback for thousands of miles crisscrossing the nation while he wrote sermons (preaching 45,000 times), pamphlets and books (233 volumes). Like Jesus, he was heard by the people gladly. Not only did commoners listen to him, but also prominent society and business leaders, members of Parliament and literary giants. Together, they formed the Clapham Sect and put their wealth and influence into new laws and reforms. United in their devotion to Jesus Christ, these leaders from all political, literary and religious sectors — men like Wilberforce, Cowper, Lord Shaftesbury and more — led the way, with Wesley and the Evangelical Revival, to change England from what it was

"before" into what it became "after."

Parliament abolished the slave trade in 1807 and ended the institution of slavery altogether in 1833. During those same years, child labor laws, along with penal and justice reforms, were enacted; education systems were begun; liquor traffic was regulated; labor conditions were rectified; and churches themselves were revitalized. Great Britain recovered its soul and avoided a bloody replica of the French Revolution.

Similarly, as a result of the death-laden COVID crisis, we in America are witnessing anew what our nation can achieve when we act together to focus on a massive issue that threatens us. We are living now "before" leadership emerges to mobilize our country to address the seemingly insurmountable issues still confronting us: destructive climate change, highly charged race relations, justice, historic inflation, mass shootings, rampant street violence and crippling political paralysis.

We must remember Abraham Lincoln's prophetic warning: "A house divided against itself cannot stand." *This column may include both fiction and nonfiction, and views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN. Submissions can be sent to editor@pagosasun.com.*

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Spiritual Experiences Group to host event to discover HU

By Laurah Brock Young
Spiritual Experiences Group
of Pagosa Springs

Would you like to bring new life into your spiritual journey?

You are warmly invited to experience HU, an ancient mantra and divine sound that courses through all of life and through every atom of your body. Singing HU acts as a spark plug, igniting soul to reach higher states of love, creativity, healing and awareness. When sung or chanted with an open heart, it opens the lines of communication to the most sacred part of yourself.

HU is an ancient name for God, a sacred sound, and a carrier of love between soul and God. It has been sung for thousands of years and in

many places, for spiritual unfoldment. It can uplift people of any religion, culture or walk of life. It is the sound of soul.

During this in-person event, you will have the opportunity to experience some of the many benefits of singing HU:

- Inner peace and calm.
- Divine love.
- Expanded awareness.
- Spiritual self-discovery and growth.
- Healing of the heart.

After singing HU for 10-15 minutes and a few minutes of quiet contemplation, our discussion will center around your experiences and how you can work with this ancient mantra to ignite your quest for spiritual growth.

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Born to pull

By Michael J. Marx
PREVIEW Columnist

My name is Nugget and I'm a sled dog. I'm the self-appointed newspaper columnist of the team. We are a dogsled team.

The musher shouts, "Ready, let's go."

The mountain hills unfold before us. The sun sparkles in the crisp, cold Colorado air.

"Gee." We turn toward the right. "Haw." We take the trail to the left.

We are running. We are pulling. Our blood pulses with song and energy. We can do this all day—like 100 miles per day. We are a dogsled team.

Smart ones in the front. Not so smart ones in the back. I run in the middle of the pack. We each have our jobs. The first two dogs run lead and obey our musher's commands. The next two are called swing dogs and reinforce the direction. Then come the team dogs. We keep the

The Writers' Circle

gang line tight. Just in front of the sled are the wheel dogs. They don't have to think. They just pull. We all have jobs. We all have skills. We all live to pull.

Paws to consider: What are you made for?

Are you made:

- To pull?
- To explore?
- To love?
- To lead?

What are you born to do?

About Nugget: Nugget is a white furred Alaskan husky with one bent ear. She loves to pull with her sister, Poke. They were named after a

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"...for the Lamb who is in the middle of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters."

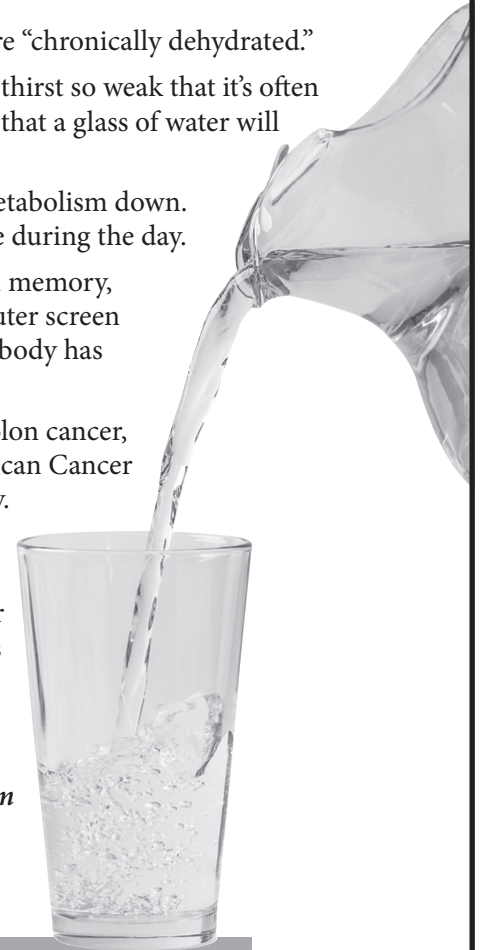
(Revelation 7:17)

