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County Road 500, bridge issues discussed

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

On Feb. 27, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) had a joint work session with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Council in Ignacio where conditions and potential projects on County Road 500 were a primary topic of discussion, according to County Manager Derek Woodman.

During his administrative report at the Feb. 28 BoCC work session, Woodman reported on the work session, noting, "I think that the amount of work that has been done ... with the staff, so our staff here and the staff at the Southern Ute Tribe in the Planning ... and Department of Natural Resources, has been ... pretty significant and I think that every time ... that we've met, we make additional progress, and I think that we going to ultimately end up with a pretty good product out of it. I just don't know when that end goal is going to be."

He added that "a lot of that is going to come down to funding"

■ See Bridge A8



Pagosa Springs High School students dance and celebrate the Pirate basketball team scoring during Monday's Sweet 16 game between the Pirates and Pueblo Centennial. Pueblo Centennial took home the win.

SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Three killed in area avalanches Feb. 25

By Randi Pierce and Josh Pike
Staff Writers

The continuing winter weather in the region has spurred several emergency responses recently, including the recovery of two area residents who were killed by an avalanche.

According to the Colorado Avalanche Information Center (CAIC), three avalanches are estimated to have occurred in the region on Saturday, Feb. 25 — near Vallecito Reservoir, on La Manga Pass and at Hourglass Path near Wolf Creek Pass.

One of those avalanches that is believed to have taken place on Feb. 25 occurred southeast of Vallecito Reservoir, according to the CAIC.

A preliminary accident summary from the agency states that two backcountry tourists were reported overdue from a trip near Vallecito Reservoir.

A La Plata County press release explains the men left to go skiing at 7 a.m. Saturday and intended to return by noon.

The press release states search and rescue received the missing persons call at 9:18 p.m., and the La Plata County Sheriff's Office located the victims' truck on the road at the southern end of the lake.

"Using cell phone records to identify where the men were likely skiing,

■ See Avalanches A8

Rotary works to improve science education in Niger, Africa

By David Smith
Pagosa Springs Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs is in the final phase of a project to improve science education in six high schools in Niger, Africa. There are nearly 4,000 students in these schools, which include the last three years of secondary education. Girls make up 42 percent of the students.

Niger is a large country that includes much of the Sahara Desert. By most measures of prosperity, Niger is the least developed country in Africa. Yet, many students have set high goals for themselves. They want to become physicians, engineers, airline pilots and teachers. To achieve these goals, these students need access to quality education, including modern science classes.

Poorly developed countries need good science education if they are to lift themselves out of poverty. Niger has little coal, gas or oil, but it has lots

■ See Rotary A8



Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs Rotary Club

Lead teachers in a high school in Niamey, Niger, learn how to use voltmeters to determine the characteristics of resistors, diodes and capacitors.



Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs Rotary Club

High school science students use equipment provided by Rotary to study basic electronics.

Town pursues two land parcels on east end

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

At a Feb. 23 work session, the Pagosa Springs Town Council discussed the topic of land acquisition.

The town has, in the last five years, purchased various properties with the intentions of increasing the availability of workforce housing and gaining more public access to the San Juan River, as well as creating more parks, trails and recreation opportunities.

Such land acquisitions include the 3.16-acre Enclave parcel near Walmart, intended for the development of workforce housing, and the Mesa Canyon parcel along the San Juan River, 12 miles south of town, intended to increase access to and recreation on the river.

At the work session, the council sought ways it could continue with these initiatives and also find opportunities to add parking throughout

■ See Land A8

County health department transition committee holds first two meetings

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its first work session on Feb. 13 and meeting on Feb. 27, the Archuleta County Health Department Transitional Advisory Committee (TAC) discussed research priorities and timelines, appointed leaders, approved a mission statement and

reviewed a draft job description for the county public health director.

Discussion at the Feb. 13 work session focused on the research priorities for the committee, which were partially outlined by County Manager Derek Woodman and included the creation of a mission

■ See Health A9

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OUR VIEW

The risks of winter continue

Three avalanches in one day claimed the lives of three people in the San Juan Mountains and left one person injured.

Two of those who lost their lives this past week were avid outdoorsmen and were long-time residents.

Their loss is felt greatly by their loved ones and friends. Our deepest sympathy goes out to them.

Unfortunately, even the most seasoned and experienced outdoor enthusiasts can become victims of avalanches.

Seven people have died during the winter of 2022-2023 due to avalanches throughout the state. Nearly half of those deaths were right here in our area mountains in one single day.

Last winter, six people were killed by avalanches in Colorado and 17 people were killed by avalanches in the U.S.

Statewide this season, six skiers were caught, four were buried and three killed. One snowboarder was caught, buried and killed. Three snowmobilers were caught, three were buried and three died. Two snowshoers were caught, one buried, and they both lived.

While avalanches are a serious threat to winter backcountry enthusiasts everywhere, they are particularly so here. In fact, according to the Colorado Avalanche Information Center, Colorado has recorded more avalanche-related deaths since 1950 than any other state.

In the past eight days, Wolf Creek Ski Area reported approximately 60 inches of snow.

This week's storm will definitely help area snowpack, but will not improve area avalanche conditions.

An avalanche warning was in effect in the southern San Juan Mountains from the La Plata Mountains and east to the Wolf Creek Pass area on Wednesday.

The warning on the Colorado Avalanche Information Center's (CAIC) website reads: "A potent winter storm will bring feet of snow and very strong southwesterly winds. Avalanche danger will rapidly rise through Wednesday, and some large and dangerous

avalanches will run naturally. Travel in backcountry avalanche terrain is not recommended."

You can check avalanche forecasts at <https://avalanche.state.co.us/> forecasts. It is advised to check the forecast when you plan your trip and then do it again before you head out for the day. Those forecasts are updated when there are significant changes in conditions.

Educate yourself. Seek out knowledgeable people, read books, take an established avalanche course and — most important — always pay attention to the clues nature provides as you travel the backcountry.

You can learn about avalanches and avalanche rescues through videos on CAIC's website if you take the time to peruse the links. One link takes you to a table of backcountry avalanches and you can narrow down your search to date, location, size and what triggered the avalanche.

You can also take the pledge to check the CAIC Forecast and Danger Rating at <https://avalanche.state.co.us/> before you head out into the backcountry.

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) closed Wolf Creek Pass for much of two days over the past week in an effort to monitor and control slide paths.

There are 522 known avalanche paths located above highways in Colorado. CDOT monitors 278 of those paths.

These closures are put in place when there is a high risk of avalanche danger. Unstable snow is brought down and the roadways are cleared before reopening.

CDOT statistics for the state during the 2018-2019 winter season note that CDOT crews:

- Experienced 1,707 hours of road closures due to avalanche control, resulting in a total of 44,378 feet of snow covering the centerline of the roadway.
- Conducted 1,615 explosions for avalanche hazard mitigation.
- Triggered 877 avalanches with explosives.
- Handled 72 natural avalanche occurrences.

CDOT crews do more than safety closures of mountain passes. They have had an exceptionally busy winter keeping roads at all elevations clear of snow.

There is no way to know how long a safety closure will last. SUN staff lost count of how many calls our office received last week asking how long the pass would be closed. We pointed people to CDOT's cotrip.org for updates.

One caller insisted that the CDOT website wasn't updating information fast enough for him. The reality of it was that the site was updating, it just wasn't showing the road opening because it wasn't open.

Patience goes a long way when you live in the mountains during the winter.

If you do not want to find yourself the subject of a search and rescue operation, you should check weather conditions before you partake in outdoor winter adventures.

Fortunately, area search and rescue teams successfully rescued two cross-country skiers in the region recently. When others of us were enjoying the warmth and safety of our homes, these teams were out in treacherous conditions saving lives.

The risk could have been avoided had people not ventured out during dangerous storms.

Locally, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, Pagosa Fire Protection District, Archuleta County Combined Dispatch, Upper San Juan Search and Rescue, Pagosa Springs Police Department, Colorado State Patrol, Colorado Department of Transportation, Archuleta County Public Works, Town of Pagosa Springs staff and crews, Pagosa Springs Medical Center and its EMS/ambulance services, utility crews along with others have responded to the needs of our community during recent storms.

Take the time to show appreciation for their work and demonstrate patience while they are doing their jobs to keep us safe.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
March 2, 1923

The two sections for the heating plant of the Pagosa Springs school building, recently put out of commission, arrived last Friday night and were put in place Saturday and Sunday, so that school was able to proceed as usual Monday morning. There have been no developments as to the cause of the damage.

The Archuletas are now laying the foundation for a grist mill on their ranch at Edith. This mill will be of the latest improved process and will have a capacity of 75 barrels per day. Water and steam will be used.

Supt. Allan T. Fling of the Pagosa Springs schools sustained a sprained ankle Monday evening while playing basketball, and as a result has been placed in the limping class.

It was officially announced yesterday that the contract has been let by the Western Colorado Power company to the Pagosa Lumber company for 600,000 feet of additional lumber required for the construction of the giant Ilium flume to be built from Ames, in the Telluride district, as soon as the weather will permit.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
March 5, 1948

Pagosa's newly-formed volunteer fire department went into action here for the first time Wednesday noon in what turned out to be a dry run. The alarm was turned on in a fire at the Navapachute Camp, but the small blaze had already been extinguished when the fire truck arrived on the scene.

Remodeling and redecorating has been going on at the Pagosa Bar, owned by Percy Chambers. A new rubber floor has been installed and restaurant fixtures and counter have been built.

Weather conditions this week caused a number of ranchers to be snowed in all over the area. John Carroll was marooned in town from the Cloman-Carroll milk ranch, and J.F. Whitefield was caught by the snowstorm at his ranch on the Upper Piedra for several days.

Dr. John J. Button is attending the mid-winter clinic of the medical association in Denver this week. He expects to return to his office here by Saturday.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
March 1, 1973

An application to rezone block 10 in the Town of Pagosa Springs was approved by the Town Board at a hearing Monday night of this week. The area is scheduled to be part of a more than \$800,000.00 housing project. The structures are to be of a multiple family type and are primarily for low income renters. Officials of the housing authority say that the 52 units are planned for completion this year and that construction will start very soon.

Saturday is Crazy Day at the Wolf Creek Ski Area. Prizes will be awarded for "crazy" costumes, there will be novelty races and events, a chili supper is to be served and there is no admission charge to watch the events. They will be held in the area adjacent to the lodge so that spectators may see them.

It is the time of the year when dog owners best buy the pooch a license tag or they may be out a dog. The licenses are available at the Town Hall and police officers will be starting soon to make an annual roundup of unlicensed dogs.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
March 4, 1998

Roads — those surfaces we take for granted when we hop into our cars and buzz off to work or to the supermarket — those roads cost Archuleta County taxpayers about \$3 million a year, according to the 1998 Archuleta County budget.

For 1998, Archuleta County has budgeted \$2,843,101 in revenues and \$3,297,127 in expenditures for its road and bridge budget.

The \$454,026 difference between income and expenses is being supplied from fund balances. The 1998 beginning fund balance of \$1,309,276 will be reduced to \$855,250 by the end of the year.

Archuleta County has 560.73 miles of Highway User Tax eligible roads, according to Dennis Hunt, county manager. Eligible roads are those roads used by the public year round.

Maintaining road and bridge equipment costs \$517 per mile per year, according to Hunt. Blading a road with a maintainer costs \$688 per mile, and applying magnesium chloride costs \$3,332 per mile.

WHADDYA THINK?

What community issue/topic are you following the closest?

Poll results (107 votes)

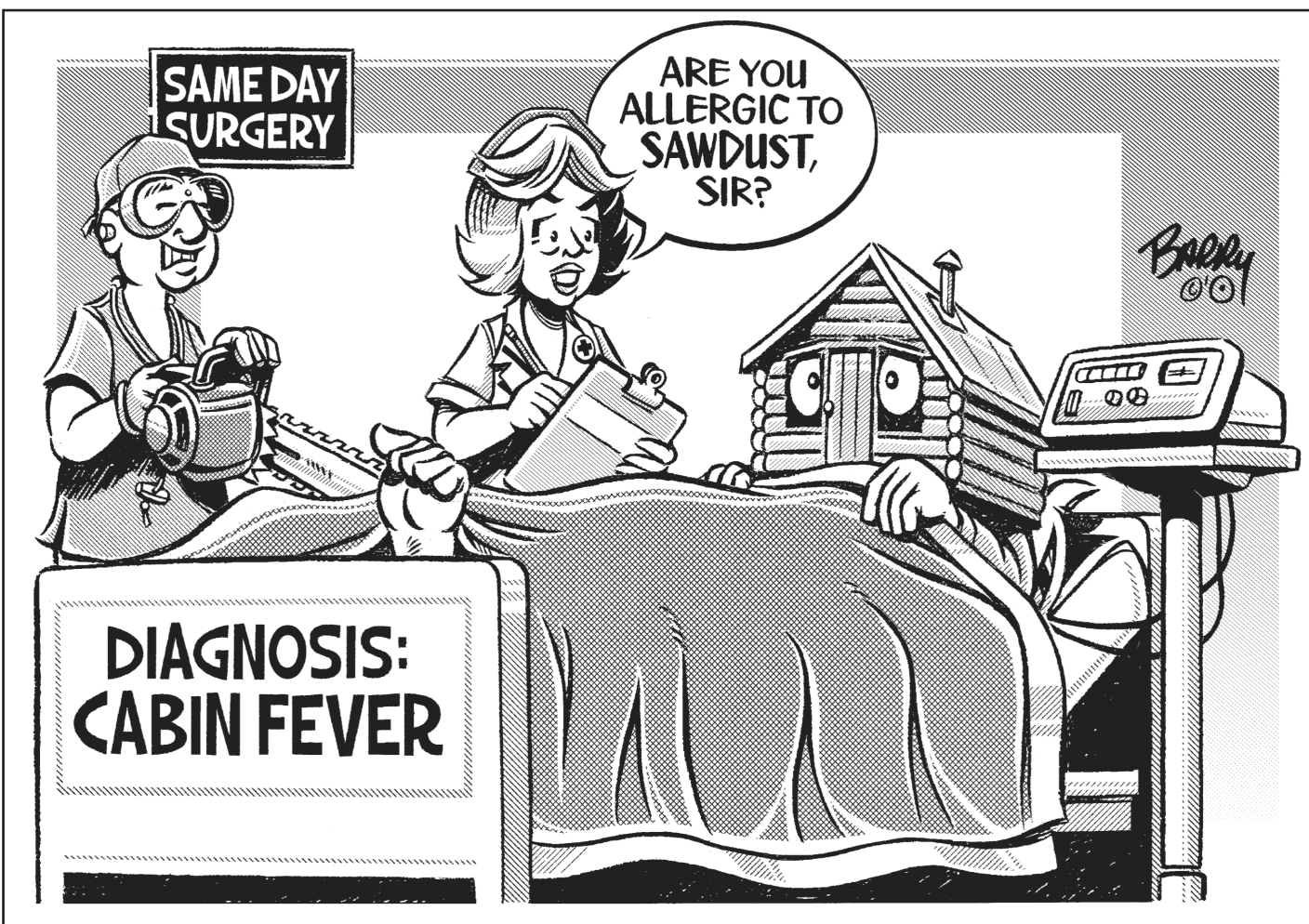
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A puzzle

Dear Editor:
This is in response to the piece titled "A Puzzle" printed on February 16th, 2023.

To his first point: The Hebrew people from antiquity certainly were not at a loss understanding the Maker of all creation. Humans cannot describe the knowable Creator by anything other than by anthropomorphic examples. Holy Scripture and God defines Himself as having arms, hands, a face too Holy to be looked upon, etc. The Biblical God is a real deity, also described as spirit. Those who have a personal relationship with the triune God of the Bible have no issue with this sort of picturing throughout the Scriptures.

To his second point: God did not mate with a human woman. Mary was impregnated supernaturally via the Holy Spirit.

The "gods" of ancient scripture were idols. The Egyptians had a "god" for just about every aspect of their lives. This is spelled out specifically in the book of Exodus, when Yahweh challenged many of Pharaoh's idols. Those idols/gods were nothing more than imagined deities, or even demons. They held no power or authority to combat God, the Creator of everything. Pharaoh put too much stock in them, and eventually had to admit that his kingdom's imagined deities were powerless.

God created mankind in His image, in that we are volitional creatures. False gods are made by mankind via their imaginations. This is certainly not a puzzle to those who understand Holy Scripture. The word "Hineni", used repeatedly in the article implies a puzzle. The word actually means "Here I am".

Holy Scripture is not an enigma, but unknowable by hard hearted people. God actually creates, but artists draw, paint, and sculpt to portray God's grandeur through their artistic privilege. They do the same with false gods or idols.

The actual physique and appearance of Jesus is not known. People worldwide portray Jesus as He relates to them. His skin tone, hair color, and stature matters little in artwork. We are told in Isaiah 53:2-3 that "He had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him", and "... he was despised and we esteemed him not." Isaiah 52: 14 - 15 (ESV) however, gives us this picture: "As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand." This is a description given to Isaiah for us approximately 700 years prior to the crucifixion of Jesus. Ponder that.

God's people are not gullible, but chosen. God never opens the ears, eyes, and hearts of nonbelievers, and those should probably not be writing about the things of God.

Here I am. Send me to respond Lord! "Hineni."

E. Fisk

Gravel pit due diligence

Dear Editor:

I live very near the proposed Jackson Mtn. Gravel pit / Mountain bike trail development project. While I am extremely supportive of the potential MTB trails and improvements associated with that plan, I must seriously question the development of a gravel pit, smack-dab in the middle of the highly used recreational area, that is Jackson Mountain.

How can multiple, large dump trucks be safely operated on the same narrow, windy, Jackson Mountain road used by bicyclist, hikers, foragers, hunters, and other San Juan National Forest outdoor enthusiasts?

Other side effects I wonder about, are dust and noise pollution, watershed integrity, and safety concerns about where Jackson Road connects with Highway 160, on a limited vision hill, in a 60 MPH speed zone.

It's my understanding that in a field study that was undertaken some years ago, by Fort Lewis College, at the request of Archuleta County officials, that at least 47 potential gravel pit sites were located and identified in the region.

My hope is that the local USFS employees offer due diligence in their assessment of the feasibility of Jackson Mountain gravel mine, and thoroughly and thoughtfully find a more satisfactory location for a good source of gravel for the Pagosa Ranger District, and Archuleta County.

Hal Jaeke

'Lack of transparency'

Dear Editor:

We've all recently heard or read about important public matters made more complicated by lack of transparency (if not outright secrecy). Short-term rental regulations and the proposed Jackson Mountain gravel pit come to mind. Keeping public projects under the radar engenders mistrust and is more likely to fuel opposition and community division than lead to positive results. Successful public projects invite public participation in constructive conversation.

We learn when we listen and engage respectfully. Constructive conversations start with the information on which various viewpoints are based. We should aim to share relevant information to move conversations forward, not hide information to stifle debate or perpetuate misunderstandings and foment ill-will.

In this vein, I am glad to see our water future and water storage in the public view. Many people may not be aware of the valuable assets we have in Archuleta County that underpin this conversation. My thinking about water storage starts with three observations.

First, the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) is the holder of water rights intended to benefit residents and property within the SJWCD boundaries. Considering water conditions in the Southwest, we must proceed diligently to put water rights to their best possible use.

Second, the SJWCD and Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) each care deeply about the water future of Archuleta County and the region. Their missions overlap, but are not identical. SJWCD looks beyond municipal water use, the focus of PAWSD, to water uses such as recreation, the environment, irrigation, and augmentation.

Third, Colorado's recently updated Water Plan highlights water storage as a necessary element of Coloradans' water future. The Water Plan emphasizes storage projects that meet multiple needs.

