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‘One year led to another’: Dan Janowsky to be inducted into National Wrestling Hall of Fame

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) wrestling coach Dan Janowsky will be inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in May with a Lifetime Service to Wrestling Award from the Colorado Chapter.

In anticipation of his induction, Janowsky was honored, along with four other Colorado inductees, at the Ball Arena on Feb. 17 prior to the semifinal matches at the state wrestling tournament.

For more information on the results of the state tournament where two Pirate athletes claimed fourth-place medals, see related story.

According to the National Wrestling Hall of Fame website, “The Lifetime Service to Wrestling is given in recognition of years of

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Pagosa Springs High School wrestling coach Dan Janowsky waves to the crowd at the Ball Arena in Denver on Feb. 17. He was honored at the state wrestling tournament for his upcoming induction into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. Janowsky’s formal induction will occur in May and he will be given the Lifetime Service to Wrestling award.

Photo courtesy Stacey Barker

‘One Pill Can Kill’ Sheriff urges fentanyl awareness

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

During an arrest last week, the Archuleta County Sheriff’s Office (ACSO) retrieved pills that are presumed to be fentanyl—something Archuleta County Sheriff Mike Le Roux indicated is happening with increased frequency.

“Fentanyl,” according to an ACSO press release, “is a synthetic opioid that is 50 times more potent than heroin. Just two milligrams of fentanyl, or the amount that could fit on the tip of a pencil, is considered a potentially lethal dose.”

“Fentanyl is present in this community,” he said. “Know what it is. Educate yourself on what it can do.”

The ACSO reported that, in the six-month span from May to October 2022, it had seized 70 grams

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Photos courtesy Archuleta County Sheriff’s Office
Fentanyl (top) and methamphetamine seized by the Archuleta County Sheriff’s Office in 2022.

Water districts debate water demand, need and responsibility for reservoir

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors discussed the San Juan Water Conservancy District’s (SJWCD’s) recently set target reservoir size of 11,000 acre-feet and the future of the Running Iron Ranch property at its Feb. 9 meeting.

PAWSD secretary Bill Hudson

opened the discussion, highlighting that SJWCD commissioned a water demand study by Wilson Water Group and that he had distributed his criticism of this study to the board.

He added that SJWCD adopted the goal of an 11,000 acre-foot reservoir and that PAWSD estimates of growth for the district are lower

■ See Water A8

Medical center negotiating lease to house broadband equipment

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

At a special meeting on Thursday, Feb. 16, the Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD) Board of Directors, which oversees Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC), voted to allow PSMC to negotiate a less-expensive lease payment with the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC)

to lease a piece of land to house broadband-related equipment.

The move came less than a month after the board approved negotiating a lease with the PSCDC.

The board approved a resolution on Jan. 24 authorizing PSMC staff to negotiate a 10-year lease for a carrier-neutral location (CNL) at a rate of \$2,000 per month.

■ See Broadband A9

Commissioners discuss airport operations with fixed base operator

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) discussed airport operations with Avjet Pagosa Springs owner Marc Foulkrod at its Feb. 14 work session.

Avjet is the fixed base operator (FBO) for the airport.

Foulkrod explained that Avjet has operated the FBO for 18 years, “but we’ve never been asked to come and tell you why we’re qualified.”

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Photo courtesy Darryl Saffer

Absent from their usual annual roost on Lake Forest until earlier this month, these eagles will mate and repair their nest in preparation of laying eggs and hatching chicks.

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OUR VIEW

Jackson Mountain: Final day to comment

Today is the final day to submit input during the public scoping period for Jackson Mountain area projects proposed by Pagosa Ranger District of the San Juan National Forest.

The initial proposal considers trail system development, fuels and vegetation management, and a gravel pit.

The gravel pit has received quite a bit of pushback in letters to the editor, but those concerned should file any comments at <https://cara.fs2c.usda.gov/Public/CommentInput?Project=61809>.

The International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) issued the following press release titled "Protect quality trail experiences in Pagosa Springs: Submit your comments on the Jackson Mountain Landscape Project" by Communications and Advocacy Specialist Jali Fernando:

"New mountain biking trails have been proposed on Jackson Mountain in Pagosa Springs, but a proposed gravel mine is threatening the trail project as well as the health and safety of trail users. We need your help to get these trails approved.

"IMBA Trail Solutions worked with local mountain bikers on a proposal to bring new trail experiences to Jackson Mountain. The proposed trails will cater to a variety of skills and riding styles; provide trail experiences not currently offered regionally to the rapidly growing cycling community in Pagosa Springs; and expand formalized access to public lands adjacent to town. Archuleta County and the City of Pagosa Springs have invested in this trails plan with taxpayer dollars, and the U.S. Forest Service has included this trail proposal in the greater Jackson Mountain Landscape Project.

"A gravel mine and rock crushing operation that will overlap with the proposed mountain bike trail system is a late addition to the Jackson Mountain Landscape Project, and therefore was not factored into the trail planning process. The proposed gravel pit requires large trucks to share a small forest road with trail users. The mining operation will take away from the outdoor experience in Jackson Mountain and may create severe health and safety issues for mountain bikers and other trail users. Before the mine is approved, it is essential that a thorough analysis of potential impacts be conducted.

"The Forest Service is gathering input on the Jackson Mountain Landscape Project until Feb. 23. Let the Forest

Service know the mountain biking community has serious concerns regarding the proposed open pit gravel mine on Jackson Mountain. Below is a sample letter you can copy and paste or personalize for greater impact.

"Dear Forest Service Staff,

"I am writing to express:

"1. Support for the multi-use trail system being planned and proposed at Jackson Mountain outside Pagosa Springs, Colorado on National Forest Service lands, and

"2. Serious concerns regarding the proposed open pit hard rock gravel mine at the same location.

"The proposed trails are a much needed recreational system on the east side of Pagosa Springs and the USFS originally reached out to the local mountain bike community to explore opportunities and provide input. The proposed trail offerings are not being offered elsewhere in the district.

"The proposed gravel mine, however, is a very recent proposal and has the potential to cause significant noise and air quality issues, as well as safety concerns for the planned and proposed mountain bike trail system that would overlap with. The 'non-commercial' mine has potential to waste public tax dollars already invested in the proposed trail system by the City of Pagosa Springs, Archuleta County and the USFS, as well as local foundation grants that went into the trail planning.

"I am asking the USFS to thoroughly analyze the impacts of this proposed gravel pit to see if it needs to be located elsewhere. Some key questions that should be addressed include:

"1. What will be the impact of the noise from the mine on trail users, local residents, and wildlife? What are immediate and long term impacts of mine activities for the lifespan of the mine on human and animal populations?

"2. The Environmental Assessment should explore if and how a gravel mine might degrade the trail experience of all users and create safety concerns. What measures will be taken to ensure the safety of mountain bikers on the trail system in the vicinity of the mine and the Jackson Mountain access road leading to trailheads?

"3. What measures will be taken to minimize air quality impacts from dust and other pollutants associated with proposed mining operations? The EA should explore any potential negative

impacts from the gravel mine such as fugitive dust and other inhalable particulate matter, carcinogenic gasses, toxic elements and minerals such as rock released radon, arsenic, etc., and the impact of land degradation, down slope erosion, as there is a trail proposed immediately downslope of the pit.

"4. What will be the impact of the proposed mine on the scenic value of the area and its potential as a tourist destination for outdoor recreation? The USFS needs to analyze the potential concerns around the short-term economic benefits of a mine vs. long-term economic and social benefits of sustainable outdoor recreation.

"5. The USFS needs to analyze the destination of the gravel extracted for how this will affect truck traffic patterns for local residents. Will the proposed pit location lead to increased heavy truck traffic through town or will the destination be reliably eastward? How will that affect other towns? The USFS needs to analyze for requiring stipulations of operations to be more conducive to local residents and multi-use trail users.

"6. How will the use of public tax dollars and foundation grants that went into the trail planning to-date be addressed if the mine is approved?

"I strongly support the proposed mountain bike trail plan and of course it too must be analyzed. I also believe the National Forest Service has a responsibility to protect the public investment in the trails project which has already been made. I encourage you to carefully consider the potential impacts of the mine and take all necessary steps to minimize the negative effects on the environment, local residents, and recreational users of the area.

"Thank you for considering my comments. I look forward to hearing the outcome of your analysis."

We have heard valid concerns on various aspects of the project. Your comments will be used to help identify issues with the Jackson Mountain Project and develop alternatives, if necessary.

The biggest sticking point seems to be the proposed gravel pit that the county says is essential for roads. If the pit gets kicked to the curb in this project, we believe the county should open up a more public process in choosing a location for gravel operations.

This is your opportunity to speak out, whatever your position might be.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
February 23, 1923

The sum of \$13,000 has been made available in the 1923 budget for the completion of the excavation work started on Wolf Creek Pass last spring.

Eleven miles of the work was done by State Highway forces last year. It is expected that nine miles on the west side of the pass will be widened to 20 feet during the coming summer.

The work is under the supervision of Robt. H. Higgins, state superintendent of maintenance.

When this work is completed it will subdue the last big obstacle which traffic going to the Mesa Verde National Park and the western slope has had to contend with during past years. — Colorado Highways.

Delbert C. (Kelley) Dickerson has rented the lower floor of the Odd Fellows hall from the lodge and will conduct the dances in the future. The hall is used as a gymnasium by the school, and it is also planned to organize a Volley Ball club.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
February 27, 1948

Members of the town board heard Dick DeVore, newly named fire chief, explain the provisions of an ordinance covering fire protection which the volunteer department has asked to be passed. They met in the town hall Tuesday night.

The ordinance, when approved, will be published by the Pagosa Springs Sun in full, giving the provisions for inspection and operation of the volunteer department.

Members of the board will study the ordinance and consider it for passage at a regular meeting next Monday night.

In the Tuesday meeting, the board approved an ordinance for emergency appropriation of funds covering expenditures for water chlorination and purchase of fire equipment. This measure is published in full in this Sun.

It may not have been "basketball" the spectators saw here Sunday afternoon when the VFW team played the Harlem Tops, but it was one of the outstanding pieces of entertainment fans have witnessed during the season. Surprised with a tie score at the final whistle, the Tops came back in the overtime to win by 10 points.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
February 22, 1973

Good news was received in the community this week with the announcement that an application for the services of a doctor and nurse practitioner had been approved by the Public Health Service. The doctor and nurse are scheduled to arrive here July 1st and the Dr. Mary Fisher Medical Center will again be operated on a full time basis. Many local citizens have worked hard on preparing the application, meeting with various officials, and holding meetings. The hard work has paid big dividends, though, and more local medical service will be available to area residents very soon.

A big attention getter on Wolf Creek Pass Sunday was the rescue, or removal, of a large bull elk. The animal became stranded there during deep snows in late December and had been subsisting on next to nothing in the way of feed. Game and Fish Department employees, with the assistance of several others, trapped the animal in the deep snow, shot it with a tranquilizer dart, and then transported the elk to an area along the Blanco River where feed and water are available.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
February 26, 1998

When he determined late in the regular season that Jason Silva would be the Pirates' man at 130 pounds, coach Dan Janowsky had a hunch the junior could be one of the best Colorado Class 3A wrestlers in that weight class.

Janowsky was right. On the night of Feb. 21, when six competitors ascended the 3A podium in McNichols Area to receive medals, the 1998 state champion at 130 pounds was from Pagosa Springs.

Slashing late winter storms dumped 7 inches of much-needed snow on Pagosa Springs Sunday through Tuesday of this week.

So far during February, 22.4 inches of snow have fallen in town. That amount is above the long-time February average of 18.8 inches. The highest February of record was 61 inches during 1969. During February 1945, no snow fell.

WHADDYA THINK?

Are you enjoying the snow?

Poll results (117 votes)

Yes, we need the moisture. — 37 percent

Yes, I love winter activities. — 12 percent

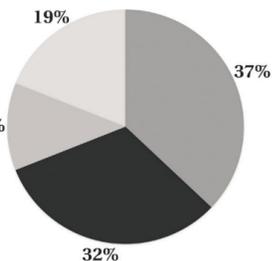
No, I'm ready for spring. — 32 percent

Only when I'm not shoveling it. — 19 percent

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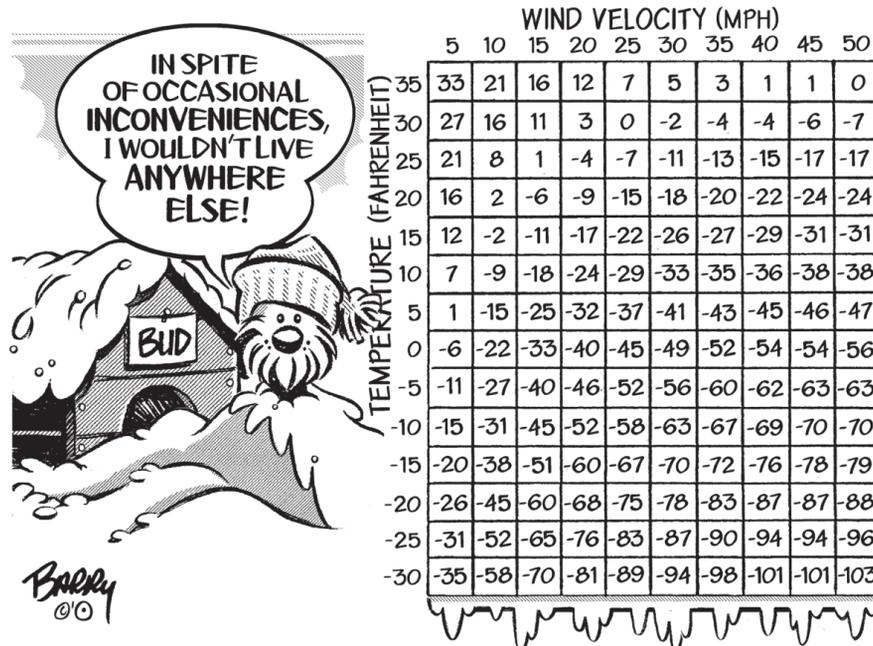
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2/16	25	0	S	2.3		NA
2/17	39	11	-	-		-
2/18	39	3	-	-		-
2/19	43	19	-	-		-
2/20	45	14	-	-		-

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Letters

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Extinction

Dear Editor:
Did you know Earth now has 8...that's 8 billion (lots of zero's) folks looking to get by. Well the good news is that by 2080 or thereabouts this number will level off and start declining largely due to lack of child birth. Today the wealthier nations have the fewest kids and the poorest the most, but that trend has started to converge.

So what are the drivers for these changes, as we said child birth, food availability and patterns, ability to consume goods/opportunity, expense of children and (let's face it) global un-certainty of the future. Yes Russia's being Russia (and always will be) and China's looking to be the nation of the future in all things and of course India's plodding toward 'who knows,' but Climate change is going to

be our greatest challenge. So, on some Quantum theory basis, does mankind know about the looming disasters...the Aztecs did but I don't know.

Here's a twist on immigration control, if a country replaces itself in births at a rate of 2.1 children per woman and the US is currently at 1.66...what's really wrong with new immigrants, legal or otherwise? Or put another way is the coming (yes, it's coming) climate crisis driven mass migrations from un-livable areas (typically low national income) to others (w/higher national ave. income) a good thing for our national survival? Every reduction of emissions by humans is, all else equal, a good thing.

Well one could hoot & holler about race, culture, religion...etc... etc. but in the end when survival is at stake does any of that gobble-de-gook matter and if so to whom... OK...OK to the religious fanatic GOPers...forget them they're well on the way to self-destruct. Remember immigrants are always the most nationalistic.

So here's the real question, as mankind generally hasn't seriously recognized our extinction issue of impending "Doomsday Clock" "striking 12 due to negative Climate Change...if you're in Pagosa and the gas tank is empty would you fill-up first or just drive to Durango? It's probably too late for recycling or EV's to save us but I recommend we all start thinking...hard about the need for Geo-engineering and put aside our political issues. The answers might be out there.

Dave Blake

Health and ideology

Dear Editor:
I find it rich that the County Commissioners asked interviewees for the Health Department Transition Advisory Committee what role political ideology should play in decisions concerning the new Health Department. Why I find this so hypocritical is it was the Archuleta County Commissioners' political ideology that destroyed the County's 70 year relationship with La Plata County and the SJBHD.

From science denial on the importance of masking and vaccines to the aping of FOX news talking points about the seriousness of the pandemic, they poisoned the atmosphere of cooperation. The Commissioners spoke of teaming up with counties that "had more in common with Archuleta County". Republican speak for "we don't believe in woke policies, we only care about owning the libs, so let's team up with other Republican ideologues".

So now instead of \$275,000/yr as Archuleta's share to fund the SJBHD, the county has had to

budget over a million dollars in federal assistance funds to just get a health department up and running. It's going to be next to impossible to even hire competent people to manage and those to perform the tasks of a health department for \$275,000. Expect cuts in some services.

Good move Commissioners, you should have educated yourself and asked that question of yourselves, before wrecking a perfectly good Health Department due to your far right ideology.

Dave Butcher

'Amazing grace'

Dear Editor:
We must respond to the letter and author of the Feb. 16, 2023 letter, "The Puzzle".

This writing is expressing the confusing spirit of the enemy, Satan. Satan is surfacing as the Word expresses. 1 Peter 5:8, "Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour." Every day we hear of this destructive force attacking somewhere, someone, and some way deleting lives and freedoms. This demonic activity going for, our children and young people, our families, our treasures, and our freedoms that form the greatest nation ever, one nation under our Creator God. He is omnipresent and infallible. The proof is in the infallible Word of God. There is no puzzle about the Word of God, time tested, proven, and living. The Bible is our ultimate source of power and strength, which must be received through the lenses of the Holy Spirit and by faith. Our Lord is not a statue or subject to any preconceived ideas of physical description. Christ is the Son of God, the gift of eternal life to all those who will believe, confess and ask for forgiveness, His grace, and not your intellect. It's such a beautifully simple plan, the Salvation Plan: trust, believe, obey, love, pray through Jesus, and read, live God's Word.

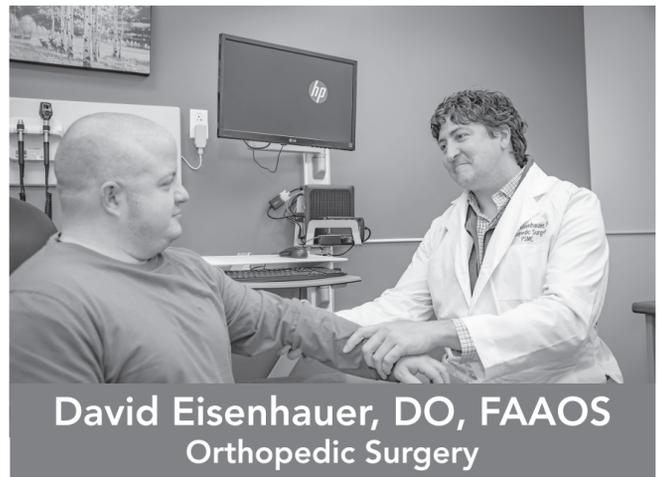
People are searching for hope. Revival and new awakening is coming to America. In Mathew 21, "Jesus sent two of His Disciples into the village to find a donkey tied and a colt with her. He said if anyone

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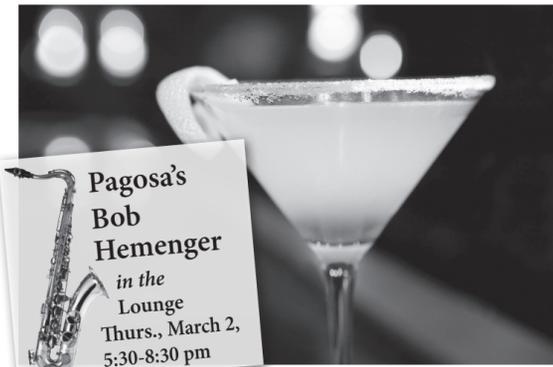
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asks just tell them that the Lord has need of them and straightway He would send them. (He would return them). He rode into Jerusalem with the donkey and colt, and Hosannas rang out.

Revival and spiritual awakening is being ignited by America's young people, any adults or parents in the room, speared by the Holy Spirit... Jesus rides in with the colt and the donkey again.

Feb. 8, 2023, Asbury University in Wilmore, Kentucky had a simple Chapel service. Suddenly the witness of a student rang out that Jesus had become so real to him and Jesus had saved his soul and life. Praise, worship, and revival were ignited and have continued nonstop. The students and others are coming from all over the country to be a part. The witness of the Holy Spirit in these young people interviewed is so precious and pure. God's saving power is evidenced here and elsewhere. Even on Fox News, Tucker Carlson Program, this Revival has been featured 3 nites in a row last week. Flashpoint program on the Victory channel has started the Truth and Freedom 2023 Revival events across the Nation. Look up Asbury College Revival up and Flashpoint programs.

Amazing hope is igniting, young people are leading the charge. Out of the mouths of children, God has perfected praise.

No, its not a puzzle, its amazing grace.

Jan and Tom Carnley

Something nice

Dear Editor:

My husband and I were out shoveling the driveway again after yet another large and heavy snowfall. (I am getting too old for this.) We were on the final efforts nearing the end of the driveway when in the distance we see an extremely large county truck approaching. He had been doing the corners and cul-de-sacs pushing back the snow with his enormous vehicle and its very large plow and in my mind I saw another heavy berm of snow at the end of my driveway. When what to my wondering eyes should appear but a blade down and a county truck heading for the end of my driveway. Taking some steps backwards and in disbelief I saw him swoop in and take the berm we about to start on and push it to the side of driveway. What would have taken us almost an hour to

do, he did in less than 30 seconds. I waved – I smiled – I would have shaken his hand but all I can do is write this nice letter as he sped off to the next corner of snow. Thank you, county worker, for moving the berm out of our way so quickly. Now for the sun to take over and do its part....

D. Fisk

'Choose our leaders well'

Dear Editor:

On this President's Day, many Americans reflected on the office of the Presidency and its enormous power to lead a nation with strength and dignity. There wasn't a lot of media coverage of Washington and Lincoln, the original honorees. But we did get reports on three more recent leaders of the free world.

This President's Day, Jimmy Carter announced that he's entering hospice care. Jimmy Carter is characteristically graceful as he ends his lifetime of service to his fellow Americans. I didn't know that as a young naval officer, Carter led an extremely hazardous clean-up effort after a nuclear melt-down in Canada in 1952. I have admired Jimmy Carter's faith and goodness, which are an inspiration to the nation.

This President's Day, Joe Biden undertook a hazardous 10-hour train trip into Ukraine and walked, largely unprotected, down a main street in Kiev. He offered support to the Ukrainian people on the anniversary of Russia's unprovoked invasion of their homeland. He offered comfort for the crimes against humanity with which the Ukrainian people cope. This was an act of heroism. No US President has entered a foreign war zone that was not occupied by US troops. Joe Biden's message was equally heroic.

This President's Day, Donald J Trump continued whining. This is the president who considers war heroes "losers." This is the same Donald J Trump who will be remembered for generations as the president who was willing to call for a seditious attack on the US Capitol rather than admit to losing the 2020 election.

As we were uplifted by the accomplishments of President Carter and President Biden, Trump supporters gathered to praise Vladimir Putin and to rail at President Biden for his efforts to defend democracy

in war-ravaged Ukraine.

A leader is meant to inspire his people. A leader is meant to reflect the best of us. If we are to honor our country and our democracy, we need to choose our leaders well.

K. Muth

Help in the time of need

Dear Editor:

My husband, Scott, and I are both limping and using canes due to severe pain. He is awaiting spinal surgery and I'm waiting on a procedure to treat hip pain. We have felt so needy this winter. But then...

A neighbor with a tractor plowed our long, steep concrete driveway and has leveled the berms left by snowplows. My brother realized that our dog wasn't getting walked so our sister-in-law walked him. Which got me to mention the need for a dog walker to Gale, a friend in Durango, who told me to go on Next Door. I posted a request for the names of dog walkers and two couples volunteered to walk Quinn with their dogs. One couple lives close by and the other drives to our house. Total strangers who are now neighbors. Incredible.