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1. By some estimates about 75 percent of people in the U.S. are "chronically dehydrated."
2. Perhaps one-third of people in the U.S. have a sensation of thirst so weak that it's often mistaken for hunger. Maybe this is why one study revealed that a glass of water will shut down nighttime hunger pangs for most people.
3. Even a small amount of dehydration can slow a person's metabolism down. For this reason, lack of water is the primary cause of fatigue during the day.
4. A 2 percent drop in body water can cause fuzzy short-term memory, difficulty with basic math, and trouble focusing on a computer screen or on a printed page (by the time a person feels thirsty, the body has already lost about 1 percent of its water volume).
5. Drinking sufficient water every day decreases the risk of colon cancer, bladder cancer, and very possibly other cancers. The American Cancer Society recommends drinking at least 8 cups of liquid a day.

It's obvious that proper water intake can eliminate or ease a whole host of common health problems. This shouldn't be surprising, since our bodies are up to 75 percent water: Water plays a role in almost every body function, carrying nutrients and oxygen to every cell, helping us to breathe, cushioning and protecting vital organs and joints, converting food into energy, and removing waste.

Jesus said, "...whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst...the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life".



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Preview Calendar

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

Thursday, Jan. 5

Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Note: Until further notice, takeout will be available across the street from the Parish Hall at the Methodist Church. Serving beef stew, apples, bread and dessert to go. In addition, frozen prepared meals, meat and other staples are available for those in need. Masks and social distancing are required.

Tech Time. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. We are happy to help you resolve your basic technology questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets and other electronic devices. We can also provide in-depth assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Bridge. 1 p.m., Senior Center. Come alone or bring a partner.

Dungeons and Dragons. 4-6 p.m., Discord. Ongoing game free for teens and young adults every other Thursday on Discord. Go on an adventure from the comfort of your couch. Contact josie@pagosa-salibrary.org to learn how to join.

English as a Second Language. 4-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call (970) 264-2209 or email for more information. Beginning students are encouraged to attend from 4-5 p.m., intermediate and advanced students from 5-7 p.m.

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

Pagosa Springs Varsity Girls' Basketball. 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Sanford.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Boys' Basketball. 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Sanford.

Friday, Jan. 6

Gaming. 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library.

Circle

■ continued from previous page gold-digger theme. She has run in the Alaskan interior, the Herbert Glacier and now the San Juan Mountains of Colorado.

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

Pagosa Springs Varsity Boys' Wrestling. 6 p.m. Pagosa Springs High School. Rocky Mountain Duals.

Saturday, Jan. 7

Pagosa Springs Varsity Boys' Wrestling. 8 a.m. Pagosa Springs High School. Rocky Mountain Wrestling Invitational.

SW Nordic Series Race Season Opener. 8 a.m.-noon, Cloman Park. The event will include a 20-kilometer SW Series Freestyle Competitive race, 5-kilometer Citizens Freestyle race and KidK. Registration is required. Pending snow conditions, the events may move to West Fork. Visit PagosaNordic@gmail.com under the events tab for more information and to register.

Sunday, Jan. 8

Learn to Ski Clinic. 9 a.m.-noon, Cloman Park. Skate ski and classic cross-country ski instruction for never-ers, beginners and intermediates. Registration is required. Pending snow conditions, the events may move to West Fork. Visit PagosaNordic@gmail.com under the events tab for more information and to register.

Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs. 1 p.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230-A Port Ave. Join to experience HU, an ancient mantra and sacred sound. To find other in-person discussions and online events offered by the Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs, visit <https://www.meetup.com/pagosa-springs-spiritual-experiences-group/>. For more information, call (970) 903-5516.

Monday, Jan. 9

Medicare Mondays. For anyone who needs help navigating Medicare plans, fraud concerns and/or troubleshooting issues that they may be having. By appointment only. Please call our Medicare line at (970) 264-0501, ext. 4. Someone will return phone messages within 24 hours.

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

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

Children's Spanish Class. 3:15-4:15 p.m., Sisson Library. A children's Spanish class for ages 6-11. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Tuesday, Jan. 10

Pagosa Springs Stitches. 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. Open to all.

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Mahjong. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.
Pickleball. 1:30-4 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

Ruby's Book Club. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join for a discussion on "A Pilgrimage to Eternity: From Canterbury to Rome in Search of a Faith" by Timothy Egan. Copies are available at your library.