I, for one, look forward to an informed, robust, and respectful public process aimed at maximizing existing water rights for our mutual benefit. An effective conversation may not yield complete agreement, but it will build a stronger base for progress than a plan hatched in the darkness of closed meetings.

Candace Jones

Hope

Dear Editor:

In the 2/16 Sun, Dave Blake wrote an article that discussed religion and touched specifically on Christianity. In mentioning the Biblical gospels (Matthew, Mark Luke and John) he says "For about 2-300 years, most gospels were passed

verbally." If Blake means that for 2-300 years after Jesus' resurrection the gospels were only transmitted verbally, that is certainly wrong. The gospels were recorded about 30-60 years after Jesus' resurrection and thus were available in written form to be studied and passed around.

It is in these gospels, that we can find hope in a world that seems to have none. The gospels of Matthew and John are particularly encouraging as they are eye witness accounts of Jesus' ministry and resurrection.

Importantly, Matthew records in the 22nd chapter of his gospel, Jesus giving us His two most important commandments, which are: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. And love your neighbor as yourself.

If we as a country can put these commandments to work, regardless of politics, religious doctrine, ethnicity, etc., we can come together as one people. If we are unable to do this, we only need look at history to see the littered corpses of failed nations who were divided against themselves.

If we pray that the Lord will show us His favor and prove worthy of that favor by following these commandments, our future is bright. If this occurs the bright sunshine of hope will appear and will bless all of us.

Charles Newton
Highlands Ranch

Gravel pit site

Dear Editor:

While I fully support the development of a recreational trail system, along with fuels and vegetation management, I am strongly opposed to the construction and operation of a gravel pit in the Jackson Mountain area.

As a full-time homeowner in San Juan River village, I have several questions and concerns regarding the proposed gravel operation that would be only 650 yards from our homes.

First, what will this operation do to the air quality, noise, and watershed serving this pristine area, currently being enjoyed for recreation? I feel that drainage issues will negatively impact vegetation and wildlife in this beautiful area.

Secondly, I am very concerned

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LEGISLATURE

Legislative session faces tsunami of bills

We are a little more than a third of the way through our legislative session and the wave of bills is reaching tsunami proportions. All 100 General Assembly members can submit five bills, so we have quite a few starting through the process.

Here is a summary of some bills I am sponsoring:

- House Bill 23-1093 has passed through the House and is headed to the Senate. Fort Lewis College employees gave me the idea; higher education employees throughout Colorado support it. Professors, according to statute, may take sabbaticals, as long as they work on something that helps their students, departments and schools. And only with permission from the school. This bill gives that same right to staff members, defined as an employee in a management position, including a director up to a vice president. The bill is good for students, schools and staff retention.
- House Bill 23-1087 allows payments for charitable food organizations using state grant money

to pay in advance when purchasing state agricultural products. Under statute, Colorado generally prohibits prepayment until the work is done, with some exceptions: advertising, construction permits, catering, IT, service agreements, etc. Prepayment is not a new, untested model. Instead, this will help our growers by giving them funding up front, and it will give the state a sense of what kind of food needs the state charitable programs have. This bill has also passed through the House and is moving on to the Senate.

- House Bill 23-1036 focuses on avoiding the dangers of lead poisoning. Originally, this bill set up a process for hunters to voluntarily trade lead bullets for non-lead bullets and be educated as to the necessity.



Rep. McLachlan's Report

Hunters who eat their prey are subject to lead poisoning, as are their children, pregnant wives and the eagles who eat the small game and domestic pets who consume the food scraps. The fiscal note, which estimates a bill's budget impacts, on the original version of the bill was large, and included raising the cost of hunting licenses.

After a great deal of stakeholding with hunting, outdoor recreation and wildlife advocate groups, we amended the bill to become a pilot program in small sections of the state to gauge interest. Funding for the bullet vouchers and education will come from nongovernmental agencies, for the most part, and the fiscal note was cut significantly. This bill passed through the Agriculture Committee and is now headed toward Appropriations.

- House Bill 23-1177 is designed to keep our students safe, preventing drivers from blasting through school bus stop signs. The bill will add cameras to the stop arms or bus sides to capture a license plate photo and fine the offender. This will only apply to school buses that

transport students. We are meeting soon with fiscal analysts and law enforcement to see how we can whittle the fiscal note and enforce the law.

- House Bill 23-1194 is also a work in progress. It comes from the La Plata County commissioners concerning the Bayfield landfill and was supported by 100 percent of the Colorado Counties Inc. membership. It requires the Department of Public Health and Environment to work with local governments on landfill issues before implementing fines and establish a process for resolving disputes. Many times, commissioners are struggling to find money to fix their landfills, but the fines they incur meanwhile prevent the remediation from happening.

Lots of work is happening under Colorado's gold dome, with more to come.

Barbara McLachlan, D-Durango, is serving her fourth term representing La Plata, Montezuma, Archuleta and San Juan counties. She has been a journalist and teacher.

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The Blotter



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Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Calls for service for week: 123.

Feb. 20 — Warrant arrest, East Golf Place.

Feb. 20 — Pedestrian on highway under the influence of intoxicating substance, disorderly conduct-misdemeanor, criminal mischief, harassment public place obscene language or gesture, obstructing governmental operations, resisting arrest, U.S. 84.

Feb. 21 — Under investigation, no location listed.

Feb. 21 — Information only, South 10th Street.

Feb. 22 — Death by natural causes, Sundown Circle.

Feb. 24 — Child abuse, domestic violence, child abuse, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, obstructing peace officer/police animal/fireman, third-degree assault-simple assault, resisting arrest, Bermuda Court.

Feb. 25 — Warrant arrest, warrant arrest, County Road 600.

Feb. 25 — Information only, South 9th Street.

Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

Calls for service for week: 148.

Feb. 18 — DUI, speeding, failed to drive in single lane, no insurance in possession, San Juan Street/7th Street.

Feb. 18 — Theft, Aspen Village Drive.

Feb. 18 — Criminal mischief, false reporting to authorities, Pagosa Street.

Feb. 19 — DUI, speeding, failed to drive in single lane, violated restrictions on learner's permit, San Juan Street/7th Street.

Feb. 20 — Warrant arrest, Pagosa Boulevard.

Feb. 21 — Shoplifting, Eagle Drive.

Feb. 23 — Indecent exposure, Aspen Village Drive.

Feb. 24 — Theft, Talisman Drive.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Anthony D. Edwards

Feb. 13 — Ethan Gatske, driver's vision obstructed through required glass, fines, costs and fees — \$81.

Feb. 13 — Sean Young, parking vehicle without setting brake, fines, costs and fees — \$50.

Feb. 13 — Dustin Firenza, careless driving, driving without insurance, eight points off, fines, costs and fees — \$467.

Feb. 13 — Kevin Rodriguez-Chavez, unsafe backing, two points off, fines, costs and fees — \$72.

Feb. 13 — Adam Jones, failed to drive in single lane (weaving), driver operated vehicle without insurance, seven points off, fines, costs and fees — \$446.

Feb. 13 — Anthony Martinez, speeding 10-19 mph over prima facie limit, four points off, fines, costs and fees — \$162.

Feb. 13 — Juvenile, truancy, fines, costs and fees — \$285.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Feb. 21 — Meredith Jane Shirley, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$126.50.

Feb. 22 — Justin R. Nelms, improper mountain driving, fines and costs — \$149.50.

Feb. 22 — Isaiyah M. Laursen, driving under restraint, fines and costs

— \$142.50.

Feb. 22 — Robert Wilson, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.

Feb. 22 — Evelyn Jones, county ordinance-unregistered dog, fines and costs — \$141.00.

Feb. 22 — Amanda M. McGrew, driving under the influence-with prior conviction, 365 days jail suspended imposition, 48 hours community service, 30 days electronic surveillance, 24 months probation, fines and costs — \$2,520.50.

Feb. 22 — Skyler JJ Bilazzo, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$70.50.

Feb. 22 — Anastacia A. Perea, alcohol-under 21-possess/consumption, fines and costs — \$71.

Feb. 24 — Lawrence C. Cruz, driver's license-driving without, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$244.50.

Feb. 24 — Felipe O. Gutierrez, speeding 1-4 over, fines and costs — \$85.

Feb. 24 — Leeanna Renee Tiley, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$126.50.

Feb. 27 — Jacob L. Griego, alcohol-under 21-possess/consumption, fines and costs — \$26.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Feb. 23 — Edgar Omar Camacho Gonzalez, assault 3-know/reckless cause injury, 12 months probation, fines and costs — \$931.50.

Feb. 23 — Yahir I. Gonzalez-Merez, controlled substance-possession schedule I/II/III, 180 days jail, 54 days jail suspended imposition, fines and costs — \$1,915.50.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

No report.

County amends operating plan to formalize county-wide mutual aid

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its Feb. 7 meeting, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved an amendment to the Archuleta County Operating Plan extending mutual aid for emergency services agencies in the county to be county wide instead of 1 mile from the boundary of a specific organization's jurisdiction.

At a BoCC work session earlier in the day, Sheriff Mike Le Roux explained that the emergency services agencies had historically

responded county-wide due to the lack of resources in the county.

He added that this change would benefit the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office as it would formalize the mutual aid system that has been created through positive relationships with organizations like the Pagosa Fire Protection District.

Le Roux explained that the operating plan is a five-year plan with annual reviews during which the plan can be amended, and that it details mutual-aid arrangements and interagency wildfire resources.

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Letters



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about safety on our roads. There will be a monumental increase in heavy truck traffic on this steep, curvy, and already dangerous section of Highway 160. How will the proposed gravel operation on Jackson Mountain not create access and safety issues for the only east/west highway artery in southern Colorado?

And, finally, I am very interested to understand how fire danger, and the electrical, diesel, and water supplies, that would go along with the daily operations of this gravel pit, be overseen with due diligence?

Historically, there have been 47 other sites recommended for gravel operations in Archuleta county. Why has there not been a standard

process used for decision making by our county commissioners and the Forest Service? As a long time resident, and user of this Jackson Mountain area, I am asking that the proposal for a gravel operation site on Jackson Mountain be discontinued, and a more thoroughly researched site be recommended.

Judy Patton
County plow

Dear Editor:
Last week a woman wrote in about the wonderful job the county plow had done on her cul-de-sac. I was so very happy for her. I too, live on a cul-de-sac on Canyon Circle in the Vista subdivision. All this winter, I have not seen a snow plow. All we have is a guy with a

pick-up, with an attached plow, that makes a pass on the road. To be honest with you, I did see a road grader twice this winter but he stayed on the street and never came off the area the little guy with the pick-up scraped. For some reason, the county has forgotten our area, not only with the snow but in the warm months, we suffer from potholes that are getting to be more and more and deeper and deeper. I have seen residence fill pot holes with bark and gravel (that they pay for), trying to help the situation. What is so troubling about all of this, is, our property taxes keep going up and up but it seems like we are getting less and less services from the county. I hope the person in charge of the roads in Archuleta

County reads this letter and decides to help us.

Georgia Sutherland

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Obituaries

Anella Handley

With a heavy heart, her family, friends and our community lost a beautiful soul, Anella Handley, on Feb. 14.

When speaking of Anella, the meaning of her name describes her beautifully. In English, Anella means a follower of the light, and in Hawaiian, angel. Angel on Earth indeed.

The kindness she so generously extended to everyone she met was an expression of her warm heart. She created O2asis Peak Renewal Wellness Center as a way of supporting the local community and visitors alike in helping them feel their best.

If you knew her, you know that you could drop in to her center anytime, and she would greet you with an open heart and arms. If you needed a confidant, her heart was open to listen. Her warm, gentle spirit would offer loving support. If you needed a hug, she would envelop you in her loving arms.

Without hesitation, she unselfishly volunteered her time and gifts to community events and fundraisers that needed an extra hand.

Anella's passing will leave a big gap in our hearts and our community.

Anella left behind her companion, Ray Brown; her children, Stephanie Johnson Rivas, Jimmy Johnson and Sean Zinn; and her grandchildren, Aubrey Ledford, Aliya Johnson Rivas and Charleigh Johnson.

She would always leave us with a few wise words to lift spirits, inspire hope and promote inner strength:

Early to bed, early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise.

You are in control of your thoughts and feelings, what you think is what you become.

Positive thoughts bring positive outcomes.

Whatever you give your energy and attention to is what will come back to you.

This, too, shall pass.



Puja Dhyan Parsons

1946-2023

With sadness, we announce the passing of a beautiful soul, Puja Parsons, at the age of 76 on Feb. 17. Tragically and unexpectedly, she developed an aneurysm of the aorta which she did not survive.



Puja was born to Carol and Kenneth Willert, and was raised in Burbank, Calif., with her sister, Bonnie. In high school, she sang in choirs, acted in school plays and was head cheerleader. Puja then attended Westminster College, Utah, graduating in 1964 with a degree in psychology and philosophy.

In 1967, she spent a wonderful year abroad in Norway, thus beginning her love of travel.

She went on to San Jose State University to do graduate work in clinical and Jungian psychology.

Puja is succeeded by her husband, Udgar Parsons, and her sister, Bonnie Davenport. She was a caring stepmom and grandma to Daven and Dillon Parsons; Heather, Rob, Jade and Erin Adie; and Nick and Jen Parsons, and their sons, Harrison and Avery.

A brilliant woman, Puja was successful in many careers and was the leader of five nonprofit organizations that helped people raise their consciousness and live to their fullest potential. These included music and art therapy, the healing arts, aikido, and sustainable living. She strived to leave this planet a better place for generations to come. For the last 29 years of her career, she was CEO and co-founder of Growing Spaces in Pagosa Springs. The staff shared:

"Puja was the heart and soul of Growing Spaces and her spirit will always live on within the company and within each person whose life she touched. Her love for life and passion for nature was visible to all and she was a true light in the lives of everyone who knew her. From her impeccable sense of style to her vast knowledge and calm

demeanor, she will always be one of the most special and beautiful people we know inside and out. She planted seeds of wisdom in all of us and we will continue to grow with them."

Selling their company in 2018, Puja and Udgar enjoyed five years of retirement together. They traveled extensively, exploring and visiting friends and family all over the world. When not traveling, they lived simply on their land in Pagosa, growing fresh vegetables and beautiful gardens in their greenhouse domes. Puja wrote daily and was writing a book, her dream. She had a true love of the arts, especially poetry, music, dance and photography. She led a deeply spiritual life, was a counselor, author, visionary and steward of the earth. Everywhere she went, she spread light and fairy dust.

Her greatest gift was seeing the highest potential in others and reflecting it in such a sincere loving way, it made everyone in her presence feel special. Her shining heart, deep insight, uplifting humor and zest for life will be missed by all who knew her. She so wanted to see harmony in the world, and thus continues showering peace and blessings upon all.

Kenneth Craig Payne

Kenneth Craig Payne passed away peacefully on Feb. 9 after a long battle with lung cancer.



Ken was born April 10, 1961, to George Kenneth Payne and Jeane Melvina (Arnold) Payne in Torrance, Calif. He enjoyed growing up in southern California and attended Rolling Hills High School and Palos Verdes Peninsula High School. Ken played acoustic and electric guitar. He played soccer in high school, enjoyed backpacking to the Grand Canyon and traveled to China with his dad. Ken married MaryAnn (Hyller) and then joined the Army, where he became a military equipment mechanic. Ken is preceded

in death by his wife, MaryAnn. He leaves behind three children, Jonathan and Christopher, of Pagosa Springs, and Jennifer, of Sturgis, S.D. Also left behind is stepson Michael and sisters Melissa and Sharman. Ken loved his family above all else and will be truly missed.

Roger Allen Rivard

Roger made his move to heaven in the peaceful bliss of his own home all the while still surrounded by his loved ones on Feb. 22.



Roger was born to Marcel "Frenchy" and Martha "Marty" Rivard on May 30, 1947.

Roger is preceded in death by his mother and father, brother Michael "Mikey" Rivard, and his beautiful granddaughter Roshel "Roach" Rivard (Rage and Merci). Roger is survived by his only daughter, Tina (Jeremiah), and seven grandchildren, Chelice (Mike), Angelo, Ashya (Jose), Torri (Manuel), Jaxon and Bella. He also leaves behind 11 great-grandchildren, brothers and sisters, as well as numerous nephews and nieces.

Roger was a prime example of what a father, son, brother, grandfather and great-grandfather should be. Roger served our country as a Navy Sea-Bee, a bronze star combat vet in Vietnam. After returning home to Denver, Colo., Roger began the greatest adventure into parenthood, where he had his pride and joy, his daughter Tina. He continued his journey to Commerce City, Colo., where he furthered his own successful trucking business. After retirement, Roger was a loyal volunteer for his community. He then made the decision to move to Pagosa Springs, Colo., where he completed his lifelong journey on Feb. 22. Roger Rivard was beyond loved and will be deeply missed, his legacy will live on through his loved ones.

Cremation arrangement is being held by Hood Mortuary.

Memorial and celebration of life services will be held on a later date.

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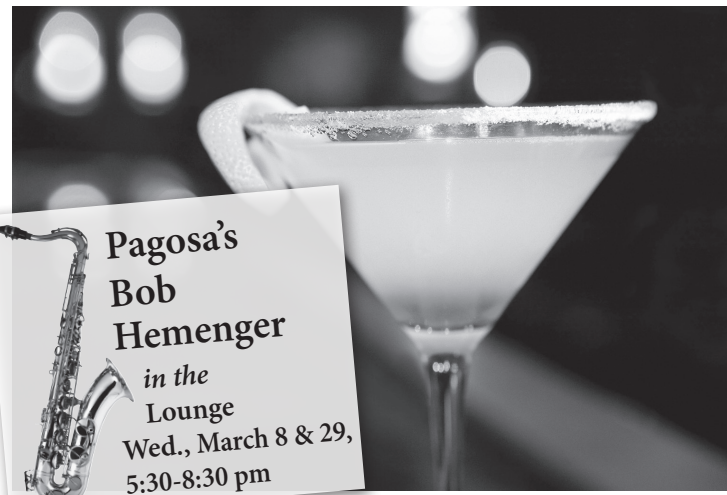
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County designates institutions to invest money, amends previous purchase

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At the Feb. 21 Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) meeting, the board approved a resolution designating institutions in which the county invests money.

County Manager Derek Woodman explained that the banks and savings and loan associations in which the county can invest money according to the resolution are Bank of Colorado; Bank of the San Juans, a Division of Glacier Bank;

TBK Bank; First Southwest Bank; Rio Grande Savings and Loan; and Wells Fargo Bank.

He also indicated that the resolution designates investment firms Peaks Investment Management, Hilltop Securities Inc. and CSAFE as institutions where the county can deposit funds.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez noted that the passage of this resolution is a "normal" yearly process.

Board ratifies change to previous purchase

In other business, as part of the

BoCC's consent agenda at the meeting, the board approved the ratification of the chairman's signature on a corrected sales agreement between Comtech Solacom Technologies for the purchase of a Guardian Next Generation 911 system for the county dispatch center.

The agenda notes, "Following the meeting, it was discovered that the Sales Agreement showed a price of \$164,791.00 in Section 4.1 of the Agreement instead of the actual price of \$200,000 as detailed in Exhibit B (Quote-Equipment List). The Board approved the Sales

Agreement 'at a cost not to exceed \$164,791.00' and was later shown the typographical error, of which they each individually agreed to the higher cost. The Chairman signed this corrected Sales Agreement on February 10, 2023."

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Outdoors

Public invited to comment on draft rule and DEIS for proposed Colorado gray wolf experimental population designation

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

As the result of a statewide voter-led initiative passed in November 2020, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is proposing a rule to establish an experimental population of gray wolves in Colorado under section 10(j) of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in support of the state of Colorado's voter-mandated gray wolf reintroduction program.