Back on Next Door, I requested the names of spine surgeons and got a slew of recommendations—all for great doctors. Gale researched this field for us and reached out to her neighbors and friends.

I posted a message asking if anyone could loan us a walker and shower stool. A woman loaned us a deluxe walker.

After this most recent set of storms, our friend John came and used our snow thrower to clear our driveway. Unfortunately, halfway through the job, the machine threw several bolts. So John used a snow shovel to make sure that I could get my car up the driveway and out onto the road. Hard work.

Later that day, I was driving on N. Pagosa Blvd. when my car hit ice and I was driven into a ditch filled with snow. Several different men pulled over and offered to help. We have AAA towing and I told them I would be fine. One man even asked if I was warm enough. I lost track of how many people, including women, stopped to make sure I was okay.

Little did I know that AAA would eventually call me back to say that they couldn't get any tow truck to help me until the next day. I called Scott who then needed to free his truck (not driven for weeks) of snow

and ice to come help me. However, another couple stopped, and the man immediately started shoveling snow away from my tires. Another man stopped, had a chain, and the group pulled my Honda out. Lifesavers.

Throughout all of this our friend Joyce has called to check on us, to offer practical suggestions, and to brighten our spirits with her incredible sense of humor.

The thing about all of this is not only that family, friends, neighbors, and strangers came to our aid and met our needs. It's that they demonstrated how wonderful people are. I get choked up just thinking about this. And I can't wait until we are able to help others and pass this on.

Tozi Rubin

Friends and memories

Dear Editor:

I often thank how our culture has changed since I was a high school senior. It was 1944 and we were still deeply engaged in WWII. As most knew, at that time, I fell in love with my sweetheart at age 16. He was only 17 and left for the Navy soon after. It was well-known that I was not interested in dating anyone else. However, here is where the story gets interesting. The Government had constructed some apartments about two blocks from our home to house Civil Defense workers. One evening, there was knock at the door. I answered and there stood three guys from my high school class. Their parents were Civil Service employees and I had met them while walking home from school, about 2 miles. They invited me to join them at the movies. There began my 3-guys and a gal dates.

All three would come to invite me; the one who purchased my ticket got to sit beside me; the other two had to sit on the other side of him. They took turns in being my date and I had so much fun with them. All three walked me to the door from the bus stop and then the three would walk home together.

I was a very blessed teen-ager and looking back, I think they were helping to give me a social life while I waited for my sweetheart to return home. Looking back, today, I wonder if their Civil Service parents encouraged them to include me. Dear memories.

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Colorado Broadband Office launches new broadband mapping hub

Colorado Broadband Office

The Colorado Broadband Office (CBO), under the Governor's Office of Information Technology, announced the new Broadband Mapping Hub available at broadbandhub.colorado.gov.

The Hub is an easy-to-use, complete resource for Internet service providers, schools, communities and businesses to assist in their broadband planning, finding partnerships and applying for broadband funding through the state.

"We've covered a lot of ground, asking communities and industry what they need to improve broadband in Colorado," said Brandy Reitter, executive director of the CBO. "They overwhelmingly said they need resources to develop broadband plans, find partnerships and navigate federal funding. We are thrilled to offer that through the new Broadband Mapping Hub."

The Hub is a place to access a wealth of broadband-related resources, including:

- A new broadband coverage map is at <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/938d40535cd842dc9aeeacd3c554e4b>. Now with more information, like households served or Internet speeds. The new map is searchable by your area of interest (county, municipality, school district, legislative district or region). Residents can enter their address to find available broadband service, information about grants in the area and typical speeds from nearby speed tests.
- Get a high-level look at broad-

band in Colorado. View the Hub dashboard for a quick look at the state's Internet speeds, households served, grant awards and proposed broadband projects.

- Learn about broadband projects funded by the state at <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/7393ea21101a4a3dad29958f3bf45bc7>. The Grant Awards Dashboard provides an overview of CBO grants, awards and the progress made in awarded projects. It allows users to filter by funding program,

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- Everything needed to apply for funding can be found at <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/04403161a016444bb789265282e42ddf>. A Grant Discovery Portal where applicants can view program eligibility guidelines and find resources to prepare applications. It includes state and federal broadband grant layers, broadband coverage data and demographic data.
- Find and download data. The Hub includes links to authoritative

data sources used in Colorado's maps including CBO data, Federal Communications Commission data, U.S. Census and demography data, and other mapping resources.

- Share your Internet experience with us at <https://gis.colorado.gov/speedtest/>. The CBO Broadband Survey and Speed Test allows residents to test their home or business Internet speed and share valuable information directly with the CBO.

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Business

Main Street Board approves bylaws, includes conflict-of-interest-clause

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

On Feb. 9, the Pagosa Springs Main Street Advisory Board finalized its bylaws.

This was after considering a rough draft at its previous Jan. 12 meeting, where the board collectively suggested edits to the bylaws document.

At the most recent meeting, Main Street Program Coordinator Kathleen McFadden presented the board with a revised version of the bylaws for its consideration.

"How about we just go directly to the edits and discuss?" she said.

The leftover business included the minimum and maximum number of required board members, the geographic size of the program's boundaries and a conflict-of-interest policy.

The least controversial of these topics was the geographic boundary of the program.

At the previous meeting there was debate about if the program should keep a tight boundary, focused around the downtown core, or if the map should stretch out to include businesses such as Motel SOCO and Sage Eatery west of downtown, but this time around a consensus was quickly reached that the program will include the broader boundary map, encompassing the historic business district, the East Village, the Riverwalk, as well as areas outside of downtown — west to Motel SOCO and east to the intersection of U.S. 160 and U.S. 84.

Garnering more discussion was the issue of the minimum and maximum number of board members.

On the minimum number, McFadden couldn't recall the board coming to any conclusion at the last meeting, but thought that the consensus was somewhere between seven and nine members as the minimum number.

She asked, "Since we have 11 now, does nine make more sense than seven?"

Board member Rosanna Dufour replied, "Because this is so community-based and so volunteer-based, we are missing the essence of the board if we can't compromise a larger board. I think it always needs to be an underlining larger group just for the intentions of this project."

Board member Jeff Posey favored keeping the minimum number lower, at seven, "because what if you get into a situation where you can't get that many people together ... and you can't do business because you don't have your nine?"

Posey clarified that the number would just be the minimum and would not be the "optimum" number the board should aim for, saying that "the maximum ought to be

pretty big, something like 15."

This larger number of members, he said, should include representatives from the historical society, parks and recreation, and other town boards.

"There just might be some other groups who should have a seat at this table. And if you don't have a pretty large number as a maximum, then we're probably leaving somebody out that we shouldn't leave out," he said.

Dufour said, "I completely agree."

As long as the maximum number of members was going up, according to Dufour, she was supportive of the minimum number going down.

It was then decided to take a vote on two different sets of ranges for the minimum and maximum number of board members — seven to 13 or seven to 15. The seven to 15 range was supported by the majority of the board and was adopted into the bylaws.

On the issue of conflict of interest, Posey reported to the board that he had brought the issue up at a previous town council meeting, where he also serves as a town council member.

At the council meeting, Posey pushed for a town-wide, across-the-board conflict-of-interest policy that would cover all advisory boards under the town.

He explained that he would rather see the Main Street Board leave the conflict-of-interest issue "out of the bylaws" and have "a conflict-of-interest policy for us and all advisory boards."

He tried to get this issue included as an agenda item for one of the council's upcoming meetings.

Mayor Shari Pierce said, "I think there's already policies in place. We've had two training sessions since I became mayor that addressed this issue."

She asked Town Attorney Clay Buchner "to weigh in" on if the town should write its own policy on conflict of interest that would cover all of its advisory boards.

Buchner answered, "We already have established ethics and conduct that address conflict of interest."

He further explained how there are basically three types of conflicts of interest: "a significant personal interest, a monetary interest, and the appearance of impropriety."

These conflicts extend to immediate family members, he explained.

"I don't think it's possible to put a conflict-of-interest policy together that covers every type of conflict. It really is ad hoc determinations based on present circumstances," he said.

He added that circumstances are "constantly changing. Just when

you think you have it figured out, you'll find another circumstance that needs another analysis or discussion, and so I think what we have in place is standard and it's pursuant to the Colorado Constitution, and ethics and government."

Beyond that, he explained it is up to the council's discretion about how much it wants to clarify the policy, but he also cautioned, "There's no way you're going to cover it all. You could have a 150-page policy on conflict of interest and you might be scratching the surface."

Posey expressed dissatisfaction with this explanation, explaining that on the Main Street Board there are various members who are in the business community. Since many items that come before the board could tangentially benefit their businesses, he worried that by not having a clear policy on the issue it could open up the board to uncertainty and unnecessary recusals every time the board discusses items loosely related to their businesses.

Pierce referred Posey to the ethics training that all council members received and said that "it's up to each individual person to make that decision, so I can't tell you when you need to recuse yourself ... that's solely your decision."

She asked Buchner if her interpretation is correct.

He affirmed and added, "You could always ask for an opinion from me."

He also suggested that another option is to make the question a matter of public discussion and public disclosure.

Here, Buchner reminded the council that conflict-of-interest questions are often a "trial by public," noting the public appearance of a conflict of interest is an important matter to consider when council or board members hope to avoid such a public appearance of impropriety.

Pierce added, "So, maybe it's just a question of better understanding the policies that are in place?"

Posey replied, "But if we are gonna leave it ad hoc to each member, well, then, well, I don't know. Then we already have a policy, we're just making it up as we go along."

Two days later, when the issue came up at the Main Street meeting, Posey expressed that he was not satisfied with the town's response to the issue and said that he had "been angling for the town council to have a more clarified conflict-of-interest policy, and that is not going to happen."

After pushing for a town-wide policy, he sensed "no appetite for that," either.

The advice that he said he received from the town attorney was that the Main Street Board is covered "merely by the ethics line in

the town charter, which essentially leaves it up to each person to decide whether they have a conflict of interest or not. So, you're on your own. That's about all you're going to get as far as direction from anybody."

McFadden wanted to make sure that the board was aware that "these bylaws will have to go before the town council for approval, so if we include a conflict-of-interest clause, it's likely that it will not get approved with that included."

Board President Rick Holter said, "My take on this is that we should put it in there and make 'em strike it, because it's the right thing."

Dufour said that she agreed, saying, "For this particular board there is a great sensitivity to the interests of the members ... and not allowing ourselves to be portrayed as self-serving is of the utmost importance."

Board member Robert Melun also agreed with Holter, saying, "We need to leave this in. If the town wants it out, OK, maybe we need to make that choice, but we want it."

Ultimately, the board decided to include a conflict-of-interest clause in its bylaws

The policy that the board decided on states, "All Board members shall disclose at all times any and all conflicts of interest. If any Board member has a material financial interest in, is employed by, or has a close family member in a position of power over an entity associated with any formal agreement being discussed or voted upon, that Board member shall disclose such conflict of interest to the Board and recuse themselves from all decision-making."

A motion was made to keep the conflict-of-interest policy in the bylaws. There were no objections and the motion was carried unanimously.

These bylaws will now go before town council for final approval.
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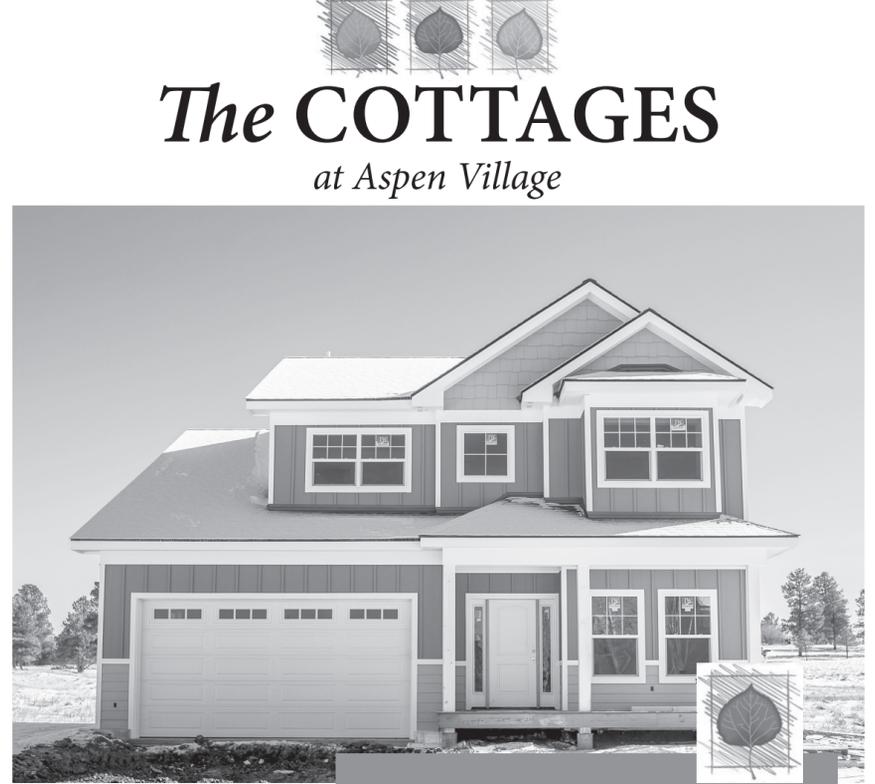
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Education

Local student to participate in National Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.



Rachael Berndt

By **Hillary Knox**
La Plata Electric Association

La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) selected local high school junior Rachael Berndt to spend a week in the nation's capital as part of the National Rural Electric Youth Tour.

Berndt was selected based on merit and leadership and will join 34 student delegates from Colorado.

"After a few years off due to COVID, we were happy to see such a strong pool of applicants for this year's youth tour to Washington, D.C.," said LPEA CEO Jessica Matlock. "This is a great opportunity for our future local leaders to learn more about political processes

and the electrical industry, and to make connections with others that could shift the trajectory of their lives."

Students will learn about the utility cooperative business model, visit historical monuments and memorials, and meet elected officials from June 12-18. The trip is fully sponsored by LPEA and the Colorado Rural Electric Association.

"I'm completely grateful to be given this incredible opportunity to go on the LPEA Youth Tour," said Berndt. "I'm beyond thrilled to explore new places and to dive deep into all kinds of history, culture and experiences."

More than 1,800 students from 45 states will participate this year.



Photos courtesy Seeds of Learning

Love, kindness and the smell of chocolate was in the air at Seeds of Learning on Valentine's Day. The children from the ladybug classroom learned how to make chocolate-covered strawberries while cozy in their pajamas.

Deadline to sign up for first round of Colorado's Universal Preschool Program extended to Feb. 24

Colorado Department of Early Childhood

Since launching the application for Universal Preschool (UPK) Colorado this January, nearly 28,000 families have signed up to participate in the state-funded high-quality, voluntary mixed-delivery preschool program available to every child in the year before they are eligible to enter kindergarten.

More than 150 new providers have signed up to participate in UPK since the January family launch. To ensure that as many Colorado parents as possible are able to sign up for the program and recognizing that this is a new system, the Colorado Department of Early Childhood (CDEC) is extending its timeline to allow ample time for families to re-enter the system and review and edit their applications. This adjusted timeline will also allow new families to get into

the system before the first round of matching.

"Our priority is to ensure every eligible Colorado kid is able to access our preschool program and this extension will give families more time to enroll, put their child on the path to success and help save families an average of \$6,000 per year," said Dr. Lisa Roy, CDEC executive director.

From Feb. 17-24, the CDEC will allow families who have already selected their providers to reopen their initial application and re-evaluate their choices of providers to make sure they still have the best providers selected for their needs. The CDEC has modified the timeline of future application launches to accommodate the circumstances and to give families ample time to review their choices. Additionally, the deadline for families to apply in the first round of applications has been extended to Feb. 24.

On Feb. 27, the matching process will begin with the first batch of applications. On March 30, families will receive an email from the state letting them know who they matched with and what the next steps for enrollment look like.

The system will continue to be open to new families to apply throughout the spring, summer and into fall. The CDEC will announce a date for the second batch of applications to be matched after the first batch of applicants is matched. This will allow us to make any needed improvements before then.

Every child will receive up to 15 hours of UPK per week in the year before they are eligible for kindergarten. Up to 30 hours of free preschool will be available for children with one or more qualifying factors, pending availability and funding. Three-year-olds with one or more qualifying factors are eligible for 10 hours. Qualifying factors include

household incomes under 270 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, having an Individualized Education Program (IEP), housing status, dual-language learner and foster/kinship care.

For families with 3- or 4-year-olds in need of special education preschool services, please register on upk.colorado.gov and select if your child has an IEP. Families with 3-year-olds will then select the school district they live in and will be contacted by the school district directly to determine enrollment in a specific school. Every Colorado family with a 4-year-old that wants to participate in UPK Colorado will be able to do so, and the CDEC anticipates a successful launch in the 2023-24 school year.

Enrollment is on a rolling basis and families can log in to UPK.Colorado.Gov to find a provider in their area. There is no deadline to sign up. Learn more about Colorado's UPK program at <https://cdec.colorado.gov/colorado-universal-preschool>.

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Upper San Juan Search and Rescue seeks volunteers to serve our community

By Laura Brooks
Upper San Juan Search and Rescue

All year long, a group of dedicated, local volunteers is called out to help people who are lost or injured in the back country. Trained volunteers with the Upper San Juan Search and Rescue respond to lost person reports, injuries and emergency situations — often in challenging conditions.

Once a year in February, the group seeks new volunteers with the skills, time and fitness to join the group and serve their community. If you've ever thought about becoming a recruit, now is the time to apply.

The 2023 application period will open in February. Applications are accepted once a year from Feb. 1

through Feb. 28. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age and willing to submit to a background check.

Once your background check is successfully completed, you will be evaluated for physical fitness to take part in searches which occur in rough mountainous terrain, day or night, and in all types of weather. Mental qualifications involve the ability to cope with finding a critically injured or deceased victim.

The group will interview all accepted applicants by March 31.

Before being accepted as a member, you must undergo training in outdoor rope-based actions, patient assessment, care and packaging, navigation skills, and knot-tying knowledge. Victim evacuations, searches, technical

rescues, rappelling and climbing are strenuous, sometimes hazardous activities. The group provides training to new members to help mitigate risks and improve mission success.

Once accepted, new members should obtain CPR training and certification within one year, continue with their training, and be willing to use their phone for navigation apps and Active 911 alerts.

Volunteers are expected to stay in good physical condition and know when they are unable to perform because of sickness or other obligations. It is each member's responsibility to obtain competent instruction, choose quality equipment and use adequate safety precautions. The main goal of

search and rescue is always to perform a successful rescue on every mission. There is no "glory" in a mountain rescue. Although there may be great personal satisfaction, participation in a mission involves long periods of waiting, followed by long periods of very hard and disagreeable work.

Volunteering for search and rescue can be extremely rewarding by allowing you to sharpen your skills and serve with a professional group in challenging conditions.

If you would like to apply for membership, please visit the Upper San Juan Search and Rescue website at <https://www.usjsar.org> and fill out the application.

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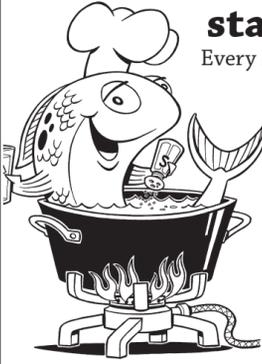
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Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Calls for service for two weeks: 367.

Jan. 30 — All other thefts, Cattle Trail Place.

Feb. 4 — Identity theft-intent, fraud by check-other method, Island Place.

Feb. 6 — Drove vehicle without insurance, expired license plates, Pike Drive/U.S. 160.

Feb. 7 — Information only, U.S. 160.

Feb. 7 — Cruelty/animals-neglect/mistreat, Alpine Drive.

Feb. 7 — All other thefts, Alpine Drive.

Feb. 8 — Under investigation, no location listed.

Feb. 9 — Warrant arrest, Harman Park Drive.

Feb. 9 — Information only, Davis Cup Drive.

Feb. 10 — Warrant arrest, West U.S. 160.

Feb. 10 — Warrant arrest, U.S. 160.

Feb. 11 — Agency assist, South 8th Street.

Feb. 11 — Warrant arrest, Eagle Drive.

Feb. 11 — All other thefts, Ace Court.

Feb. 13 — Information only, South 10th Street.

Feb. 13 — Failure to register as sex offender, Hilltop Drive.

Feb. 13 — Information only, Hilltop Drive.

Feb. 12 — Information only, Big Sky Place.

Feb. 13 — Theft by receiving, West U.S. 160.

Feb. 13 — Controlled substance special offender, possession of a defaced firearm, Schedule II substance-opium or derivative, unlawfully carrying a concealed weapon, Bonanza Avenue.

Feb. 13 — Warrant arrest, warrant arrest, warrant arrest, Bonanza Avenue.

Feb. 13 — Driving under restraint alcohol/drug-related offense, vehicle with defective or no stop light(s), North Pagosa Boulevard.

Feb. 15 — Abandonment of motor vehicle, Vista Boulevard.

Feb. 15 — Violation of restraining order, Harman Park Drive.

Feb. 15 — Information only, East Pagosa Street.

Feb. 15 — First-degree aggravated motor vehicle theft, Cactus Drive.

Feb. 15 — First-degree aggravated motor vehicle theft, Roosevelt Drive.

Feb. 16 — Information only, Meadowlark Drive/Buttercup Drive.

Feb. 16 — Agency assist, Pagosa Street.

Feb. 16 — Information only, Navajo Trail Drive.

Feb. 17 — Information only, Gully Place.

Feb. 17 — Agency assist, Navajo Trail Drive.

Feb. 18 — Drove vehicle without valid driver's license, open container in a motor vehicle, West U.S. 160/County Road 700.

Feb. 19 — Domestic violence, third-degree assault-simple assault, violation of restraining order, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Balfour Court.

Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department
Calls for service for two weeks: 304.

Feb. 9 — Theft, San Juan Street.

Feb. 9 — Unlawful possession controlled substance, warrant arrest, Pagosa Street.

Feb. 10 — Owner/custodian allowed animal to run at large, Goldmine Drive.

Feb. 11 — Assault third degree, 8th Street.

Feb. 11 — Warrant arrest, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Feb. 12 — DUI, failure to use turn signal, open container in motor vehicle, 14th Street.

Feb. 13 — Build tent, booth, stand in park without permission, San Juan Street.

Feb. 14 — Nuisance, animal running at large, Hermosa Street.

Feb. 14 — DUI, failed to display valid registration, San Juan Street.

Feb. 15 — Shoplifting, Pagosa Street.

Feb. 15 — Warrant arrest, Eagle Drive.

Feb. 16 — Assault second degree, domestic violence, San Juan Street.

Feb. 17 — Criminal mischief, 8th Street.

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

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Feb. 9 — William Tyrell Sweitzer, controlled substance-unlawful use, 12 months probation, fines and costs — \$1,149.50.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Feb. 8 — Aaron Michael Steil, assault 3-know/reckless cause injury, three months jail, fines and costs — \$2,525.50.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson
No report.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, Feb. 23

Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting. 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Pagosa Springs Town Council work session. 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Monday, Feb. 27

Health Department Transitional Advisory Committee meeting. 9 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Joint Board of County Commissioners/Southern Ute Tribal Council work session. 10:30 a.m., 356 Ouray Drive, Ignacio. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors special meeting. 1:30 p.m. Join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9656099136?pwd=Z3Job2R1eXl0SE8rZrNpL0FucGpKZz09>, meeting ID: 965 609 9136, passcode: 00001.

Tuesday, Feb. 28

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=d1FFV0J1cGVK1NHWFFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Archuleta School District Board of Education retreat. 3 p.m., 165 S. 2nd St. For more information, visit www.mypagosaschools.com.

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/>.

Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors regular meeting. 5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Medical Center board room, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd., or Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88304467907>, meeting ID: 883 0446 7907.