Dungeons and Dragons. 3:45-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 4th-12th grades. Join the adventure. Registration required. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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Americana Project Concert. 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. The Americana Project class will hold a free concert. Each member of the class will be responsible for leading one original or cover song for their final grade of the semester.

Wednesday, Jan. 11

Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Beginner lessons, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Loaner paddles are available.

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

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Thursday, Jan. 12

Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Note: Until further notice, takeout will be available across the street from the Parish Hall at the Methodist Church. Serving chicken enchiladas, salad and dessert to go. In addition, frozen prepared meals, meat and other staples are available for those in need. Masks and social distancing are required.

Online Author Talks: Namina Forna. Noon. We will gather virtually with Namina Forna, author of "The Gilded Ones," an epic fantasy young adult series. Virtual series featuring New York Times bestselling authors and thought-leaders giving live, professionally moderated book discussions you can view on your computer, tablet or smartphone with Internet access. You also have an opportunity to ask questions. Go to <https://pagosalibrary.org/adult-services/> to learn more.

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Friday, Jan. 13

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Free Legal Clinic. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Registration required. Meet with a volunteer civil attorney via Zoom at the library. Contact the library at (970) 264-2209 or ruby@pagosalibrary.org.

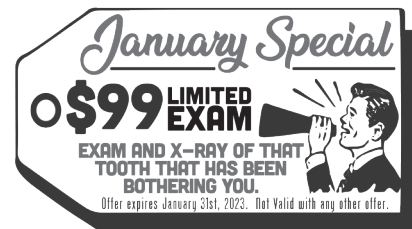
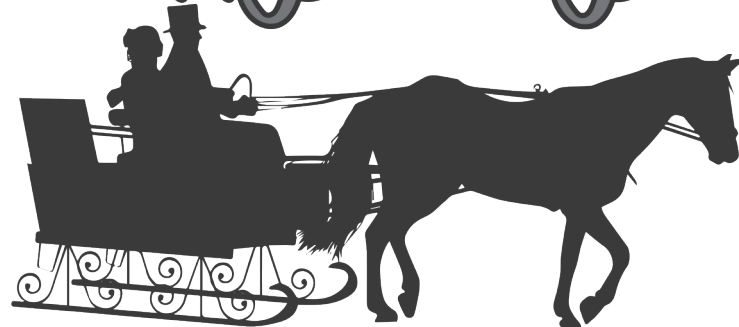
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Pagosa Springs Varsity Girls' Basketball. 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Ignacio.

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- 5 Poker token
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- 14 Nitpickers split them
- 16 Bounce back
- 17 Group of representatives
- 19 Wound mark
- 20 "Alice Doesn't Live Here _____"
- 21 Crack
- 23 Fireplace fodder
- 24 "See eye to eye", e.g.
- 25 Untimely end
- 28 Chest protector
- 30 Clear of charges
- 32 Speck in the sea
- 34 Except
- 35 Floor it
- 37 Brewed drink
- 38 Pledge of fidelity
- 41 Outer border
- 44 Surfer's ride
- 46 Lustrous fabric
- 47 Brady mom
- 48 Chris whose father starred in "CHiPs"
- 49 Really bad
- 51 Personalize, in a way
- 55 Ness, e.g.
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- 9 Teaching sessions
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- 11 Burn a bit
- 12 Days of _____
- 15 Like some remarks
- 18 Gander's mate
- 22 iPhone assistant
- 25 Financial worry
- 26 Affluent outlying area
- 27 "Easy Rider" ride
- 28 Animal in a roundup
- 29 Commotion
- 31 Higher court
- 33 Cousin of a gull

- 36 Exhume
- 39 London cafe
- 40 Do damage to
- 42 Animal ailment
- 43 Without end
- 45 Bearlike marsupial
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Colorado ski town emergency dispatch centers fielding dozens of automated 911 calls from skier iPhones

By Jason Blevins
The Colorado Sun

During a mid-December week-end the dispatchers at the Summit County 911 Center fielded 71 automated crash notifications from skiers' iPhones and Apple watches at the county's four ski areas. None of them involved an emergency.

But each of them took time to sort out. If the skier did not answer a return call, a special operations deputy contacted ski patrollers to check the location of the automated call.

"We are not in the practice of disregarding calls," said Trina Dummer, the interim director of the Summit County 911 Center. "These calls involve a tremendous amount of resources, from dispatchers to deputies to ski patrollers. And I don't think we've ever had an actual emergency event."

The "crash detection" and "fall detection" features on the Apple iPhone 14 and watches automatically call 911 when the devices detect a sudden stop that, in concept, means the user has been involved in a car crash. The technology has been heralded in several instances for saving lives, but it's not meshing well with skiers who can stop suddenly and often fall without the need for emergency help.

All of the automated 911 calls from skiers pouring into ski town emergency call centers in December — with a robot voice sharing latitude and longitude coordinates of a potentially injured party — were about snowy tumbles, not car wrecks.