The proposed rule is now available for public review and is intended to accommodate the state of Colorado's gray wolf reintroduction planned for late 2023.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) intends to reintroduce the gray wolf in a portion of the species' historical range in Colorado no later than Dec. 31.

CPW requested the designation of an experimental population under section 10(j) of the ESA to provide the state with increased flexibility to manage wolves once

reintroduced in Colorado. The state has also developed a Draft Colorado Wolf Restoration and Management Plan (<https://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/CON-Wolf-Management.aspx>) for the reintroduction of the species.

The service developed the proposed rule and associated draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) at the request of the state of Colorado for its reintroduction and management of the gray wolf following a public scoping period during the summer of 2022. The DEIS evaluates the alternatives considered for this rulemaking process and their environmental and socioeconomic impacts as required under the National Environmental Policy Act. The DEIS is also available for public review.

The service uses a range of partnerships and conservation tools to recover endangered and threatened species. One of these tools, Section 10(j) of the ESA, allows the service to designate a population of

a listed species as experimental if it will be released into natural habitat outside currently established populations.

A 10(j) experimental population rule would allow the service to provide designated management flexibility to the state for reintroduced gray wolves in Colorado. This management flexibility can help ensure co-existence between wolves and affected landowners, contributing to the conservation of the species while reducing the potential impacts of reintroduction to stakeholders. Learn more about section 10(j) rules at <https://www.fws.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ESA-section10%28j%29-fact-sheet.pdf>.

The proposed rule and DEIS was published in the Federal Register on Feb. 17, opening a 60-day public comment period through April 18. During this time, the service will seek public input and coordination with the state, tribes and local partners. Comments may be sub-

mitted online at www.regulations.gov. Search Docket No. FWS-R6-ES-2022-0100.

Additionally, the service will host public information meetings throughout Colorado to present information and obtain feedback on the proposed rule and DEIS. Meetings will take place at the following locations:

- Grand Junction Convention Center (Grand Junction) on March 14 at 5:30 p.m.

- Moffat County Pavilion (Craig) on March 15 at 5:30 p.m.

- Wattenberg Center (Walden) on March 16 at 5:30 p.m.

- Virtual public meeting on March 22 at 5:30 p.m. (details to follow on the Colorado gray wolf Web page: <https://www.fws.gov/coloradowolf>).

For more information and to review a copy of the proposed rule and DEIS prior to publication in the Federal Register, please visit the Colorado gray wolf Web page: <https://www.fws.gov/coloradowolf>.

Migrating sandhill cranes arrive in the San Luis Valley with 40th year of viewing festival planned in Monte Vista

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

The 40th Monte Vista Crane Festival is scheduled for March 10-12. Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) staff and volunteers will assist at viewing sites with scopes.

As the Monte Vista Crane Festival prepares for its 40th year, CPW staff and volunteers are once again eager to assist visitors to the event as it returns to a full in-person format.

The highlight of the three-day festival, to be held this year from March 10-12, is the spectacle of more than 20,000 greater sandhill cranes making their annual spring migration and stopping over in southern Colorado as they transition from winter habitat to breeding range in the north.

"This is one of the great wildlife migrations in the country that people can actually get out and see," said CPW Education and Volunteer Coordinator Catherine Brons. "The Monte Vista Crane Festival is an exciting event that CPW and our wonderful volunteers take pride in being a part of, and we love this chance to reunite with some volunteers who have assisted with this for decades."

Those interested in attending official event sites to see the sandhill cranes and other bird species can reserve tickets at <https://mvrane-fest.org>. CPW staff and volunteers will support outdoor scope sites and be on hand to help answer questions.

CPW will also host a booth at the Ski Hi Complex in Monte Vista throughout the event to provide additional information and learning opportunities.

Attendees may also attend a talk from 1-2 p.m. Saturday, March 11, regarding elk on the San Luis Valley refuge complex. The \$5 presentation will be led by Doug Ouren, the Elk Distribution and Dispersal coordinator for CPW's Habitat Partnership Program. Tickets for speaker events at the Monte Vista Crane Festival are available online.

"We are thrilled to see this event return to full in-person activities and are looking forward to engaging with the public to provide educational opportunities along with all of the festival's partners," Brons said.

Cranes are migratory birds, and the Rocky Mountain population of greater sandhill cranes is esti-

mated at roughly 20,000. Much of the population spends its winter in nesting grounds south in New Mexico, Arizona and Mexico and will migrate north in the spring to summer breeding grounds in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming.

Cranes are among the oldest living species on the planet, with fossil records dating back 9 million years. The birds that migrate through Colorado are the largest of the North American sandhill crane subspecies, standing 4 feet tall with a wingspan of up to 7 feet and weighing in at 11 pounds. Besides their imposing size, the birds issue a continuous and distinctive call.

The Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge sees thousands of sandhill cranes each day during this time of year. The Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge will be open one hour before sunrise and one hour after sunrise for crane viewing. Cranes may also be viewed at the Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge southeast of Alamosa as well as at CPW's Rio Grande, Higel and Russell Lakes state wildlife areas. CPW asks the public to please observe the seasonal closures at the state

wildlife areas.

Cranes are most active at dusk and dawn when they move from nighttime roosting areas to fields where they feed. People attending the crane festival's viewing sites may also see eagles, owls, turkeys and a variety of other raptors and waterfowl.

Birdwatchers should be cautious when parking, getting out of vehicles and walking along roads. View birds from a distance with binoculars and spotting scopes, and observe trail signs and closure notices.

Those who attend the Monte Vista Crane Festival are encouraged to dress warmly with winter temperatures and wind always expected.

For more information on the Monte Vista Crane Festival, go to <https://mvrane-fest.org/festival/> or https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Monte_Vista. For more information on state wildlife areas in the San Luis Valley, go to <https://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo>.

To find more wildlife viewing events across Colorado, go to <https://cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/Viewing.aspx#EventsFestivals>.

Application period for Colorado big game licenses underway

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Hunters hoping to draw a big game license in Colorado in 2023 are urged to review the changes in license requirements and fees in the 2023 Colorado Big Game brochure with the March 1 opening of the primary draw application period.

Hunters are encouraged to submit their applications early to avoid complications or delays. Get prepared ahead of time so that if problems do arise, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) staff members have ample time to assist you. Visit the hunting statistics Web page for information from previous draws to help maximize your draw potential.

Important information for hunters to take note of this season includes:

Qualifying licenses

Hunters must purchase a 2023 qualifying license to participate in the big game draws. All qualifying licenses are available beginning March 1 and must be purchased, or put into your online shopping cart, prior to applying for all big game licenses or preference points. A 2022 license is not a qualifying license for 2023.

Limited license allocation and preference point requirements changes

The three-year preference point average used to determine the high-demand deer, elk, bear and pronghorn hunt codes that fall into the 80/20 allocation split has been modified to a rolling three-year average updated annually, with a one-year lag. See "Nonresident License Allocations" on page four of the big game brochure for more.

License surrender period

Customers who are successful in the primary or secondary draw will

be provided with a short period when they can decide to surrender their license if they no longer want it, receiving preference point restoration to the pre-draw level, a refund of the license fee and removal of the license from the customer's account. See page eight of the big game brochure for more details.

Youth preference draw reminder

If youth enter more than one hunt code on their application, all hunt codes must be youth-preference-eligible hunt codes and/or youth-only hunt codes to qualify for youth preference.

Eligible hunt codes for youth preference are limited license hunt codes for:

- Doe pronghorn
- Antlerless and either-sex elk
- Antlerless deer

Any hunt code with a "K" in the season is a youth-only hunt code, such as D-F-043-K2-R. See "The Draw(s): Youth Draw Preference" on page 17 of the big game brochure for more information on youth hunting.

Plan your hunt

If you have questions about setting up your accounts, planning your hunts or applying for licenses, call center agents and hunt planners are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at (303) 297-1192. Hunting resources are available at cpw.state.co.us/bg/hunting.

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Education



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Parents and children gathered at Seeds of Learning for Literacy Night on Feb. 16. Participants took part in a variety of literacy station activities.

Family Literacy Night held at Seeds of Learning

By Danyelle Leentjes
Seeds of Learning

On Feb. 16, Seeds of Learning hosted Literacy Night for the parents and children who are enrolled at the preschool.

Seeds offers opportunities several times a year for parents to join their children and teachers in the

classroom for project-based family involvement.

It was a huge success, with most families attending. The intention of literacy night is to provide the opportunity for families to spend quality time with their children, modeling developmentally appropriate early literacy activities, encouraging positive relationships

between parents and teachers, and providing literacy activities they can complete with their child at home.

All three classrooms had literacy stations set up for parents and children to participate together at their own pace. They were able to practice with Pete the Cat games, craft sticks and stickers, fingerplays/rhymes, playdough for fine motor

(pre-writing) development, and nursery rhyme sequencing, shaving cream letters, ABC unit blocks, flannel board stories and more.

The children experienced a special visit from Ruby Sisson librarian Ms. Jen, who read families stories.

For more information on Seeds of Learning, please visit Growing-Seeds.org.

Rotary scholarship application period open for high school seniors

By Meg Wempe
Pagosa Springs Rotary Club

If seniors have not started thinking about how to fund their schooling in the fall, it is a great time to begin. Many students are eligible for different types of scholarships, and one of them may be from the

School to host kindergarten round-up

By Weslie Odom
Our Savior Lutheran School

Our Savior Lutheran School is hosting its annual kindergarten round-up on Tuesday, March 7, at 6 p.m. in the school gym.

For more information, please call (970) 731-4668 or email oslcpagosa@gmail.com.

Pagosa Springs Rotary Club.

Each year, a committee of Rotary members reads through scholarship applications and selects worthy students. In many years, these scholarships have totaled up to \$20,000. As of 2022, the Pagosa Springs Rotary Club has awarded scholarships to 192 graduates of Pagosa Springs high schools, totaling \$518,125. That's a lot of money for continued education.

These scholarships are not limited solely to those attending Pagosa Springs High School. It is open to students at GOAL, those being home-schooled or those GED graduates who have completed or are planning to finish their GED by spring. The scholarships are available to any senior who plans on attending a college/university/vocational school in the fall. There are separate scholarship forms for those planning on a four-year school and those looking at

vocational schools.

Scholarship applications were provided to the high school in mid-January and can be emailed to those students who do not go to Pagosa Springs High School. These scholarship applications have a hard deadline of March 15. Scholarships are based on several criteria, including financial need, scholastic accomplishment, extracurricular activities, personal interview, letters of recommendation, personal essay and resume quality.

The Pagosa Springs Rotary Club was chartered in May 1979, and has approximately 75 local members. Throughout the year, various events are held in the community in order to raise the monies for these scholarships. In addition, several Rotary members contribute to help seniors pay for further education.

Applications can be picked up at Pagosa Spring High School or

by emailing megwempe@hotmail.com.

Applications must be returned by March 15. They can be returned by dropping them off at the counselor at Pagosa Springs High School. If you do not attend Pagosa Springs High School, please make individual arrangements by sending an email to megwempe@hotmail.com. Please use the subject line "Rotary scholarship" to be sure it's seen.

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Land

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the town.

About 45 minutes into the meeting, Community Development Director James Dickhoff told the council about several properties in the East End of town that might be for sale, but are currently not publicly listed on the real estate market.

Once it became known that the town had a chance to acquire these properties, the work session trans-

formed into an information-seeking forum about these parcels.

However, since the discussion took place during a work session, rather than a regular noticed meeting, neither Dickhoff nor Town Manager Andrea Phillips could give the council any specific details about the desired parcels.

For example, on the price of the properties, Phillips said, "If you want to talk about dollar amounts," the

council would have to have a "special meeting and notice it."

But, she did explain that these lots were going for "top-dollar," and that she wasn't sure if the council wanted to go forward, considering their expensive price tags.

Thus, it was decided to end the work session and schedule a special meeting. The council decided on Monday, Feb. 27, the earliest date that the special meeting could rea-

sonably take place.

At this special meeting, five properties, which are all currently vacant lots, were considered for possible acquisition by the town.

These lots are 225 E. Pagosa St., 275 E. Pagosa St., 351 E. Pagosa St., 229 U.S. 84 #A, and Parcel #570118304043, X E. Pagosa Street, which has no assigned address.

The meeting opened with public comment, during which Bill Hudson made the council aware of parcels that the town already owns on the other side (the north side) of U.S. 160 from the five properties being considered. He expressed how the town could meet its parking and river access goals on these town-owned parcels for much cheaper than buying new properties, although this would require filling in the pond currently used for ice skating.

The council then decided to go into executive session to discuss the details of the five properties.

When the public was allowed back into the chambers, after more than an hour of executive session, it became clear that the council had narrowed its interest to two properties: the parcel with no assigned address and 229 U.S. 84 #A.

First, the council considered making an offer to purchase parcel X. This property sits on the San Juan River, immediately south of the U.S. 160 bridge and adjacent to the San Juan Motel.

Dickhoff explains in an email that "there is an access easement that extends west from the frontage [road] that provides legal access to the property."

Dickhoff wrote that, pending the town's acquisition of the land, this "will most likely be followed with some site planning for short term uses and long term use concepts that would involve public input."

The long-term goal for the property is for the public to gain river access, a turn-around area and drop-off for river recreationists, as well as some parking, according to Dickhoff.

Dickhoff explained following the meeting that the purchase price would eventually be part of the public discussion if and when the acquisition of the property comes back before the council for its consideration of final approval.

However, before any of this can happen, the town's offer must either be entertained or rejected by the

Avalanches

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ground crews as well as a Flight for Life helicopter initiated the search. The helicopter crew, using RECCO Detector and avalanche beacon technology, identified ski tracks at 11:42 p.m. and ground crews began a search of the identified area. Crews discovered a single ski at 3:06 a.m.," it states.

The CAIC summary notes a Flight For Life helicopter saw an avalanche southeast of the reservoir "with tracks entering the avalanche and none exiting. La Plata County Search and Rescue found both skiers buried about four feet deep in avalanche debris."

La Plata County reported that the victims were found deceased at 3:36 a.m. Sunday.

On Monday, Colorado Search and Rescue Association spokeswoman Anna DeBattiste identified the two backcountry skiers as Jurgen Montgomery, 47, of Pagosa Springs, and James Sutton, 67, of Durango.

Another avalanche at the Red Lakes Trailhead near La Manga Pass killed a snowmobiler on Feb. 25, according to the CAIC.

According to a preliminary report on the accident, a snowmobiler was riding with a group of four others when he was caught and buried in an avalanche.

The group reported the accident, it notes.

In a press release, the Conejos County Sheriff's Office explains it received an SOS notification of an avalanche with people buried at approximately 2:30 p.m. on Feb. 25.

"Using coordinates from the S.O.S signal, the location was determined to be near the Red [Lakes] Trail on Cumbres Pass. Sheriff's Office personnel responded to the area and set up a command post on Colorado Highway 17," it states, adding a medical helicopter was stationed at the command post.

The CAIC summary states staff from the Conejos County Sheriff's Office, U.S. Forest Service, and Conejos County Search and Rescue searched the avalanche debris that evening.

"The searchers returned with more people, avalanche dog teams from the Wolf Creek Ski Area, forecasters from the Colorado Avalanche Information Center, and many members of the local community on February 26," the summary states. "The search effort continued on February 27 with the aforemen-

tioned groups and additional help from CDOT, and search and rescue groups from Mineral, Rio Grand [sic], and Alamosa counties. The rider was recovered around midday."

The Conejos County Sheriff's Office identified the victim as Kevin Gray, 45, of Antonito.

As of press time on Wednesday, March 1, no report was available regarding the Hourglass Path incident, but the CAIC reported in a press release that a snowmobiler was caught, carried and injured.

According to the CAIC, 12 people have been caught in avalanches this winter, with nine buried and seven killed.

In addition to the avalanches, Archuleta County officials recently carried out a successful search and rescue mission on Wednesday, Feb. 22, for a cross-country skier.

According to Archuleta County Sheriff Mike Le Roux, a call was received about 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 22 for an 80-year-old male who was unable to find his way back home while cross-country skiing in the Turkey Springs area.

Le Roux explained the man "fortunately" had cell coverage and was able to talk directly to emergency personnel and was able to give officials coordinates from the compass app on his phone.

The sheriff added that the coordinates derived from the man's 911 call matched those from his phone, giving rescuers a "pretty good level of accuracy."

About 17 Upper San Juan Search and Rescue volunteers responded in addition to county emergency management staff, the sheriff indicated, and staged at the Coyote Hill trailhead.

A hasty team of six was deployed using a six-by-six tracked vehicle, with the remainder sent in on foot.

Le Roux explained the rescue involved unplowed Forest Service roads with deep snow, and the hasty team left the vehicle on the road to go in on foot.

They returned to the trailhead with the man at about 9:30 p.m., according to Le Roux.

"It was an excellent response," he said noting the turnout is a testament to the volunteers.

No injuries were reported, according to Le Roux.

The Alamosa News also recently reported that a 72-year-old Chromo man, Carey M. Bare, was found alive Feb. 15 in the Trujillo Meadows Area

of La Manga Pass after being caught in blizzard conditions and spending the night outside.

Backcountry, avalanche risk continues

Le Roux noted that, while it may feel like we're heading into spring, backcountry conditions continue to be "treacherous."

He noted that, despite how close you are, weather conditions can change and things can go wrong quickly.

He reminded those venturing out to have a plan, pack appropriately for the outing, wear the correct clothes, and make sure someone knows the area you're heading to and when you are expected to return.

He also suggested downloading or learning to use an app or device that can provide coordinates.

According to the CAIC website, the southern San Juan range, including Wolf Creek Pass, was at level four—high—in terms of avalanche danger, as of 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 1.

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

According to the Community Collaborative Rain Hail and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS) website, between Monday Feb. 27 and 10 a.m. Wednesday March 1, sites in Archuleta County received from 0.1 to 3.9 inches of snow.

The highest snow totals were concentrated in the northern portion of the county, according to CoCoRaHS.

A snow report from Wolf Creek Ski Area dated approximately 6 a.m. on March 1 indicates that Wolf Creek has received 9 inches of snow in the prior 24 hours and 11 inches in the prior 48 hours.

According to the report, this brings the midway snow depth to 119 inches and the year-to-date snowfall total to 339 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 32.6 inches of snow water equivalent as of 10 a.m. on March 1.

The Wolf Creek summit was at 134 percent of the March 1 snowpack median.

The San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan river basins were at 140 percent of the March 1 median in terms of snowpack.

Bridge

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and explained that the two primary projects in the area "are going to cost a lot of money and have some pretty significant impacts on the travel on that road."

In an interview with The SUN, Woodman explained that these two projects are the repair or replacement of the Pagosa Junction bridge and the "slough off area" where CR 500 is eroding into the San Juan River.

At the work session, Commissioner Ronnie Maez explained that he would prefer the right of way agreements to be complete before the county begins investing in these projects.

Woodman commented that the right of way is "pretty clear" on the "road failure area" on CR 500 but is a "big problem" at the bridge at Pagosa Junction.

In the interview, Woodman noted that the county does not have an access easement at the Pagosa Junction bridge, making work unfeasible.

He added that the "challenges with the tribe" connected with this lack of access are one of the

owner, listed on Archuleta County records as Hummer Thomas J Revocable Trust. The decision discussed at the special meeting was merely to give direction to town staff to make an offer on the parcel, according to Dickhoff.

Council member Mat deGraaf made a motion to enter into negotiations with the owner for the purchase of the property. This was seconded by council member Brooks Lindner.

But before a vote took place, the matter was opened to discussion among the council, with Mayor Shari Pierce expressing her opposition to the purchase.