Tuesday, March 7

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=d1FFV0J1cGVK1NHWFFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners meeting. 1:30 p.m. Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVK1NHWFFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.



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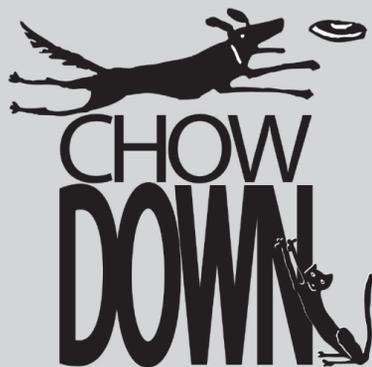
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Water

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than those indicated in the Wilson Water Group study, with PAWSD's drought management plan expecting approximately 2 percent annual population growth.

Hudson commented that the Growing Water Smart group, which was largely funded by SJWCD, had estimated approximately 1.7 or 1.6 percent annual growth.

"So, I don't see any real justification for coming to a conclusion that the Dry Gulch reservoir should be 11,000 acre-feet and that ... we should guess at 5 percent growth — three times what the Growing Water Smart group advised us," Hudson said.

PAWSD vice president Glenn Walsh commented that 5 percent growth is "literally impossible."

Hudson asked if the board wanted to make an official statement opposing the reservoir size set by SJWCD, adding that he would like the board to take the position that PAWSD has not defined a size and that "11,000 acre-feet isn't justified by how we look into the future."

Walsh highlighted that Wilson Water Group report indicated that, under its highest growth projection of 5 percent for a decade and then 20 years of 2 percent growth, all water needs could be met by a 3,000 acre-foot reservoir.

He added that, under PAWSD's lower growth projection, a reservoir might not be necessary.

Walsh continued, commenting that the 11,000-acre-foot size might be "very impractical" for the effort to secure state, federal or tribal partners to fund the construction of the reservoir.

He also noted that, in 2009, the cost of the dam for the 19,000 acre-foot reservoir plan that SJWCD was proposing at the time was \$161 million, and engineer Steve Harris had indicated that the cost of the dam for a 12,000-acre-foot reservoir might be 10 to 15 percent less, for a cost of approximately \$140 million in 2009 dollars, which Walsh estimated could be \$400 million or \$500 million at current prices.

Walsh commented that he would like the Wilson Water Group study to plug the PAWSD water demand projections into its reservoir calculations.

"Plug our numbers in," Walsh commented. "Don't inflate our numbers. Don't substitute your judgment for our judgment and we won't go to the other recorders and substitute our judgment for your judgment. And then we have the basis ... for mutual respect. And they may have some quibbles with our projections; we may have some quibbles with their numbers. But, they're using them to go get grants to see if they can entice a state park down there. I mean, I can say, we're going to consider a 20-year plan ... there's not a single dollar for use in Dry Gulch. If we had a 40-year plan, there would

not be a single dollar for Dry Gulch. I don't imagine this district spending another dollar on the dam project. If San Juan can work up a whole set of partners and eventually build a reservoir or a big lake there, we may say, 'Hey listen, in return for what we spent on the land, here's the land, you give us 2,000 feet.' ... But, I don't see us spending another dollar on that project. We're paying off the mortgage. That's our job, to pay off the mortgage."

Walsh added that he feels the PAWSD water demand estimates are "very prudent" and an improvement over the Wilson Water Group numbers, such as with not including growth in water loss and water to the golf course, which the Wilson Water Group included.

He commented that the Wilson Water Group study using PAWSD numbers would provide a "solid basis" for SJWCD attempting to find partners as there would be "no illusion" that PAWSD would continue to invest in the project, although he noted he thinks that the 11,000-acre-foot size goal gets "in the way" of a potential state park because the size is too large, although something smaller could be feasible.

PAWSD treasurer Peter Hurley questioned what issue was before the board.

PAWSD president Jim Smith explained that SJWCD's job is to find the money to build a dam, highlighting that SJWCD had had 15 years to

do so and had "found no money."

SJWCD Board of Directors president Al Pfister, who was in the audience, stated, "You could state it that way if you want."

Smith commented that he saw no way that PAWSD would endorse any size or reservoir until SJWCD comes up with the money to build it.

Walsh commented that, if another two years elapses and PAWSD is 10 years into its 20-year agreement with the state and SJWCD has no "credible partner" present, then PAWSD should attempt to renegotiate the loan on the Running Iron Ranch property with the state, highlighting the inability to find partners, to extend the period to pay off the loan and delay the construction of the reservoir.

He noted that if PAWSD were funding the construction of the reservoir, it would not be built for a "long, long time" and would likely be small, similar to Stevens Lake.

According to the PAWSD website, Stevens Lake is the largest reservoir in the district's reservoir system at 1,730 acre-feet. Lake Pagosa is the second largest at 920 acre-feet and Lake Hatcher is 880 acre-feet.

Hurley questioned why the focus is not on it becoming a state park, to which Pfister explained, "There hasn't been a whole lot of effort exerted on that to date."

Hurley questioned why and Pfister explained that SJWCD has been "fighting other battles."

Hurley explained that he had not known much about SJWCD and had researched its website, finding that it had formed in 1987 for water storage and questioning if there has been any water storage created since then by the district.

Pfister explained that the SJWCD had attempted to create the Hidden Valley reservoir, although that had failed and was before his involvement with the organization.

"I guess my point is ... it's been from 1987 to now ..." Hurley said.

Pfister interrupted that the 1987 date was a "misrepresentation" and Hurley agreed to reduce the period from 2004 to the present.

Hurley added that he went through SJWCD's website "because one of our constituents said, 'Who are these guys? Why do they exist?' and I didn't have an answer. So, I'm going through this and I guess my question is, I don't really care about the size of a reservoir. We don't have the money and we don't have any partners. Why are we talking about this? Can you guys tell me?"

Pfister replied that, to him, the Wilson Water Group study outlines the reasons for a reservoir and that creating one is the mission of the SJWCD and what the taxpayers are paying for.

"That's really what I'm getting at," Hurley said. "Since 1987 people have been paying taxes. How much do you collect a year?"

Pfister responded that the SJWCD collect \$70,000.

"So, for 45 years you've been collecting \$70,000," Hurley said.

Pfister interrupted that this is "not true" and Hurley replied, "Whatever."

"So, where'd that money go?" Hurley asked.

Pfister explained that Hurley can examine SJWCD's books to find out and that significant money had been expended on attempting to pass a \$2 million mill levy in 2017 for a land exchange and associated National Environmental Policy Act study that failed "3-to-1."

Walsh commented that, prior to this, PAWSD, the state and SJWCD had created an agreement where PAWSD would take on SJWCD's share of the debt on the Running Iron Ranch property in exchange for the SJWCD finding partners.

"But right after we sign on the dotted line, the first thing you did was go to local taxpayers and look for \$2 million, so that's why they voted against you, cause it was, 'Wait a second, if you're gonna go and find federal, regional, compact call concerns, tribal, development partners, why is the first thing you're doing looking for a 2 million,' and I don't think you even voted for that, 'a \$2 million tax increase?'"

Airport

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He explained that the FBO had been initially acquired by Avjet Corporation, which he had owned, and that in 2016 he sold three divisions to General Dynamics, but had retained the FBO and transferred it to a company called Blackhawk Aviation, which he also owns, which does business as Avjet Pagosa Springs.

Foukrod elaborated that he had worked for Boeing, McDonnell

Pfister explained that he had not voted for the attempt to pass the mill levy because he did not think that "all the ducks were in a row" to complete the proposed project.

He added that he had recently met with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and there was "some potential" for support on a reservoir as well as having recently learned about a Bureau of Reclamation grant program offering up to \$30 million for reservoirs up to 30,000 acre-feet.

"But a 30,000-acre-foot reservoir would cost \$1.3 billion," Walsh commented.

Pfister responded that SJWCD is not going for a 30,000-acre-foot reservoir and expressed his frustration with "you guys throwing out these numbers."

Walsh replied that he was giving the SJWCD a "solid number" while the SJWCD was being "more theoretical," noting that the SJWCD's population growth numbers would be unfeasible for PAWSD to do with its available staff and resources.

Pfister commented that not all the municipal demand numbers are based on the 5 percent population growth figure quoted by Walsh, noting that the study describes a range of potential growth rates and discusses the likelihood of those possibilities, although it is not possible to know what population growth might occur.

"Nobody knowing is not an excuse," PAWSD board member Gene Tautges commented. "To cut to the chase, I guess, and I understand where you're coming from, how can you get a price for a reservoir when you don't know what size it needs to be? I think this board is saying we know what our demand is. Take it from us and plug that into the spreadsheet ... and our work is basically done. We've told you what we think we need and now agriculture and everybody else needs to go in there. To me, it's not that big of a deal. ... Arguably, our ... opinion's not going to change much because some of the stuff we've been talking about is, physically, impossible. So maybe this board's a little bit more on the reality end, and plug our numbers in and go to the partners and ... you can now get a price for that reservoir that's a justifiable, not a 5 percent or whatever."

Pfister questioned how the PAWSD numbers differ from the Wilson Water Group study numbers.

Walsh explained that PAWSD's projections are slightly lower than the 1.7 percent growth number produced by the Wilson Water Group study and added that the SJWCD should respect PAWSD's expertise by using its data for water demand growth.

SJWCD board member Joe Tedder explained that the Wilson Water Group study also incorporated other concerns such as river health and recreation in calculations of reservoir size.

He also noted that the 11,000-acre-foot size had resulted from a previous Colorado Supreme Court decision.

PAWSD Manager/District Engineer Justin Ramsey commented that any partner in building the reservoir would have a substantial say in its size as PAWSD has certain water demands and cannot contribute to funding the project, meaning that the size would be driven by the needs of the partners.

Tedder stated that the SJWCD would agree to move forward using PAWSD's number for water demand growth in its future calculations, although it is "disingenuous" to say that the SJWCD wanted to charge PAWSD customers to build the dam.

Walsh stated that language comes from the "imprecision" in the way the SJWCD announced it, citing a headline from water blog Coyote Gulch indicating that PAWSD and SJWCD are building an 11,000-acre-foot reservoir.

Pfister noted he cannot control what Coyote Gulch states, which Walsh responded to by highlighting that Pfister could control using PAWSD's water demand projections.

"That can be done," Pfister stated. Tautges highlighted that the court decided the size of the reservoir.

Pfister commented that the court

decision was not based on a significant amount of data and that the Wilson Water Group study indicated that meeting moderate demand for all uses would require 10,000 acre-feet, which SJWCD had increased to 11,000 to "somewhat coincide" with the court decision.

Following a discussion where Hurley highlighted that the SJWCD needs to find partners as PAWSD will not contribute to the reservoir since collaborating on the project "didn't work out too well" and Pfister commented that SJWCD is working on doing this, although it is progressing at a "glacial speed," Hurley again questioned why the PAWSD board was discussing the topic.

Walsh commented that PAWSD is the only one with "financial skin in this game" and that PAWSD may need to consider whether to "mothball" the project and refinance if the SJWCD does not find partners, something which he felt the 11,000-acre-foot size would inhibit given its cost.

Hurley responded that it is not PAWSD's job to designate a size or determine how SJWCD finds partners and that it simply services the mortgage on the property.

Ramsey commented that, if significant time elapses before any partners are found, the models will need to be redone and that he agreed with Hurley that PAWSD's role is to pay off the mortgage.

Walsh commented that PAWSD has a window of opportunity to sell the property if it continues to be financially underwater and that the 11,000-acre-foot size could inhibit the acquisition of partners who could build a reservoir and prevent PAWSD from needing to sell the property.

Pfister asked Walsh how much building a 5,000-acre-foot reservoir would cost compared to an 11,000-acre-foot reservoir.

Walsh noted that from previous estimates a smaller reservoir would likely be significantly less expensive due to the topography of the site.

Pfister explained that funding a preconstruction cost estimate is in SJWCD's 2023 budget.

Ramsey questioned why the SJWCD was considering this, noting, "You don't have any partners to do it. If you don't have any partners for 10 years, that budget's no good."

Hurley agreed and questioned why the SJWCD continues to spend money on consultants, noting that he did not get what the SJWCD's mission is or why the focus is not on finding partners prior to performing studies.

Hurley suggested that the SJWCD continue discussions with the Southern Utes and determine what size reservoir they were interested in.

Smith commented that he has a friend who works with the Southern Utes on water policy and this friend had indicated that the Utes would not be seriously interested in the reservoir.

"If I were the Utes, I wouldn't join up either," Hurley commented before reiterating his question of why PAWSD was discussing the topic.

Smith agreed for the board to move on.

"Thanks for the great discussion," Hudson commented. "Appreciate that."

Walsh also thanked Ramsey for his "very prudent and really solid approach" to water projection.

The discussion concluded with agreeing to set up a joint meeting with the SJWCD board and Walsh recommending that the topics to be discussed at the meeting could include PAWSD's employee housing project on Running Iron Ranch and potential work with the SJWCD to improve water service to Aspen Springs.

Pfister agreed that the Aspen Springs project could be valuable, although he noted, "I don't want ... Dry Gulch to go off of the agenda either."

Walsh noted that he feels there is not much further discussion between the two districts on the reservoir project besides PAWSD's desire for the SJWCD to find partners.

That joint work session is slated to be held at 4 p.m. on March 9 in the PAWSD meeting room at 100 Lyn Ave.

drug threat our nation has ever encountered," said Administrator Anne Milgram, according to the DEA's website. "Fentanyl is everywhere. From large metropolitan areas to rural America, no community is safe from this poison. We must take every opportunity to spread the word to prevent fentanyl-related overdose death and poisonings from claiming scores of American lives every day."

"Criminal drug networks are mass-producing fake pills and falsely marketing them as legitimate prescription pills to deceive the American public," the DEA's "One Pill Can Kill" Website states.

It notes, "Fake pills are easy to purchase, widely available, often contain fentanyl or methamphetamine, and can be deadly."

The website further notes, "Fake prescription pills are easily accessible and often sold on social media and e-commerce platforms, making them available to anyone with a smartphone, including minors."

According to the agency, many fake pills are made to look like prescription drugs such as oxycodone (Oxycontin®, Percocet®), hydrocodone (Vicodin®), and alprazolam (Xanax®); or stimulants like amphetamines (Adderall®).

For more information, visit <https://www.dea.gov/onepill>.

A rise in overdose deaths

Archuleta County Coroner Brandon Bishop indicated there has been an increase in overdose deaths in recent years.

According to Bishop, there were no overdoses found at autopsy in 2020. In 2021, two overdoses were found at autopsy. In 2022, there were five overdoses found at autopsy.

Those overdose deaths, Bishop explained, include a variety of causes including fentanyl, alcohol, hydromorphone, cocaine and methamphetamine.

Drug interdiction

Le Roux explained part of the challenge is that drug interdiction is difficult, particularly for smaller agencies.

"Drug interdiction is such a labor-intensive, resource-driven activity," he said. "Finding a quantity of illicit narcotics in a vehicle, for example, is a lot harder than 600 or 1,000 marijuana plants. ... Interdiction work, whilst we obviously as an agency do what we can to intercept that stuff, that requires a skill set that needs dedicated resources for a period of time."

Drug-interdiction actions, he noted, "are significantly difficult in the current climate that we have."

He also suggested part of the process is tracking and quantifying the problem over time.

"We obviously welcome any information we can get regarding any illegal narcotic activity within the county," he said.

Le Roux suggested anyone with information on illegal narcotics activity call Archuleta County Com-

bined Dispatch at (970) 731-2160.

"Help us help you get it off the streets," he said.

Le Roux explained the ACSO has applied for a grant that would, in part, allow the agency to purchase a handheld narcotics analyzer that would increase officer safety and efficiency by providing "presumptive evidence" and expediting the agency's process since the state's lab is backed up.

Le Roux acknowledged the Colorado State Patrol has a drug interdiction team, and there is a drug task force based out of La Plata County that Archuleta County can use to leverage resources in certain circumstances.

Le Roux also noted that the Fentanyl Accountability And Prevention Act creates a challenge because, for example, it makes the possession of under 1 gram of a compound that contains fentanyl and other synthetic opioids a misdemeanor, with the penalties going up from there.

But, he pointed out, the DEA notes that 2 mg is a potentially lethal dose.

"That's 500 lethal doses in 1 gram of fentanyl, right? So when you start doing the math, that is, there's a miss, right?" he posed.

He also indicated that, until a lab tests a pill, the amount of the dangerous substance in a pill is unknown.

In a separate interview, Sixth Judicial District Attorney Christian Champagne also acknowledged the reform bill was a "giant" political fight.

The bill, according to its legislative declaration, recognizes that the "illegal distribution of synthetic opiates, including fentanyl, carfentanil, benzimidazole opiate, and analogs thereof, presents a serious health risk in Colorado and across the country" and that the "increase in the number of overdose deaths in Colorado demands a comprehensive response by communities and elected officials, designed to reduce the risks of harm to all people and recalibrate the criminal justice system's response to illegal distribution of these dangerous drugs."

It further notes, "Colorado has not adequately funded behavioral health interventions, treatment, overdose prevention, and other supportive services that research demonstrates reduce the risk of harm and the recovery of people suffering from a behavioral health disorder."

The bill indicates the state's priority is the "prosecution of drug dealers who manufacture, distribute, dispense, or sell fentanyl, carfentanil, benzimidazole opiate, and analogs thereof, not the prosecution of low-level drug possessors."

For more on the act, which was signed into law in May of 2022, visit <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb22-1326>.

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Drugs

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of methamphetamines, 1.1 grams of heroin and 131 grams (131,000 milligrams) of fentanyl.

The press release notes that 2 mg of fentanyl is a potentially lethal dose, meaning 131 grams potentially equates to 65,500 lethal doses.

By the end of 2022, according to Le Roux, additional quantities had been seized, likely bringing the amount of fentanyl seized to about 140 grams.

A press release from the agency notes the illegal substances were seized by patrol deputies and detectives during routine traffic stops, warrant arrest, theft/burglary investigations, and the execution of search warrants on dwellings and vehicles.

Le Roux explained that it's hard to answer questions about the state of illicit substances in the area categorically, but indicated the quantity of narcotics the ACSO has seized leads the agency to flag it as a concern locally.

"We know it's out there. You read about it, you hear about it anecdotally, but until such time you can ... actually make a seizure in some way, shape or form ... It's starting to quantify," he said, noting that's something the ACSO is working to do.

He also noted fentanyl is more prevalent than it has been in the last couple of years and indicated the agency is working to understand the factors contributing to the increase, included increased personal use and the area's rural location away from interstates and agencies with more resources committed to drug interdiction.

"It's deadly stuff," he said, adding, "It's becoming more and more available, and it's more out there, for sure."

'One Pill Can Kill'

Because of the risk of fentanyl, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has launched the 'One Pill Can Kill' campaign to provide information on the substance and its dangers — a resource Le Roux points people toward.

The ACSO press release notes that fentanyl "remains the deadliest drug threat facing this nation. In 2021, a record number of Americans died from a drug poisoning or overdose, with approximately sixty-six percent of those deaths being attributed to synthetic opioids such as fentanyl."

That risk has grown to include rainbow fentanyl.

"Drug traffickers have expanded their inventory to sell fentanyl in a variety of bright colors, shapes, and sizes," the press release notes. "Rainbow fentanyl was first reported to DEA in February 2022, and has subsequently been seized in 21 states."

According to the DEA's website, the DEA has seized more than 4.5 million fentanyl pills and more than 800 pounds of fentanyl powder in 2023.

"Fentanyl is the single deadliest

Broadband

■ Continued from front

A CNL, according to an informative document provided to the board in January, is a “relatively low cost method of addressing an uncompetitive broadband market.”

A CNL, the document explains, is rack space in any location that is not owned and operated by a service provider. It is where middle-mile providers terminate their services (such as fiber and microwave) and where last-mile providers originate their services to the homes and businesses in the community.

“One approach is for the CNL to be located in a publicly owned space such that the community holds the leverage on broadband environment over service providers,” the document explains. “The CNL represents a ‘digital marketplace’ not unlike Main Street shops. That is, the town maintains Main Street and the merchants enjoy the benefits of paved streets, sidewalks, police and fire protection, etc.”

According to the two approved resolutions, PSMC anticipates leasing an area of land that is 40 feet by 20 feet along with easements for associated fiber.

The January resolution outlines that the PSCDC applied for and received a grant from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs to address broadband, including to purchase and install a new CNL in Archuleta County; the grant requires matching funds which were funded by the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and some in-kind support from LPEA.”

The January resolution further explains that, with the grant funding, the PSCDC’s Broadband Services Management Office (BSMO) is purchasing a CNL “building/bunker” that is approximately 26 feet long and 12 feet wide with concrete walls.

It states that the CNL building requires a concrete foundation, a concrete or rock skirt approximately 7 feet wide around the building, electrical service, paved access (that is plowed) and access to easements for redundant fiber access.

The January resolution also outlines that the PSCDC’s “business plan to support the CNL is to lease rack space to private internet service providers and use the proceeds to pay for a land lease for the building, maintenance of the building, operational costs (electrical service, insurance, etc.) and the manager of BSMO.”

However, during the USJHSD board’s Feb. 16 special meeting, the USJHSD board of directors were asked to authorize PSMC to allow a lower rent because the PSCDC lacks the funds to pay the \$2,000 per month rent.

In discussing potentially lowering the lease payment, PSMC CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb reminded the board that “the fiber for this community comes through our building now and has ... since it was built, I presume — since the hospital was built. And when we had initial discussions with the broadband people, some of those discussions occurred with people who no longer work here ... And then as it came forward in December when we started talking again more formally about this, a number was talked, or it was talked out that there ... could be rent associated with that. And so, in turn, we did propose what is a fair-market rent for this facility. However, it has now come to our understanding that the CDC, ... under which broadband falls, does not have a budget at this time for rent, and, in fact, has very little budget at all.”

Webb noted the PSCDC has grant money, but it has been “spoken for.” She added there is potential for

the PSCDC to get more grant money. PSMC Chief Administrative Officer Ann Bruzzese added that the board was being asked to lower the lease payment “for the benefit of the community.”

“We’re asking you for the lowest number, but...we’re gonna promote that, should the circumstances change over 10 years for the CDC, ‘cause we don’t operate at a profit ourselves and we are a community service as well,” Bruzzese explained, “but, should they end up with a lot of providers in the CNL and there’s a significant amount of income coming to the CDC for it, then I think having an escalation on rent is a reasonable thing. But today they’re saying they can’t afford anything and we think it’s still, as Rhonda said, ... we think it’s an important community benefit.”

Webb added the CNL will also help with redundancy and a faster Internet speed.

USJHSD board member Martin Rose noted that he doesn’t have an issue with the request for the floor on the lease payment, but added the 10-year lease “concerns me greatly.”

“The mere fact they don’t have a budget now — and, frankly, in my view, they should have had a budget that includes this since they knew they were gonna be doing it — I think I’d like to add a strong escalating clause in the lease that would allow us to at least annually revisit and, in fact, to suggest negotiations if they create a budget for it and if they get funding,” Rose said.

He added he is fine with the PSCDC starting at \$1 a year “if that’s what they have to do,” but that he doesn’t know why their financial situation should result in the hospital not being able to lease the land at a fair-market value for 10 years.

Bruzzese noted the idea is reasonable and pointed out that the reso-

lution asks for a floor rate because there may be factors that PSMC does not currently understand.

Other board members expressed their agreement with the idea of an escalation clause.

Board member Jason Cox — who acknowledged he was involved with the formation of the BSMO — explained that the BSMO understood it would be a community benefit, but that, as an USJHSD director, PSMC needs to get as close to fair-market value for that land as it can.

He also suggested reciprocity, which he noted could include discounts on service or things of that nature.

“I would advise the BSMO to plan in its budget for a lease that they have to pay and maybe cover a loss on,” he said.

Bruzzese indicated she understood the board’s direction, and Webb reminded the board the BSMO currently uses space at PSMC without paying rent.

The board unanimously approved the resolution allowing the lowered rent payment.