Dispatch operators in Grand, Eagle, Pitkin, Routt and Summit counties — home to 12 very busy ski hills — are fielding record numbers of the automated calls from skiers' Apple phones and watches, tying up emergency response resources. When a 911 call comes in, each call is handled in the order it arrives, so an automated call from a skier's phone could delay response to a 911 caller with a real emergency.

"We are absolutely diverting essential resources away from people who need it toward a feature on a

phone," Dummer said.

Apple launched an automatic fall detection feature in its watches a couple years ago. That started a slow trickle of calls from tumbling skiers into resort-area dispatch centers. The new iPhone 14 sends calls to 911 whenever the phone detects a jarring jolt it determines to be similar to a severe car crash. That has spiked the number of 911 calls from skier phones.

The Pitkin County 911 Center gets about 15 to 20 of these automated calls a day from the county's four ski areas. Dispatchers try to return every call but oftentimes a call to a skier with their phone deep in their pockets goes unanswered, said Brett Loeb, the director of the Pitkin County 911 Center.

Loeb usually has one or two operators taking 911 calls and existing emergency calls can be put on hold to field incoming calls from iPhones. While his team has helped fallen hikers and residents whose watches have notified emergency services when they have fallen and need help, so far there have not been any real emergencies from the automated calls coming from the ski slopes.

Loeb was able to share his concerns with the feature with Apple this fall as the company tested a new system that allows users to call 911 using a satellite connection when they are out of range of their mobile network.

That satellite SOS technology will be a big benefit to mountain users, Loeb said.

"We did have a conversation with Apple about the crash detection this fall and they told us they were aware of the issue and were working on a fix they were hoping to have out in the first quarter of 2023," Loeb said.

The emergency dispatchers at the Vail Police Department get about 20 of the automated iPhone calls a day. Dispatch operators try to call the phone back to make sure there is not an emergency. Most of the time it's a skier on the hill and there is no need for assistance. But recently the iPhones from two users simultaneously buzzed Vail's 911

dispatch and both were involved in a car crash.

So the technology can be helpful, said Marc Wentworth, the director of the Vail Public Safety Communications Center.

Dispatchers in Grand County get about 20 to 30 of the automated calls a day from slopes at Winter Park and Ski Granby Ranch.

Grand County Sheriff Brett Schroetlin said the calls are "problematic and time-consuming" but have not impacted dispatch operations. Dispatchers at the Grand County emergency communications center often can screen the calls to determine there is not an emergency and do not call back unless there is some other indication of trouble, Schroetlin said.

His dispatch supervisor has contacted Apple and received a response that the company is aware of the conflict between skiers and the crash detection technology and

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is working on a fix, Schroetlin said. Summit County Sheriff Jaime FitzSimons earlier this year contacted Apple through the company's online portal for law enforcement and expressed his concern with the automated calls to his dispatch center. The company told him this fall that an update had been completed and it would slow the number of automated 911 calls from skier iPhones and watches.

"But we have not seen our numbers change. We are seeing as many as 20 a day and it's a tremendous drain on our resources," FitzSimons said. "We are communicating with Apple to get them to pay more attention to this, but it feels like we are trying to turn a battleship in a bathtub."

Apple engineers developed the "advanced sensor fusion" technology for its crash detection feature using data from crash labs, actual crashes and lots of driving. The technology uses an accelerometer and gyroscope, GPS, barometer and microphone to detect crashes. It is designed to call for help when it detects a "severe crash" capable of causing major lacerations, fractured bones, crushed limbs and bruised organs. Once the crash detection technology is triggered, an aggressive alarm sounds and begins a 20-second countdown in which users can cancel the 911 call.

The audio recording delivered to 911 operators, which repeats every five seconds, says "the owner of this iPhone was in a severe car crash and is not responding to their phone."

"Apple has validated sensor and algorithm performance using extensive real world and simulated car crashes, allowing the feature to detect as many severe crashes as possible, while minimizing false positives," reads a crash detection manual Apple released this fall.

Backcountry search and rescue teams also rarely dismiss calls for help. Colorado search and rescue volunteers often venture into the backcountry to rescue users of satellite-connected devices who triggered calls for help. Now that iPhones can send an SOS signal through a satellite and the newest phones can send that signal automatically without the user pressing any buttons, backcountry teams are watching Apple's adjustments closely.

"Without a fix, this is likely to extend to backcountry snowmobilers and perhaps other backcountry recreationists," said Anna DeBattiste with Colorado Search and Rescue, who pointed to a recent campaign by search and rescue teams in British Columbia urging backcountry travelers to be aware of the new crash detection technology in their iPhones.