"I feel like it's not the best time for the town to be doing this, with the projects that we have coming up over the next few years that are priorities that we've set," she said.

Council member Gary Williams offered a different stance.

"Taking this action will be something that we'll appreciate in 20 years, and I think it may not be the perfect time to do it, but it's the only time to do it for this piece of property," he said.

Council member Jeff Posey said that, while he loves "this piece of property, I cannot vote for it, because of the price tag and the commitments we've got coming down the pipe. I just can't see myself doing that."

Council member Matt DeGuise suggested that, without looking at the additional recreational opportunities that might be present on the properties the town already owns, "buying this right now is short-sighted."

"I would like to counter that," deGraaf said, "in that, when I accepted this position about seven years ago, a prominent person in the community pulled me aside and said, 'Mat, if you're not looking 20 years into the future then you're not doing your job.' And I've taken that to heart ... it's a tough pill to swallow, but looking 20 years out, it's a good move to make."

Pierce replied, "Twenty years out on some of the other projects that we're working on are also good moves."

She then requested a roll-call vote on the standing motion to enter into negotiations for the acquisition of the property. The motion carried 4-3, with Pierce, Posey and DeGuise voting against it and Lindner, Wil-

liams, deGraaf and council member Madeline Bergon voting in favor of the motion.

The council then considered the remaining four parcels, quickly rejecting 225 E. Pagosa St., 275 E. Pagosa St. and 351 E. Pagosa St., respectively.

However, the parcel at 229 U.S. 84 garnered more interest from the council.

The 11.85-acre property is adjacent to Tractor Supply on U.S. 84 and the listed owner is Robert P. Goodman Trustee, according to Archuleta County records.

deGraaf again made a motion, but this time the motion was for the town only to continue to look into the details and possibilities of this property.

This was seconded by DeGuise, but Pierce said, "I should back up and ask if there's any discussion on this one as well."

Posey said, "Since No. 1 passed, I don't know if I can vote for No. 5. I mean, it's a chunk of change."

It was clarified that this motion was not for the purchase of the property, at this point, but only to allow the town staff to continue seeking information about the parcel.

Williams said that "11 acres adjacent to Reservoir Hill is a very important piece of property, and I think we should do our due diligence and pursue it."

The motion carried unanimously. When the meeting again opened to public comment, Hudson took the floor to address the council, saying that he was disappointed about the vote on parcel X.

He took issue with the fact that the price tag was not revealed and that "the public never had a chance to weigh in. You didn't hold any public hearings to see how the community feels about this. You just decided to spend some amount of money without telling us what it was and what the purpose of the purchase was. I'm just really disappointed in that vote."

Lindner directly addressed Hudson's concern, saying, "All we have done is to vote to enter into a negotiation for the purchase of the property. There's still a lot that has to happen to have the property be purchased, so it's not as if we've gone and spent that money tonight."

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primary issues delaying progress on the project and that the county would like to begin work on the bridge this summer if possible.

At the work session, Woodman stated that he had heard Monday, but not before, that the county is responsible for the "cultural aspects of the riverbed and the disturbed area" connected to the repair or replacement of Pagosa Junction bridge, which would require hiring an outside consultant to address the issue, and for dealing with the Bureau of Reclamation concerning the riverbed connected to this project.

County Attorney Todd Weaver noted that the work connected to the Bureau of Reclamation could be a "headache" and that the process could take two years, with the National Environmental Protection Act study that would be involved likely taking a year.

In the interview, Woodman explained that Cat Creek, which the Pagosa Junction bridge crosses, is largely dry in the summer and that, if work could be done then, the county could largely avoid having to divert the creek or other such

measures.

Maez noted that at the work session that the county needs to "pay attention" to the road this spring to "make sure that nobody gets caught up in that mess if it does decide to wash away into the river."

Woodman noted that the county may not have the opportunity to make a decision on the bridge itself "because we are ... presently under an advisory from [the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT)] ... to have that bridge repaired or replaced within 90 days, and we are in that 90 days, so CDOT may come in and condemn the bridge."

"Well, then we'll just close that part," Maez commented.

In the interview, Woodman stated that the county had received the communication from CDOT stating that the bridge needs to be repaired or replaced in 90 days or it will be condemned in the latter part of November.

He added that the 90-day period has already elapsed, but he has not received further information from CDOT on its upcoming actions.

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Rotary

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of Sahara Desert sunshine. It also has substantial mineral deposits. Developing solar power and mineral assets is a high priority and will require engineers and technicians who understand science.

Although science teachers in Niger understand theory rather well, they have had little or no practical experience. They have not done lab experiments because they have had no lab equipment and no training. They have no lab manuals that describe how to do experiments.

The principal goals of Rotary's project is to help the Nigerien teachers develop lab manuals that align with their curriculum, provide supplies that are necessary to perform these experiments and to train the teachers to perform the experiments. Good lab experiments help students to understand theory, to develop good technical skills and to see how science is

connected to their lives.

After traveling for 30 hours, I arrived in the capital of Niger, Niamey, with my five suitcases filled with lab supplies. Five Rotarians from our twin partner Rotary Club in Niamey met me at the airport and cleared the way through customs. All projects supported by the Rotary Foundation must have a host club in the country where the project will take place. The host clubs know the needs of their communities and how to best meet these needs.

Having completed the first week of teacher training, I attended a physics class in the equivalent of our junior year of high school. There were 50 students, about 15 of whom were girls.

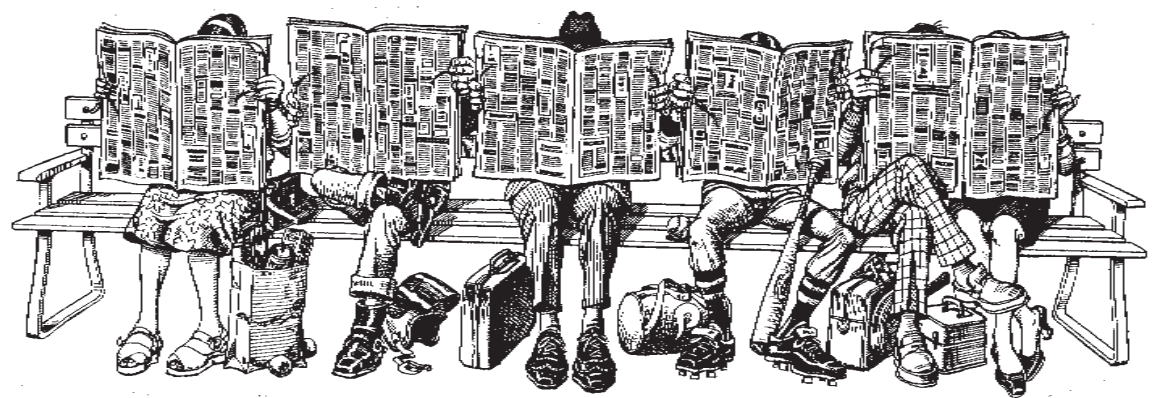
There were no textbooks, so the teacher worked from a blackboard and dictated. The students took meticulous notes. This classroom is different from most physics classrooms in Niger because the teacher

had some lab supplies, which were provided several years ago by our Rotary Club.

The current project, which started three years ago, will cost \$60,000. Most of the funding comes from a grant from the Rotary Foundation, which receives its funding from donations from 1.2 million Rotarians in 200 countries. Rotarians volunteering their time increase the value of these grants several fold.

My visit will last three weeks. The first week, which we have just completed, focused on training three lead teachers to do the lab experiments. During the next two weeks, these lead teachers will train an additional 30 science teachers from the six high schools supported by this grant. Each of these schools will have the equipment necessary to perform the lab experiments and teachers who have been trained to perform the experiments.

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Health

Continued from front statement for the county health department and a recommendation on the structure of the board of health for the county.

As discussed at the meeting, the board of health could be composed of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), could include the BoCC and outside experts, or could be fully independent.

Woodman also outlined the statutory responsibilities the new county health department and other county departments will have to assume.

The responsibilities for the department discussed included restaurant inspections and potentially the Women, Infants and Children program, although it was noted that this is not a statutory requirement, but it is critical to the community.

Woodman explained that responsibility for permitting on-site wastewater treatment systems will be given to the Planning Department, while it was discussed that emergency management would likely become the responsibility of the county emergency management division.

The committee also discussed that it would have to draft bylaws, examine current San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) contracts and look at requirements for staff.

In particular, Woodman and the committee highlighted the need to create a job description for and hire a public health director, as that person will be integral to the transition process.

The group also discussed the timeline created by the county to steer the transitional committee.

According to the draft version of the transitional timeline posted on the county health department Web

page, the goals for the first quarter of 2022 will be to “develop organizational structure to support provision of public health” and to “assess community health needs.”

The tasks that must be accomplished to do this, according to the timeline, include the BoCC creating the health department, the TAC and the County Health Department Transitional Oversight Committee (TOC).

The TOC will consider approaches to gather input from residents and businesses and determine a plan and process to hire leadership staff for the department during this quarter.

The TAC will research board of health structures, statutory requirements, staffing needs and certification requirements, and budgeting requirements as well as develop a draft mission statement and agency bylaws, and collect copies of all SJBPH contracts and reviews.

In the second quarter of 2023, the timeline indicates that the goals include determining leadership and staff needs, identifying programs and services, and drafting an initial 2024 budget.

According to the timeline, the tasks to be accomplished in the second quarter include the BoCC appointing a board of health and this board holding an organizing meeting, adopting bylaws, and attending training and study sessions to develop their understanding of public health needs and services.

Also during this quarter, the TOC and the board of health are to determine what programs and services are desired, develop an initial 2024 budget based on these programs, determine plans and processes for hiring staff, and hire staff.

The board of health will also launch the approval processes for

required fees, rules and procedures while the TAC and TOC gather input from residents, businesses and other community partners and the TAC researches grant opportunities.

In the third quarter of 2023, the timeline states, the goals will focus on finalizing infrastructure for the new department, securing staff and finalizing the 2024 budget.

The tasks to be accomplished during the third quarter, the timeline indicates, include securing funds for programs and services; developing proposals and work plans to get all contracts and funding streams into place prior to the launch of the department; implementing staff recruitment and hiring processes; and assuring infrastructure is in place for community engagement, communications, human resources, information technology and systems, finances and procurement, facilities and policies.

In the fourth quarter, the timeline states, the goals include confirming the budget and ensuring all final funding is secure and completing hiring staff, onboarding and training.

The timeline indicates that the tasks to be accomplished include continuing proposal and work plan development, ensuring all contracts are signed and executed by the beginning of 2024, training and onboarding new staff, and planning for the launch and first weeks of operation for the county health department.

At the TAC's Feb. 27 meeting, the committee began acting on these goals, beginning by voting to appoint Kathy Campbell as chair and Sally Kennedy as vice chair.

The committee also discussed public comment and agreed to accept public comments at all of its meetings.

Following a discussion, the TAC decided to divide its research efforts primarily by the five foundational public health services designated by the state of Colorado, with committee members assigned to look into the needs, current programs and requirements for specific services.

Committee members Susanne Bryant and Andrea Phillips agreed to look into environmental public health; Ashley Wilson will research maternal, child, adolescent and family health; Rhonda Webb and Kathy Campbell will research chronic disease, injury prevention and behavioral health promotion and access to and linkage with health care; and Sally Kennedy will research communicable disease prevention, investigation and control.

Committee member John Ranson agreed to begin looking into the financial resources available to the department from the county and expressed his willingness to assist with other topics as needed.

The TAC also discussed, drafted and approved a mission statement for the new public health department, which will be sent on to the BoCC for final approval.

The mission statement states, “Our mission is to protect, promote and enhance community health across Archuleta County through access, prevention and partnerships.”

The TAC also discussed the job description for the public health director and a variety of potential clarity and consistency revisions to the description.

Following the discussion, the committee agreed to continue the discussion at the next meeting, to be held March 6, to allow additional time for editing and to finalize the job description then.

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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, March 2

Combined Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting. 5:30 p.m. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

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=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 09048375, 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=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 09048375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

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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 Sanitation General Improvement District special board meeting. 5 p.m. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Archuleta County Fair Board meeting. 6 p.m., CSU Extension office, 344 U.S. 84.

Thursday, March 9

Main Street monthly board meeting. 4-5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Visitor Center meeting room, 105 Hot Springs Blvd., or join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89821999924?pwd=ZzIKSlJYL1BKbmRzRUUpZcUkxUkx5Zz09>.

San Juan Water Conservancy District joint work session with Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District. 4 p.m., 100 Lyn Ave. or via Zoom.

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District regular board meeting. 5 p.m. PAWSD administrative offices, 100 Lyn Ave.

Tuesday, March 14

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 09048375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

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Sports

BASKETBALL



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Pirates Gunner Dozier and Blake Laner fight for possession during the team's playoff win over DSST: Conservatory Green on Feb. 24. With the win, the Pirates advanced to the Sweet 16.

Pirates end playoff run in Sweet 16

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The No. 5 Pagosa Springs High School Pirate basketball team began its playoff run and fell out of contention for the state title over the last week.

While the Pirates were scheduled to begin postseason play on Feb. 22, inclement weather and the extended safety closures of area passes meant the Pirates couldn't host No. 28 DSST: Conservatory Green until Friday, Feb. 24.

Lewis noted the team was anxious to play the game, calling it a "roller coaster" of preparing to play and getting excited only for the game to be delayed and doing the same the following day.

He noted there was "definitely a lot of tension and stress and everything" waiting to play the first-round opponent.

The Pirates ultimately beat the DSST: Conservatory Green Hornets 57-48 despite the Hornets leading 14-8 at the end of the first quarter.

By halftime, the Pirates had taken a 23-19 lead. They led 34-27 at the end of the third and maintained a narrow lead throughout the fourth.

"We knew they were pretty good for being the 28," Lewis said. "They were much better than that."

Lewis highlighted Pagosa's defense in the game.

"I thought our kids played pretty good defensively for the most part," Lewis said, highlighting the defense of Aaron Aucoin, Seth Aucoin and other members of the team against DSST's Azar Ghezze. "I think you talk to any coach in the state, they knew that Pueblo Central was much, much higher than a 12," he said, adding later he feels they should have been a top eight seed.

He added the Wildcats play in a 5A league and are a big school that only dropped down in the classification system due to their COVID numbers.

He noted that, in his preseason rankings, he had Holy Family as No. 1 and Pueblo Central as No. 2.

"That's the respect and the, you know, where I had them. I knew they were both very, very good teams, and they're both in the Great 8," he said, adding that both teams came in from a higher level during this year's reclassification.

The Pirates led 14-11 at the end of the first, with the Wildcats tying the game with 12.2 seconds left in the second and taking a 32-30 lead into halftime.

The back-and-forth affair continued in the second half, with Pueblo Central pulling away in the game's final minutes to log the win. "I'm really proud of the kids," Wes Lewis said. "I felt like we did everything right in that game with the exception of make free throws."

The Pirates made 21 of 40 attempted free throws in the game. "And that's just, it's unacceptable in the a playoff game," he said, noting he talked to the team all season about how if it didn't fix its free throws it would come back on them at some point. "And it certainly did that night."

He added that, even though a higher turnover count is expected when facing a team of Pueblo Central's ability, style and "tenacious-type pressure full-court defense," 16 was a few too many and the Pirates could have easily dropped that to 10 or 12.

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Seth Aucoin had five points, which included a 3-pointer, and two rebounds.

Aaron Aucoin had four points, three rebounds, an assist and two steals.

The team made 26 of 43 attempted free throws in the game and turned the ball over eight times.

With the win, the Pirates advanced to the Sweet 16 round and welcomed the No. 12 Pueblo Central Wildcats to town Monday.

The Wildcats ended the Pirates' playoff win with a 67-61 win.

Wes Lewis indicated that while the game may have been an upset in terms of seeding, Pueblo Central is highly regarded in the state.

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Wildcats' press as good as anyone else in the state other than Pueblo South.

"In a small nutshell, I thought that was a victory for our kids or a feather in their cap because it showed just the ability to attack that press and shoot a lot of layups," he said.

Unfortunately, he added, the Pirates got into foul trouble, with Aaron Aucoin, Dozier and Colt Lewis in foul trouble.

"We had some kids, I thought, step up and do a really, really nice job," he said, highlighting Chase Harper, Seth Aucoin and Nate Kinsley.

Colt Lewis led the team in scoring with 17 points, which included three 3-pointers. He also had four rebounds, three assists and two steals.

Dozier had 12 points, including a 3-pointer, and two assists.

Laner picked up another double-double with 10 points and 19 rebounds.

Shahan had 10 points, four rebounds, an assist and three steals.

Aaron Aucoin had nine points, five rebounds and a steal.

Seth Aucoin had two points, and Kinsley had a point, two assists and a steal. Harper had a rebound and three assists.

Wes Lewis also commented on the support the team received at its playoff games, noting the Pueblo Central coach commented on the atmosphere and the size of the crowd, which Wes Lewis noted

speaks to the community and the importance of basketball to the community.

"I can't say enough about the kids and... I already miss them," the coach said, adding, "It's such a good group of kids that I enjoyed being around thoroughly and here it is two days later and I already miss not being able to go to practice with 'em."

He noted the team is a "good group of quality individuals."

"Kudos to their parents for raising such good kids, respectable kids, coachable kids," he added, calling them "kids that love the game and want to be coached and want to get better and want to be coachable."

He added it was a good year — something he doesn't want the team to lose focus on.

He pointed out the team went 19-5, with losses coming to 5A Montrose (who made the playoffs), Alamosa twice (who is in the 4A Great 8) and Centauri (who is in the 3A playoffs) and Pueblo Central.

"I think our five losses were to very, very good teams and I just don't want the kids to lose perspective on how good of a year we had and how we just ran into a juggernaut in the game to get to the Great 8, and I wanted it so bad for the boys, but we just came up a little bit short," he said.

The coach also highlighted the big wins and the team's body of work that earned the team the No.

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Several Pirate wrestlers recently garnered all-conference honors for their work during the winter season. Colton Lucero, Luke Tressler, Chandler Mazur, and Heath Fulbright (first through fourth from right) were named honorable mentions to the Intermountain League all-conference team while Connor Kelly (left) was named to the first team. Coach Dan Janowsky comments in a correspondence with The SUN, "They are really good, strong, solid young men. Very good representatives of the culture we strive to build and maintain."

BASKETBALL

Lady Pirates fall to Cougars in playoff game

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirates' season may have ended on Tuesday, Feb. 21, in Loveland, but, thanks to winter weather that closed mountain passes, the team's trip continued into Friday—an ending to the season the coach noted they'll never forget.

The No. 20 Lady Pirates fell 44-41 to the No. 13 Resurrection Christian Cougars in the first round of the playoffs.

"It was a really good game. They played super hard," coach Sarah Osborn said.

The Cougars led 10-7 at the end of the first quarter and held a 20-17 lead at halftime.

The Lady Pirates narrowed the gap in the third after scoring 17 to the Cougars' 16, making the score 36-34 heading into the final quarter.

The Cougars picked up eight points to Pagosa's seven to secure their spot in the Sweet 16 round.

"They ended the season right where they should be, three-point game, and they gave themselves every opportunity that they could have," Osborn said. "I think our biggest thing was we missed a bunch of offense rebounds. Well, we let them get too many offensive rebounds ... and that hurt us."

The Cougars logged 13 offensive rebounds in the game.

Osborn added the team took good shots on offense and met its goals with free throws and turnovers.

"They played every single minute of that game, even got down by 10 and fought back, and then at the very end they gave themselves a last shot to tie it up and just missed two easy ones," she said.