The resolution approved notes that “PSMC seeks to support the community through making a ground lease available to the CDC to enhance broadband, bandwidth and connectivity in the community and, accordingly, the Board adjusts its rent requirement set forth in Resolution 2023-02 and hereby resolves that the CEO may negotiate rent as low as one dollar (\$1.00) per year given the CDC’s lack of funds for rent.”

In other business at the same meeting, the board approved investing funds in a Colorado local government investment pool known as the Coalorado Statewide Investment Pool and approved an internal controls policy related to the management of funds.

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Airport

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to complete the building the FBO currently operates from, which the county had not been able to afford to finish, and purchasing a range of equipment, including an \$87,000 jet refuel truck, to better service airport customers.

He also commented that “some mistakes were made in building the facility” due to consultants who “wouldn’t listen to us from our experience,” including errors in constructing the hangar doors and hangar eaves.

He thanked the county for the opportunity to present and noted that Avjet is “pleased to partner with the county and help identify other things that could save money, make money.”

He added that Avjet previously proposed the construction of an additional hangar, which was met with “radio silence” from the county and that he feels the operational plan needs to be updated.

Foulkrod stated that Avjet received calls from the hospital and from pilots about why snow removal was so slow.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez commented that he had spoken with County Manager Derek Woodman about potential means to improve the airport, but that these discussions had only occurred between them so far, and there is potential to “grow with it and/or change with it.”

Commissioner Warren Brown noted that he was frustrated about the speed of the snow removal to ensure emergency flights could leave and enter more promptly, and pointed out that the county had just invested a “sizable amount of money” into a new snow blower to improve the problem.

“This is a partnership that I’m happy to see at the table,” Brown said. “I think that we can have some productive conversations in improving not only the promotion of the airport but also raising the level of service we provide as a community.”

Foulkrod recommended that the county could consider overtime work to improve the rapidity of snow removal, which Maez commented had already been implemented.

Commissioner Veronica Medina thanked Foulkrod for giving the BoCC information as there were additional topics of discussion to see how the partnership could grow and improve the airport for the county overall.

Woodman commented that there had been issues at the airport with recent snowstorms and that county government in general “hasn’t done the airport a great service” through ignoring the airport such as by not replacing equipment like snow-blowers.

He added that the county airport

manager has been given “some different directions that he probably did not receive in the past.”

Woodman commented that the relationship between the county and Avjet needs to “solidify,” with one example being that Woodman had been unaware that he was on the Airport Advisory Committee and that this committee held one annual meeting which Avjet was not involved with, although he noted this is going to be “modified.”

“The relationships will solidify. They will get better,” Woodman said, adding that having conversations is critical and that the county has never broken even on the airport, with its best year in 2021 involving the county contributing only \$50,000.

He added that the county needs to determine how to clear the runway lights in a more efficient and timely manner, noting that he and the commissioners had received phone calls about the snow-clearing problems.

Woodman also commented that it is “terrifying” that the airport is a “literal lifeline to get emergency aid, and when you can’t fly a fixed wing aircraft out of there, that’s a problem.”

He noted that the county is attempting to start clearing the snow on the runway earlier instead of waiting until the snow stops.

Maez commented that the needs of the airport have grown and potentially exceeded what the county can manage in terms of budget, noting, “Thinking outside the box, there might be some other avenues that we might have to take in the future, other discussions that we may need to have as far as the airport and what we need to do, how we need to run it and how much money we need to put into it.”

He stated that the overtime costs additional money from the county’s general fund and that he would like the airport to have a neutral impact on the general fund, “but I don’t think it’s possible, so there might be other avenues that we might have to go down and/or discuss in the future.”

Foulkrod noted that Avjet would “welcome these discussions” and commented that snow removal is “not a new science” and that the county could ask other airports how they handle it.

He stated that he has ideas on how to make the airport profitable, particularly through expanding

information on when the airport is open and what services are available, and that the FBO has seen a range of things done incorrectly at the airport over its history there and “we were continually told to stay out of it. We were never asked for advice or, if we gave advice, we were told to stay out of it.”

Maez stated that the county needs to improve collaboration and communication to address the problems.

Woodman stated that he would be willing to meet with Foulkrod to begin discussing solutions, which Foulkrod agreed with.

In other business at the work session, the BoCC heard an update from Western Colorado Regional Director Helen Katich with Sen. John Hickenlooper’s office on the senator’s priorities and potential funding opportunities for the county.

The BoCC also heard a proposal from the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs concerning a potential land swap with the county using a piece of property recently donated to the Humane Society on Cat Creek Road and suggested that it would consider the idea.

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San Juan Water Conservancy District meeting devolves into argument over reservoir size and water demand estimates

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

A little over an hour into the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) Board of Director's meeting on Feb. 20, during the Director's Report, the members got into a heated debate lasting around 45 minutes.

At issue was the board's previous decision to endorse a size of 11,000 acre-feet for a proposed reservoir in Dry Gulch Valley and, together with that, a discussion about data in the Wilson Water Group study, which the board's reservoir size decision was partly based upon.

Sparking the debate was board president Al Pfister's update that he had received a new "water demand study" from Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Manager Justin Ramsey. This study is an alternative to the Wilson Water Group demand study that the SJWCD commissioned.

The Wilson Water Group study sought to "document current and potential future water demands for municipal, agricultural, environmental, and recreational users in the Upper San Juan region and identify options for meeting future potential water supply shortages."

The study projects future growth in the area up to the year 2050.

Pfister said that PAWSD "didn't like the range of population growth estimates that were used in the Wilson Water Group report."

For example, the Wilson study gives a range of estimates for the region's population growth through 2050, with the low at 1.7 percent growth and the high at 5 percent growth.

Board member Bill Nobles asked if PAWSD thinks the estimates are "too high or too low," with Pfister replying, "Well, they just wanted a firm 2 percent [growth]."

Pfister then asked if the board wanted to consider paying more money to have the Wilson Water Group rerun the numbers with the 2 percent growth estimate preferred by PAWSD.

Board member Candace Jones asked what was wrong with just allowing the two studies to stand on their own.

"It's just more information, right? We have one study and one other study, right? We can look at them together," she said.

Pfister said this is definitely an option. But he also noted that it would be relatively easy — and cheaper "than the \$16,000 sum it cost us before" — for the Wilson Water Group to just rerun the numbers at the 2 percent growth estimate.

This sparked concern that rerunning the numbers might change the size of the proposed reservoir, which the board had already voted on and approved at the previous meeting.

To this, Pfister said it would not likely change the reservoir size all that much.

That prompted Nobles to ask why they should rerun the study and if it would be to "accommodate the PAWSD board? Are they even interested in the Wilson Water study?"

"They are definitely interested," Pfister said. "They just don't like the range of estimated growth."

Nobles asked if there is anything else PAWSD didn't like about the study, and Pfister replied that PAWSD doesn't believe that the Wilson Water Group is "qualified to say how the environmental, recreational and agricultural needs" of the area might grow.

Board member Joe Tedder added that PAWSD also takes issue with correlating population growth estimates with a growing need of water usage from the golf course.

He noted that increased irrigation and leakage rates might not necessarily track at the same rate as population growth.

Tedder said he "wasn't sure" why

the study did it that way, saying, "It's not a huge difference in terms of the final number that we get to, but I think we could get closer to what the PAWSD board wanted to see from a municipal standpoint ... if we take that out of the discussion, it eliminates one more point where you can throw darts at the study."

He suggested that this is a "known inconsistency" and that if the board is paying money "to fix one thing, fix the other one."

Jones wanted clarification on the "assignment we are giving them," if the board should choose to ask the Wilson Water Group to rerun the study.

It was verbalized that the board would be asking the Wilson Water Group to tweak the study in two areas: change the range of growth to a solid 2 percent rate and take out the estimates on the golf course irrigation and leakage rates.

Board member Rachel Suh said that she listened to a recording of a PAWSD meeting and her understanding is that PAWSD's data shows a 1.7 growth rate, which is the number she said that PAWSD prefers, not the 2 percent growth rate continuing to be cited by the SJWCD.

The conversation turned back to Wilson Water Group's choice to use a range of estimates rather than a more solid number.

Pfister explained that the study group consulted with PAWSD, Archuleta County and the Town of Pagosa Springs to arrive at that range of growth estimates.

Pfister said, "There has been a lot of debate, over time, as to what the population growth rate is. There have been different studies, with different numbers, so."

On the range estimates, Suh said that the PAWSD board "indicated that it would be physically impossible for them to grow 5 percent," which is at the top of the Wilson Water Group study's range.

"They simply would not be able to lay that pipe and to maintain it, they would not have the workers for that, there would be no way for them to physically grow at 5 percent every year," she said.

Pfister asked if the discussion should be put off until the board's joint work session with PAWSD in March.

But Nobles turned back to the conversation, saying he still didn't "see the big issue of whether we run it at 5 percent or 1 percent" since the board already has a range to play with.

"What are we gaining?" he asked.

"PAWSD's blessing," replied Pfister.

Tedder added, "We want to be able to go to the community with one story."

Nobles said, "OK. Then run it and clean it up ... and I would have to ask PAWSD, if we clean this up to this level, will you accept this? ... 'cause otherwise, we're just throwing money away."

Suh then steered the discussion away from the water demand studies, saying that PAWSD's No. 1 concern was not so much with the water study, but rather, with the fact that the SJWCD voted to support an 11,000-acre-foot size for the reservoir.

"They didn't know where we got that number from," she said. "When they plug in their population growth estimates ... their request was to plug their numbers in at the 1.7 percent projection and go from there to build relationships and to recruit partners."

She said that PAWSD is asking how the SJWCD "has gone 15 years without any partners who are interested."

She brought up the private Weber gravel lease on the property as a potential hold-up to the project, drawing replies from the rest of the board, such as, "that has nothing to do with it" and "that's water under the bridge."

Suh said, "If I were a strategic partner, would I want to go in with a business strategy where a place has an open mining business on site, it's private, you cannot access it without permission ... and we don't know the environmental impact of that mining for the next several years? Would you be interested in that type of investment? Why do we have no partners after 15 years?"

She continued, "PAWSD owns 90 percent of this property and we decided unilaterally that it was gonna be 11,000 acre-feet before we even discussed it with PAWSD."

Pfister asked, "Are you representing PAWSD or the San Juan Water Conservancy District?"

"Actually, what I'm representing is the public here, in Archuleta, who deserves to know why we're having issues with what is quoted as 'the reservoir that never goes away,'" Suh said.

She clarified that she does support a reservoir, but that "we need to follow the proper steps, and the first step would be to get the PAWSD board's collaboration."

Suh continued coming back to the board's decision on the size of the reservoir, a vote for which she was not present.

Jones wanted her to understand that the agreed upon size is only a "target size" and that in no way is the size "set in stone."

She said that, of course, the SJWCD will continue to engage in conversations with its partners "about what the right number is" for the reservoir.

Suh retorted, "Who are our partners for this? Have we listed any partners? Because what we are doing again is putting the cart before the horse" by deciding the size of the reservoir, "and we don't have any partners. This was PAWSD's No. 1 concern."

Tedder and Pfister attempted to explain that the size is based on a past supreme court decision combined with the Wilson Water Group study estimates for water demand.

Tedder reiterated that this does not "set the reservoir size."

It could end up being smaller, he pointed out.

It was decided by the board to seek an estimate from the Wilson Water Group on how much it would cost to rerun the numbers with the edits.

"When you're partners with somebody and they have a 90 percent vested interest in something, it's really good to get collaboration from them from the get-go," Suh continued.

She said it would "be nice" to see PAWSD "actually indicate that they are in favor of a reservoir with us" and until then "I don't think we should do anything ... because every strategic partner is going to say, wait, your 90 percent vested interest partner isn't on board with you? I'm not interested. That's gonna come from Parks and Wildlife, that's gonna come from the Forest Service, that's gonna come from BLM, that's gonna come from everywhere."

She said that PAWSD "specifically and explicitly said that they don't like our sales pitch. So, we need to work on that marketing."

She said that if SJWCD really does "want to go for an 11,000 acre-foot reservoir, which is much bigger than a 1.7 percent population growth estimate of 1,600 acre-feet, for example, we really need to have buy-in from PAWSD and really show them the reason why."

Again, Jones emphasized that the SJWCD is in no way putting "ultimatums" on PAWSD.

Jones added that is what the upcoming work session between the two boards is all about — collaboration — and that the size of the reservoir is very much still open-ended even though SJWCD put 11,000 acre-feet as its "target" size.

Frustrated by the nearly hour-long back-and-forth debate, Pfister, in a raised voice, said, "OK. We're going to end this discussion right now."

He added that whatever needs to be worked out, "we will discuss it more on March 9th with them" at the joint work session.

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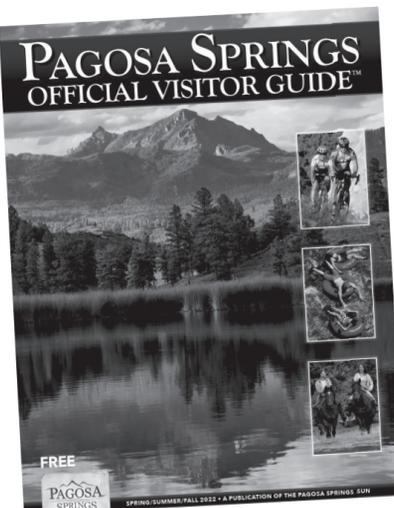
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Sports

BASKETBALL

Pirates enter playoffs as No. 5 seed, will host first-round action tonight

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate basketball team earned the No. 5 seed in the 4A basketball playoffs and will host first-round action tonight, Feb. 23.

The Pirates were slated to host the No. 28 DSST: Conservatory Green Hornets in a game that was scheduled for Wednesday evening, but inclement weather pushed the game to Thursday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m.

Going into the game, the Pirates were 18-4 on the season and the Hornets were 16-7.

"I know they're a very good basketball team with a good record," coach Wes Lewis said of the Hornets. "It makes me scratch my head a little bit on how they dropped so low in the seeding for us to have

them on the first night."

Lewis noted five of the Hornets' losses came to 5A teams.

"They're a good basketball team. They get after it defensively, they've got some pretty good size, they've got a couple of really good individual players and ... it's gonna be a game we're gonna have to play well in, to say the least," he added.

The winner of that game will take on the winner of No. 12 Pueblo Central and No. 21 Middle Park in the Sweet 16 on Saturday, Feb. 25.

Also from the Intermountain League, the Alamosa Mean Moose entered the playoffs as the No. 3 seed and were slated to take on No. 30 Basalt in the first round.

The Pirates capped off the regular season on Friday, Feb. 17, in Del Norte with a nonleague game against the 2A Tigers, where the

Pirates picked up a 69-43 win.

"I thought we played pretty well that night," Lewis said, adding, "They're not a bad basketball team."

Lewis noted the Tigers went on to beat Sanford and win their league the following night.

"I thought we handled 'em pretty good and took care of business and finished the regular season out strong," he said.

The coach added the team shot and shared the ball well in the game, with a lot of guys contributing.

Blake Laner put up 22 points in the game. He also had five rebounds, four assists, a steal and two blocks.

Colt Lewis followed with 15 points, which included a pair of 3s. He also had three rebounds, four

assists and a pair of steals.

Kayson Shahan tallied 10 points (which included a 3-pointer), six rebounds, an assist and a steal.

Seth Aucoin logged seven points, which included a 3-pointer, as well as a rebound and an assist.

Aaron Aucoin had six points, two rebounds, four assists and a steal.

Dozier put up one 3-pointer en route to five points. He also had four rebounds, six assists and a steal.

Nate Kinsley and Seth Zeigler each had two points and a rebound.

Chase Harper had a rebound, an assist and two steals, while Jaxten Scheil had an assist and a block.

The Pirates made six of nine free-throw attempts and turned the ball over 11 times.

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Lady Pirates end regular season with win, fall in playoffs

By Randi Pierce
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The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate basketball team ended its season Tuesday evening in Loveland with a three-point loss in the first round of the state playoffs.

With a 10-14 regular-season record, the Lady Pirates earned the No. 20 seed in 4A girls' basketball and took on the No. 13 Resurrection Christian Cougars in the first round.

The Cougars were 12-11 heading into the game.

The Lady Pirates fell 44-41 in the affair.

Due to the team traveling home in Wednesday's inclement weather, stats and comments from coach

Sarah Osborn were not available by press time. More on the game, season and team will be included in next week's issue of The SUN.

The Lady Pirates ended the regular season with a win in Del Norte on Friday, Feb. 17.

The team moved to a 10-13 record with the nonleague win over the 2A Tigers.

The Lady Pirates trailed 9-5 by the end of the first quarter, but pulled into the lead by halftime after outscoring the Tigers 11-4 in the second to make it a 16-13 game.

By the end of the third, the Lady Pirates increased that lead to eight, 25-17.

Pagosa picked up another 15 points in the fourth while limiting the Tigers to six.

"Del Norte came out strong against us in the first quarter, and slowed down our offense with their zone defense," Osborn wrote in a statement to The SUN. "Regardless our girls just played their game and took it one quarter at a time. We did an excellent job getting ourselves to the free throw line in the physical game and shot really well. We shot 82% from the free throw. We ended the regular season with a 17 point win. The girls are playing their best team basketball moving into post season."

Annie O'Donnell led the team in scoring on the night with 10 points. She also had four rebounds, two

assists and two blocks.

Elizabeth Currier had nine points and four steals.

Kylie Ketchum had eight points, two rebounds and a block.

Karsyn Shahan tallied seven points, which included a 3-pointer. She also had three rebounds, three assists, five steals and a block.

Chantelle Caldwell had six points, six rebounds and two blocks.

Daveyann Snarr had a rebound, three assists and a steal.

Pagosa made 13 of 19 attempted free throws and turned the ball over 10 times.

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RECREATION NEWS

Registration open for youth volleyball leagues

By Trevor Gian
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Parks and Recreation

The Recreation Department is now accepting registrations for 9-10 and 11-12 volleyball.

The 9-10 league is instructional only, with no formal games, on Mondays and Wednesday at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

The 11-12 league will have practices and games on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Community Center.

The registration fee is \$40 for the first child and \$20 for the second child. The registration deadline is Feb. 24.

The instructional league and the 11-12 practices will start in late February with games for the 11-12

league starting late March and running through April.

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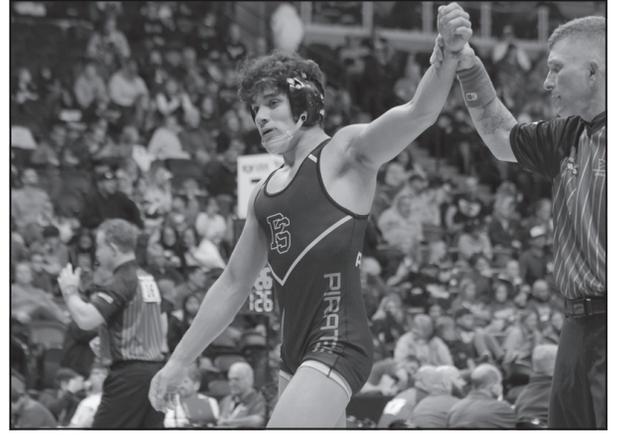
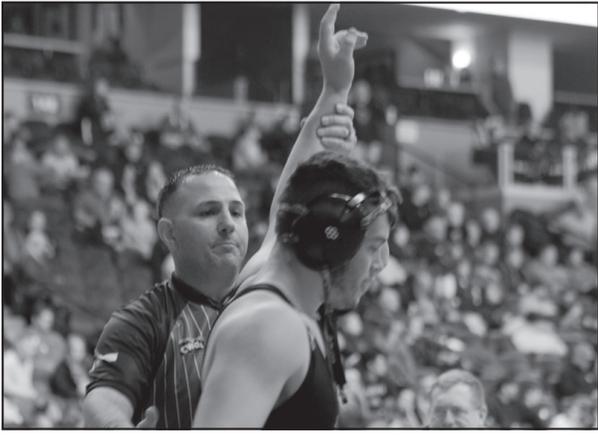
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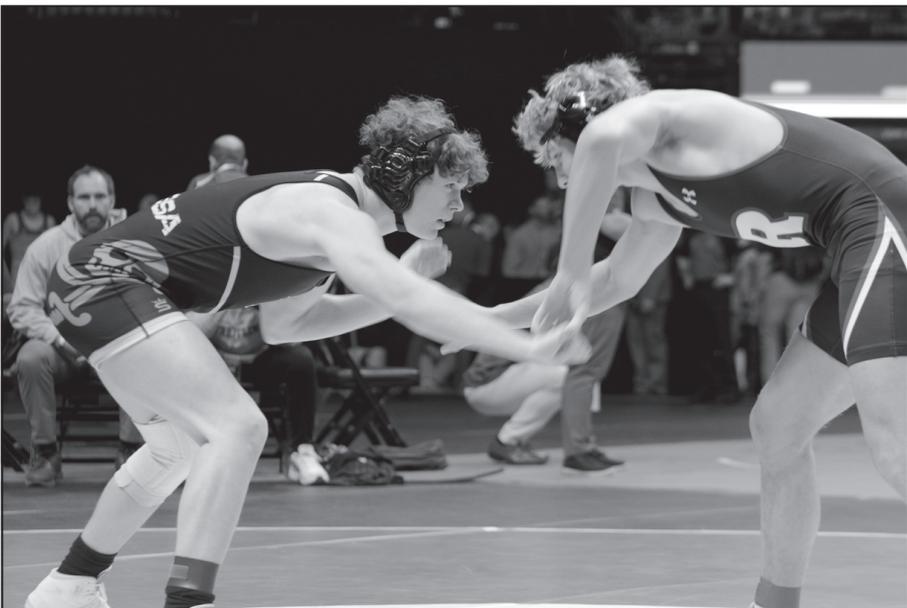
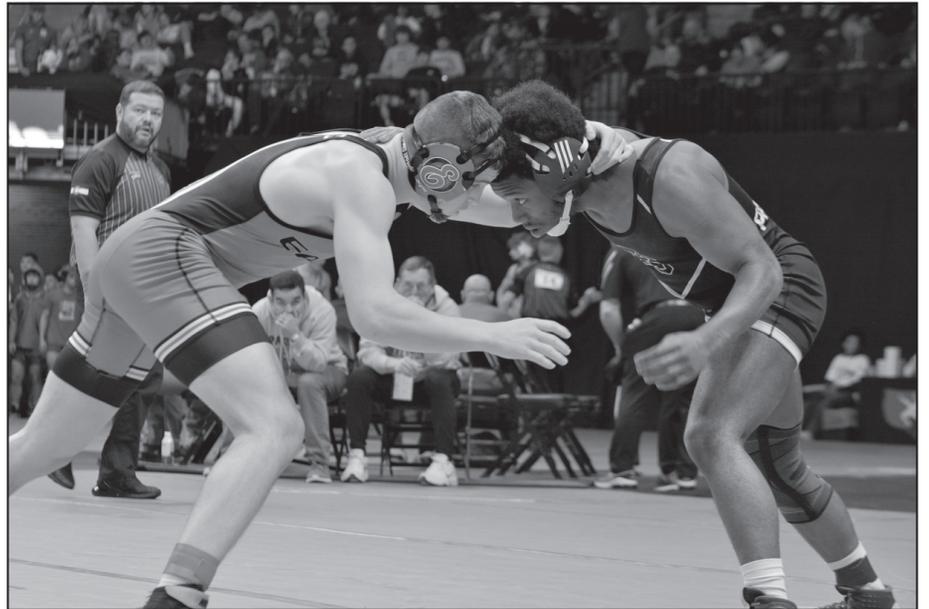
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State wrestling championship

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Seven Pirate wrestlers took to the floor of the Ball Arena in Denver Feb. 16-18 to compete in the state wrestling championships. Several Pirates recorded victories throughout the event, with two — Colton Lucero and Luke Tressler — making the podium at its conclusion.