Older iPhones would automatically call 911 whenever the user

pressed and held the side button and either volume button. That triggered the first wave of hangup 911 calls from mobile devices in the pockets of skiers who were likely trying to adjust the volume on speakers in their helmets. Now, the new crash and fall detection features — which are enabled on all new iPhones and watches — have added even more automatic calls to emergency dispatch centers. Dummer hopes more users — especially

skiers — will disable the crash detection feature on their phones, at least when they are visiting a resort. (Go to Settings > Emergency SOS and iPhone 14 users can turn off "Call After Severe Crash" and users of older iPhones can turn off the "Call with Hold" feature.)

"People need to better understand their phones and know there is a measure of responsibility for owners of phones with these features," she said.

Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Roger Organ

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

The story of the bald eagle is one of a successful recovery from plummeting numbers caused primarily by trapping, shooting and pesticide poisoning. In the mid-1960s, only around 400 pairs of this long-lived bird were found living in North America.

Thanks to protections afforded by the Endangered Species Act and the ban on DDT in our country, today there are more than 200 known nest sites in Colorado, while in the 1970s there were only three. Although the bald eagle can be found near water across the lower United States in winter, most move north to breed across Canada and Alaska. Our area is included among the less common breeding areas found in interior states.

Mated pairs remain together for life and reinforce bonding with elaborate flight displays. They build some of the largest of all bird nests, typically high in a tree, close to the trunk. Stick nests are reused and added to year after year, sometimes becoming so large and heavy that they topple the tree.

A part of this bird's success is its opportunistic eating habits. Although fish is its primary food, it will also consume mammals, birds, carrion and garbage. It has the ability to gorge when food is plentiful, and take several days to digest it. In this way it can survive without eating for days, or even weeks, if necessary.

From its status as our national symbol, large wingspan, and unmistakable white head and tail and dark brown body, an adult bald eagle is recognizable even in flight. Juveniles and immatures, which take four to five years to reach full adult plumage, can be difficult to distinguish from golden eagles without careful observation.

Today, lead poisoning from bullet fragments in gut piles left by hunters is one of the preventable dangers these magnificent birds face.

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Getting rid of a cough

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

I often develop a cough this time of the year. I have ever since I had a run-in with a pack of coyotes when I was trying to save a cow and her calf. I had to carry the calf and run, and we barely survived. The cold at around 30 degrees below zero froze and dried my lungs, and I have had problems ever since.

I have tried just about every kind of cough syrup that has been made. They don't seem to ever get rid of the cough; they only reduce the symptoms. But, that is better than nothing.

I have a friend, Lisa, who is a dental hygienist. We have been friends since we were young. One day I had a dental appointment, but due to my cough, I had to cancel. I reset the appointment and then had to cancel again for the same reason.

I took cough medicine every day to alleviate the misery and to try not to spread the joy to others. At least it was Christmas break, so I was not teaching.

Hoping to get well before returning to school after Christmas break, I did everything I could think of. When I was young, we had lots of peppermint that grew along the ditch banks of our farm. We harvested it just for such purposes. I am still not fond of peppermint tea. But my wife uses lots of herbs to make a cough tea that is even stronger. Once I have coughed enough that my stomach muscles are sore, I am willing to try anything.

Between drinking that about

five times each day and living pretty much on cough drops, I finally saw the cough subside. But I had learned from experience that when it does, that is not the time to quit. I had to take the cough tea for days beyond when I thought I was well or the cough always came back with a vengeance.

By the time school started again,

Hoping to get well before returning to school after Christmas break, I did everything I could think of. When I was young, we had lots of peppermint that grew along the ditch banks of our farm. We harvested it just for such purposes.

I was not coughing, but I still set the dentist appointment for a couple of weeks later to make sure. When

the appointed day came, I felt confident I was well and wouldn't make anyone sick.

When I got to the appointment, Lisa gave me some good-natured ribbing. "I see from the schedule that you canceled twice. Afraid to come to see the dentist, huh?"

"Not the dentist," I replied. "Just you."

She laughed. "Why would you be afraid to see me?"

"Well, I know I don't have any cavities or anything, so it's you with the scrapers that will torture me today," I replied.

"I like to do my best to make sure you get your money's worth," she said.

I then told her the real reason I had to cancel.

"Did you ever go to the drug store when we were growing up and get some of the cough syrup the druggist mixed up?"

I shook my head. "I didn't even know he made any."

"I don't know exactly what was in it, but I understand it came from an old recipe that a company made way back in the 1800s," she said.

The Internet is marvelous. I pulled out my phone and found a picture of what it probably was. Of course, we didn't know for sure what the pharmacist mixed up, but the one in the picture said it had alcohol, cannabis and chloroform.

Lisa laughed. "You know, I don't think it ever really helped my cough, but after I took it, I felt so good I really didn't care."

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Avoid these four charity scams

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Charitable giving grew in 2021. According to Blackbaud Institute, a social good innovator, giving not only increased after COVID-19, but actually rebounded more than it had in a decade — increasing in the United States by 9 percent overall.