Daveyann Snarr and Karsyn Shahan jointly led the team in scoring with 11 points each. Snarr's effort, which included three 3-pointers, also included six rebounds and an assist. Shahan, who landed two 3-pointers, also had five rebounds, an assist and a steal.

Osborn highlighted Snarr and Shahan in the game in terms of leading in both scoring and defense.

Osborn noted part of the rough start to the season was because Snarr was out due to a foot surgery, which hurt the rotation.

She added she made an adjustment with Snarr at halftime and Snarr was able to hold a player who scored 11 in the first half scoreless

in the second half.

"She really ended her season right where she needed to be going into senior year," Osborn said, noting she was a "huge component" of the playoff game.

Elizabeth Currier picked up eight points, which included a 3-pointer, and had two rebounds, three assists, two steals and two blocks.

"It ended exactly where I wanted it — with hope and looking to the future ... We've got a really bright future with the girls we've got coming back."
Coach Sarah Osborn

Annie O'Donnell logged five points, four rebounds, an assist and a steal.

Chantelle Caldwell tallied five points, four rebounds, an assist and a steal.

Kylie Ketchum had two points, two rebounds and an assist.

The team made seven of 10 free-throw attempts and turned the ball over 11 times.

The Cougars fell to No. 4 Lutheran 57-37 in the Sweet 16 round.

No. 9 Alamosa, hailing from the Intermountain League (IML), also fell out of contention in the first round, losing 46-41 to No. 24 Severance.

The Lady Pirates ended the season with a 10-14 overall record and a 6-4 IML record, which put them third in the IML standings.

And, according to Osborn, the team ended the season where it wanted to — with hope.

"I told them after that game I couldn't be prouder of those girls starting 0-10 ... and then going 10-3. That's a totally different change to their season and ... that last game they were playing their best basketball," Osborn said, adding the girls "played their hearts out."

Osborn noted she's happy with how the season ended, admitting there was a big learning curve for her as a coach.

"It took a while for the girls to learn me as a head coach and me to learn them," she said.

She's also excited she didn't have a large class of seniors, noting the team grew together and it makes her more excited for where the team ended the season, knowing they bought in and began trusting the system and each other.

"It ended exactly where I wanted it — with hope and looking to the future ... We've got a really bright future with the girls we've got coming back," she said.

She also noted have Snarr and O'Donnell as next year's seniors will be "huge."

The Lady Pirates will lose two seniors, Caldwell and Vida Maes.

Osborn noted Caldwell is a "huge part" of the team's success toward the end of the season and she will leave "huge shoes to fill."

"Most games she was our high points scorer, she was always our best rebounder. She was the most

consistent player out there, and we needed that leadership," she said, especially the younger girls who had little experience with losing and picking themselves back up.

Caldwell, she noted, had the maturity to keep trusting and turn the season around.

"She really brought them together and she's a huge part in helping them and me come together as a team," Osborn added.

Maes, she noted, is the only player to be coached by Osborn all four years, moving up from C team to JV to varsity.

"She was a huge part of getting our practices in and ... being a practice player, knowing the plays, helping the younger girls learn them," she said.

Osborn added while it's nice to have a smaller senior class as a new coach, she couldn't have done it without those two.

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Pirates

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5 seeding in the state tournament, as well as the kids' hard work.

The team will lose three of its starters from this year's team who are seniors — Aaron Aucoin, Dozier and Shahan.

"All three of the seniors are great kids," Wes Lewis said.

"What an athlete and ... unforeseen circumstance that you have a kid that's a very, very good wrestler, a state qualifier as a sophomore, and start hearing a little bit of buzz after the season" that he may switch to basketball, the coach said of Aaron Aucoin.

Wes Lewis noted he doubted the rumors, but Aaron Aucoin finally came and talked to him and said he wanted to make the switch to basketball, prompting the coach to talk to wrestling coach Dan Janowsky before the wrestler made the switch.

Wes Lewis noted Aaron Aucoin spent the first summer learning how to play, not having played much since his elementary years and being unsure of the rules, system and how to play defense.

"He's a very intelligent kid and he picked things up very quickly and just became such an integral part of our team and our best perimeter defender with his size and athletic ability and his smartness and just true, true gift that we were able to have him join us and make our basketball team a lot better," he said.

The coach noted he told Dozier in the locker room that he's so glad his parents moved their family here.

"What a fun kid to coach. What a nice kid to coach, respectable, always wanted to do what I asked him to do, was a great point guard, a great leader," he said, adding Dozier's teammates liked him, looked up to him and enjoyed playing with him.

He added Dozier is a good shooter and ball handler who sometimes sacrificed his scoring for the betterment of the team.

"I can't say enough about that kid and how much I've enjoyed not only coaching him, but just getting to know him the last three years," he added, noting he has a lot of respect for Dozier and his family and a lot of admiration for the kind of young man he's turned into. "What a great, great kid. I'm



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Colt Lewis puts up a shot against the Pueblo Central Wildcats during Monday's Sweet 16 playoff game. The Pirates lost the affair, but Lewis led the team in scoring with 17 points.

gonna certainly miss the heck out of him."

Wes Lewis pointed out that he went to high school with Shahan's family and has known him since he was born, with the two families close.

"That kid is very, very dear to me," the coach said, calling him a "really good basketball player."

The coach noted Shahan had to shift from playing a guard to a post, had good guard skills, shot really well and did anything asked of him.

"I'm just gonna miss him so much as a person and as a player because I've been around him for the last 18 years of his life," he said.

The coach noted it's always sad to see your seniors go, but that this year's seniors are "outstanding" called it a pleasure to be their coach.

The coach also added the team has a lot of good players coming back.

"There's still a lot of cookies in the cupboard, if you will, groceries in the fridge," he said.

He added the team has to continue to get better and may change its style, but there are a lot of good kids left in the program.

"I think Pagosa will be a force to be reckoned with again next year," he said.

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Representatives for hunting or angling sought to serve on Colorado Outdoor Partnership

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is accepting membership applications to fill two sportsperson representative positions on the Colorado Outdoor Partnership (CO-OP). Interested individuals are invited to fill out an online membership application no later than Monday, March 13.

The CO-OP is a collaborative of leaders that share the state-level vision that in 2050, Colorado's people and economy thrive because of our healthy lands, water, wildlife, and working farms and ranches, accompanied by improved, inclusive outdoor recreation, hunting and angling opportunities for all.

CPW is seeking members who represent a hunting and/or angling organization or constituency. This individual will join other organizations involved in the CO-OP that

represent the following sectors: agriculture; conservation; stewardship and environmental education; outdoor recreation; hunters and anglers; federal, tribal and local government; and at-large members.

The CO-OP adopts the Colorado Outdoor Principles and acknowledges that outdoor recreation and conservation should reflect, respect and value the demographic and cultural diversity of our state. The role of this group is to advise CPW and the Department of Natural Resources in developing and advancing strategies to achieve the CO-OP's vision. The CO-OP serves as the statewide advisory body for the Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnerships Initiative established in 2020 by Governor's Executive Order B 2020 008.

The sportsperson appointment is for a four-year term. CO-OP members are expected to partici-

pate in quarterly meetings, support other CO-OP work as needed, and represent the perspective of their sector's broader community, in addition to that of the organization for which they work.

Interested individuals must fill out an online membership application no later than Monday, March 13. If you would like to submit additional materials, such as letters of support, please email your supplemental information to Jody Kennedy, Regional Partnership Program manager. CPW staff will reach out to you directly with final selection decisions.

For more information about this process, please contact Kennedy at (970) 281-7330 or jody.kennedy@state.co.us. For more information on the CO-OP, visit copartnership.org.

Public Notices

DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO

109 Harman Park Drive Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Plaintiff: The Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County, CO
v.
Defendants: Canadian Crafts, Inc., Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District, Archuleta County Public Trustee, and all Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest in the Subject Matter of This Action.

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: CANADIAN CRAFTS, INC.
You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court. If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.
Dated: January 26, 2023
Published in The Pagosa Sun.

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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 Total: \$2,113.88
PATRICIA A ANGEL, SURVIVING JOINT TENANT WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP OF DANIEL J ANGEL, DECEASED (C#4399902388) 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
BRIAN HORHORN AND ANGELA HORHORN (C#550004006) A 308,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7883-7884 in Building

First Publication: February 2, 2023.
Last Publication: March 2, 2023.
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District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Tel. 970.264.2400

Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc.
Plaintiff
v.
FRANK O NELSON, et al
Defendants
Case No.: 2022CV30048
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM
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.

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):
FRANK O NELSON
MARGARET J NELSON
RONALD L HAYNES
MARIE K HAYNES
IVY J TABOR
MICHAEL D BRUCE
PATRICIA A ANGEL, SURVIVING JOINT TENANT WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP OF DANIEL J ANGEL, DECEASED
CRYSTAL PHILLIPS
JIMMY D GILBERT
NELDA F GILBERT
BRIAN HORHORN
ANGELA HORHORN
Current Holder of the specific assessment lien in the Declaration: Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc.
Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.
Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
Association Assessments Due to: Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc.
Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A"
Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"
Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act

THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCLUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.
The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST
THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will, at 11 o'clock A.M., on 14th of April, 2023, Sale Number 2023-05 in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147 sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication: 2/09/2023
Last Publication: 3/09/2023
Name of Publication: The Pagosa Springs Sun
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The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:
Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office 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"
Peregrine Townhouses
Matter

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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: \$7,772.24
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: \$2,589.09
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, 20005495, 20010666, and subject to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal 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
Sheriff Sale 2023-04

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
RICHARD G HANNA
SANDRA STAFFORD DROST
KENNETH LEE DROST
GEORGE S REHER
DORIS E REHER
LINLY P LEE
JERRY ROBISON
KAREN ROBISON
DONAL LEE KNUTSON
ELOYCE JONES FLEMING
JAMES D NICOSON
KAREN V NICOSON
CONSTANCE M WASHINGTON
CATHY UNDERHILL DBA CATHY'S COTTAGE, LLC
MICHELLE D OSBORN
STEVE OSBORN
JOHN P DAUER JR
PATRICIA H DAUER
STANLEY E NEWELL
JOYCE A NEWELL
PHYLLIS A WILLIAMS, SURVIVING JOINT TENANT WITH RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP OF JOHN B WILLIAMS, DECEASED
SUSAN E ODERY
AL F PHILLIPS
DEBBIE K PHILLIPS

Evidence of Debt: 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.
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"
Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"
Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST
THEREFORE, 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 Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147 sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication: 2/09/2023
Last Publication: 3/09/2023
Name of Publication: The Pagosa Springs Sun
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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

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
PHYLLIS A WILLIAMS, SURVIVING JOINT TENANT WITH RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP OF JOHN B WILLIAMS, DECEASED (C#179204249) Unit Weeks Numbers 46, Unit Number 35, Building Number 35, Phase 3 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,065.43 Interest: \$301.35 Late Fees: \$50.00 Costs: \$189.04 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
JAMES P KOEHLER (C#178404612) Unit Weeks Numbers 48, Unit Number 12, Building Number 12, Phase 2 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,065.43 Interest: \$301.35 Late Fees: \$50.00 Costs: \$189.04 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
J FRANCISCO MORENO (C#178407094) Unit Weeks Numbers 48, Unit Number 12, Building Number 12, Phase 2 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,065.43 Interest: \$301.35 Late Fees: \$50.00 Costs: \$189.04 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
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 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
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
VALARIE J 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
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
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
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
GEORGE S REHER and DORIS E REHER (C#178506713) Unit Weeks Numbers 26, Unit Number 36, Building Number 36, Phase 3 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,065.43 Interest: \$301.35 Late Fees: \$50.00 Costs: \$189.04 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
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: \$316.89 Late Fees: \$50.00 Costs: \$189.04 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
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: \$316.89 Late Fees: \$50.00 Costs: \$189.04 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
DONAL LEE KNUTSON (C#178610234) Unit Weeks Numbers 44, 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
JAMES D NICOSON and KAREN V NICOSON (C#178751624) 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
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
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
PHYLLIS A WILLIAMS, SURVIVING JOINT TENANT WITH RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP OF JOHN B WILLIAMS, DECEASED (C#179204249) Unit Weeks Numbers 46, Unit Number 35, Building Number 35, 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: \$3,546.09
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
JOEL MATTHEW MONAGHAN and MARISA EUGENIA MONAGHAN (C#171207707) Unit Weeks Numbers 43, 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
JAMES P KOEHLER (C#178404612) Unit Weeks Numbers 48, 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
JAMES P KOEHLER (C#178404612) Unit Weeks Numbers 48, 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
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 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
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
VALARIE J 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
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
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
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
GEORGE S REHER and DORIS E REHER (C#178506713) Unit Weeks Numbers 26, Unit Number 36, Building Number 36, Phase 3 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,065.43 Interest: \$301.3

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Late Fees: \$50.00
 Costs: \$189.04
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Judgment Amount: \$3,605.82
 SUSAN E ODERY (C#125101270) Unit Weeks Numbers 10, Unit Number 18, 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
 AL F PHILLIPS and DEBBIE K PHILLIPS (C#178607354) Unit Weeks Numbers 10, Unit Number 40, Building Number 40, Phase IV
 Unpaid Assessments: \$3,001.38
 Interest: \$1,716.84
 Late Fees: \$75.00
 Costs: \$189.04
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Judgment Amount: \$5,982.26
 In Eagle's Loft Condominiums. All as tenants in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described lot in Eagle's Loft Condominiums as depicted on the Plat Maps recorded under Reception Numbers 117699, 119118, 130203, 132403, subject to the Declaration of Interval and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft Condominiums recorded as Reception Number 117700, 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
Mountain Meadows Property Owners Association, Inc.
Plaintiff
v.
Clarice R Eubanks, et al
Defendants
Case No.: 2022CV30046
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM Sheriff Sale 2023-03
 This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Interval Ownership for Mountain Meadows, recorded on January 21, 1986 under Reception Number 137132, 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):
 J. DEL GREEN A/K/A DEL GREEN
 LAUREL ROYBAL
 CLARICE R EUBANK
 MARGE E GREEN
 Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Interval Ownership for Mountain Meadows, recorded on January 21, 1986 under Reception Number 137132, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.
 Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Mountain Meadows 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: Mountain Meadows Property Owners Association, Inc.
 Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A"
 Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"
 Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act
THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.
 The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST
 THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will, at 11 o'clock A.M., on 31st of March, 2023, Sale Number 2023-02 in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff, Civil Division, 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
 Last Publication: 3/09/2023
 Name of Publication: The Pagosa Springs Sun
NOTICE OF RIGHTS
YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF THE STATUTES WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS IS ATTACHED HERETO.
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.
THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
IF YOU BELIEVE THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN §38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN §38-38-103.2, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL (1-800-222-4444), THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (1-855-411-2372), OR BOTH, BUT THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.
 The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:
 Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
 INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office 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"
 Mountain Meadows Townhomes Matter Amount
 Clarice R Eubank (C#178385670) Lot (Unit) Weeks Number 01 (1) Fall Unit Week, Unit Number(s) 7601 through 7608, Phase Two
 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,461.55
 Interest: \$397.72
 Late Fees: \$75.00
 Costs: \$368.74
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Judgment Amount: \$4,303.01
 Del Green and Marge Green (C#178389607) Lot (Unit) Weeks One (1) Summer Unit Week, Unit Number(s) 7601 through 7608, Phase Two
 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,461.55
 Interest: \$390.42
 Late Fees: \$50.00
 Costs: \$368.74
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Judgment Amount: \$4,240.71
 J. Del Green and Laurel Roybal (C#178754289) Lot (Unit) Weeks One (1) Summer Unit Week, Unit Number(s) 7601 through 7608, Phase Two
 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,461.55
 Interest: \$442.14
 Late Fees: \$50.00
 Costs: \$368.74
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Judgment Amount: \$4,322.43
 Of Mountain Meadows Townhomes. All as tenants in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Mountain Meadows Townhomes as described and delineated the Plats recorded under Reception Numbers 137131 and 20209311, subject to the Declaration of Interval Ownership for Mountain Meadows recorded as Reception Number 137132, as has been amended, supplemented, and/or restated, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a right of ingress and egress

over the existing road to Lakeside Drive.
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District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
 Court Address: 109 Harman Park Dr, P.O. Box 148
 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
 Tel. 970.264.2400
Teal Landing Vacation Owners Association, Inc.
Plaintiff
v.
Joel Cartagena, et al.
Defendants
Case No.: 2022CV30043
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM Sheriff Sale 2023-02
 This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums, recorded on January 6, 1989 at Reception No. 160495, Book 239, Page 2, 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):
 JOEL CARTAGENA
 CHRIS ORTEGA
 RAY HODGES
 ROBERT F HENRY
 ELOUIDA WRIGHT, SURVIVING JOINT TENANT WITH RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP OF ROY T WRIGHT, DECEASED
 MICHAEL P BADOVINAC
 PATRICIA M BADOVINAC
 LAUREN M STEWART
 GLORIA HURST STEWART
 Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium, recorded on August 10, 2000, Reception Number 20007580, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.
 Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Teal Landing Vacation Owners Association, Inc.
 Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.
 Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
 Association Assessments Due to: Teal Landing Vacation Owners Association, Inc.
 Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A"
 Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"
 Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act
THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.
 The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST
 THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will, at 11 o'clock A.M., on 31st of March, 2023, Sale Number 2023-02 in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff, Civil Division, 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
 Last Publication: 3/09/2023
 Name of Publication: The Pagosa Springs Sun
NOTICE OF RIGHTS
YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF THE STATUTES WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS IS ATTACHED HERETO.
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.
THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
IF YOU BELIEVE THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN §38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN §38-38-103.2, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL (1-800-222-4444), THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (1-855-411-2372), OR BOTH, BUT THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.
 The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:
 Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
 INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office 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"
 Mountain Meadows Townhomes Matter Amount
 Clarice R Eubank (C#178385670) Lot (Unit) Weeks Number 01 (1) Fall Unit Week, Unit Number(s) 7601 through 7608, Phase Two
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 Interest: \$397.72
 Late Fees: \$75.00
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 Judgment Amount: \$4,303.01
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 Judgment Amount: \$4,322.43
 Of Mountain Meadows Townhomes. All as tenants in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Mountain Meadows Townhomes as described and delineated the Plats recorded under Reception Numbers 137131 and 20209311, subject to the Declaration of Interval Ownership for Mountain Meadows recorded as Reception Number 137132, as has been amended, supplemented, and/or restated, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a right of ingress and egress