WRESTLING



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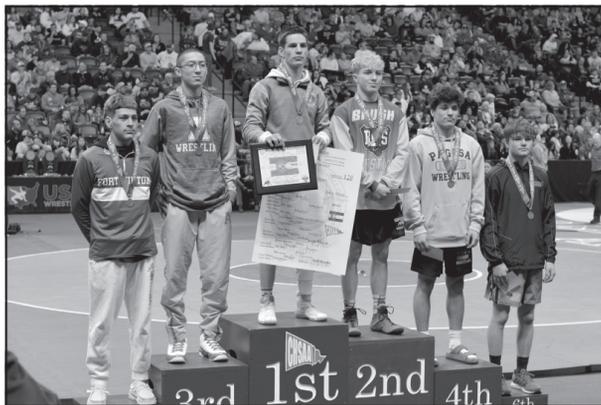


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Pirate wrestler Luke Tressler stands on the podium with his medal after taking fourth place in the 132-pound weight class at the state wrestling tournament last week in Denver. Coach Dan Janowsky noted Tressler's achievement of finishing fourth despite not being ranked in the top six for his weight at the beginning of the season.

Pirate wrestler Colton Lucero receives his medal for fourth place in the 126-pound weight class at the state wrestling tournament in Denver on Feb. 18. Coach Dan Janowsky highlighted Lucero's accomplishment of earning a medal at the tournament as a freshman in a highly competitive weight class, which he added is a rare achievement.

Two Pirate wrestlers medal at state tournament

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

Two Pagosa Springs High School Pirate wrestlers took fourth place at the state wrestling tournament held at the Ball Arena in Denver Feb. 16-18.

The team had seven athletes compete at the tournament, with the two medalists being Colton Lucero in the 126-pound weight class and Luke Tressler in the 132-pound weight class.

The team finished 21st at state overall with 39.5 points.

"It was fun and it was grueling at the same time," coach Dan Janowsky said, adding, "It's a very emotional three days. Your whole season comes to a climax and you're fighting not to be eliminated. You're fighting to reach your goals. The other guy, the other coaches are battling for the same thing. The parents in the stands are battling for the same thing. It is so much fun, but it is really emotional."

The coach noted that he has been told by sports reporters for the newspapers in Denver and others that the state wrestling tournament is the most exciting high school sporting event in Colorado.

He noted that he believes that the quality of wrestling across the state is rising from year to year, with brackets becoming more competitive and having no "soft spots."

Janowsky also highlighted that neither of the state medalists for the Pirates were ranked in the top six when the season began and had had to fight to get there over the season.

Lucero won in the first championship round with a 10-1 major decision.

Janowsky commented that Lucero's first match was "gradual" and "tight," though he accumulated a lead over time.

He was then pinned in 3 minutes, 38 seconds in the quarterfinals.

The coach explained that Lucero's opponent in this match was expected to win the weight and that

the match was 0-0 at the end of the first two-minute period with Lucero developing a "feel" for his opponent. In the second period, Lucero's opponent netted an escape, making the score 1-0 in his favor, before Lucero went on the attack and began threatening to score.

"And he got caught in a clever little hold often called a Sanders cradle and we were in on a take-down and ... Colton's never been in that spot before ... and he caught us really quickly and I would say within 10 seconds at least it was over," Janowsky explained.

Lucero then won in the second consolation round with a pin in 3:14 before winning in the third consolation round with a 5-2 decision.

Janowsky commented that both these matches were "tight," although the "match of the tournament" was Lucero's victory in the third consolation round, the "blood round" match, so called due to the fact that this round of matches eliminates the last two wrestlers who will not get medals in the tournament.

"That's your season all boiled down to one match," Janowsky said. "And wrestlers will ... shed blood to get there and to get through it."

He explained that Lucero, a freshman, was wrestling against a senior who had placed before at state and that his opponent had wrestled and been beaten by the Pirates twice this season, giving a "good feel for us and a good strategy for us."

He added that Lucero's opponent prevented Lucero from scoring and gained a lead for much of the match.

"Colt showed amazing poise and composure ... to figure that match out and to take control of it I would say in the last two minutes," Janowsky said. "Got a tough 5-2 win over a really worthy guy. ... When the match was over ... we have the tradition where we go shake the opponent's coach's hand and that kid from Alamosa came over to shake my hand and his lips are quivering and he's about to shed tears and

I'm about to shed tears just thinking about it because I respect the kids that do it. ... I love to win and I hate to see that other kid who has put tons of time in it just like ours. I know how he feels. I feel a little bit of that for him."

Lucero defeated his opponent in the consolation semifinals with a 7-2 decision before falling in the third-place match with a 6-2 decision.

The coach explained that Lucero wrestled an athlete who was a runner-up last year in the consolation semifinals in a "nice" match before being beaten by a "tough" opponent in the third-place match.

Janowsky also explained that, in his coaching career, he had had only four or five athletes place in their freshman year, which he noted is "extremely difficult to accomplish."

"We're enormously proud of the season that Colton had and the way he finished," Janowsky concluded.

Tressler won his first championship round match with a pin in 1:29 and his quarterfinals match with a 10-2 decision.

Janowsky noted that both matches were "close" and there were moments in both where Tressler could have been in "trouble."

"It never felt safe," he stated. "The final score looks safe, but the matches themselves were very tense."

Tressler was defeated in the semifinals, being pinned in 30 seconds.

The coach explained that this match was against the eventual champion of the weight, who had also won the championship the previous year.

"He caught us right off the bat with a fireman's carry and a really tight finish. Luke is very difficult to pin down, but, I mean, the guy was on his game and he was in the right spot," Janowsky said.

Tressler then won the consolation semifinals by a 4-3 decision.

The coach indicated that the match was "back and forth," though

Tressler had seized control in the third period and closed the match with a reversal and back points.

Tressler lost in the third-place match by a 7-3 decision.

Janowsky noted that this match was similar to the previous one, although in this case Tressler's opponent gained a reversal and back points.

Chandler Mazur, in the 150-pound weight class, won the first championship round with a 20-4 technical fall in 4:41.

He was then pinned in the quarterfinals in 1:47 and defeated in the second consolation round by an 8-6 decision.

Janowsky noted that Mazur led for the majority of his final match, but in the third period his opponent achieved a reversal and back points, putting him in the lead and allowing him to win the match.

Derek Carter, in the 157-pound weight class, was pinned in the first championship round in 59 seconds and pinned in the first consolation round in 42 seconds.

The coach indicated that Carter's progress has been "amazing" and that he looks forward to another year with him.

"He's such a fun kid to coach," he said. "He's fun to be around. He's very clever in the way he feels wrestling. Sometimes you learn the moves and there are guys ... who just feel how to score points. Derek's really good at that."

Heath Fulbright, in the 175-pound weight class, was defeated in a 4-0 decision in the first championship round before achieving a 6-2 victory in the tiebreaker period during the first consolation round.

He was then defeated again by a 3-2 decision in the second consolation round.

The coach explained that Fulbright has a "significant knee injury" and that his wrestling in his first match had been "tentative" because

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Janowsky

■ Continued from front dedication to the development of leadership and citizenship in young people through the sport of wrestling.

In an interview, Janowsky emphasized the importance of the wrestling community he is part of, stating, "I just have this strong feeling that I am representing ... our community, our high school, all the kids I have coached, all the coaches that I had, my family and all of that. I accept that honor on behalf of all of them that have joined in. I am a representative of our school and, in that sense, I'm proud that we get that recognition."

Janowsky also reflected on his history with wrestling and his work as a coach.

"Wrestling is an ancient sport," he said. "But when I got started, I didn't even know it was a sport. A friend of mine in junior high wrestled ... so he got me into it, he got me to try it my eighth-grade year, and what a life changing decision that turned out to be. All the people that I've met along the way and ... all the laughter and heartache and sweat from the time I was an athlete through college. I got landed here in Pagosa. ... You wanna compete, so gotta find kids that are willing to come along and compete with you and, you know, one thing leads to another."

He noted that this will be his 50th year in wrestling, although he commented, "It doesn't feel like that, you know. It went by fast."

He highlighted persistence and the ability to adapt as key elements in the success of the program, noting the importance of adapting coaching approaches to fit the realities of a small mountain resort town.

Janowsky also highlighted the ways technology and the Internet have changed wrestling by giving it greater exposure and making a large amount of information available to athletes and coaches that was not readily available before it.

"If I wasn't feeling like I was adapting, I might have given up," he said.

"But I felt like, 'OK, that's working' or 'This is gonna work,' so ..."

Janowsky emphasized the key role of the athletes and community members in his coaching, stating, "Just the kids and the people you work with from year to year, win or lose, they just always made me wanna come back for more. Even on our most disappointing years ... I always felt like I had the support and respect ... The kids that I have worked with both as a coach and in the classroom, they just always left me feeling like I wanted to try again. And year by year, here we are."

"It's the kids and their parents. ... You get attached to them and ... they keep you in it. ... Never walked away thinking, 'Oh god ...,' I was always like, 'Ah man, that was fun. Let's do it again.'"

When asked about the successes of the program, Janowsky began by noting the "obvious" successes of the program, including being a runner up for the state championship in 1999, winning in 2021 and frequently placing in the top five or 10 at the state tournament.

He added that the team has had winning dual meet seasons "almost every year for the last 30 years" and has had 22 state champions, "almost that number of finalists" and "in the neighborhood of 90 kids that have placed at state."

Janowsky added, "But ... I think what I'm really most satisfied with is the number of times we've had to take kids that were new to the sport of wrestling and elevate them to a competitive level. We did that a lot this year, for example."

He noted that, although some Pagosa wrestlers have strong wrestling backgrounds from their families, many, including state champions, do not and that he has been able to introduce them and their families to the sport.

"When you wrestle, you learn things about yourself that you cannot learn unless you accept some sort of really difficult challenge," Janowsky said. "Those kids that won state championships, that's awesome, but every single one of

them learned things about themselves. They learned how strong they were by testing themselves and allowing the sport of wrestling to test them. ... And to draw kids in and then to help them through that challenge and to see what they've learned about themselves that they can carry with themselves is immeasurably satisfying."

PSHS Principal Sean O'Donnell stated Janowsky's induction is "well deserved."

"His influence and guidance on the young men in the wrestling program over the years is unparalleled," he said, adding, "He's won one state championship, but if people look at that and measure success just on state championships and things like that, I think people would obviously have missed the amazing coach that he is and the influence that he has not only on Pagosa Springs wrestling and the kids that have had the opportunity to be coached by him, but also just his influence in other programs and in other coaches and his connections."

"Dan also — and this is a separate from wrestling thing — his influence in all our sport programs and all the kids in our school, he's a supporter of everybody and ... for him to be recognized in this way is ... so deserving."

O'Donnell elaborated on Janowsky's impact beyond wrestling, noting that in his strength and conditioning classes he helps teach students to be better competitors and to deal with losses and that he helps other coaches to develop approaches for working with their teams.

He added that Janowsky has also had an influence through the students he has coached who have gone on to become teachers and coaches themselves.

O'Donnell concluded, "We're so fortunate to have him in our community and working with our kids. It's just an honor to get to work with him. I find myself at times needing to sit down and just talk with Dan a little bit because he helps me also just process things. And it's

interesting. He'll give you advice and you don't even realize you've asked for it, or maybe you're getting advice and you don't even realize you're getting advice just the way he gets you to think about different things. So I just really appreciate him. I feel like he's been a mentor. I'm glad to call him a friend and we're so fortunate to have him in our district."

Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Chantelle Jordan states in an email, "Coach Janowsky is very deserving of this award. He has given countless hours and had an immeasurable positive impact on so many student-athletes during his 42 years of coaching wrestling. Dan's level of dedication to students and families is outstanding. I am honored and humbled to work with him everyday. Thank you coach J for all you have done, are doing and will do.....Rock on! We appreciate you!"

On the subject of his future goals as coach, Janowsky said, "I have to face the reality that I can't do this forever, but I do want to contribute as long as I can because ... this has been a life's project and even when I don't hold the position of head coach I hope I'm still able to find some ways to share my experiences and to contribute to it, and I really do want to make sure that the program whenever I leave it is in good shape. I don't wanna leave something in shambles. I want it to be something that someone else can find success in right away."

"There's a lot of ways of doing it. Not that it has to be done one way or another, but I do want it to have some stability so that whoever does has ... the culture in place so that they grow with."

Janowsky concluded by commenting on his journey as a coach, "I really don't think too far ahead, I never have. When I started it way back in the '80s I thought I'd be doing it for a year or two, and one year led to another. ... I wanna have a good crew put together for next year and we'll see from there."

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Wrestling

■ Continued from A13 his injury, though he had wrestled "really well" in the next round, taking the match into and winning in overtime.

Janowsky stated that Fulbright's injury limited his offensive options and that Fulbright had to adjust his style to compensate.

"It was very unfortunate for him as a senior, but he does walk away with that satisfaction that, you know, I played it out," the coach commented. "It wasn't the best hand to deal the last week of the season, but you played it out as best you could. There's always a lot of satisfaction in that."

At 190 pounds, Connor Kelly won his initial championship round match with a pin in 3:27 before being pinned in 3:05 in the quarterfinals.

He then won his match in the second consolation round with a 5-4 decision before being defeated in a 5-2 decision in the third consolation round.

Janowsky highlighted that Kelly advanced the furthest of any of Pirates, excluding the two who earned medals, and that Kelly had defeated wrestlers earlier in the season who did place.

"There's a bittersweet consolation there," Janowsky said. "It's like, 'I didn't get it but at least ...' That's the first time in probably his life where he can look at himself as an equal to those guys. You always think you are, but it helps to get some validation for that."

Samuel Kelly placed first in his second Unified match, achieving a pin in 2:37.

"By the end of that tournament ... you're emotionally wrung out, and then to see Sam go out there and wrestle the way he did in front of that big crowd, it brought tears to everybody," Janowsky said. "I'm proud to say this about our program and our coaches ... he gets coached up. ... And he looked like a good wrestler out there ... it was a demonstration of skill and he went right after it and got a nice win. It was a very emotional thing for our wrestling community. ... It was a great way to finish it up."

Reflecting on the year and the future for the team, Janowsky highlighted the impact that winning the 2021 state championship had on the team, with a large number of the seniors who won the championship taking up varsity slots and reducing the opportunities for younger wrestlers to participate.

He added that COVID-19 had also disrupted the team, causing practic-

es to be split into two groups and reducing opportunities for the younger team members to practice with their more experienced teammates.

He explained that the seniors on the current team—including Mazur, Fulbright and Jacob Miller — had "embraced the challenge" and defied the expectation that the team would "hit bottom" following the graduation of the seniors from 2021 by rallying their younger teammates and showing "superb leadership."

"They have every right to understand that their accomplishments are respected completely," Janowsky said.

He also explained that the team had no state medalists on the roster this year, which made building skill more difficult due to not having the benchmark of training with a state medalist on the team.

Due to this, the coach stated that much of the season had revolved around developing confidence that the team could succeed against highly skilled opponents.

However, Janowsky noted, the team will have two state medalists to build a "solid foundation" around next year as well as a large number of athletes who extensively developed their skills this year.

He added that the team had a "good year," finishing with a 8-2 record in duals and close to a top-15 finish at state if another wrestler had placed.

"I personally had a most enjoyable year," he stated. "We worked really ... diligently every day trying to figure out how to elevate their skills, both their physical skills and their mental skills, and in the process we had a lot of laughs and a lot of heartbreaks. Laughter and heartbreak combined just make an unusual form of camaraderie ... that lasts forever."

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 2022CV030038
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INITIAL COMBINED NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND RIGHT TO CURE AND REDEEM
Plaintiff, Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association v.
Defendants, DONALD DEEN BOOTH; ANITA D. BOOTH
SHERIFF SALE 2022-11
This is to advise you that a Sheriff sale proceeding has been commenced through the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office pursuant to a Court Order and Decree dated October 7, 2022, and C.R.S. 38-38-101 et seq., by Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, the current holder of a lien recorded on September 5, 2019 at Rec. No. 21905036, in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The judicial foreclosure is based on a default under the Declaration of Restrictions Pagosa, recorded on June 24, 1970 at Reception No. 73297 in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The Declaration and notices, as recorded, establish a lien for the benefit of Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, **WHICH LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS.**
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Lorena Medina, Office Manager
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DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
109 Harman Park Drive
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Plaintiff: The Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County, CO v.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc.
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Case No.: 2022CV30048
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Sheriff Sale 2023-05
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.
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST
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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
Mike Le Roux, Sheriff, Archuleta County, Colorado
By: /s/ Lorena Medina
Lorena Medina, Office Manager
EXHIBIT "A"
Peregrine Townhouses
Matter Amount
FRANK O NELSON AND MARGARET J NELSON (C#17960322) A 77,000 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7807-7810 in Building Number(s) 4 and 5, Unpaid Assessments: \$761.38
Cost: \$365.95
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,127.33
RONALD L HAYNES and MARIE K HAYNES (C#17960322) A 154,000 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7813-7816 in Building Number(s) 7 and 8, Unpaid Assessments: \$988.26
Cost: \$365.95
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,354.21
IVY J TABOR (C#179705249) A 84,000 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7813-7816 in Building Number(s) 7 and 8, Unpaid Assessments: \$655.69
Cost: \$365.95
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,021.64
MICHAEL D BRUCE (C#179803994) A 105,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7825-7826 in Building Number(s) 13, Unpaid Assessments: \$747.93
Cost: \$365.95
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00

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Total: \$2,113.88
PATRICIA AANGEL, SURVIVING JOINT TENANT WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP OF DANIEL J ANGEL, DECEASED (C#439902388) A 69,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7843-7844 in Building Number(s) 22,
 Unpaid Assessments: \$730.11
 Cost: \$365.95
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Total: \$2,096.06
CRYSTAL PHILLIPS (C#179904420) A 308,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7845-7846 in Building Number(s) 23,
 Unpaid Assessments: \$1,676.23
 Cost: \$365.95
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Total: \$3,042.18
JIMMY D GILBERT AND NELDA F GILBERT (C#170000673) A 84,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7863-7864 in Building Number(s) 32,
 Unpaid Assessments: \$714.00
 Cost: \$365.95
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Total: \$2,079.95
BRIAN HORN and **ANGELA HORN** (C#550004006) A 308,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7883-7884 in Building Number(s) 42,
 Unpaid Assessments: \$10,128.92
 Cost: \$365.95
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Total: \$11,494.87
CAROLYN E WRIGHT (C#170906267) A 210,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7859-7860 in Building Number(s) 30,
 Unpaid Assessments: \$3,406.29
 Cost: \$365.95
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Total: \$4,772.24
MARION WEINZWEIG AND CELIA KATZ (C#179801253) A 49,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7823-7824 in Building Number(s) 12,
 Unpaid Assessments: \$1,218.14
 Cost: \$365.95
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Total: \$2,584.09
 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, 2055495, 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.
 Published February 9, 16, 23, March 2 and 9, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
 Court Address: 109 Harman Park Dr, P.O. Box 148
 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
 Tel. 970.264.2400
Eagle's Loft Property Owners Association, Inc.
Plaintiff

v.
Jennifer Smith, et al
Defendants

Case No.: 2022CV30047
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST
AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM
Sherriff Sale 2023-042

This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft Condominiums, recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, 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 November 30, 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):

JENNIFER SMITH
RYO HAINES
EMILIE A HAINES
JOEL MATTHEW MONAGHAN
MARISA EUGENIA MONAGHAN
ETHEL P KRAMER, TRUSTEE OF THE KRAMER FAMILY TRUST
JAMES P KOEHLER
J FRANCISCO MORENO
ARTHUR B BARBER
ORA BARBER
VALARIE J DANIELS A/K/A VALARIE DANIEL
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Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Eagle's Loft 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: Eagle's Loft Property Owners Association, Inc.
 Debtor(s) & Amount Due: 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
HEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will, at 10 o'clock A.M., on 14th of April, 2023, Sale Number 2023-04 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, 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: 2/09/2023
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The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the 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 for Archuleta County, 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 January 6, 2023.
 Mike Le Roux, Sheriff,
 Archuleta County, Colorado
 By: /s/ Lorena Medina
 Lorena Medina, Office Manager
EXHIBIT "A"

Eagle's Loft Condominiums
 Matter Amount

JENNIFER SMITH (C#170306088) Unit Weeks Numbers 44, Unit Number 53, Building Number 53, Phase 4
 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,017.58
 Interest: \$289.47
 Late Fees: \$50.00
 Costs: \$189.04

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Judgment Amount: \$3,546.09
RYO HAINES and **EMILIE A HAINES** (C#171000227) Unit Weeks Numbers 31, Unit Number 33, Building Number 33, Phase III
 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,065.43
 Interest: \$301.35
 Late Fees: \$50.00
 Costs: \$189.04

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Judgment Amount: \$3,605.82
JOEL MATTHEW MONAGHAN and **MARISA EUGENIA MONAGHAN** (C#17207707) Unit Weeks Numbers 48, Unit Number 48, Building Number 48, Phase IV
 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,065.43
 Interest: \$301.35
 Late Fees: \$50.00
 Costs: \$189.04

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Judgment Amount: \$3,605.82
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 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,065.43
 Interest: \$301.35
 Late Fees: \$50.00
 Costs: \$189.04

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Judgment Amount: \$3,605.82
JAMES P KOEHLER (C#178404612) Unit Weeks Numbers 39, Unit Number 5, Building Number 5, Phase I
 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,065.43
 Interest: \$301.35
 Late Fees: \$50.00
 Costs: \$189.04

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Judgment Amount: \$3,605.82
J FRANCISCO MORENO (C#178407094) Unit Weeks Numbers 48, Unit Number 12, Building Number 12, Phase II
 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,065.43
 Interest: \$301.35
 Late Fees: \$50.00
 Costs: \$189.04

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Judgment Amount: \$3,605.82
ETHEL P KRAMER, TRUSTEE OF THE KRAMER FAMILY TRUST (C#178401915) Unit Weeks Numbers 33, Unit Number 5, Building Number 5, Phase I
 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,065.43
 Interest: \$301.35
 Late Fees: \$50.00
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 Costs: \$189.04

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Judgment Amount: \$3,605.82
ARTHUR B BARBER and **ORA BARBER** (C#178407201) Unit Weeks Numbers 46, Unit Number 14, Building Number 14, Phase 2
 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,065.43
 Interest: \$301.35
 Late Fees: \$50.00
 Costs: \$189.04

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 Judgment Amount: \$3,605.82
VALARIE DANIEL (C#178407862) Unit Weeks Numbers 8, Unit Number 8, Building Number 8, Phase 2
 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,065.43
 Interest: \$301.35
 Late Fees: \$50.00
 Costs: \$189.04

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Judgment Amount: \$3,605.82
VALARIE DANIEL (C#178407870) Unit Weeks Numbers 31, Unit Number 14, Building Number 14, Phase 2
 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,065.43
 Interest: \$301.35
 Late Fees: \$50.00
 Costs: \$189.04

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Judgment Amount: \$3,605.82
SANDRA STAFFORD DROST and **KENNETH LEE DROST** (C#178503942) Unit Weeks Numbers 42, Unit Number 15, Building Number 15, Phase 3
 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,065.43
 Interest: \$301.35
 Late Fees: \$50.00
 Costs: \$189.04

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Judgment Amount: \$3,605.82
RICHARD G HANNA (C#178501862) Unit Weeks Numbers 20, Unit Number 16, Building Number 16, Phase 3
 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,065.43
 Interest: \$301.35
 Late Fees: \$50.00
 Costs: \$189.04

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Judgment Amount: \$3,605.82
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 Judgment Amount: \$3,605.82
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 Judgment Amount: \$3,605.82
SANDRA STAFFORD DROST and **KENNETH LEE DROST** (C#178503959) Unit Weeks Numbers 43, Unit Number 15, Building Number 15, Phase 3
 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,065.43
 Interest: \$301.35
 Late Fees: \$50.00
 Costs: \$189.04

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Judgment Amount: \$3,605.82
LINLY P LEE (C#178513966) Unit Weeks Numbers 5, Unit Number 3, Building Number 3, Phase I
 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,065.43
 Interest: \$316.89
 Late Fees: \$50.00
 Costs: \$189.04

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Judgment Amount: \$3,621.36
JERRY ROBISON and **KAREN M ROBISON** (C#178514774) Unit Weeks Numbers 5, Unit Number 28, Building Number 28, Phase 3
 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,065.43
 Interest: \$301.35
 Late Fees: \$50.00
 Costs: \$189.04

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Judgment Amount: \$3,605.82
DONAL LEE KNUTSON (C#178610234) Unit Weeks Numbers 40, Unit Number 39, Building Number 39, Phase IV
 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,065.43
 Interest: \$301.35
 Late Fees: \$50.00
 Costs: \$189.04

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Judgment Amount: \$3,546.09
JAMES D NICOSON and **KAREN V NICOSON** (C#17851624) Unit Weeks Numbers 22, Unit Number 51, Building Number 51, Phase IV
 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,065.43
 Interest: \$301.35
 Late Fees: \$50.00
 Costs: \$189.04

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Judgment Amount: \$3,605.82
CONSTANCE M WASHINGTON (C#178752747) Unit Weeks Numbers 51, Unit Number 21, Building Number 21, Phase IV
 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,065.43
 Interest: \$289.47
 Late Fees: \$50.00
 Costs: \$189.04

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Judgment Amount: \$3,612.74
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 Judgment Amount: \$3,605.82
JOHN P DAUER JR and **PATRICIA H DAUER** (C#178764759) Unit Weeks Numbers 34, Unit Number 55, Building Number 55, Phase IV
 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,065.43
 Interest: \$301.35
 Late Fees: \$50.00
 Costs: \$189.04

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Judgment Amount: \$3,605.82
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 Interest: \$301.35
 Late Fees: \$50.00
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Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
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 Late Fees: \$50.00
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Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
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Outdoors

Heavy snows, wind prompt road, other closures

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

Another heavy winter storm hit Pagosa Country this week, bringing the closure of schools and other facilities, U.S. 160 over Wolf Creek Pass and Wolf Creek Ski Area on Feb. 22.