Annual private philanthropy as a percentage of gross domestic product, or GDP, is about 1.44 percent in the United States. Philanthropy Roundtable reports that rate in Canada is 0.77 percent.

People tend to give the most to charity at the end of the year. While legitimate organizations may step up their solicitation of donations at this time, scammers also realize the months of November and December is prime giving season. Many scammers increase their deceptive tactics to cheat unsuspecting individuals at this time of year.

Here are four common charity scams that every prospective donor should be aware of.

1. Impersonating another charity

Most philanthropic groups have an online presence in some shape or form. Scammers will replicate the look of the charitable group's website or social media account, or may contact you through email or text to solicit funds. Thinking it is a legitimate charity, you may follow a link to enter donation information.

To avoid this scam, do not click on any links. Rather, enter the exact email address of a charity, if you know it, or use a trusted resource like Charity Navigator for contact information. If you're still leery about online transactions, call the charity and ask to be sent a donation statement in the mail, which you should be able to mail back postage-paid.

2. The hard sell

A legitimate charity is happy to welcome a donation any time you're able to give it. A scam operation may employ a hard sell or a deadline by which the donation must be made. In addition, a fraudulent "charity" might ask for payment only by cash, gift card or wire transfer (because it is difficult to trace), and this should raise a red flag that something is amiss.

3. A thank you for your donation

AARP warns that some scammers will send you a thank you for a donation that you supposedly already made to entice you to give again. This is designed to lower your inhibitions about a soliciting

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charity. It's always a good idea to keep records of charitable giving, especially for tax-related reporting, so you can easily verify if you gave to a group in the past.

4. Cryptocurrency wallet

As methods of making payments change, scam groups often ride the wave. The Federal Trade Commission learned that when the government of Ukraine announced it would be accepting donations to support its efforts via a cryptocurrency wallet, scammers started getting in on the action. But instead of the funds getting sent to the government's wallet, the donations headed to a private wallet.

Always conduct an online search of the wallet address to confirm that money is being sent to the right place. Typically you can't reverse cryptocurrency payments, so due diligence is required.

Individuals need to be extra cautious with charitable giving to avoid common scams.



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Interesting facts about Martin Luther King Jr.

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Martin Luther King Jr. was one of the most influential figures of the 21st century. King's tireless activism during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s improved the lives of millions of people, and his tragic assassination on April 4, 1968, marked one of the darkest days in American history.

King's oratory prowess is well-documented. Individuals across the globe are familiar with his "I Have a Dream" speech, which King delivered during the March on Washington less than a year before his death.

Less familiar are some other notable facts about his life:

- If he were alive today, King would still be years away from his 100th birthday. King was assassinated in 1968, when he was not yet 40 years old. Born in Atlanta in 1929,

King could very much still be alive today and would have celebrated his 93rd birthday on Jan. 15, 2022.

- King was an extraordinarily gifted student. At an age when many students were preparing to enter their sophomore or junior year of high school, King began his freshman year of college at Morehouse College. King enrolled at Morehouse when he was 15 after the school opened enrollment to junior high students in an effort to overcome a dip in enrollment related to World War II. King passed the entrance exam and enrolled in the fall of 1944.

- King was ordained as a minister prior to graduating from Morehouse. The Baptist ministry was something of a family business for the Kings, as Martin Luther King Jr.'s father, grandfather and great grandfather were all Baptist ministers. However, King did not initially intend to follow that

path. He ultimately changed course and entered the ministry at age 18, graduating from Morehouse with a degree in sociology a year later.

- King survived a knife attack years before his assassination. King was stabbed in the chest with a letter opener during a book signing event in Harlem in 1958. His assailant, Izola Curry, was ultimately deemed mentally incompetent to stand trial. Though the attack did not kill him, King had to undergo intensive emergency surgery and was hospitalized for several weeks.

- Conspiracy theories surround King's assassination. King's assassin, James Earl Ray, was found guilty and sentenced to 99 years in prison. Authorities, including the United States Department of Justice, concluded Ray, a career criminal, acted alone. However, some, including surviving members of King's family, believed his assassination was part of a conspiracy.

Despite his tragic assassination in 1968, King left his mark on the world. That legacy is even more remarkable when considering the unique twists and turns King's life took prior to his death.

Habits that affect cognitive health

Special to The PREVIEW

Various changes to appearance and health are associated with aging. Issues such as diminished vision, waning muscle strength and gray hairs are among the more common and noticeable side effects of aging. Cognitive decline is another symptom often associated with aging, even if that needn't be the case.

Certain lifestyle choices can protect against cognitive decline and dementias. While there is no surefire way to prevent dementias, here are some good habits for maintaining cognitive function well into your golden years.