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District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
 Court Address: 109 Harman Park Dr, P.O. Box 148
 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
 Tel. 970.264.2400
Village Pointe Property Owners Association, Inc.
Plaintiff
v.
Albert F Phillips, et al.
Defendants
Case No.: 2022CV30042
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM Sheriff Sale 2023-01
 This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums, recorded on January 6, 1989 at Reception No. 160495, Book 239, Page 2, 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):
 ALBERT F PHILLIPS
 DEBRA K PHILLIPS
 LINDA SELOFF
 JOHN F HANCOCK, TRUSTEE OF THE HANCOCK FAMILY TRUST DATED MARCH 11, 1999
 Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums, recorded on January 6, 1989 at Reception No. 160495, Book 239, Page 2, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.
 Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Village Pointe 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: Village Pointe Property Owners Association, Inc.
 Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A"
 Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"
 Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act
THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.
 The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST
 THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will, at 11 o'clock A.M., on 31st of March, 2023, Sale Number 2023-01, in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff, Civil Division, 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
 Last Publication: 3/09/2023
 Name of Publication: The Pagosa Springs Sun
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THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN §38-38-103.2, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL (1-800-222-4444), THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (1-855-411-2372), OR BOTH, BUT THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.
 The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:
 Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
 INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office 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"
 Village Pointe Condominiums Matter Amount
 ALBERT F PHILLIPS and DEBRA K PHILLIPS (C#179300520) Unit Weeks Numbers 16, Unit Number 7517, Building Number 5, Phase III
 Unpaid Assessments: \$3,798.79
 Interest: \$1,953.44
 Late Fees: \$75.00
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Costs: \$535.45
 Judgment Amount: \$7,362.68
 LINDA SELOFF and JOHN F HANCOCK, TRUSTEE OF THE HANCOCK FAMILY TRUST DATED MARCH 11, 1999 (C#179101795) Unit Weeks Numbers 50, Unit Number 7515, Building Number 4, Phase II
 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,668.96
 Interest: \$482.38
 Late Fees: \$100.00
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Costs: \$535.45
 Judgment Amount: \$4,786.79
 Of Village Pointe Condominiums, all as tenants in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Village Pointe Condominiums as depicted on the Plats recorded under Reception Numbers 1068713, 171189 and 176324 according to the Condominium Map as recorded, subject to Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums as recorded as Reception Number 1309304 and amendments and supplements thereto, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Estate of David Henry Sprowle, a.k.a. David H. Sprowle, a.k.a. David Sprowle, Deceased
 Case No. 2022PR30070
 All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before May 31, 2023 (one year anniversary of date of death of decedent) or the claims may be forever barred.
 Molly Ann Sprowle, Personal Representative
 c/o Brown & Brown, P.C., 1250 E. Sherwood Dr.
 Grand Junction, Colorado 81501
 Published February 16, 23 and March 2, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

INVESTMENT TO BID
 CDOT Project Number: SAR C350-001
 CDOT Project Code: 23034
 Location: Crestone, Colorado
 Name: Crestone Safe Routes to School Project
 Separate sealed BIDS for the Crestone Safe Routes to School Project will be received by Saguache County, Colorado at the office of Davis Engineering Service, Inc. located at 1314 Eleventh Street, P.O. Box 1840, Alamosa, Colorado 81101, until 2:00 P.M. local time on March 23, 2023, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.
 The project consists of the following: constructing a 3.196 linear feet of concrete multi-use pathway with associated curb, gutter, curb ramps, asphalt paving, asphalt patching, Aggregate Base Course Class 6 placement, excavation, embankment, removal work, traffic control, signage, public information services, pavement markings, surface drainage, ditching, best management practices of erosion control measures, and trail side landscaping including topsoil, conditioning, seeding, and mulching.
 The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) sets the goals for Underutilized/Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (UDBEs) in participation for a part of the work in this Contract. The goal for participation in this Contract by certified DBEs who have been determined to be underutilized has been established at 4%. The On-The-Job Training (OJT) goal for the project is 0 hours.
 CDOT Form 606 - Anti-Collusion Affidavit and CDOT Form 1414 - Anticipated DBE Participation Plan (all included in Appendix A) must be submitted by all bidders with their bids. If these forms are not submitted, the bid is considered non responsive and shall be rejected. CDOT Form 85 - Contractor's Proposal, (also in Appendix A) shall be submitted with the bid indicating whether the fuel cost adjustment shall apply to the contract. If the bidder fails to indicate a choice or fails to submit Form 85, the fuel cost adjustment will not apply to the Contract. Please refer to SECTION II, Information to Bidders of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS for more information on the required Bid Documents.
 The provisions of Form Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) 1273 apply to all work performed under the CONTRACT and are to be included in all subcontracts. Please refer to APPENDIX D, Colorado Department of Transportation Standard Special Provisions of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS for more information. This project includes funding by CDOT administered FHWA grants; therefore, the Davis Bacon Wages will apply. Saguache County, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §5200d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any Contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award. An EEO-1 Report must be submitted to the Joint Reporting Committee if the Contractor and subcontractors meet the eligibility requirements (29 CFR 1602.7). For additional information regarding these federal requirements, please refer to:
 http://www.eeoc.gov/employers/eo1survey/faq.cfm
 Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS and PLANS may be obtained on or after February 27, 2023, at the office of Davis Engineering Service, Inc. located at the address mentioned above, upon payment of \$85.00 for each set. No refund will be made for returned copies.
A mandatory pre-bid conference and inspection trip for prospective Bidders will be held at the Crestone Charter School, 330 East Lime Avenue, Crestone, CO 81131, at 2:00 P.M. local time on March 13, 2023. For questions contact Davis Engineering Service, Inc. at (970)-264-5055 ext. 105.
Date: February 23, 2023
 Published February 23, March 2 and 9, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

COUNTY COURT, SUMMIT COUNTY, COLORADO
 CIVIL ACTION NO. 2011C518, Division C
 WINSTON FINANCIAL SERVICES, L.L.P., assignee of SKIER'S EDGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., Plaintiff,
 v.
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COMBINED NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY Sheriff Sale No. 2022-12
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Original judgment in the amount of \$12,584.84
Revised judgment in the amount of \$48,839.78
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 Plaintiff makes no warranty relating to title, possession, or quiet enjoyment in and to said real property in connection with this sale.
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with their bids. If these forms are not submitted, the bid is considered non responsive and shall be rejected. CDOT Form 85 - Contractor's Proposal, (also in Appendix A) shall be submitted with the bid indicating whether the fuel cost adjustment shall apply to the contract. If the bidder fails to indicate a choice or fails to submit Form 85, the fuel cost adjustment will not apply to the Contract. Please refer to SECTION II, Information to Bidders of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS for more information on the required Bid Documents.
 The provisions of Form Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) 1273 apply to all work performed under the CONTRACT and are to be included in all subcontracts. Please refer to APPENDIX D, Colorado Department of Transportation Standard Special Provisions of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS for more information. This project includes funding by CDOT administered FHWA grants; therefore, the Davis Bacon Wages will apply. Saguache County, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §5200d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any Contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award. An EEO-1 Report must be submitted to the Joint Reporting Committee if the Contractor and subcontractors meet the eligibility requirements (29 CFR 1602.7). For additional information regarding these federal requirements, please refer to:
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Date: February 23, 2023
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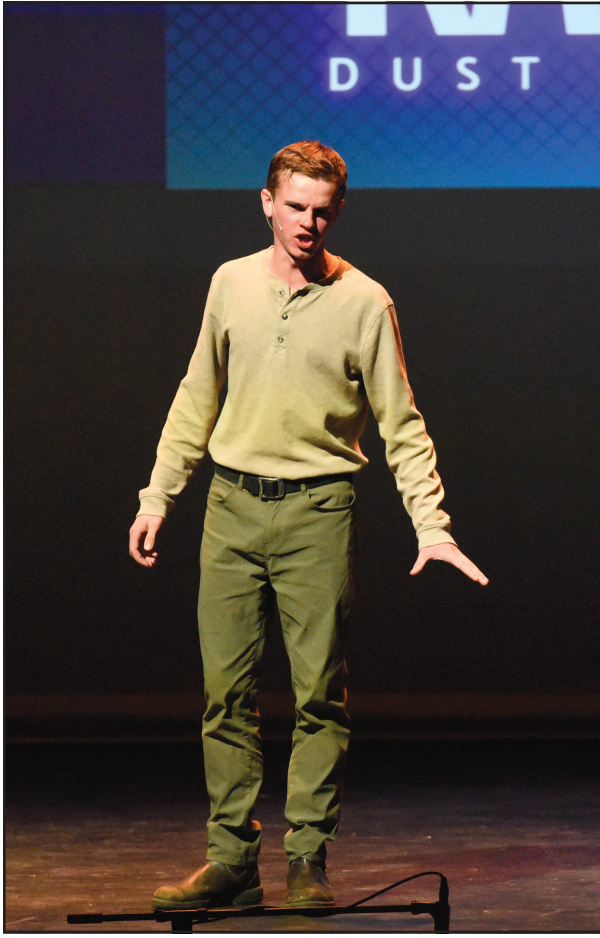
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 All telephone inquiries for information should be directed to the office of the undersigned Sheriff at (970) 264-8430. The name, address and telephone number of the attorney representing the legal owner of the above described lien is Sarah Pizzo, Esq., Reg No. 43826, Douglas A. Turner, P.C., 602 Park Point Drive, Suite 240, Golden, Colorado 80401, (303) 273-2923.
 DATED at Archuleta County, Colorado this 27th day of January, 2023.
 Mike Le Roux, Sheriff
 County of Archuleta
 State of Colorado
 By: /s/ Lorena Medina
 Lorena Medina, Office Manager
 Published March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Estate of Constance D. Griffin, AKA Constance Dyan Griffin, AKA Constance Diane Griffin, AKA Constance Dyan Griffin, Deceased
 Case No. 23PR30006
 All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before July 3, 2023, or the claims may be forever barred.
 Patricia Hauser aka Patti Hauser
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 Ignacio, CO 81137
 Published March 2, 9 and 16, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

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 Public Hearings and Meetings will be conducted at 551 Hot Springs Blvd and available for remote attendance via the Zoom meeting platform. To access the meeting agendas and staff reports, click the round Minutes and Agendas tab located along the bottom of the photo on the Town's website home page at pagosaspings.co.gov. You may also view the application at mypagosa.org/proposed-development-projects.
 We encourage interested parties to contact the Planning Division prior to the public hearing dates, with any questions via phone at 970-264-4151 x221 or email at cschultz@pagosaspings.co.gov. Written comments received 7 days prior to the meeting or public hearing will be forwarded to the Design Review Board for their consideration. Public comments will be accepted at the public hearings/meetings.
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February Follies

SUN photos/Randi Pierce

Curtains Up Pagosa held its second annual February Follies talent competition Saturday, Feb. 25, in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. Nineteen acts took to the stage to compete for prizes, with acts that included solos and duets of dancing, singing and dramatic readings of classics.



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Lenten Fish Fry

Fridays through March 31



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March 2, 2023



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The team of Ramon Cova, Fran O'Brian, Julie Brown, John Unger and Kevin Luke fill containers with the Lenten Fish Fry fare, including condiments, before the meals are taken out to customers during the Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry at John Paul II Catholic Church.

27th annual Lenten Fish Fry underway

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The 27th annual Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry is underway, with the event starting on Feb. 24.

The fry takes place from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. every Friday evening through March 31.

The meal of two fried fish filets, french fries and coleslaw is available for takeout only from John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. The cost is \$15.

According to an article by the Knights of Columbus Council 7560, the Lenten Fish Fry began around 1996. The grand knight at the time was Seth Crain, who started the fish fry as a fundraiser for the council along with Pete Dach and many other Knights who have moved or passed on.

Over the years, as the event grew in popularity, the group moved from two turkey fryer-type propane units and eventually constructed a large fry wagon to meet demand.

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Book-themed table settings will highlight the Library Affair

By Sally Neel
 Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library
 Foundation and Friends

The Ruby Sisson Library Foundation and Friends invites you to the Library Affair, the second annual gala event to help raise funding for the exciting future library expansion. The Library Affair will take place on April 15 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, an elegant setting for an elegant affair.

The centerpiece of the event will feature beautiful table settings based on book themes. The contents of the tables will be auctioned to the highest bidders. The five tables with the highest online votes will go into an exciting live auction. The book themes range from delightful children's stories—such as "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" by Roald Dahl to elegant classics such as "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

"The creativity of our decorators is absolutely stunning," said Jann Pitcher, event coordinator. "We have some of our community's most experienced and artistic celebrity designers on hand to decorate these amazing tables."

The gala event will include delicious delights provided by Todd Stevens and the Pagosa Springs High School culinary class as well as beautiful acoustic guitar music provided by Steve Blechschmidt. A cash wine and beer bar also will be available to toast the evening, along with an original signature cocktail called "Ruby's Affair."

Tickets are \$50 each and will go on sale March 15 both online and at the library (cash or check only). You may also go online to get a peek at the table designs and, for only \$2, vote for your favorite tables. The table that wins the most votes by April 13 will receive the prestigious Pagosa Pulitzer Prize. The top five

vote-getters will go into a live auction at the event. Online information regarding voting and ticket purchases will be made available soon at the library website pagosalibrary.org.

"Last year's gala was a smashing success, bringing in a very generous number of donations for the

expansion of our library. We want to top that this year, making this the most successful fundraising event yet," Pitcher said.

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Hospice of Mercy to offer grief support group

By Meredith Ritchie
 Hospice of Mercy

Hospice of Mercy will be offering an eight-week grief support group on Wednesday afternoons from 3 to 5 p.m. from March 22 to May 10.

The group is available to adults 18 years of age and older who are at least two months after the death of a loved one.

If interested, please contact Sara Barnes, (970) 764-3532, no later than March 20. There is no charge to attend.

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East African giraffes. Beth Tollefsen will present “The Magic of Africa” at the Pagosa Springs Photography Club meeting on March 8.

Photography Club February topic ‘The Magic of Africa’

By Gregg Heid
Pagosa Springs Photography Club

The next meeting of the Pagosa Springs Photography Club will be held on Wednesday, March 8, at 6:30 p.m., at the Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St.

Our topic this month is “The Magic of Africa,” presented by Pagosa Springs-based photographer Beth Tollefsen.

This will be a hybrid meeting, also available on Zoom. The Zoom link will be emailed to members; others who wish to attend may request the link by email to abutler@mac.com. If attending in person, feel free to arrive any time after 6 p.m. for socializing; the actual presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m. Photography Club meetings are open to the public.

Tollefsen has photographed extensively in the American West and in East Africa. According to Tollefsen, after one visit to Kenya she was hooked, falling in love with the people, land and, of course, the animals.

Being on safari in the heart of

the African bush is one of the few places left to experience nature that is still raw and wild.

According to Tollefsen, “It does not matter if you are new to photography or a seasoned photographer, you will come home with images that you will treasure. It is hard to explain the feeling when you watch the bonds between mother and baby. Lions live in a pride and it is quite evident the love and respect they have for each other. You will see them eating, sleeping, playing, grooming and simply showing affection for each other. The elephants are such intelligent, family-

oriented animals. Then there are the zebra, wildebeest, impala, giraffe, rhinos, hippos, buffalo, colorful birds and the very entertaining baboons and monkeys. Just too many animals to name them all.”

It is Tollefsen’s hope that the images she shares will bring awareness of the lives of animals and the heart and soul they each have, and why it is important to protect the wild areas that sustain these magnificent creatures.

Tollefsen will share photos from three trips, two to Kenya and one to Zimbabwe. She will touch on the

■ See Photography on next page

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Favorite artists to return to Thingamajig for March play

By Carole Howard

Thingamajig Theatre Company

Award-winning director Melissa Firlit and hugely popular actor Dan Morrison are returning to the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts for “Last Call at The Riptide,” Thingamajig Theatre Company’s winter show by local writer Karl Isberg that opens Thursday, March 16.

The announcement was made by Tim Moore, the theater’s producing artistic director.

This new play is set in The Riptide, once the most popular nightclub on the Central Coast, a prime destination that drew patrons from far and wide. Then the local sardine industry crashed, the area became gentrified and The Riptide is on the rocks. The show tells the story of the club’s owner and her team as they rally to save her beloved nightspot, facing major obstacles along the way.

Artist favorites return

The production is being directed by Firlit. She is greatly admired by Thingamajig audiences for her work as the director of multiple hits from serious dramas like “Red” and “Proof” to blockbuster musicals like “Jekyll and Hyde,” “Aida” and “West Side Story.” She also serves as the artistic director of the Thingamajig Playwrights Festival, which develops and workshops the work of emerging playwrights. She returns to Pagosa from her home in New York City.

Morrison, a professional actor,



Photo courtesy Maggie Marguerite Studio

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comes back to town from his home in Lake Tahoe, Calif., to perform in the show. His previous outstanding acting appearances at Thingamajig have included “God of Carnage,” “Westside Story” and “Hairspray” — not to mention his role as ultra-enthusiastic emcee for the theater’s annual summer fundraiser galas.

In addition to Morrison, “Riptide” features four other actors including Isberg’s wife, Kathleen, and daughter Ivy King. Kathleen

Isberg is well-known for her performances in several plays produced by our Curtains Up Pagosa community theater (previously Music Boosters) including Stephen Sondheim’s “Into the Woods” and the Nonsense musical comedy series. King, a graduate of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in Los Angeles, has performed on the Thingamajig stage in several shows including “Legally Blonde” and “Circle Mirror Transformation.”

They will be joined by two other actors, both skilled in comedy, who are new to Thingamajig audiences. Karisa Bruin, who now lives in Pagosa, performed for more than a decade in the famed Chicago improvisation scene and also created a one-woman show. Los Angeles native Dan O’Connor’s show business experience ranges from acting in theater, TV and film to production and set carpentry.

Tickets available now

“Riptide” opens on Thursday, March 16, and will be performed over two weekends — March 16-19 and 23-25. Evening performances are at 7 p.m. with a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. on March 19.

You can order tickets for the show on the theater’s website, pagosacenter.org, or by phoning (970) 731-SHOW (7469). Tickets are \$33.

Thingamajig Theatre Company was co-founded in 2011 by Tim and Laura Moore, executive director. It is an award-winning professional nonprofit 501(c)(3) theater in residence within the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

Photography

■ continued from previous page different types of safaris available, what to expect and look for if you choose to take a trip of a lifetime to Africa.

The Photography Club spon-

sors monthly programs on photographic topics and field trips to various areas of photographic interest. Longtime photographers and those just starting out are welcome in the club. Nonmembers

are invited to attend a meeting and may receive the Zoom link by email to abutler@mac.com. For information on joining the club, visit <https://pagosaspringsphotoclub.org/about/>.



Kindergarten Round-Up

at Our Savior Lutheran School

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Please plan on arriving around 5:45 PM and signing in. Kindergarten teacher, Karla Choat, will describe a day in Kindergarten and lead her students in various recitations highlighting what they have learned this year. She and Pastor Weslie Odom, OSLS’s Headmaster, will then take questions and meet with parents. Registration forms for the 2023-2024 academic year will be available at that time. Please plan on joining us!

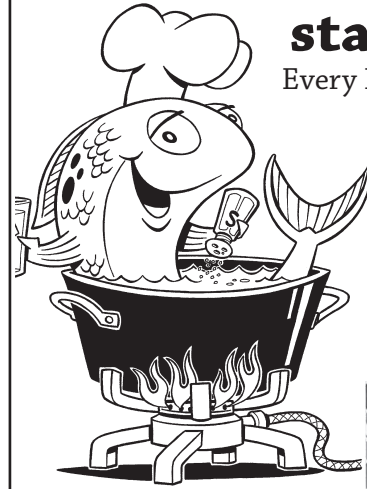
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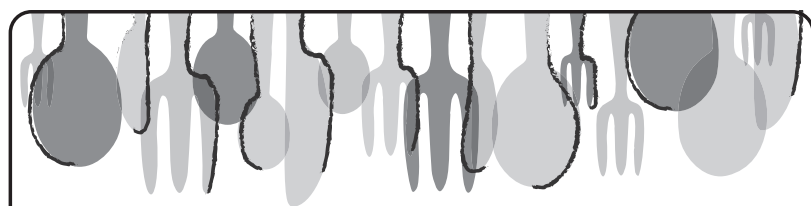
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19th Hole Concerts nonprofit grant application now available

By Tracy Pope

Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado announces a grant opportunity for Archuleta County nonprofits to participate in this summer's 19th Hole Concerts at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club. The deadline to apply is March 15.

The 19th Hole Concerts, now in its eighth year, take place on Thursday evenings in June and benefit the Archuleta County nonprofit community. The concerts feature local musicians and provide a vital opportunity for nonprofits to earn funds and share their work with community-minded attendees.

The cover charge for each con-

cert is a \$10 donation to support the five nonprofits selected. Proceeds from the cover charges will be pooled and distributed equally to the five participating organizations. In 2022, each nonprofit grantee earned approximately \$2,000.