According to the Community Collaborative Rain Hail and Snow Network website, snowfall ranged widely, with 1.5 to 7 inches of snow falling across Archuleta County between Feb. 21 and 1 p.m. on Feb. 22.

A 6 a.m. snow report from Wolf Creek Ski Area indicates that the slopes would be closed on Wednesday due to high winds, low visibility and blowing snow, although it stated that Wolf Creek is expected to reopen on Thursday, Feb. 23.

The report also notes that Wolf Creek had received 10 inches of snow in the storm so far, bringing the midway snow depth to 98 inches and the year-to-date snowfall total to 289 inches.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Water and Climate Center's snowpack report, the Wolf Creek summit, at 11,000 feet of elevation, had 27.9 inches of snow water equivalent as of 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 22.

The Wolf Creek summit was at 121 percent of the Feb. 22 snowpack median.

The San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan river basins were at 132 percent of the Feb. 22 median in terms of snowpack.

A Feb. 22 press release from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) sent out around noon indicates that high winds and heavy snow had created hazardous driving conditions across western and southern Colorado, including the closing of multiple roads in the region.

The press release adds that Wolf Creek Pass "was closed at approximately 11:40 a.m. due to poor visibility. Eastbound traffic is being stopped at Treasure Falls (MP 157) and westbound traffic is being stopped just west of South Fork (MP 184). Safety closures are dependent on weather and will remain in effect until conditions are safe for travel. There is no estimated time of opening."

Additionally, the press release comments, "CDOT patrols are reporting whiteout conditions and significant winds. CDOT urges motorists to postpone and avoid travel."

Avalanches

According to the Colorado Avalanche Information Center (CAIC) website, the southern San Juan range, including Wolf Creek Pass, was at level four — high — in terms of avalanche danger, as of 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 22.

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

The CAIC website comments in its forecast discussion dated Feb. 14 on the recent storms, "Deuces are wild this Wednesday, February 22nd, as two large weather systems merge into a mega-storm that will pack a double-punch, with both heavy snowfall and strong southwest winds quickly driving up the danger across the San Juan Mountains. A deep trough from the northwest with cold air and jet-stream support meets up with a low-pressure system from the Baja Peninsula, combining abundant moisture from the gulf of Mexico with a cold air mass to generate heavy snowfall beginning Tuesday night and lasting into Thursday. Overnight totals will be enough to elevate the danger by Wednesday

morning, and strong southwesterly winds arriving with the snowfall will create worsening avalanche conditions as Wednesday progresses."

Weather

For Pagosa Springs, the National Weather Service forecast indicates that snow showers are likely after noon and patchy, blowing snow after 2 p.m. with overall snow accumulations of 1-2 inches on Thursday, Feb. 23. Skies will be cloudy with a high near 29 degrees and wind chill values as low as -10 degrees. Winds are forecast to be between 10-20 mph with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Thursday night is predicted to bring a chance of snow showers with snow accumulations of 1-2 inches, a low of 16 degrees and 10-15 mph winds.

For Friday, Feb. 24, the forecasted high is 38 degrees with mostly cloudy skies; a chance of snow in the morning; patchy, blowing snow between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.; and 10-15 mph winds. The forecasted low is 14 degrees with partly cloudy skies.

For Saturday, Feb. 25, partly sunny skies are expected with a high of 50 degrees. The forecasted low is 22 degrees Saturday night with partly cloudy skies.

For Sunday, Feb. 26, the forecasted high is 41 degrees with mostly cloudy skies and snow showers mainly after noon. The forecasted low is 11 degrees with mostly cloudy skies.

Water report

According to a Feb. 20 press release from District Manager Justin Ramsey of the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District, Lake Forest and Village Lake are full. Lake Hatcher is 1 inch from full.

Pagosa Lake is 4 inches from full. Stevens Lake is 3 inches from full.

Total diversion flows for the district are listed at 6.0 cfs.

The West Fork diversion flow is listed at 2 cfs and the Four Mile diversion flow is at 4 cfs.

Water production from Feb. 10 through Feb. 16 was listed at a total of 11.21 million gallons. The Snowball water plant contributed 2.51 million gallons, while the Hatcher plant contributed 8.70 million gallons.

The San Juan plant is closed for the season.

Last year, total water production was listed at 11.09 million gallons for those dates.

josh@pagosason.com



Photo courtesy Scott DW Smith/ Wolf Creek Ski Area

Skier Chris Durfee takes advantage of a powder day at Wolf Creek Ski Area following 29 inches of new snow last week. The ski area reported having 10 inches of new snow as of Wednesday morning from this week's storm. High winds, low visibility and heavy snowfall closed the ski area on Wednesday.

Water seminar set for March 31

By Elaine Chick
Water Information Program

Our water supply cannot continue to meet all the current and future demands. As we continue to face severe water shortages affecting agricultural producers, the environment, recreation and municipalities in southwest Colorado, it will be important to put our efforts toward a concerted, collective action to ensure there will be enough water for everyone in the very near future.

In January, the Colorado Water Conservation Board approved the 2023 Colorado Water Plan to work on Colorado's most critical water challenges. Colorado's water future faces increased challenges from climate change, population growth and changing water demands.

Through communication and collaboration, organizations working together can accomplish goals they couldn't reach working in isolation. Come join us for a full day of in-depth discussions on seeking common ground in securing a

better water future for Coloradans.

As we face an uncertain hydrologic future, local water champions are tackling shortage from every angle to ensure a resilient future for our communities. Colorado's water challenges impact everyone from entire river basins to individuals. The Southwestern Water Conservation District's (SWCD) 39th Southwest Water Seminar will discuss these challenges, strategies and new possibilities under the umbrella of the theme "Seeking Common Ground in Crisis." Panel discussions convened will look at this topic from a local, statewide and regional level.

Don't miss this opportunity to connect and engage in the conversation with our diverse range of expert presenters on March 31 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sky Ute Casino Resort in Ignacio. Everyone with an interest in water is welcome to attend.

The SWCD was established by the Colorado Legislature in 1941 to protect, conserve, use and develop the waters in the San Juan

and Dolores river basins, and safeguard for Colorado all waters of the basin to which the state is entitled. Since 1981, the SWCD has held the seminar to bring together members of other water districts, water users, tribal representatives, environmental advocates, recreation enthusiasts and many interested citizens to discuss hot topics in water management. In recent years, the seminar has seen record attendance — an indication of the growing interest and importance of water resources to the public in southwestern Colorado.

To register in-person for \$50, visit <https://swgcd.org/more/southwest-water-seminar/> before March 29. Walk-in registration may not be available if advance registration reaches capacity. The cost at the door will be \$60.

For more information about the SWCD, please visit <http://swgcd.org/about-us>.

For more information, contact Elaine Chick, Water Information Program, at elaine@waterinfo.org or (970) 759-8818.

New forest supervisor named for the San Juan National Forest

By Lorena Williams
Forest Service

Last week, the San Juan National Forest welcomed a new forest supervisor, David Neely.

Neely comes to the San Juans from Washington, D.C., where he was deputy director for the Ecosystem Management Coordination staff in support of national policy around land management planning, environmental analysis, monitoring and adaptive management. He was also the acting forest supervisor on the San Juan National Forest from June to September 2022.

Neely has served in the Forest Service since 1996. He worked as a seasonal and permanent employee in various roles on four ranger districts and in the agency's national headquarters. He was the district ranger in Vail, Colo., for six years before joining the Legislative Affairs staff in the Forest Service headquarters in Washington, D.C.

"I'm absolutely thrilled to re-join this team of dedicated public servants and resource stewards here in southwest Colorado," said Neely. "This is a spectacular working landscape with resources that are foundational to the quality of life we enjoy in the region, and the spirit of collaboration and partnership is outstanding. I'm looking forward to building relationships with our communities, state, county, local and tribal governments, and our many stakeholders to support and advance the great work already underway here."

Neely is from Gainesville, Fla., and grew up hunting, fishing and surfing. He attended Tulane University in New Orleans and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts before moving to the White Mountains of New Hampshire, where he skied and rock climbed as much as possible. He worked as a ski patroller and as a seasonal wilderness ranger with the Forest Service before joining the agency permanently



David Neely

in 2000. Neely and his wife, Dana, enjoy a wide range of outdoor recreation and are excited to make Durango their home.

For more information about the San Juan National Forest, call (970) 247-4874. For information on current fire restrictions, conditions, and recreation opportunities on the San Juan National Forest, call (970) 247-4874.

Coloradans reminded to avoid wild birds as avian flu continues to circulate

Colorado Department of
Public Health and Environment

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is monitoring an ongoing outbreak of highly pathogenic avian flu in birds across Colorado and the United States. While the risk to humans remains low, people should avoid direct contact with wild birds and observe them only from a distance. Wild birds can be infected with avian flu without appearing sick.

The ongoing avian flu outbreak started last spring and has affected wild, commercial and backyard birds across the entire state. Do not touch any dead birds you find and do not walk on ice or into water to retrieve any birds. Avoid direct contact with surfaces that appear to be contaminated with feces from wild or domestic birds, if possible, and avoid tracking those materials home or to backyard flocks on shoes, boots, gloves and other items. If you find three or more dead wild birds in a specific area within a two-week period, notify your local

Colorado Parks and Wildlife office. "The risk to humans is low, but avian flu is widespread in birds throughout the state right now. It is important to avoid wild birds and not handle or transport any sick, dead or dying birds," said Dr. Rachel Herlihy, state epidemiologist. "This ongoing outbreak of avian flu presents a risk to all birds in Colorado, and people can take basic precautions to protect themselves, their pets and backyard flocks."

People who have potentially been exposed to avian flu should monitor themselves for 10 days following exposure and contact their health care provider and their local public health agency if they experience any symptoms of avian flu — especially respiratory symptoms such as shortness of breath or difficulty breathing.

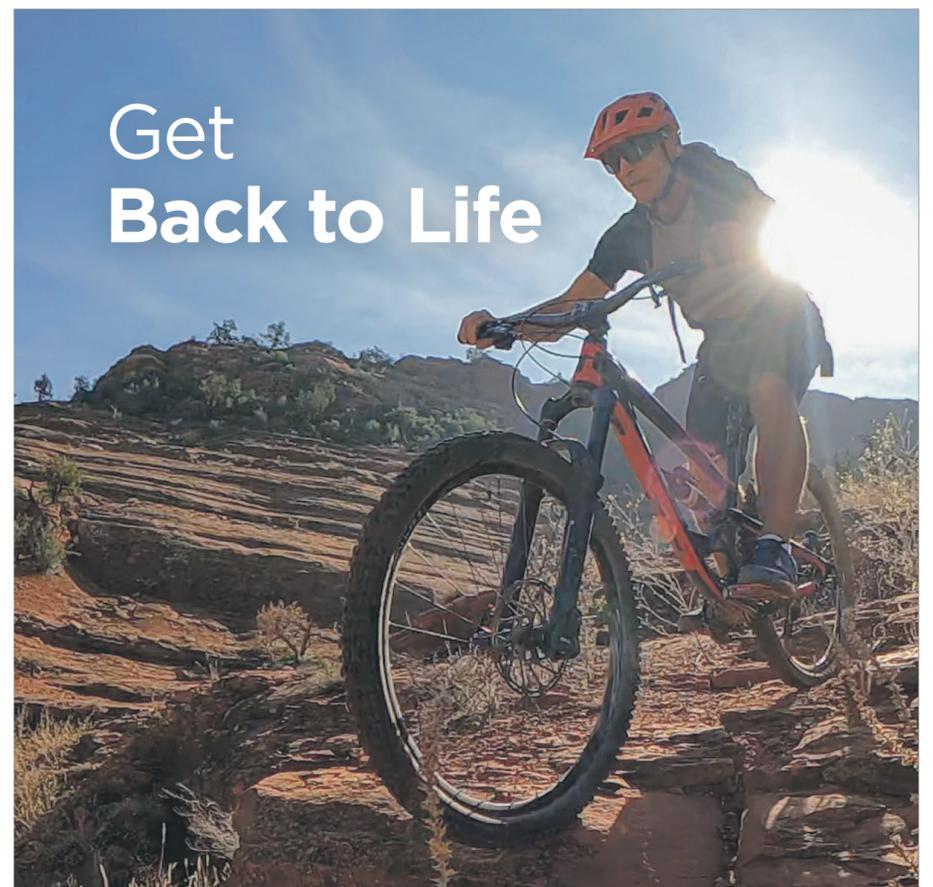
Other symptoms can include:

- Fever (temperature of 100°F or greater) or feeling feverish.
- Cough.
- Sore throat.
- Runny or stuffy nose.
- Muscle or body aches.

- Headaches.
- Fatigue.

Although the risk is lower than it is to birds and cases are rare, domestic animals (e.g., cats or dogs) could become infected with avian flu if they go outside and eat or are exposed to sick or dead birds infected with avian flu viruses, or an environment contaminated with feces of infected birds. Avoid contact between your pets and wild birds or areas with a high level of bird activity. If you think your pet has been exposed to avian flu and is showing symptoms of illness, contact your veterinarian and monitor yourself for symptoms.

Bird owners should protect their flocks by reducing the interactions between their birds and wild birds, increasing physical biosecurity measures, securing their birds' food supply, monitoring their flocks for illness and reporting any observed or suspicious illness to the State Veterinarian's Office at (303) 869-9130. Bird owners can learn more about protecting their birds from avian flu at ag.colorado.gov/hpai.



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Curtains Up Pagosa to present February Follies competition Saturday

Curtains Up Pagosa

Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP) is proud to host the second annual February Follies local talent competition on Saturday, Feb. 25.

We have 20 acts lined up this year competing for cash prizes. We have several dance acts from the Pagosa Springs Dance Academy competing, as well as a dramatic reading with puppets and some singers.

It is sure to be a great night for all who attend. The audience gets to vote for the People's Choice Award. We have a panel of judges to determine first-, second- and third-place winners. This panel of judges includes Heidi Tanner, a local violinist; Casey Rumberger, local

aerial artist; and Chrissy Hancey, local teacher/dancer.

This event takes place on Saturday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. The doors at Pagosa Springs High School will open at 6 p.m. for at-the-door tickets and concessions, and seating will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in advance at <https://our.show/febfolliess23>.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$5 more.

Last year's Follies was a great success, and a lot of fun. Bring the family out for a fun night of friendly competition and light-hearted entertainment. Check out the ticketing site for more information on this event, the contestants and to get your tickets, and online-only CUP merchandise.

Stargazers postpone James Webb Space Telescope photos program

By Joan Mieritz
San Juan Stargazers

At the San Juan Stargazers' summer night sky programs at Chimney Rock, we have a motto: "We never cancel, we adjust." That works fine for clouds and rain, but being in the middle of a Colorado winter with piles of snow on the ground and inches of snow that can accumulate in minutes, we have to look at can-

celing differently.

We will be postponing our Thursday, Feb. 23, James Webb Space Telescope "new photos" program until there is less of a chance for a snowstorm. A program like this requires a great deal of time to prepare, and our members have decided that it is not sensible to risk our lives to attend a club meeting. It doesn't seem reasonable to get together this week.

Our monthly meeting for Thurs-

day, March 3, will begin with coffee and tea at a 6 p.m. social hour and our program is at 7 p.m. sharp with a very interesting presentation called "Uranus: A Water World on Its Side."

Ann Marie Kemp prepared the program using Great Courses and she has a fascinating personal story to share with us about her father and Uranus. I hope the weather is better in March so that many can attend. We hope to see you.

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Colorado Native Plant Society chapter to present lecture on native plant restoration

By John Bregar
Colorado Native Plant Society

From 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 28, Hannah Ertl will speak about native plant restoration in the Mancos Canyon as part of the Colorado Native Plant Society Southwest Chapter's 2023 lecture series.

Ertl's talk will focus on tribally led and culturally-based environmental stewardship in critical riparian areas.

Ertl is the indigenous lands ecologist for Trees, Water, People. The mission of this organization

is to improve lives by helping indigenous communities in the Western Hemisphere to protect, conserve and manage their natural resources.

Hanna's presentation will occur in the Lyceum in the Center for Southwest Studies on the Fort Lewis College campus. Please register on the Colorado Native Plant Society website (conps.org) and in-

dicating whether you will participate in person or via Zoom.

This presentation will be preceded by a short meeting of the Southwest Chapter and followed by a Q-and-A session. Please contact johnbregar09@gmail.com with any questions.

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Man 2 Man prostate cancer support group of Durango to meet March 7

By Dion Hollenbeck
Man 2 Man

The Man 2 Man prostate cancer support group of Durango will meet from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on March 7 at the Durango Public Library.

Our group consists of survivors of prostate cancer and men who have been diagnosed with prostate issues, including BPH and cancer. We discuss experiences with resources, diagnosis and treatments for the disease.

Anyone is welcome. For more information, please contact prostategroupdro@gmail.com.



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The Library Affair gala event, scheduled for April 15 at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, will offer beautiful table settings for silent and live auctions. Proceeds will support the expansion of the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library.

Date set for The Library Affair

By Sally Neel

Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation and Friends

If you attended last year's The Library Affair gala, you likely remember a delightful evening filled with good friends, great food and drinks, beautiful music and opportunities to bid on spectacular tables filled with exotic, sometimes whimsical, book-themed decorations.

Most importantly, the evening offered opportunities to donate your financial support to the expansion of our amazing Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library.

This year's event will be held in the beautiful Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts on April 15 beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$50 and will go on sale on March 15 at the library and online.

The evening offers a unique opportunity to bid on beautiful and creative table settings for up to eight people, created by local celebrity table decorators. The table designs

will be based on themes from books ranging from children's to adult literature. The winning bidders will take home the complete content of the tables, including china, stemware, silverware, napkins, tablecloths, centerpieces and the themed book. This year, two of these beautiful tables will be made available to attendees through a chance drawing, with chance tickets available at the event.

Each decorator not only will be competing for the highest bid at the event, but also for the most online votes. For \$2 per vote, you will have the opportunity to go online to vote for your favorite tablescape and support your favorite designers. All donations will support the expansion of the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library. The decorators with the most online votes will win the coveted Pagosa Pulitzer Prize. The table with the highest bid at the event will win the beautiful Ruby award.

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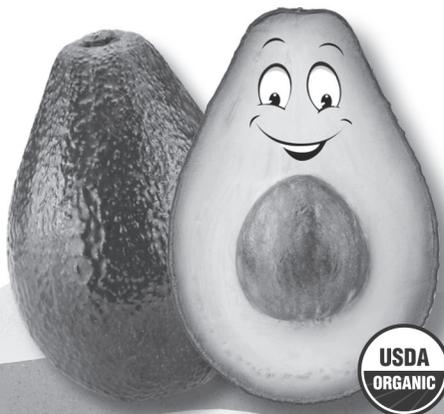
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Creation Care Team to meet Feb. 23

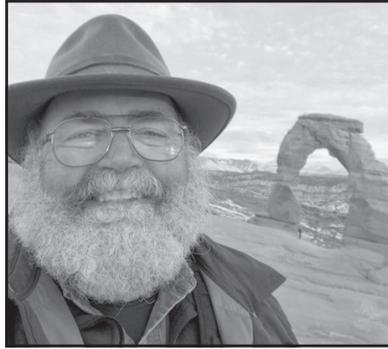
By Sarah Riehm
Creation Care Team

The Creation Care Team is a new group made up of community members dedicated to a faith-based approach to environmental stewardship. Renowned local environmental biology professor Herb Grover will be serving as the group's program coordinator.

The group will be meeting on the third Thursday of every month in the fellowship hall of the Community United Methodist Church at 434 Lewis St. The next meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 23, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Grover will introduce the meeting with a short video entitled "Our Father's World." A simple dinner of soup and salad will be offered at 5:30 p.m. Please RSVP to sarah.riehm@gmail.com if you plan to attend. If you are interested in making a positive impact on your community, please join us. All are welcome.

This week's meeting will be pri-



Herb Grover

marily a planning session for 2023 programs. We hope to design the programming based on the needs and interests of our own community and its members, so Grover will be taking suggestions for important topics the group can address this year. Following that, there will be a "Potluck of Ideas" where members can share, show and tell their ideas to conserve resources and make better earth-friendly choices for our homes, lawn and gardens, congrega-

tions, and our community.

The Creation Care Team believes that Christians have a biblical mandate to care for creation and earth's resources with which we have all been richly blessed. We hope to educate, equip and inspire local citizens to preserve, protect and enjoy the natural beauty of Pagosa Springs.

Grover is a semi-retired professor of biology, ecology and environmental science who has lived in Pagosa Springs for a little over seven years. He spent the last 25 years in teaching and administrative positions at faith-based universities in Texas, and continues to teach environmental science on-line for Wayland Baptist University. Prior to returning to academia in the mid-1990s, Grover was a research professor at the University of New Mexico, worked for the New Mexico Environment Department and was a project manager for a subcontractor to Los Alamos National Laboratory. He is currently a member of the Community United Methodist Church here in Pagosa and is active in several local organizations, including the Weminuche Audubon Society, San Juan Forest Health Partnership and the Pagosa Springs Photography Club.

If you have any questions about the group, please contact Sarah Riehm at sarah.riehm@gmail.com.

Affair

■ continued from previous page putting their imaginations into high gear to bring us amazing table settings, sure to delight any dinner guest," said planning commit-

tee chairperson Jann Pitcher. "We hope to have the full support of our beloved community as we work together to expand our wonderful library."

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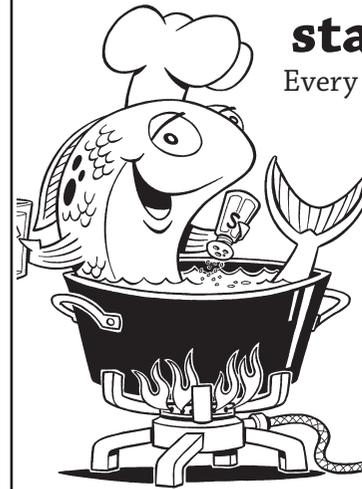
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By Anthony Aldwell
Saint Patrick's Episcopal Church

The congregation of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church honored its rector, the Rev. Wren Blessing, with a celebratory dinner on Feb. 17 to recognize her 10 years as a priest. The 75 attendees all voiced their appreciation for Blessing's joyful ministry.