- Exercise frequently. Harvard Health reports that exercise, in addition to the many other benefits it provides, may help improve cognitive function in people who have already experienced memory issues. Exercise may be particularly advantageous to people who carry the APOE4 gene variant, which makes people more susceptible to Alzheimer's. Speak with a doctor about how much exercise is needed and what is safe for your age.

- Enjoy video games. Playing a favorite video game may improve long-term cognitive function. Researchers at Cambridge Brain Sciences found study participants who played non-cognitive-training video games were associated with bet-

ter performance in several cognitive domains, but only for younger (age 18 to 64) participants. Cognitive training games, on the other hand, were not associated with any cognitive improvement.

- Stay socially engaged.

According to a study published in the journal Experimental Aging Research, seniors who have high levels of social engagement also have better cognitive function. Getting together with friends, participating in a club, attending religious studies, and any other activity that gets you out with other people can help with cognitive function.

- Eat a healthy diet. Eating a diverse array of healthy foods is beneficial. Nutritious diets can help reduce the risk for illnesses that may affect cognitive ability. Eating well also helps keep the brain healthy. A Mediterranean diet appears to lower the risk or slow the progression of dementia in people who have the condition.

- Get help for sleep disorders. Lack of sleep can affect memory and learning. By getting help for sleep disorders, you may reduce your risk for cognitive issues.

While it is not possible to prevent or cure cognitive conditions like dementias with lifestyle changes, certain behaviors can lower the risk of developing these illnesses or reduce their severity.

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The ‘energy gap’ nobody wants to tussle with

By **Dave Marston**
PREVIEW Columnist

Many Western states have declared they will achieve all-renewable electrical goals in just two decades. Call me naïve, but haven't energy experts predicted that wind, sun and other alternative energy sources aren't up to the job?

Alice Jackson, former CEO of Xcel energy's Colorado operation, was blunt at a renewable energy conference in February 2020: "We can reliably run our grid with up to 70 percent renewables. Add batteries to the mix and that number goes up to just 72 percent."

Grid experts now say that Jackson's number is 80 percent, but still, how will that utility and others produce that missing power?

Bill Gates and a raft of other entrepreneurs see the answer in small, modular nuclear reactors, pointing to the small nuclear engines that have safely run America's nuclear submarines for decades.

Here's what we know about these efficient reactors: They're built in factories, and once in operation they're cheap to keep going. Each module is typically 50 megawatts, self-contained, and installed underground after being transported to its site. The modular design means that when more power is needed, another reactor can be slotted in.

Breakthrough features include safety valves that automatically send coolant to the reactor if heat spikes. This feature alone could have eliminated disasters like Fukushima or Chernobyl, where water pumps failed and cores started melting down.

If small nuclear modules don't fill the renewables gap, where else can the "firm power" that Jackson says is needed be found? The Sierra Club calls on pumped hydro and geothermal as sources of reliable electricity you can just flip on when renewables slow down. But the best geothermal spots have been taken, pumped hydro has geographic limits, and environmental resistance.

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The extreme danger to the grid is the dreaded "dunkelflaute," a German word for cloudy, windless weather that slashes solar and wind power generation for weeks.

Another proposal is linking grids across the country for more efficiency. The idea is that excess wind blowing in Texas could be tapped after the sun goes down on California's solar farms. This holds incremental promise, but progress has been routinely blocked by conservative lawmakers.

There's also the cost argument — that renewables are cheaper. In a fossil-fuel-dominated grid that's true. However, MIT points out that as renewables dominate the grid, on-demand forms of power rise in value.

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wind power generation for weeks.

So, the problem remains: To avoid rolling blackouts, we need reliable power at the right times, which are usually from 5 to 8 p.m. That's when people come home and fire up their gadgets and appliances.

The increasing demand for electricity only adds to the problem: A 2020 Washington Post article predicted that electrification of the economy by 2050 would result in a usage bump of 38 percent, mostly from vehicles. Consider Ford's all-electric F150 Lightning, cousin to the bestselling gasoline F150. The \$39,000 entry-level truck was designed to replace gasoline generators at job sites, meaning vehicle recharge happens when workers go home, just as renewables flag.

This calls into question what many experts hope car batteries can provide — doing double duty by furnishing peak power for homes at night.

Longer-lasting storage batteries have long been touted as a savior, though Tara Righetti, co-director of the Nuclear Energy Research Center at the University of Wyoming,