The 19th Hole Concerts will kick off at 5:30 p.m. on June 1 with Bo DePeña opening the series. Subsequent Thursday evenings will include the Jackson Mountain Ramblers on June 8, San Juan Mountain Boys on June 15, Bob Hemenger on June 22, and Jack Ellis and Out On Work Release on June 29.

"The Community Foundation's partnerships in Archuleta County have been strong for the past decade," said Susan Buchner, chair of the Community Foundation's Archuleta Committee. "With Foun-

dation staff now sharing a satellite office every Monday at the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation, we are anticipating a growth trajectory over the next year, increasing our impact for nonprofits and donors in our community."

The nonprofit application for the 19th Hole Concerts can be found online under the "Nonprofit Resources" tab on the Community Foundation's website, swcommunityfoundation.org. The selected nonprofits will be announced in late March.

As a community facilitator, the Community Foundation works to increase sustainability and success for nonprofits while maximizing effective grantmaking for philanthropists in our region.

Wings in the Wild fundraiser set for April 1

By Rebecca Gartman

Wings Early Childhood Center

Wings Early Childhood Center, a nature-based early learning center for children ages 1-5, is getting ready for a big summer project — an expansion to its building.

In preparation for its expansion, Wings will be hosting a fundraiser event at the Tennyson Building Event Center on April 1. This will be an enchanted gala filled with live music, light food, drinks, and a silent auction. Tickets are selling for only \$30.

A little more about Wings

At Wings, children are encouraged to openly explore, discover and create using their natural environment. Children and teachers can spend anywhere from 50-70 percent of their day learning outside either in their playgrounds, the nearby lake or on nature walks to neighboring grassy fields filled

with tall pines.

Instead of focusing primarily on academic success, children at Wings are inspired to learn about their social-emotional development and how to regulate their emotions through a play-based, nature approach. This philosophy creates future adults who are inquisitive thinkers, who can problem solve, work together, regulate their emotions and, best of all, appreciate their world and strive to care for it.

Since opening in August of 2020, it took Wings only one and a half years to become fully enrolled and became the only center in town to provide care to children as young as 12 months of age. With only three classrooms, a wobbler room (ages 1-2), toddler room (ages 2-3) and a preschool room (ages 3-5), Wings can only provide Archuleta County with 40 slots of childcare. With its upcoming expansion, it will increase its capacity from 40 to 66 and begin to work through their very long wait

list of more than 60 families.

With this new expansion, Wings will build two additional preschool classrooms, three new playgrounds and a commercial kitchen. The current preschool room will then be transformed into an infant room, making Wings the only center to provide infant care. Many current parents and community members have expressed excitement and appreciation about Wings' expansion and hope to see it completed in the late summer of 2024.

Join Wings for its upcoming fundraiser gala or simply go to <https://givebutter.com/wingseccto> show your support for Wings and for early childhood education. Wings thanks you.

For donation/event information, visit <https://givebutter.com/wingsec>.

Wings' website is <https://wingsearlychildhood.org/> and its Facebook is <https://www.facebook.com/wings.early.childhood>.

New Thought topic: 'Spiritual Transition — Self Clarity of Who You Are'

By Shayla McClure

New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

The March 5 Sunday service at 11 a.m. with Shayla McClure, spiritual director, will be "Spiritual Transition — Self Clarity of Who You Are."

"True masters are those who've chosen to make a life rather than a living." — Neal Donald Walsh, author of "Conversations With God."

Upcoming events

SpiritHeart Band practice is

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

March 4, 1 p.m.: Celebration of life for Anella Handley, our treasurer and board member at the New Thought Center. Service at the New Thought Center. Potluck and music after. Text/call for more information, (970) 510-0309.

March 11, 5 to 8 p.m.: Academy Awards red carpet evening benefit. There will be a silent auction, appetizers, cash bar and a best-dressed

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Unitarian Universalists to hear about trauma and courage

By Joan Ward
Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Please join the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in person or on Zoom on Sunday, March 5, at 10:30 a.m. to hear a recorded sermon by the Rev. Angela Herrera, senior minister of the First Unitarian Church of Albuquerque.

Herrera has served on First Unitarian's ministry staff since 2010 and was called as the senior minister in September 2017.

The topic is "Trauma and Courage."

Herrera states, "Life includes risk from the very beginning. That's part of what makes life so precious to us. So we each develop a certain level of risk tolerance. Most of it is subconscious ... But if we were to worry all the time about bad things happening, we'd totally miss out on the present moment."

Herrera continues, "When we are living well, we are aware of risk and we make some choices to help keep ourselves within our level of risk tolerance, but we don't spend too much of our precious lives in a state of fear. But when things do go wrong, and we experience something traumatic, that can

shift the way we perceive things. By understanding how trauma works in us, we can take an active role in healing."

Join the Zoom meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8991941305>. The meeting ID is 899 194 1305 and call-in number is (346) 248-7799.

Depending on the current COVID recommendations, please be prepared to wear a well-fitting mask, if deemed necessary, while in the building. Social distancing will be encouraged and, to that end, the maximum capacity of the fellowship has been reduced to 25, a very good reason for arriving a few minutes early.

Our fellowship offers each individual support in their unique spiritual path and an opportunity to participate in positive social and environmental action. We welcome diversity and invite everyone to share in our faith community.

Find us in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., on the north side facing the mountains. Services are on the first and third Sundays of the month at 10:30 a.m. Meditation is on the second and fourth Sundays at 9 a.m. For more information about

the fellowship, our services and the meditation group, please see the website www.pagosauu.org. If the service is canceled due to weather conditions, it will be announced on the homepage by 8:30 a.m. on Sunday.

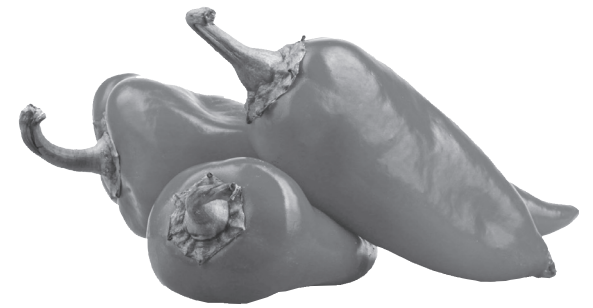


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Revelation 3:15

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Recently red pepper has been shown to possess real pain relieving or analgesic properties for certain types of chronic pain, especially in arthritis cases. It renders the skin insensitive to pain by depleting substance P, a neurotransmitter, the chemical in the peripheral nerves that send the pain message to the brain. The effective chemical in red pepper is called Capsaicin, which acts as a powerful stimulant. It is the "hot stuff" part in hot peppers, and it has lowered cholesterol in lab animals. (Divine Prescription, pg. 154)



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Bird flu outbreak underscores need for early detection to prevent the next big pandemic

By Robin Young and Treana Mayer
PREVIEW Columnists

The current epidemic of avian influenza had killed more than 58 million birds in the U.S. as of February 2023. Following on the heels of the COVID-19 pandemic, large outbreaks of viruses like bird flu raise the specter of another disease jumping from animals into humans. This process is called spillover.

Treana Mayer is a veterinarian and researcher who studies how diseases spread between animals and people. She was on the Colorado State University (CSU) veterinary diagnostic team that helped detect some of the earliest cases of H5N1 avian influenza in U.S. birds in 2022.

As this year's outbreak of bird flu grows, people are understandably worried about spillover.

Given that the next potential pandemic will likely originate from animals, it's important to understand how and why spillover occurs — and what can be done to stop it.

Viral spillover occurs when a virus spills out from an animal population into people. Spillover involves any type of disease-causing pathogen — be it a virus, parasite or bacteria — jumping into humans. The pathogen can be something never before seen in people, such as a new Ebola virus carried by bats, or it could be something well known and recurring, like salmonella from farm animals. The term spillover evokes images of a container of liquid overflowing, and this image is a great metaphor for how the process works.

Imagine water being poured into a cup. If the water level keeps increasing, the water will flow over the rim and anything nearby could get splashed. In viral spillover, the cup is an animal population, the water is a zoonotic disease capable of spreading from an animal to a person and humans are the ones standing in the splash zone.

The probability that a spillover will occur depends on many biological and social factors, including the rate and severity of animal infections, environmental pressure on the disease to evolve, and the amount of close contact between infected animals and people.

Epidemiologists estimate that three-quarters of all new infectious human diseases originated in animals. While not all animal viruses or other pathogens are capable of spilling over into people, up to three-quarters of all new human infectious diseases have originated from animals. There's a good chance the next big pandemic risk will arise from spillover, and the more that's known about how

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spillovers occur, the better chance there is at preventing it.

Most spillover research today is focused on learning about and preventing viruses — including coronaviruses, like the one that causes COVID-19 and certain viral lineages of avian influenza — from jumping into humans. These viruses mutate very quickly and random changes in their genetic codes could eventually allow them to infect humans.

Spillover events can be hard to detect, flying under the radar without leading to bigger outbreaks. Sometimes a virus that transfers from animals to humans poses no risk to people if the virus is not well adapted to human biology. But the more often this jump occurs, the higher the chances a dangerous pathogen will adapt and take off.

Spillover is becoming more likely. Epidemiologists are projecting that the risk of spillover from wildlife into humans will increase in coming years, in large part because of the destruction of nature and encroachment of humans into previously wild places.

Because of habitat loss, climate change and changes in land use, humanity is collectively jostling the table that is holding up that cup of water. With less stability, spillover becomes more likely as animals are stressed, crowded and on the move.

As development expands into new habitats, wild animals come into closer contact with people — and, importantly, the food supply. The mixing of wildlife and farm animals greatly amplifies the risk that a disease will jump species and spread like wildfire among farm animals. Poultry across the U.S. are experiencing this now, thanks to a new form of avian flu that experts think spread to chicken farms mostly through migrating ducks.

Current risk from bird flu

The new avian influenza virus is a distant descendant of the original H5N1 strain that has caused human epidemics of bird flu in the past. Health officials are detecting cases of this new flu virus jumping from birds to other mammals — like foxes, skunks and bears.

On Feb. 23, news outlets began reporting a few confirmed infections of people in Cambodia, including one infection leading to the death of an 11-year-old girl. While this new strain of bird flu can infect people in rare situations, it isn't very good at doing so, be-

cause it is not able to bind to cells in human respiratory tracts very effectively. For now, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention thinks there is low risk to the general public.

Active monitoring of wild animals, farm animals and humans will allow health officials to detect the first sign of spillover and help prevent a small viral splash from turning into a large outbreak.

Moving forward, researchers and policymakers can take steps to prevent spillover events by preserving nature, keeping wildlife wild and separate from livestock, and improving early detection of novel infections in people and animals.

Mayer, a postdoctoral fellow in microbiology from Colorado State University, authored this piece for The Conversation in February. CSU is a contributing institution to The Conversation, an independent collaboration between editors and academics that provides informed news analysis and commentary to the general public. This article is republished from The Conversation under a Creative Commons license.

Upcoming events

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

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.

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Multiple new fun, free events for all ages on tap this month

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Your library is offering multiple new fun, free events for all ages this month, including during spring break March 20-25:

- Teens are invited to enjoy a free rebranded online GM Playground DnD program today, 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 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).

- Pagosa Unplugged is a program for amateur musicians who would like a safe, supportive, non-bar setting to play, sing or both with other people. It will take place the first and third Mondays of the month from 4 to 6 p.m. starting March 6. Anyone under age 18 is welcome with a signed parental permission, available at your library. For program information, contact Susan at (970) 946-3396 (not the library).

- Teens are welcome to benefit from a college and scholarship essay review on March 6 and 20 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Come in and get another person to look over your essay before you send it.

- Two new children's programs will help kids celebrate Youth Art Month in March. Little Picassos next Friday, March 10, from 10 to 11 a.m. for artists aged 1 to 4 uses art to teach literacy skills. Participants should come ready to get messy. All materials are safe and nontoxic. Kids Create!, also on Friday, March 10, from 2 to 3 p.m., is for kids ages 5 to 8. Participants will practice reading while creating mixed-media art pieces based on a picture book.

- A new Sit and Knit adult knitting time launches on the second Saturday of each month from 1 to 3 p.m. starting March 11. It is aimed at anyone over the age of 18 who would like to come and work on your project or get some help if you are stuck on a project.

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- A Learn to Knit class will take place on the fourth Saturday of the month beginning March 25 from 1 to 3 p.m. for ages 8 and above. Several experienced knitting teachers would love to share their knowledge and craft with you.

- Each weekday during spring break, we'll host a free hour of games with prizes for ages 6 and up. Watch for details in a future "Library News" column.

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.

Save the date for library fundraiser

We hope you will note Saturday, April 15, on your calendar for the second annual Library Affair fundraiser for our building campaign to expand and renovate your library.

This elegant evening event will take place at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts starting at 6 p.m. It will feature a silent auction of different table settings designed by some of Pagosa's most creative artists.

If you want to decorate a table for this prestigious event, please call Cindi Galabota, library foundation director, at (970) 264-2209. Tickets

are \$50 and will go on sale on March 15 at the library and online.

Special teen and tween event tomorrow

Teens and tweens will want to join us tomorrow, Friday, March 3, for our free Teen and Tween Takeover of the library from 2 to 4 p.m. During that time, our conversational computers will be reserved only for users aged 9-19.

Gaming tomorrow

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

Makerspace on Saturday

Kids, tweens and teens are invited to a free Makerspace session on Saturday, March 4, from 11 a.m. to noon, when we'll provide the materials so you can build, design and create.

Event for first-time moms next Tuesday

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San Juan Basin Public Health will be at your library next Tuesday, March 7, from 1 to 3 p.m. for a free session to guide first-time moms on how to make a better future for yourself and your baby.

Dungeons and Dragons

Next Tuesday, March 7, from 4 to 5:30, join our Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults. Registration is required because space is limited. Contact Josie@pagosalibrary.org to join.

Therapy dog visit next Wednesday

Next Wednesday, March 8, from 11 to 11:45 a.m. you are invited to come to the library for a free visit with a certified therapy dog. The visits will be limited to 10-15 minutes — just the right amount of time to pet the dog, read to the dog or just say “Hi.” This activity is for all ages.

Homework and tutoring help

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

Family storytimes

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

ESL classes

Free in-person evening classes take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with 4 to 5 p.m. reserved for beginners and 5 to 7 p.m. for both intermediate and advanced students. Please help us spread the word about these classes to others in our community who would be interested, and contact us by phone or email if you have any questions.

PALS/GED adult education

Mark is available for his free PALS sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m. to help with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. No registration is required.

Tech Time

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

online resources. You do not need an appointment for these drop-in sessions. Note there will be no Tech Time today, 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.

Nonfiction

“Walk the Blue Line” by James Patterson and Matt Eversmann is a collection of true stories showcasing the courage, anger and joy of American police officers on the job.

“The Climate Book” is a handbook by Greta Thunberg, 20-year-old Swedish activist working to address the problems of climate change.

Books on CD

“The Devil's Ransom” by Brad Taylor is a Pike Logan thriller. “Exiles” by Jane Harper, set in Australia, focuses on a mother who disappeared. “The Faraway World” by Patricia Engel is a collection of stories showcasing people involved in Latin American immigration. “Secrets of the Morning” by V.C. Andrews is part of the dark family Cutler series.

Mysteries and thrillers

“What Child is This” by Bonnie Macbird is Sherlock Holmes adventure. “A Trace of Poison” by Colleen Cambridge is a Phyllida Bright mystery featuring Agatha Christie's housekeeper. “Wild and Wicked Things” by Francesca May is a tale of dark magic, romance and murder. “The Justice of Kings” by Richard Swan is an epic fantasy featuring a man who is a detective, judge and executioner all in one. “You Should Have Told Me” by Leah Konen follows a new mother whose partner disappears. “The Cabinet of Dr. Leng” by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child is a FBI special agent Pendergast mystery.

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

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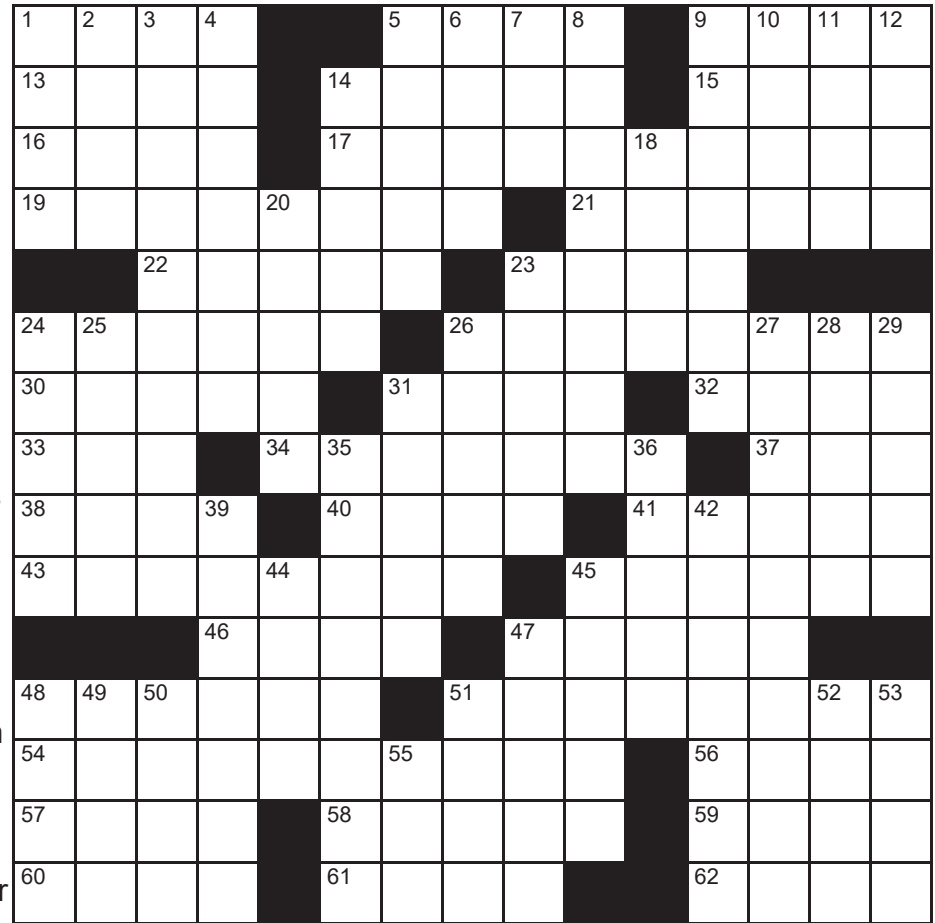
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- 41 ___ and dangerous
- 43 Nonfiction writer
- 45 Elevator alternative
- 46 Impetuous
- 47 Mix thoroughly
- 48 Souvenir item
- 51 Carry out (deal)
- 54 Traffic circle
- 56 ___-bodied
- 57 Skye or Wight
- 58 Furious
- 59 Kilt-clad kin
- 60 Rain cats and dogs
- 61 Went horseback
- 62 Held on to

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- 1 Dog food since 1936
- 2 Bell curve figure
- 3 Out of place
- 4 Like some stadiums
- 5 Bring together
- 6 Starter starter?
- 7 Electric ___
- 8 Bygone field goal attempt
- 9 Shares a poem, say
- 10 McGregor of film
- 11 Arboreal abode
- 12 Half of seis
- 14 Part of SUV
- 18 "Hold on!"
- 20 Knocked back a few
- 23 Undercover agent, slangily
- 24 Soup scoop
- 25 Goodbye, in Guadalajara
- 26 Point of view
- 27 Daunting
- 28 Worrywart's affliction?
- 29 Laundry units
- 31 Impudent
- 35 "The Guns of Navarone" author MacLean



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- 36 Consumed
- 39 Seattle slugger
- 42 Plunder
- 44 Fabric quantity
- 45 Blackboard material, once
- 47 Big bully
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Easter Season Services

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

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

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Friday, March 10

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 15

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

Friday, March 17

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 22

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

Friday, March 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 8

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Friday, March 29

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

Friday, April 7

Good Friday Pilgrimage Procession. 2 p.m. From Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church to Pope John Paul II Church.