As Senior Warden Linda Williams said, "In the 10 years since your ordination, you have brought Christ's love to the young and old, and all ages in between; served on the East Coast and the West Coast, and places in between; taught in English and Spanish; ministered in the sanctuary and in the wilderness. What could be a more fitting setting for your vocation and avocations than beautiful Pagosa Springs?"

Blessing was ordained to the priesthood on March 3, 2013, at Church of the Holy Family, Chapel Hill, N.C. by Bishop Michael Curry. Before coming to Pagosa Springs, she served in a variety of pastoral

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*Yesterday is history,
tomorrow is a mystery,
today is a "present".*

Celebrates

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 settings in North Carolina, Washington State and Montana, where she served on the diocesan staff and supported small and rural congregations, as well as the director of the Episcopal Summer Camp on Flathead Lake.

When queried why she came to Pagosa, Wren replied, "Having lived and served in Montana for an extended period of time, I hoped to return to the Rockies. When I visited Pagosa, I was drawn to St. Patrick's commitment to service, openness and its welcoming, joyful spirit."

She also immediately saw Pagosa as a family-friendly community.

Having served as St. Patrick's rector for the past year and a half, Blessing is very pleased with her decision to live and minister here, noting, "It is fun and surprising to serve and participate in a small town, and to see the connections and many layers of support within our community. I appreciate the diversity of the congregation, people who come from various faith and denominational backgrounds and bring their varied experiences and perspectives to St. Patrick's. People serve in bighearted, joy-

ful and creative ways through St. Patrick's, from volunteering for Loaves and Fishes and our food pantry, to offering music, and to helping maintain our buildings and grounds. There is a sense that St. Patrick's members are happy to roll up their sleeves and pitch in. Meaningful relationships grow as we serve alongside one another. St. Patrick's is also strengthened by the partnerships and relationships of support that stretch out across Pagosa Springs."

Blessing's desire for St. Patrick's to be embedded in the fabric of the Pagosa community is captured in her theme of "keeping the porch light on." As such, she stresses St. Patrick's commitment to shared worship, learning and our "no strings attached" fellowship activities open to all community members; the desire

to affirm the goodness that is unfolding outside of our congregation through partnerships with other Pagosa congregations; and our dedication to serve our community through St. Patrick's outreach efforts.

As examples of some of these "porch light" activities, she highlighted St. Patrick's evening and public worship services, sometimes held at the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership amphitheater and the Bee Hive Homes for seniors, the food pantry, the clothing drive and giveaway, Youth-Serve, musical offerings, the Blessing of the Animals and, of course, the upcoming St. Patrick's Parade on March 18. These activities all reinforce what is stated on the marquee in front of St. Patrick's Church, namely, "All are Welcome at God's Table."

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Spiritual experiences group to host event about HU

By Lynnzie Sutton

Spiritual Experiences Group
of Pagosa Springs

Years ago I began a quest to find the best spiritual practice for me. After many years of searching, I came to the realization that nothing really fit me.

I had a talk with God saying that there was nothing out there that resonated with me. Several months later, while listening to the radio, I heard a discussion about soul travel and an upcoming talk.

The concept of soul travel piqued my curiosity and I went to the talk, where I decided to read a book called "Eckankar, Key to Secret Worlds" by Paul Twitchell. That changed my life forever. That was 1973. Now, in 2023, 50 years later, I can reflect on the many spiritual lessons, insights and adventures I have had. Eckankar helped me work with a daily spiritual practice using HU, an ancient name

for God, for more joy, wisdom and peace.

You are warmly invited to experience HU, a divine sound that courses through all of life and through every atom of your body. 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.

Singing HU acts as a tuning fork, aligning soul to 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 you.

In this 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.

The event will include singing HU for 15 to 20 minutes and a few minutes of quiet contemplation followed by spiritual conversation with others of like heart.

Our conversation will be centered around how this sacred sound can change your whole outlook on life.

Join us on Sunday, Feb. 26, at 1 p.m. at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse at 230 Port Ave. This free event, brought to you by Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs and sponsored by Eckankar as a community service, is a spiritual resource for people of all faiths and beliefs. It is an individual, creative practice to experience and explore our own unique relationship with the divine.

Find out more about HU at <https://www.eckankar.org/experience/hu-the-sound-of-soul/>.

Noticing when God is giving a hug

By Lynn Moffett

PREVIEW Columnist

"A coincidence is God's way of remaining anonymous." — Albert Einstein in his book "The World As I See It"

"Following Jesus is meant to be an adventure." — Allen Jackson, World Outreach Church, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Are you familiar with God's hugs?

A God hug is not a miraculous healing, nor the parting of the Red Sea. What I'm talking about is little things that happen in our everyday life. Things we might shrug off and call a coincidence.

One of the ways I experience God's hugs is when He answers prayer.

For example, one night when dinosaurs ruled the earth, my teens didn't arrive home before curfew. I tossed and turned. Finally, I threw up my hands and said, "No more. I'll pray for strangers until the kids come home. Father, give me a stranger to pray for."

Immediately, in my mind's eye, I saw Maria, a woman neither young nor old. Shots rang out from behind her as she ran for her life through a deep green jungle in Uganda. Idi Amin's soldiers were chasing her, bent on killing her.

Though I wondered if I made up the image, and the name seemed strange for Africa, I prayed for her. Simple. Dusted off my hands and went to sleep.

A couple of years later, while teaching in our Kids of the Kingdom program, two new children arrived. I went to greet them. They were from — are you ready? — Uganda. They told the story of their

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grandmother Maria's escape from Idi Amin's soldiers.

A God hug.

But that was then, and this is now. Isn't that the name of a song?

A couple of weekends ago, circumstances forced me to spend nine hours in Durango, waiting for my tax papers to be completed.

My daughter and I drove to the extension building near the fairgrounds. My first God hug proved to be an empty parking space, not in the disabled section, but near enough to the entry I didn't need my cane.

My Lori said, "A God hug."

Thank you, Father.

Three more times we returned to check on my tax stuff and the same parking space waited for us.

Coincidence or hug? You choose.

This kind of thing kept happening throughout the day and became a game for us as we experienced all the hugs.

At my daughter's suggestion, we decided to kill time by delivering a series of my books to the local library. Without trying, we found the best parking space, one with a ramp curb, and a short hop to the door.

Having never been there before, I asked at the front desk and the kind man referred us to the Reference Librarian on the second floor. My knees said no.

Whoever heard of an elevator in a library?

Coincidence or God hug?

Hours passed before I finally had my tax papers in hand.

On our way home, we stopped to grab a milkshake and hamburger. I pulled out my wad of cash to pay the bill and the major portion of what I thought was there wasn't. I used my debit card instead, hoping my funds at the bank could cover the small bill.

I'd forgotten I had a lunch date scheduled in two days with other people turning 80 this year. "Lord, how will I pay?"

Doesn't sound like a big deal, right? To me this was.

I didn't say anything to my daughter, just waited.

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Friday, Feb. 24

The Stations of the Cross. 4 p.m., Pope John Paul II Church, 353 N. Pagosa Blvd. For more information, call (970) 731-5744.

Wednesday, March 1

The Stations of the Cross. 4 p.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary, 451 Lewis St. For more information, call (970) 731-5744.

Friday, March 3

The Stations of the Cross. 4 p.m., Pope John Paul II Church, 353 N. Pagosa Blvd. For more information, call (970) 731-5744.

Wednesday, March 8

The Stations of the Cross. 4 p.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary, 451 Lewis St. For more information, call (970) 731-5744.

Friday, March 10

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Wednesday, March 15

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Friday, March 17

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Wednesday, March 22

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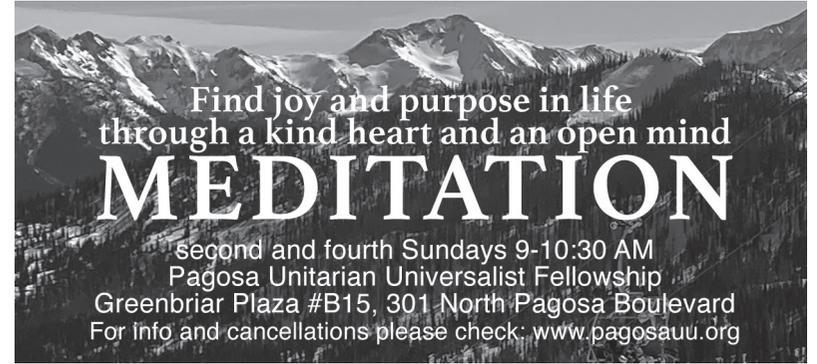
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Faith

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When we got home, I needed gas. We'd driven around Durango more than I'd thought.

Monday morning, fretting, still wondering about the missing cash, I checked again. I unzipped the particular pocket of my purse and found exactly \$27, enough for lunch, a tip, and gas to last until payday.

Coincidence or God hug?

Hugs happen every day. They have from my early years.

So here is my challenge: Open your eyes and ears and engage your

own spirit to notice when God is giving you a hug.

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Building and working to maintain healthy soil

By Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

Even if there is snow on the ground, it's time to think about your plans for gardening.

Whether you are growing grass, vegetables or flowers, if your soil isn't healthy, your plants won't be either. Soil health can be defined as its continued capacity to sustain plants, animals and humans.

A healthy soil supplies plants with nutrients and water needed for growth and reproduction. Plants also need oxygen from the soil for root function. A healthy soil is a living, breathing ecosystem. Billions of microorganisms can be found in one cup of healthy soil and their job is to keep the ecosystem running smoothly. Management choices that provide a healthy habitat for both soil microorganisms and roots will promote a thriving plant community and garden.

How can we build and maintain soil health? Amend it. A soil amendment is any material added to a soil to improve its physical properties, such as water retention, permeability, water infiltration, drainage, aeration and structure. The goal is to provide a better environment for roots.

Soil amendments for clay soils improve the soil aggregation; increase porosity and permeability; and improve aeration, drainage and rooting depth. A variety of products are available bagged or bulk for soil amendments. However, soil amendments are not regulated. Many are extremely high in salts. With Colorado's large livestock industry, manure and manure-based compost are readily available. These are often high in salts, limiting application rates. Use with caution.

Plant-based composts are low in salt. These may be applied at higher application rates, more effectively improving the soil. Plant-based composts are typically higher in price.

To do its work, an amendment must be thoroughly mixed into the soil. If it is merely buried, its effectiveness is reduced, and it will interfere with water and air movement and root growth.

Amending a soil is not the same thing as mulching, although many mulches also are used as amendments. A mulch is left on the soil surface. Its purpose is to reduce evaporation and runoff, inhibit weed growth and create an attractive appearance. Mulches also moderate soil temperature. Organic mulches may be incorporated into the soil as amendments after they have decomposed to the point that they no longer serve their purpose. Deal with soil compaction — soil needs pore space to

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facilitate air and water movement into and through the soil. Compaction decreases porosity in the soil — slowing water drainage and restricting oxygen for roots.

See CSU Extension Garden-Notes and Fact Sheets (cmg.colostate.edu) for information on dealing with soil compaction, irrigation management, and the proper use of fertilizers and organic amendments.

Upcoming events

Please visit our Facebook page and website to register for the following events.

March 2 — Livestock and Forage Growers Online Update. A Western Slope outlook.

March 11 — Landowners workshop. Extension building, 9 a.m. to noon.

March 18 — Seed Class and Swap, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

April 29 — Viticulture Workshop. Details to be determined.

May 10-11 — Certified seed potato will be on sale for \$2 per pound. This year, we will not be taking orders; it is a first-come, first-served service. Please bring your own bag or box to take your seed home.

CPR and first aid classes

CPR and first aid certification classes are offered monthly by the CSU Extension office, generally on the second Monday and Wednesday of each month from 6 to 10 p.m. The cost for the classes is \$80 for combined CPR/first aid and \$55 for CPR, first aid or recertification. Call the Extension office at (970) 246-5931 to register.

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

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- 5 Kind of therapy
- 10 Stomach woe
- 14 Barn topper
- 15 Long-necked wader
- 16 Urgent request
- 17 Priceless
- 19 Pilot products
- 20 Doer of do's
- 21 Exit, as a 747
- 23 Old anesthetic
- 25 Kidney-related
- 26 Kitchen fixture
- 29 Warren denizens
- 32 Indiana hoopsters
- 34 Hammer part
- 35 Car nut
- 38 Public praise
- 40 Pass away
- 42 "___ rang?"
- 43 Pre-weekend shout
- 45 Addams Family uncle
- 46 Pirate treasure
- 49 Kind of whale
- 50 Word with way or well
- 52 Tightly packed
- 54 Colorful marble
- 57 Work boot features
- 61 Life preserver?
- 62 Easy to reach
- 64 Ice ___
- 65 2% alternative
- 66 Natural soother
- 67 ___ for oneself
- 68 Humble
- 69 Off-color

DOWN

- 1 Hertz rival
- 2 Long for
- 3 Coveter's emotion
- 4 Death Valley is below it
- 5 "Pipe down!"
- 6 Warming device
- 7 Planet, poetically
- 8 Hard-hearted
- 9 On bended ___
- 10 Small Java program
- 11 Fresh start
- 12 Reddish dye
- 13 Studio stand
- 18 English major's field
- 22 Disney's Ariel and Aurora
- 24 Jay-Z's genre
- 26 Fix, at the vet's
- 27 Tex-Mex snack
- 28 Line of work
- 30 Four-poster, e.g.
- 31 Carne, in some chili
- 33 Aries or Libra
- 36 Sure anagram

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- 37 Start of an idea
- 39 Start for way or wife
- 41 Out of the ordinary
- 44 Spoon-___
- 47 On the market, as a house
- 48 Pass on, say
- 50 Knock, with "at"
- 51 China setting
- 53 Like a busybody
- 55 Ketch's cousin
- 56 Reverberate
- 58 Up to the task
- 59 Farm machine
- 60 Bird feeder filler
- 63 Pasture grazer

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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By Rose Chavez
PREVIEW Columnist

Senior News

Take time to focus on your personal wellness with our virtual programs. It's easy to join a class that can calm your mind, spark your creativity or guide your learning.

New programs for March and April include Mindful Chair Yoga, the discussion and creativity series All about Self-Love and Care, and Mindful Eating. These and many more ongoing programs start the first week of March. All are online, and all are free. Choose topics that best support your unique wellness journey, and sign up to try something new.

Mindfulness and Brain Health includes: Boost Your Brain and Memory, Mindful Chair Yoga, Mindful Eating, Intro to Mindfulness Meditation, Guided Mindfulness Meditation, Creative Mindfulness Part 1 and Creative Mindfulness Part 2. Reduce stress and calm your mind with one of our mindfulness programs, or practice strategies for keeping your brain healthy — or try both.

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Art Making Part 1 and Virtual Art Making Part 2. This series of hands-on classes gives you the opportunity to stretch your creative muscles. No experience is needed; we'll give you step-by-step instructions in each class. When you register, we'll ask for your mailing address so we can send you the necessary materials ahead of time, at no charge.

Aromatherapy includes: Aromatherapy 101, Aromatherapy 2.0, Aromatherapy Garden Club, Aromatherapy Garden Club Part 2 and Aromatherapy 3.0. Each series offers learning and discussion, as well as hands-on creation of specific beneficial aromatherapy mixtures. Attendance at earlier programs is not a requirement. When you register, we'll ask for your mailing address so we can send you the necessary materials ahead of time, at no charge.

Discussion groups include: All about Self-Love and Care, Gather in the Gallery (virtual), and Documentary and Discussion.

Try All about Self-Love and Care and slow down, explore aspects of self-care, create visual art pieces and writing, and practice meditation. When you register, we'll ask for your address so we can send you materials, at no charge. Or, check out Gather in the Gallery (virtual) (formerly titled Meet Me at the Museum) to share your unique perspective on art while learning about masterpieces from around the world. The Documentary and Discussion series focuses on short documentaries about a different work of art that was lost, stolen or destroyed. We'll watch together, then join a guided discussion.

To review and register for programs, visit: <http://www.psseniors.org/mather.html>

Senior conversations

Join us Feb. 27 at 9:30 a.m. for a first in a series of Senior conversations with local Bill Salmansohn. He will lead the group through a

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Senior

■ **continued from previous page** mindfulness exercise and discussion of various topics pertaining to aging in Archuleta County. Explore and discover for yourself answers to your questions and concerns.

The first group will be Feb. 27 at the Pagosa Senior Center in the dining hall.

COVID-19 test kits

Stop by the Senior Center to pick up a pack of six 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

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.

Kitchen and admin volunteers needed

The Community Cafe at the Pagosa Senior Center is requesting volunteers to help with our front desk pickup meals and in the office in administrative tasks. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to volunteer or for more information.

Community Cafe menu

Thursday, Feb. 23 — Singapore coffee barbecue pork ribs with rice, sauteed squash, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, Feb. 24 — Chicken Dijon with glazed carrots and dinner roll, garden salad, fruit, milk and banana pudding.

Monday, Feb. 27 — Chicken piccata, scalloped potatoes, peas and carrots, focaccia bread, garden salad and milk.

Tuesday Feb. 28 — Pork tenderloin with harvest chutney, sweet potatoes, green salad, whole-wheat roll, garden salad and milk.

Wednesday, March 1 — Veggie marinara over spaghetti squash, focaccia bread, garden salad, brownie and milk.

Thursday, March 2 — Chicken curry with jasmine rice, roasted cauliflower, garden salad.

Friday, March 3 — Seafood Veracruz with cod and shrimp, quinoa, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Grab-N-Go meals

Grab-N-Go meal reservations and cancellations are required. Please call or text by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you want to pick up a meal. A suggested donation of \$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.

Meals on Wheels

We deliver fresh Meals on Wheels five days a week (and provide frozen Meals on Wheels for weekends) to homebound Archuleta County residents. Call or text us at (970) 264-2167.

Requesting donations

Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) has an immediate monetary need to support ongoing operations and programming that provide critical services to some of the most vulnerable in Archuleta County. Please consider donating.

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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ANSWER:

Rescheduled free radon gas session set for today

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Staff from San Juan Basin Public Health will be at your library at 12:30 p.m. today, Thursday, Feb. 23, to discuss the dangers of radon gas in homes and businesses, take your questions, and distribute free radon test kits.

This session is rescheduled from Feb. 1. Winter is the best time to test for the cancer-causing gas because levels are highest when windows and doors are closed.

The kits are pre-addressed, so once you've finished the test you can just seal it up and drop it in the mail. You'll get your results via email or mail from the lab that made the tests. The geology of southwest Colorado leads to an increased risk of radon gas here, so this is an important topic for us to understand for the health of our families and community. In fact, radon exposure is the leading cause of lung cancer, even in people who have never smoked.

Events 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.

Flu season protocols

The curbside service that we began for COVID safety continues — and it's also a healthful option in the cold and flu season. To save your energy and lessen germ exposure to other patrons, we recommend you use our curbside service — or add a name to your account authorizing that person to pick up items for you while you recuperate.

Knowledge Bowl today

Our second free Knowledge Bowl takes place today, Thursday, Feb. 23, from 4 to 5 p.m. for tweens and teens. Participants will form teams of up to six people to compete against each other by answering questions that cover a range of topics from math to spelling to pop culture. Knowledge Bowl will run every second and fourth Thursday for the remainder of the school year. It is open to students in grades four through eight, or ages 11-14. Registration is not required.

GM Playground expanding next week

Teens are invited to enjoy a free rebranded online GM Playground DnD program next Thursday, March 2, from 4 to 6 p.m. that will now be open to a wider variety of players on the first and third Thursdays of every month. Game masters (GMs) can lead a variety of tabletop role-playing games, but sometimes are uncertain how to

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start or may want to test a new idea before running a full campaign. This program will give you space to do that. Interested GMs should contact the library to sign up to run a one-shot game (no more than three sessions).

Gaming tomorrow

Enjoy free all-ages video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 24, from 3 to 4 p.m.

LEGO Club on Saturday

Kids aged 6 and up are invited to bring your imaginations — LEGOs are provided — on Saturday, Feb. 25, from 11 a.m. to noon for the free LEGO Club. LEGO challenges also are posted on Facebook if you can't make it to the library.

Children's Spanish class on Monday

Join us next Monday, Feb. 27, from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. for a Spanish class for kids aged 6 to 11 to help youngsters learn and improve their Spanish.

Dungeons and Dragons

Next Tuesday, Feb. 28, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., join our in-person Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults. Registration is required because space is limited. Contact Josie@pagosalibrary.org to join.

Online author talk

There will be one more talk this month in our free online virtual series featuring New York Times bestselling authors. Next Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 2 p.m. we'll interact with Sadeqa Johnson, award-winning author of "The House of Eve." Johnson has written four novels and is the recipient of the National Book Club Award, the Phillis Wheatley Award and the USA Best Book Award for best fiction.

Homework and tutoring help

Our highly popular free homework assistance and elementary tutoring are available for students in kindergarten through fourth grades 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.

Family storytimes

Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m.

join us for free in-person children's stories, games and plenty of reasons to get up and move.

ESL classes

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

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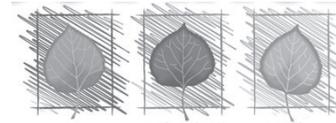
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Tech Time

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. Note there will be no Tech Time Feb. 28 and March 2.

Downloadable books

CloudLibrary has a wide variety of downloadable e-books and audiobooks for all ages, and accessing this free digital collection is very easy. 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.

DVDs

"Anne of Green Gables" includes all three movies plus two new documentaries about this classic. "Rick Steves' Europe" contains eight PBS shows from 2021-2022. "The Comancheros" is a John Wayne Wild West adventure. "Hiding in Plain Sight" is a Ken Burns documentary about youth mental illness. "Till" is a true story about a mother's pursuit of justice for her son who was lynched. We have seasons one and two of "Star Trek Discovery" on separate DVDs. "Water" tells the story of a feisty young Hindu widow in Gandhi's India. "The Woman King," inspired by true events, features an all-female unit of warriors.

Spanish-language books

"Un Caballero en Moscu" ("A Gentleman in Moscow") by Amor Towles features an aristocrat under house arrest at the Metropol Hotel in Moscow. "Entrevista con el Vampire" ("Interview with the Vampire") by Anne Rice is book one

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Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

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

Calling this bird drab, as many references do, ignores the intricate feather patterns of the male in breeding plumage. Lacking the bright colors of many, he is called the "gray duck" by waterfowl hunters and from a distance this is his appearance. A close look reveals the wavy black lines called vermiculation over his gray feathers and his rust-brown-colored shoulders, which confer an elegant look.

A female is very difficult to distinguish from a mallard female. The female gadwall's darker bill with orange only along the sides sets them apart. Breeding pairs form in the fall and, by November, most females will be with their mates, making identification easier.

Though males leave to molt once incubation of eggs begins, the pair will get back together in fall and mate again the following year.

Gadwall are dabbling ducks which mainly feed on the leaves, stems, roots and seeds of submerged aquatic vegetation. Like American wigeon, they often steal plants brought to the surface from deeper-diving coots. During the breeding season, they also eat aquatic invertebrates including snails and beetles.

These ducks occur widely across the Northern Hemisphere, including in Europe and in Asia. In North America, they are more common in the west, where they typically nest in fields and meadows near water, primarily in regions of the prairie. Pairs that breed in northern areas where lakes freeze move south for the winter.

Gadwall are a game bird who have benefited from habitat restoration and wetlands conservation. Although they are the third most-hunted duck species, their numbers have dramatically increased since the 1980s.

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

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■ continued from previous page in the author's vampire series. "El Espejo de las Almas" ("A Mirror into the Souls") by Mario Escobar tells of a sisterhood of secular women in Europe.