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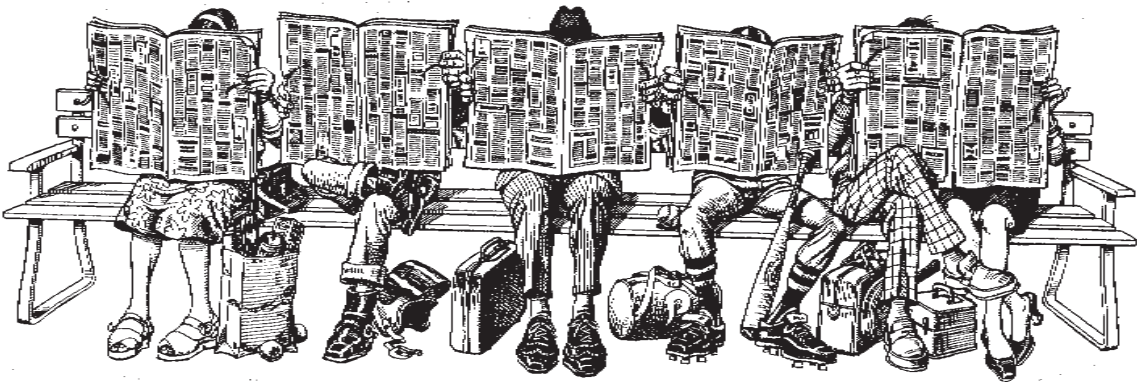


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has reservations.

“There are high hopes that better batteries will be developed. But in terms of what is technically accessible right now? I think nuclear provides an appealing option,” she said.

Meanwhile, small nuclear reactors are underway, with Gates’ TerraPower building a sodium-cooled fast reactor in the coal town of Kemmerer, Wyo. One 345-megawatt reactor, which generates enough electricity for 400,000 homes, will be paired with a molten-salt, heat storage facility.

Think of it as a constantly recharging battery in the form of stored heat. In the evening as renewable power flags, it would pump out 500 megawatts of power for up to five hours.

These reactors also tackle the little-known problem of cold-starting the electrical grid after an outage. In 2003, suffering a blackout, the Eastern grid could not have

restarted with renewables alone.

However we choose to close the energy gap, there’s no time to lose. Wild temperature swings have grid operators increasingly nervous. California has come close to rolling blackouts, and temperatures in the West now break record after record.

As our climate becomes more erratic, reliable electricity is becoming a matter of life and death.

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Each year at this time, I write the same sentiment and make the same bold statement, “I might have another 10 years left.” I said it last year and I still feel like I have another 10 years. It doesn’t compute, but it settles something in me to keep going and doing.

In these last few years, we’ve seen things we can’t explain. Even though many want to speculate about the craziness going on around us, we are still on the same path we’ve been called to walk. God’s story hasn’t changed. We’re still reading the same book.

I’m not looking for an answer, but a settling in my spirit. Ending the year and starting another year is like beginning another chapter in God’s story.

Our path is so uniquely designed for each one of us, we can’t find footprints to follow. There are no trodden-down signs indicating someone walked on this road before us. Others can’t tell us where we belong. We need to listen to what our heart is saying and what our heart needs.

My life has been a pattern of choices and impulses, all of which have shaped me. With some of my choices, good and bad, I have found myself in the most uncomfortable places, yet they define who I am today.

In a recent Bible study, I was blown away and brought to my knees, humbled to be reminded how God has been moving me through my life. It’s always with purpose. He has never strayed from how He made me in my mother’s womb. I’ve strayed many times over the years, but He has always brought me back to His purpose in me.

This week I made a decision to step down from a position I’ve held for seven years. The position was gratifying, educating, and I thought it would always be mine. I made a choice to begin a writers’ group, now I’m letting go. I’m moving on and following my heart. God is nudging me and emptying my hands. He has another place for me to walk in this new year.

There is always speculation as to what is coming, but the heart of biblical prophecy is not to say, “Look what is coming,” but, “thus says the Lord.” Each choice brings us to an expected end, a place where we meet God and find a new us in a new year.

Life brings changes without our permission. How will we handle what life brings? Trust God and His plan. God’s been leading us along the way. Those moments of choice are defining us and bringing us to completion.

He tells us to step out onto that unknown path. The tugs and pulls that are moving in our hearts point to the path we need to be on. I told a friend this week, “It would be so easy

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to step back into what we know. My heart won’t let me, no matter how much I enjoyed where I’ve been.”

New level, new devil. How do we discern that path we haven’t walked? He tells us in the last days how false teachers and prophets will come. He tells us to discern the spirits. It’s the light of Jesus upon our path that will show us the way. Those moments of uncertainty have created moments of identity. We shift into those moments and find new and exciting things about us and what we are capable of doing.

I stepped down from where I found myself. The newfound calling wouldn’t leave me alone. The change scared me. I don’t want to live the end of my days with empty hands. I want to stay relevant. Moving forward will keep me relevant.

When I realized who I am and what the Lord expected of me, I settled down in the decision I made. I am coming to know my heart, instead of telling my heart what I should be or what I should do. God’s revelation is freeing. I don’t have to do what others expect of me. I need to wait on the Lord. He’s made plans for me. I just need to walk them out.

Final brushstroke: So, as we enter 2023, God’s story is still being written and has been written. Trust

in His wisdom and His love for us. I’ll be here in the new year to meet with you on Thursdays. After all, I’m counting on another 10 years.

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