Stations in the Prayer Garden. 4 p.m., Pope John Paul II Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Good Friday Liturgy. 5 p.m., Pope John Paul II Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.



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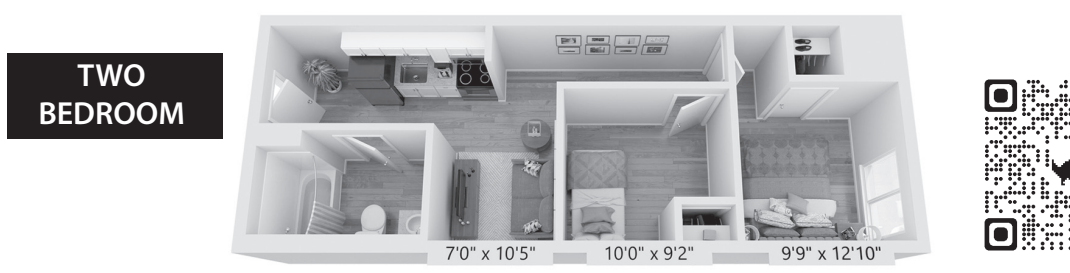
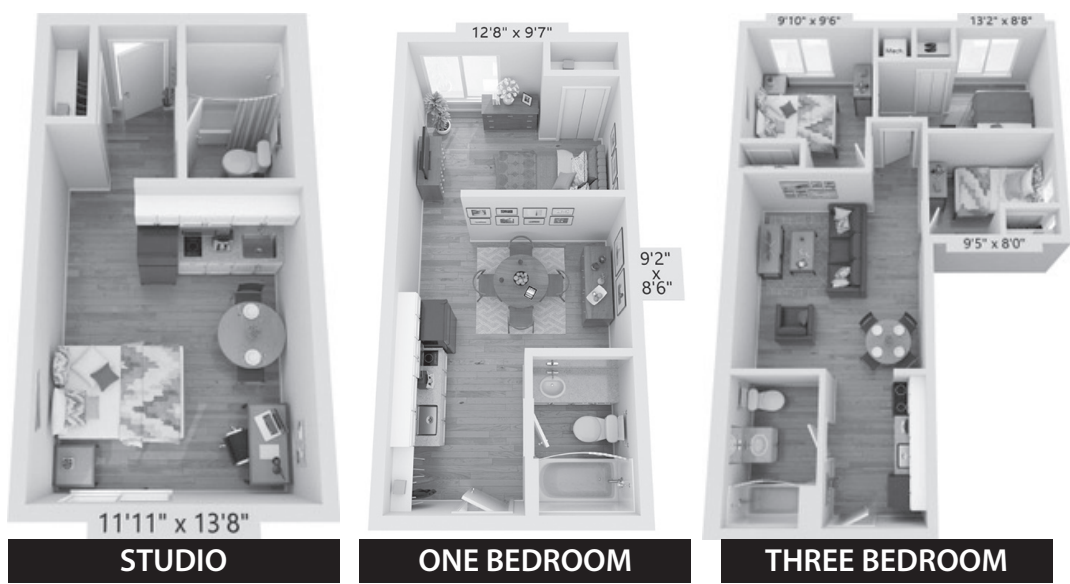
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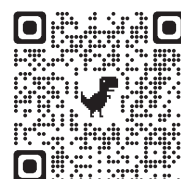
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Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the red-winged blackbird.

These birds are so familiar that we often don't really see them. In winter they associate in large flocks on the lookout for food. Observing them together on feeders or foraging in fields provides the opportunity to observe all the plumage variations among males. To avoid signaling aggression when feeding, males hide the red shoulder patches which give them their name.

It takes three years to achieve the familiar glossy black color of a breeding male. Until then, male appearance is highly variable, from streaked brown to black with brown flecks. Most of the red-wingeds that we see here in winter are males since the majority of Colorado females spend the winter in southern states. Females are mottled brown above and streaked below and have a prominent white eyebrow stripe. They are easily mistaken for a sparrow.

The call of the male evokes images of spring and cattails. Males arrive in marshy areas with thick vegetation weeks ahead of females to claim the best breeding territories. Nests are hidden near the water and woven unto standing vegetation. These habitats, like the wetlands along the Riverwalk, are ideal places for learning the territorial displays of these birds.

The male perches atop a cattail, hunched forward, tail spread, singing and displaying his bright red shoulder patches bordered in yellow. This posturing both signals his ownership of the breeding territory and his desirability to females. Slow flights while displaying over his territory defines its borders which he fiercely defends against competing males and predators. He may have up to 15 mates on nests within his territory.

The next time you spot one of these common birds, take the time to observe its unique detail and beauty.

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

Preview Calendar

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

Thursday, March 2

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.

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.

Game Master Playground. 4-6 p.m. For teens and young adults. Are you a game master with an idea you want to try? Do you want to try your hand at being a game master? Sign up to run a one-shot game. Contact josie@pagosalibrary.org for details.

PALS Adult Education. 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services, or PALS, can help you with high school equivalency. GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you devel-

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op a plan to achieve your education goals. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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.

Saturday, March 4

Makerspace. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Build, design and create.

Sunday, March 5

Bingo. 5:45 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Doors open at 5 p.m., early-bird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

Monday, March 6

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. Beginners at 9:30 a.m., advanced group at 10:15 a.m. If you have not attended before, please give Beverly a call at (970) 264-2064 for more information.

College and Scholarship Essay Review. 3:30-4:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Extra eyes never hurt. Come in and get another person to look over your essay before you send it off. Call (970) 264-2209.

Pagosa Unplugged. 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. Inviting “closet” musicians of all ages to join us in playing our instruments and singing to other individuals in a supportive environment. Please call Susan at (970) 946-3396 for more information. Signed parental permission is needed if you are under age 18.

Tuesday, March 7

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. 9 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

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Pagosa Duplicate Bridge. 12:30 p.m., PLPOA clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Duplicate players new and experienced are welcome. We are now members of the Durango Bridge Club and play ACBL-sanctioned games with computer-dealt hands for maximum review options. Please email names of playing pair to pagosaduplicate@gmail.com or call (970) 946-6454 for more information.

San Juan Basin Public Health Program. 1-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Empowering first-time moms to transform their lives and create better futures for themselves and their babies.

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

Tech Time. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. We are happy to help you resolve your basic technology questions related to computers, smartphones,

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Dungeons and Dragons. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Free for teens and young adults. Registration is required because space is limited. Contact Josie@pagosalibrary.org to join.

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

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Wednesday, March 8

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

Family Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join 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.

Therapy Dog Visit. 11-11:45 a.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Visit with a certified therapy dog. The visits will be limited to 10-15 minutes — just the right amount of time to pet the dog, read to the dog or just say "Hi."

Elementary Tutoring. 3:30-4:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Build essential skills in core subjects. Registration required. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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.

Pagosa Springs Photography Club Meeting. 6:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Our topic this month is "The Magic of Africa," presented by Pagosa Springs-based photographer Beth Tollefson. This will be a hybrid meeting, also available on Zoom. The Zoom link will be emailed to members; others who wish to attend may request the link by email to abutler@

mac.com. If attending in person, feel free to arrive any time after 6 p.m. for socializing; the actual presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m. Photography Club meetings are open to the public.

Thursday, March 9

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 hot meals 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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Knowledge Bowl. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in middle school. Test your trivia skills in a wide range of subjects. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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Little Picassos. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For ages 2-5. This program uses art, sometimes messy, to build early literacy skills. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Kids Create. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Funky faces. For ages 5-8. A mixed-media art class based on a picture book. Story and projects change monthly. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Free Legal Clinic. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Registration required. Meet with a volunteer civil attorney via Zoom at the library. Call (970) 264-2209 or email ruby@pagosalibrary.org. Registration opens on the first day of each month.

Gaming. 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Enjoy video gaming on the Xbox 360

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Saturday, March 11

LEGO Club. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For kids ages 6 and up.

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

Family Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join 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.

Elementary Tutoring. 3:30-4:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Build essential skills in core subjects. Registration required. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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.

Thursday, March 16

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 hot meals 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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Game Master Playground. 4-6 p.m. For teens and young adults. Are you a game master with an idea you want to try? Do you want to try your hand at being a game master? Sign up to run a one-shot game. Contact josie@pagosalibrary.org for details.

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

Thingamajig Theatre Company presents 'Last Call at The Riptide.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Center for the Arts. Written by local writer Karl Isberg, the production is set in a failing nightclub as the club's owner and her team rally to save her beloved nightspot, facing major obstacles along the way. Tickets are \$33, available on the theater's website at pagosacenter.org or by phoning (970) 731-SHOW (7469).



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Homesteading essentials workshop series coming to Senior Center

By Rose Chavez
PREVIEW Columnist

The Pagosa Senior Center is kicking off our homesteading essentials workshop series with a sourdough basics course on March 20. A free class will be put on by local baker and business owner Alison Braun.

The course will include history and health benefits of fresh local sourdough, tools you really need for bread making, starting and maintaining a starter, fermentation tactics/times, details for mixing and proofing and sharing of favorite sourdough formulas. Registration to attend is required so please call (970) 264-2167 to put your name on the list. Limited seats available.

Future workshops include composting, food preservation, growing dome and backyard gardening, herbalism and more. We are looking for local experts to share their knowledge in this series supporting self-reliance and sustainability in our community. Please contact us if you are interested in leading a class or participating.

Text reservations

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

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

Mobile food pantry service available for seniors

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

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

The application, called the dining assessment form, is also available on our website at the bottom of the Community Cafe page: <http://www.psseniors.org/community-cafeacute.html>. For more information, contact us at (970) 264-2167.

Mahjong

Mahjong is a 19th century Chi-

Senior News

nese 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.

Bridge

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

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

Kitchen and admin volunteers needed

The Community Cafe at the 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, March 2 — Chicken curry with jasmine rice, roasted cauliflower and garden salad.

Friday, March 3 — Seafood Veracruz with cod and shrimp, quinoa, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Monday, March 6 — Beef spaghetti, broccoli, garlic bread, garden salad, fruit, carrot cake and milk.

Tuesday March 7 — Pork kiel-

basa with onions and peppers, German potato salad, green salad, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, March 8 — Chicken enchilada pie with green chile, Mexican style corn, green salad, chocolate chip and milk.

Thursday, March 9 — Mushroom rigatoni with sauteed squash, dinner roll, green salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, March 10 — Hawaiian shrimp skewers, coconut rice, pina colada fruit salad, garden salad 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.

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Yearnings of the heart

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



"The entire universe stands on tiptoe yearning to see the unveiling of God's children." — Romans 8:19 (TPT).

What about the yearnings of our own heart? We also stand on tiptoe, yearning for God's grace in us to be unveiled.

When I approached the hosts of several podcasts and radio shows about my new book, they asked me who I am and what I have that would interest their listeners. I paused.

I searched my mind. "I don't know. I'd have to think about it."

They explained that their radio and podcast listeners were hurting and deceived, and they needed a truthful word from heaven. If they scheduled me as a guest, what would I bring to the table?

I hesitated. I quoted Paul's letter to the Corinthians, "In me, I'm not capable enough to do anything in my strength for my true competence flows from God's empowering presence. He alone makes me adequate to minister."

In the same chapter, Paul used a stout word when he wrote, "I'm not pandering God's word, like those who water down the message. I was sent with a pure motive. I preach from a genuine heart of truth."

"It's not about who I am, but who Jesus is in me," I explained to the podcast host. "When I was touched by God, the Holy Spirit consumed me, and I was never the same. I've been called radical, obnoxious and with too much fire. I've never been called lukewarm. If I wasn't careful, I could burn down the house. Over the years, hopefully, my own flesh has been tempered and brought low by heaven's fire and Jesus is visible in me."

The nature of the gift of the spirit in us is always giving and longing to be more like Jesus. This longing is much more than who I am.

"God, the searcher of the heart, knows fully our longings and he understands the desires of the spirit. The Holy Spirit passionately pleads before God for us, to be in perfect harmony with God's plan and our destiny." — Romans 8:27

(TPT).

I said to one host, "Jesus is the answer for their sickness, hurt and deception. That's the bottom line."

She said, "I don't think it fits my venue. Potential guests must have a topic centered on living your best. The interviews target the audience's felt needs for emotional, spiritual, physical or relational well-being."

I can't live my best without Jesus.

Fifteen years ago, I approached a former editor of The SUN newspaper and asked him if some of the writers could write a column about their faith. He said, and I will never forget, "Only if the writers will write something that will make me want their faith."

"A Matter of Faith" was birthed from that conversation.

When readers of my articles respond with open hearts, I become giddy. The most gratifying words a writer can hear are, "You touched me in a deep place. I'll never be the same." The gift of the creative spirit yearns to be heard. But, not everyone is ready to hear it.

I said to the host of one podcast, "What I bring to the table is how an artist and writer feels about inner struggles, rejection and how to deal with the longings of our heart. The nature of the artistic personality is either the world is too small or the world is too big for us. Artists and writers crave to be understood. Few people can truly catch hold of what the creative is saying. How can anyone understand an artist

set on fire for the Lord?"

As I prepare to be a guest on these radio shows and Internet podcasts, I ask myself, "Who am I to give to their audience words to set them free? I'm insufficient to speak into a culture that finds it hard to listen to truth. Only God, the heart-searcher, searches our heart and will fulfill his desires. He will even open ears who can't hear. He yearns to set all people free. The truth sets us free.

The longings of the creative soul never quit longing. Why? Because the gift of the Spirit in us is passionately pleading for all of us to come in perfect harmony with God's plan and destiny.

Final brushstroke: We are moving daily closer to the breath of God through the Gift of his Spirit. "Until then, we know each detail of our lives is continually woven together to fit into God's perfect plan. We are called to fulfill his designed purpose." — Romans 8:28 (TPT).

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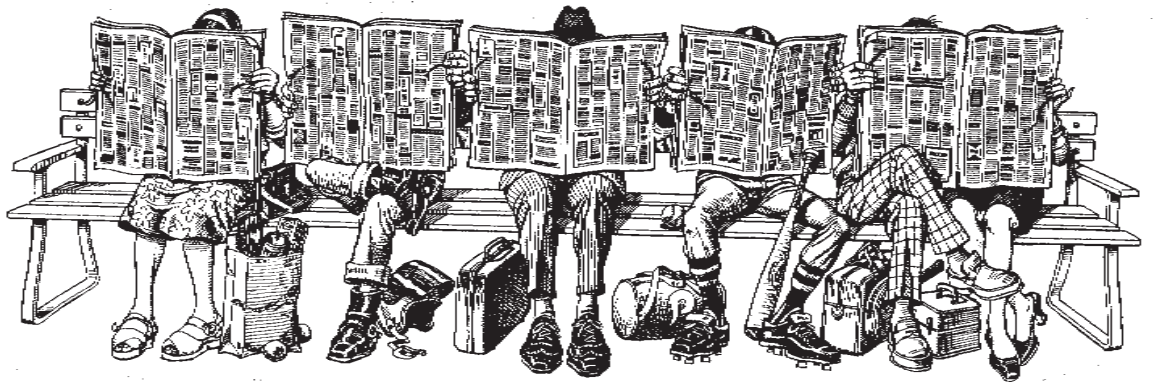
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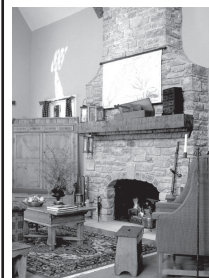
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Colorado conflicted about cutting its water use

By **Dave Marston**
PREVIEW Columnist

In Colorado, farmers must enroll in a four-state program by March 1 if they want to get paid for fallowing their fields — perhaps the best option to plump up the Colorado River's giant reservoirs, Mead and Powell.



Photo courtesy Dave Marston

Tom Kay in front of his John Deere tractor in February.

Writers on the Range

Not everyone is a fan, including Andy Mueller, director of the Colorado River District. He doesn't like programs that pay farmers to stop farming. Mueller also didn't ask for the Inflation Reduction Act's \$125 million to pay the farmers he represents. Mueller's organization exists to keep western Colorado's rural water away from growing cities across the Rockies.

State Sen. Dylan Roberts, D-Avon, who chairs the Committee for Agriculture and Natural Resources, has a more nuanced view.

He said he understands that rural communities fear a "buy and dry" scenario, where annual leases become routine, and once-verdant fields and farms wither. He insists that any water leasing must be temporary, voluntary and well compensated.

A water-leasing program called demand management was created for Colorado irrigators under former Colorado Gov. John Hickmlooper. It was tested, but never used. It would have allowed farmers to lease and store their water in a Lake Powell account under state control. Under Gov. Jared Polis' administration, however, demand management was quietly shelved.

Now, this new, multi-state program for leasing agricultural water, called a "system conservation pilot program," isn't getting much traction. The program was announced two and a half months ago by Utah, Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming.

Its major drawback, said Tom Kay, an organic farmer in western Colorado, is that the Upper Colorado River Commission is offering a "stupid price of \$150 an acre-foot."

"Farmers like to farm; you have to pay them more than they make farming to interest them," Kay added. He gets around \$650 per acre-foot of water growing mostly organic corn and dry beans on his 350-acre farm near the town of Hotchkiss.

Kay said he recently toured California's Imperial Valley, where farmers are getting \$679 an acre-foot. They sell their 200,000 acre-feet of Colorado River to the San Diego County Water Authority and

consider the price reasonable.

Water prices are also rising. In California last summer, when the Bureau of Reclamation was looking hard for water, large irrigation districts in the Lower Basin were asking \$1,500 per acre-foot to lease their water to cities, reported Janet Wilson of California's Desert Sun.

If farmers got more money for their water under the new pilot program, said Roberts, Colorado "could get more participation (and) show the federal government we are doing our part."

He also said that many state legislators think California and Arizona should bear the brunt of water cuts.

Getting farmers to follow their land could build resilience in the Colorado River Basin, said Aaron Derwingson of The Nature Conservancy.

A few years ago, he worked with grower Kay and Cary Denison, formerly of Trout Unlimited, to develop an "organic transition" program whose concept was simple: Lease two-thirds of your water for three years so pesticides and fertilizers leach off the land, then apply for organic certification. The demand management trial was largely funded by the Bureau of Reclamation.

So the question remains: Why is the Upper Colorado River Commission offering farmers so little for their irrigation water? The commission's executive director, Chuck Cullom, explained: "\$150 per acre-

foot was chosen to discourage drought profiteering."

Kay guessed that the low price was set to discourage participation. While \$150 is the floor, and farmers can negotiate for more, commission representatives haven't gone to agricultural communities to beat the drum for its program.

Kay said, "That \$125 million is a lot of money, and it belongs to Upper Basin farmers."

Meanwhile, in mid-November, 30 western cities agreed to cut "nonfunctional" turf grass by up to 36 percent, including big water guzzlers such as Utah's Washington County, which wants to siphon more water out of Lake Powell.

What's unclear is how much water from not watering grass stays in the river. Mueller points out that Aurora, a fast-growing Denver suburb, "is cutting water to sell more water taps. They're building more houses."

Kay admires Mueller's rural leadership but said he thinks the way forward is clear: "Denver has a junior water right. Why isn't it paying us in western Colorado to fallow ground, just like what Los Angeles and San Diego are doing?"

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