Nonfiction about love and joy

"Love and Justice" by WNBA star Maya Moore Irons and Jonathan Irons is a memoir about their love and their fight together to free him from prison. "8 Rules of Love" by Jay Shetty uses ancient wisdom and science as a guide to the stages of romance. "Lost and Found" by Pulitzer Prize-winner Kathryn Schulz explores expansive love and deep loss. "The Art of Gratitude" by Nazanin Mandi explains how to achieve joy from a three-minute morning journal ritual.

Large print

"The Cobbler of Spanish Fort and Other Frontier Stories" by Johnny D. Boggs is a collection of short western stories. "The Fleecing of Fort Griffin" by Preston Lewis is set in 1870s Texas. "Tick Tock" by Fern Michaels is a Sisterhood mystery. "Sleep No More" by Jayne Ann Krentz features three women who host a podcast investigating cold cases. "Maybe Now" by Colleen Hoover is book three in the Maybe Someday romance series.

Books on CD

"The House at the End of the World" by Dean Koontz is a sci-fi thriller. "The Keeper of Stories" by Sally Page was inspired by the author's love of people's stories. "Sleep No More" by Jayne Ann Krentz is the first book in a new romantic suspense trilogy. "Birds of a Feather" by Jacqueline Win-

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spear is a Maisie Dobbs mystery. “Without a Trace” by Danielle Steel features a man who chooses to disappear after a car crash. “Encore in Death” by J.D. Robb is an Eve Dallas mystery.

Other novels

“Small World” by Laura Zigman follows two divorced sisters who move in together. “Her Heart’s Desire” by Shelley Shepard Gray is book one in the A Season in Pinecraft Amish romance series. “Nice Guys Finish Dead” by William W. and J.A. Johnstone is part of the Old Cowboys Never Die series. “River Sing Me Home” by Eleanor Shearer features an enslaved woman searching for her children taken from her in the 1830s.

Donations

When we are open, material donations are accepted for the Friends of the Library at the front desk — not through the outside returns slot at the library or the drop box at City Market, please.

The Friends take fiction published in 2013 or newer and nonfiction that is 2018 or newer. Limited workroom space means we can only accept one or two small boxes at a time.

Quotable quote

“As local safety nets shriveled, the library roof magically expanded from umbrella to tarp to circus tent to airplane hangar. The modern library keeps its citizens warm, safe, healthy, entertained, educated, hydrated and, above all, connected ... One could argue that [librarians] distribute more wings than an airline pilot. Put yours to good use and you can fly

anywhere.” — “A Love Letter to Libraries, Long Overdue,” article in The New York Times, Feb. 14, 2023.

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Guess Who?

I am an actress/singer from California born on February 20, 2003. I gained early fame for an acting role based on an American Girl book series. I released my debut single in 2021, and won a Grammy for Best New Artist the following year.

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

Thursday, Feb. 23

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Knowledge Bowl. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Test your trivia skills in a wide range of subjects. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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

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Friday, Feb. 24

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

Who We Play For Heart Screening Event. 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School. Free for eighth-grade students. Register online at whoweplayfor.org/heart-screening-registration-other-screenings or in person at the event. For more information, visit www.whoweplayfor.org.

Gaming. 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Enjoy video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Saturday, Feb. 25

VITA Tax Volunteers to Assist with Senior Tax Returns. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Senior Center. VITA tax volunteers will be coming to prepare seniors' (age 55 or better) 2022 tax returns for free. Appointments are avail-

able but limited and will be made on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants must have income of \$60,000 or less. Must bring all documents in order for us to complete the return. Must have ID in form of driver's license plus social security card (or copy) or a 1099 SSA form. Please contact us at (970) 264-2167 to check availability for appointments.

LEGO Club. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For kids ages 6 and up. Build with us. Call (970) 264-2209 for further information.

Boy Scout Troop 807 Fundraising Dinner. 5:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Anyone interested in attending is asked to RSVP to (970) 946-8687.

Curtains Up Pagosa February Follies. 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. A talent competition. The doors will open at 6 p.m. for at-the-door tickets and concessions, and seating will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in advance at <https://our.show/febfolies23>. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. Tickets will be \$5 more at the door.

Sunday, Feb. 26

Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs: 15 Minutes to Change Your Life, Using HU the Sacred Sound. 1-2:30 p.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join us for this discussion on using HU for your spiritual practice. Open to all faiths and beliefs. For more in-person and online events, join us on Meetup.com <https://www.meetup.com/pagosa-springs-spiritual-experiences-group/>.

Monday, Feb. 27

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.

Senior Conversations: Aging in Place. 9:30 a.m., Senior Center. The first in a series of with local Bill Salmansohn. He will lead the group through a mindfulness exercise and discussion of various topics pertaining to aging in place in Archuleta County. Explore and discover for yourself answers to your questions and concerns.

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 informa-

tion.

Tuesday, Feb. 28

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

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. 10 a.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Veterans and family members are invited to share experiences with vets of all ages. Find out about the latest in vets benefits, vets news and community-focused events. We welcome your participation in fundraisers to benefit fellow vets. You served once, join us in continuing that service. Contact (970) 880-8387 for more details.

WHIPS (Women Helping In Pagosa Springs) Luncheon. 11:30 a.m., Mountain Pizza and Taproom. All adult women are invited. The cost is \$15. We welcome you, but do need you to RSVP by Sunday, Feb. 26. Call (970) 946-1895.

Pagosa Duplicate Bridge. 12:30 p.m., PLPOA clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Duplicate players new and

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

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St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church Pipe and Drum Lessons. 5:15-5:45, St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Jim Dorian and Paul Elliot, both experienced Scottish bagpipers, are happy to teach the art of piping free of charge. Contact Jim Dorian at (970) 749-2129 for more information.

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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 green chili chicken and cheese soup, tortillas 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.

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San Juan Outdoor Club Monthly Meeting. 6-8 p.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Doug Coombs will present photos from his month-long travels through Brazil last summer. The travel included national parks, botanical gardens, Amazonia rainforest in the dry season, savannahs, Rio De Janeiro, a cruise on the Rio Negro and other tributaries of the Amazon, and more. Social time starts at 6 p.m. with light refreshments. The public is welcome. For more information, please email us at sanjuanoutdoorclub@gmail.com.

San Juan Stargazers Club Monthly Meeting. 6 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Please use the doorway right off the large parking lot to the east. (The front doors may be locked.) If you would like coffee/tea, snacks and some stimulating conversation, you can arrive shortly after 6 p.m. for our social hour. From 7-8:30 sharp is the program, the topic being the

remarkable planet, Uranus.

Friday, March 3

Teen and Tween Takeover. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Takeover the library. Our conversational computers will be reserved for users ages 9-19. Come play with us.

Gaming. 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Enjoy video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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

Backcountry Film Festival. 6-10 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, 2313 Eagle Drive. Celebrating the connection between humans and wild winters. A collage of human-powered stories and backcountry-inspired experiences that ignite wild conversations and inspire action to communities that celebrate the present while looking toward the future. Visit winterwildlands.org for more information.

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

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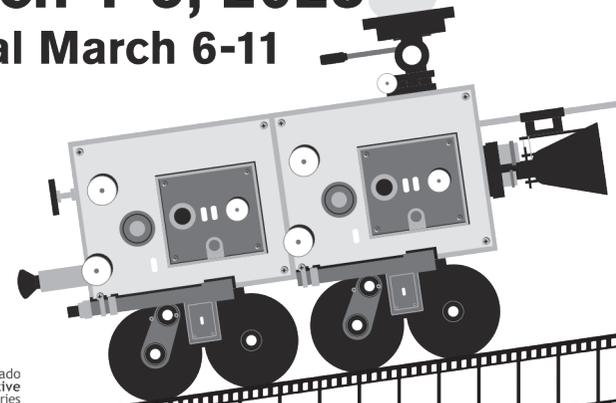
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The fragrance of God

I thought to myself, “Well, good luck. It’s going to be a stretch.” I hesitated, but introduced my Sweet Al to a book of poetry by the great poet Judith Shaw. She wrote “Listen to the Green,” poems rich in spirit and truth.

I had a great idea using these heart-felt poems as a companion piece to study the scriptures. For 30 years, each morning Al and I spend an hour or so talking about and reading the scriptures. I explain deep truths as Al flips through Trapper and Gun Dog magazines.

Over the years, our children have said their daddy was trapped and couldn’t escape from my determination to teach him the Bible. I didn’t pay them any mind. I still don’t. I let them know he’s acquired a taste for heavenly things and we enjoy seeking God together.

In this book, “Listen to the Green,” I turned to the forward and read, “There is a difference between a great poem like Paradise Lost and a cookbook. In the cookbook, you learn something new. Instead of knowledge, from a great poem like Milton’s, you gain growth that will bring you into sympathy with the infinite.” One with God.

As I read, Al looked at me and said, “This is over my head.”

“I’m talking to your heart, not your head,” I said. “Al, here’s another way of looking at this concept. Reading a great poem is like walking into the kitchen on a snowy day and smelling the aroma of herbal seasonings marinating in the soup on the stove. We catch a whiff of the aroma and can’t wait to taste the soup. The aroma is not tangible until we taste it. We enjoy how it feels in our heart. God takes pleasure with us and he smiles in delight when we seek him. We are enjoying the sweetness of his presence.”

The author continues to write, “Darwin, in his old age, lamented that his mind had become a sort of sausage machine for grinding factual observation into scientific systems. If he was able to live his life over again, he would frequently read poetry and listen to music, because of ‘the loss of these tastes is a loss of happiness, injurious to the intellect, and to the moral character.’”

I venture to say he’s lamenting even more. The real issue of life is of the heart. God looks on the heart of a man.

Artist’s Lane

Betty Slade



Al waned. I piqued his interest again. “It’s like when you come home with a hunting story without the deer. You want to relive the experience without the evidence.

“You’re waiting for a deer to walk by. It doesn’t see you. It walks up to you. It’s so close you smell the musk and you tell me it smells like ammonia. Did you shoot the deer? No. But that’s not the story. It’s the experience.”

I grabbed Al’s attention, but he wanted to finish his own story. “Let me tell you. I could feel sweat beads running down my forehead. My heart was beating so fast, it was about to explode. I’m sweating in my shoes, my finger is twitching. I freeze. I can’t seem to get the gun to my shoulder. I lock eyes with the buck. Neither one of us moves.

“I can’t explain it. When I finally lifted my rifle, he had already meandered down the hill. I didn’t get the deer, but I remember the odor and the look in his eyes.”

“Al, that’s exactly how I feel in the presence of God. He’s as close as my breath. He lingers, my heart flutters and is about to explode. I close my eyes. I press His Word to my heart. Neither of us speak. Then I open my eyes and the moment has passed. Did I see God? No. But when I looked at you, I see the sweetness of God on your face and I know God had passed by.”

This is what the poet is saying. She searched for words strong enough to explain her feelings and how her heart felt. Her mind tried to intellectually express her thoughts through words. She writes the essence of her heart.

Paul explains to the Corinthians, “God always makes his grace visible in Christ. Through our yielded lives he spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of God everywhere we go. We have become the unmistakable aroma of the victory of the Anointed. We are one with God—a perfume of life to those being saved and the odor of death to those who are perishing.” — II Corinthians 3:14-15 (TPT).

This is what happens when we write an article, hear a song or

read poetry. Our words have the fragrance of Jesus on them. Like the poet says, she’s speaking to our heart and it brings us into “sympathy with the infinite.” It deepens our faith in God as we line up with him and his words.

Al responded, “All I know, I love Jesus. What’s for breakfast?”

“Oh me. Cinnamon squares.” Well, there’s always tomorrow morning, I’m going to read another poem to Al.

Final brushstroke: When I run into Mr. G, Tony or Linda, they say, “I can hardly wait to read your next article. Your articles are like you’ve been looking in my mailbox. I can’t explain it.”

I know it’s probably not what I’ve written or how I wrote it, but they are smelling the fragrance of the knowledge of God in Jesus. It’s the unmistakable aroma of the victory of the anointed. To them, these articles are life to life. The readers have acquired a certain taste for heavenly things.

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Strategies to improve your ability to focus

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Distractions have never been harder to resist.

According to Deloitte's "2022 Connectivity and Mobile Trends Survey" (third edition), the average household in the United States now has a total of 22 connected devices. Things are a little less connected in Canada, where a J.D. Power survey of television service subscribers found that the average household has about 10 devices.

The prevalence and accessibility of devices can make it difficult to focus, but tablets, smartphones and other technologies are not the only culprits that can compromise the ability to concentrate. Harvard Medical School notes that underlying medical conditions, the side effects of medication and excessive alcohol consumption can each make it harder to focus. That's a significant detriment, as an ability to focus can help individuals be more efficient and perform better at work and in school.

Each individual is different, so efforts to improve focus might require a little trial and error until a person finds what works for them. In the meantime, the following are some effective strategies that can help people sharpen their focus

and reap all the rewards that a heightened ability to concentrate has to offer.

- Turn notifications off. Notifications are a bigger distraction than people may realize. A 2015 study from researchers at Florida State University found that simply hearing the ping of a notification was as distracting as taking a phone call. Individuals may find the idea of answering as little as 20 or more phone calls per day unrealistic, but researchers have found that the average smartphone user receives around 80 push notifications per day. Such constant inflow of notifications is detrimental to smartphone users' ability to focus. Turning notifications off while in school or during the workday can help people avoid this seemingly endless stream of distractions, thus improving focus.

- Establish a distraction-free workspace. A survey from McKinsey & Company found that, after the acute phases of the COVID-19 pandemic, 58 percent of employed respondents have the option to work from home for all or part of the week. Remote working may be more convenient, but it also can compromise workers' focus in ways that are unique to working from home. For example,

professionals' children cannot stroll into their offices when they aren't working from home, nor are distractions like television within arm's length in a traditional office setting. Professionals who are finding it hard to focus when working from home can do more to make their home offices distraction-free. Make your home a television-free zone during traditional working hours and remove a television or nonwork tablet from your office so you aren't tempted to watch a show or a sporting event when you're supposed to be working.

- Adopt a healthier lifestyle. The experts at Harvard Medical School note that many aspects of a healthy lifestyle can help people focus better. Researchers have discovered a direct link between exercise and a person's ability to pay attention, noting that exercise increases the availability of brain chemicals that reduce stress and improve sleep, among other things. Less stress and a good night's rest can make it easier to focus.

An ability to focus pays myriad dividends. Individuals can try various strategies to improve their concentration skills and reap the rewards that such improvement provides.

Working without distractions

By Michael J. Marx
PREVIEW Columnist

My name is Nugget and I'm a sled dog.

The man in the sled basket kept yelling, "You're doing a great job. Keep it up!"

What is this man saying? I look back at him trying to figure out what he means. The musher stops the convoy of two dog sleds and comes and checks on me.

We then continue to pull the sleds down the trail. The man again yells things I don't understand. I look back. The musher again stops and checks my paws and shoulders.

It happens again. The musher explains to the old man in the sled-basket and the driver of the sled that when a dog keeps looking back, it usually means something is wrong.

"Well, I just keep yelling words of encouragement at them," said the passenger.

The musher admonished him, "Oh! Ah, you're confusing them. They expect commands, not chatter. When you yell to them, say something like 'straight ahead,' please."

How often are we distracted from our work? Well-meaning people do things that keeps us from focusing on pulling the sleds. We

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can't hear the real commands from the noise. Do humans not know that sled dogs want to work? Doing what we are made to do is enough for us. We do not need someone praising us for doing our jobs.

Paws to consider:

Are you able to do your work without distractions?

Can you be quiet?
Can you be attentive?
Can you be single-minded?
What can you do to be more focused on your work?

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 gold-mining theme. She has run in the Alaskan interior, the Herbert Glacier and now the San Juan Mountains of Colorado.

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Cold weather and turkey sweaters

By **Daris Howard**
Special to The PREVIEW

John was new to the wide-open country of the west. He had spent his life in a large city and couldn't wait for this new experience. He had dreamed of getting away to the country and having his own small farm. During COVID, his job assignment changed, making it possible for him to continue working from home. He could now live anywhere he wanted. So, he found his little dream homestead, purchased it, and made the move.

His city friends had laughed. "You're going to find rural life dull and uninteresting after living in the city," one friend said. "Unless cows, chickens, pigs and turkeys fascinate you."

But nothing his friends said could diminish his dream. He had heard a lot about how wonderful life was: fresh air, open land and no traffic jams. He had woken up his first morning after moving to a late fall frost on the windows, and he thought it was beautiful.

He had heard how friendly rural people were, and he couldn't wait to meet them. In fact, though he was new there, he decided he should get out and visit his neighbors. He started by driving the quarter mile to the nearest house to meet those who lived there.

John pulled into the driveway and saw a young man, probably in his late teens, dressed in warm coveralls tied down around his waist. He was chopping wood, and sweat was pouring down his face.

John stepped from his car and walked over to the young man. The young man set his ax against his chopping block.

John stepped up and reached out his hand. "Hi. I'm John Thompson, your new neighbor."

The young man shook it vigorously. "I'm David. David Hansen," the young man said. "Glad to meet you."

David pulled his coveralls over his shoulders and zipped them. "I don't need them when I'm chopping wood. But I don't want to cool

off too much, as sweaty as I am." They visited, and momentarily a turkey walked by wearing a knitted sweater. John tried not to stare, but David didn't seem fazed by it at all. They continued talking when another turkey dressed in a sweater, walked by, then another, then another. John counted five in all.

They visited, and momentarily a turkey walked by wearing a knitted sweater. John tried not to stare, but David didn't seem fazed by it at all.

He tried not to act too surprised, but by the time the last one walked by, he couldn't contain his curiosity.

"Um, those turkeys are wearing sweaters," John said to David.

David nodded. "Yea. It's getting cold."

"But sweaters on turkeys?" John said.

"Well," David replied, "one morning, a few weeks ago, we found the turkeys were all dead."

"Dead?" John questioned to himself as he looked over at the

turkeys scratching around for food. "We were devastated, of course," David continued.

"We had looked forward to a batch of baby turkeys in the spring. Granny, who grew up during the depression, was not about to let anything go to waste. 'Those turkeys have lots of good feathers,' she said. She insisted we pluck them to use their feathers in some pillows. So, we did.

"Later that evening, when we came home from work, we found the turkeys walking around. It didn't take us long to realize they had gotten into some fermented grain and had just been drunk. Since they were all plucked, we were afraid they would freeze to death when it got cold. But Granny said it wasn't going to happen on her watch, and she knitted sweaters for all of them. She got them done just in time, too, because the weather soon turned cold."

They talked a bit longer, and as John headed on his way, he took one more glance at the turkeys. His friends were definitely wrong. Rural life wasn't going to be dull.

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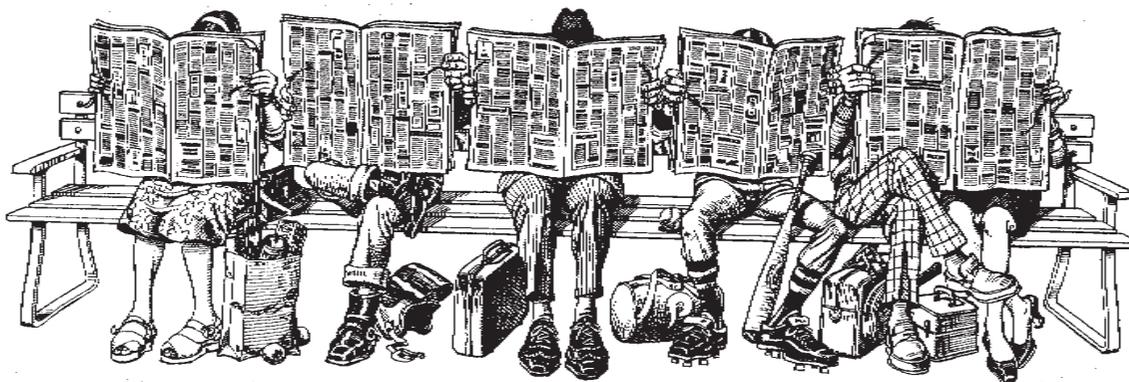
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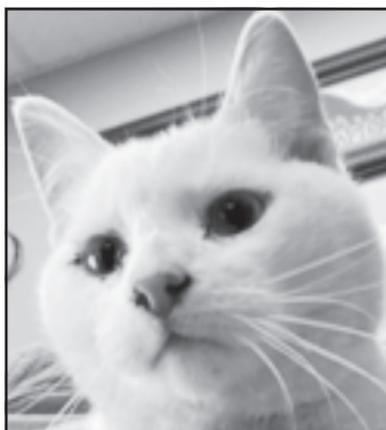
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It's do or die for the Great Salt Lake

By Stephen Trimble
PREVIEW Columnist

Last November, the Great Salt Lake, iconic landmark of the Great Basin Desert, fell to its lowest surface elevation ever recorded. The lake had lost 73 percent of its water and 60 percent of its area. More than 800 square miles of lake bed sediments were laid bare to become dust sources laden with heavy metals.

Without emergency action to double the lake's inflow, it could dry out in five years.

"We're seeing this system crash before our eyes," warned Bonnie Baxter, director of the Great Salt Lake Institute at Salt Lake City's Westminster College.

Settlers colonized the eastern shoreline 175 years ago, displacing native peoples, and all of us who followed have mostly taken this desert lake and its fiery sunsets for granted. But the lake is an economic engine as well as an ecological treasure.

Its waters and wetlands yield thousands of jobs and an annual \$2.5 billion for Utah from mineral extraction and brine shrimp eggs used worldwide as food for farmed fish and shrimp. The lake also suppresses windblown toxic dust, boosts precipitation of incoming storms through the "lake effect" and supports 80 percent of Utah's wetlands.

The Great Salt Lake has no outlet. It can hold its own against evaporation only if sufficient water arrives from three river systems, fed by snowmelt in the lake's 21,000-square-mile mountain watershed. When that flow declines, the shallow lake recedes.

In each of the last three years, the lake has received less than a third of its average streamflow, recorded since 1850. And as the lake shrinks, it grows saltier, currently measuring 19 percent salinity. This is six times as salty as the ocean and well past the 12 percent salinity that's ideal for brine shrimp and brine flies.

More than 10 million birds depend on the lake's tiny invertebrates for food. Half of the world's population of Wilson's phalaropes feasts on Great Salt Lake brine flies in summer, taking on fat reserves for their 3,400-mile, nonstop migration to South America. For phalaropes, the lake is "a lifeline," said conservation biologist Maureen Frank.

All these wonders do best with a minimum healthy lake level of about 4,200 feet in elevation, which the Great Salt Lake hasn't seen for 20 years.

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lake's watershed began soon after 1900. With a lake this big and with natural fluctuations in weather, "unsustainable behavior doesn't get noticed until you are really far down the line," said Ben Abbott, ecologist at Brigham Young University.

By the 1960s, diversions had bled the lake to levels nearly as low as we see today. But then an extraordinary wet period masked the downward trend. In the mid-1980s, the lake hit an historic high, flooding wetlands and highways and threatening the Salt Lake City Airport.

When precipitation dropped to normal, lake levels declined again, aided by today's drying and warming climate, which is reducing natural flows and increasing evaporation, a recent but growing impact.

But agriculture is the primary driver of the disappearing lake. Two-thirds of the diversions in the Great Salt Lake watershed go to farms and ranches. With climate change accelerating, experts say the only way to bring back the lake is to decrease diversions and crank open the spigots of incoming streams.

Because Utah manages its own water, it's up to the state legislature to save the lake.

"We can't talk water into the lake" through studies and task forces, as Salt Lake City Rep. Joel Briscoe puts it. The state legislature can — and must — pass mandates and incentives to reduce water use, purchase water rights, pay farmers to fallow fields and increase streamflow.

To pass such legislation, lawmakers must withstand unremitting pressure from a chorus of high-paid and powerful water lobbyists.

The 2023 Utah legislative session ends on March 3. If the members don't take sufficient and difficult action to save the Great Salt Lake from collapse, the lake will face ruin.

As the Brigham Young University scientist Ben Abbott said, "Unlike politicians, hydrology doesn't negotiate."

Waiting another year may be too late. Utah — the second driest state in the nation — must come to grips with its arid heart.

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