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# 'Beauty and the Beast'

SUN photos/Randi Pierce

Cast, crew and musicians from Pagosa Springs High School and the community present Disney's "Beauty and the Beast." The classic tale is being presented in the auditorium by the school at 7 p.m. through March 18. Tickets are \$15 in advance at <https://our.show/pagosa-beast> or \$18 at the door. More than 50 high schoolers are involved in the production.



## Flooding, sewer issues reported in area

By **Randi Pierce**  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) announced Wednesday morning that last weekend's rain-on-snow event is causing flooding and sewer issues in the area, with the continuing wet weather expected to worsen the problem.

"Rain on Snow (ROS) events occur when rain falls onto an existing snowpack," a press release from the agency explains. "The result is runoff that includes both rainfall and

melted snow, which can overwhelm drainage structures causing flooding. This flooding saturates the soils, enters basements and crawlspaces and infiltrates the sewer system."

It further notes that the ROS event has led to regional flooding in the community, and PAWSD crews are monitoring the situation and assuring pump stations are working at their highest capacity.

In an interview Wednesday morning, PAWSD Manager Justin

■ See Flooding A8

## Possible explosion injures one, demolishes house

By **Randi Pierce**  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) responded to an incident described as a "possible house explosion" on Friday, March 10, with one patient transported to local medical facilities via ambulance.

The incident is under investigation, according to a PFPD press release.

The release explains the district was called to respond to a possible

house explosion on the 300 block of Starlight Place at 11:25 a.m. on March 10, with the notification coming through the 911 system managed by Archuleta County Combined Dispatch.

"The first arriving engine company completed scene size up of an unknown size structure which was completely demolished," it notes. "Structural remains had no visible flames and light smoke emanating

■ See Explosion A8

## Commissioners vote to not reinstate short-term rental moratorium

Discuss report from short-term rental task force

By **Josh Pike**  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) discussed a report from the county short-term rental (STR) task force at its March 14 work session and, at its meeting later in the day, voted to not reinstate the recently expired moratorium on new STR permits.

The discussion of the report began with County Manager Derek

Woodman explaining that the task force initially had 13 members, although two members left the task force in the course of its work, and that the task force had represented a "broad spectrum" of interests and professions.

According to signed nondisclosure agreements obtained by local attorney Matt Roane and provided to The SUN, the members of the

■ See STR A7

## Town to move forward with new short-term rental fee ordinance

By **Josh Pike**  
Staff Writer

At the March 7 Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting, the council voted to move forward with creating an ordinance for additional fees on short-term rentals (STRs) within the town.

Town Manager Andrea Phillips opened discussion of the issue by noting this was a follow-up discus-

sion to the Dec. 6, 2022, discussion where the council had received a report from Root Policy Research on the STR nexus study.

She added that the council had requested that the topic come back after the lawsuit on the previous voter-approved STR fee had been settled to consider a new workforce housing fee on STRs.

■ See Town A8

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## OUR VIEW

### Sunshine Week: It's your right to know

Launched in 2005 by the American Society of News Editors, Sunshine Week aims to promote open government and shine light into the dark recesses of government secrecy.

As we celebrate Sunshine Week, which focuses on the public's right to know, we share the following unusual stories about people attempting to stifle that right.

These examples were compiled by Brian Hunhoff, formerly with the Yankton County Observer, and by MuckRock, a nonprofit organization which assists in filing governmental requests for information through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

- After a dolphin died in New Jersey's South River, a citizen wanted to know what had killed it. She filed a public records request with the New Jersey Department of Agriculture in order to get the necropsy results. The request was denied, citing the reason as the dolphin's right to medical privacy.

- The Seattle mayor's office responded to a records request for text messages by photocopying the mayor's phone.

- A Brockton, Mass., police department responded to an open records request for documents on the use of drones by law enforcement by providing instructions on how to fold paper airplanes and images of UFOs.

- In Brunswick, Maine, a town clerk asserted that just opening an email served as an agreement to pay \$750 in public records processing fees.

- Hilde Lysiak, a 12-year-old reporter, was pursuing a story in Patagonia, Ariz. She shot video of the town police chief telling her, "If you put my face on the Internet, it's against the law."

It seems that Lysiak knew the law better than the police chief. She posted the video on her Orange Street News website. The story went viral and Lysiak later received an apology from Patagonia's mayor, who said the town respects her First Amendment rights.

- Brenda Fisk, mayor of Paint Rock, Ala., drafted a resolution to close town board meetings to nonresidents and the press. She told the Jackson County Sentinel, "What goes on in Paint Rock is the business of the people who live in Paint Rock." Fisk said she had "personal reasons" for proposing the move, "but I since found out that I cannot do that."

- Kirby Delauter, a county councilman from Frederick, Md., threatened to sue the Frederick News-Post for "unauthorized use of my name." The newspaper responded with an editorial using his name 26 times. They also explained why newspapers are allowed to write about public officials without asking for permission.

- In response to a request for emails related to a video showing the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) chairman doing the Harlem Shake to downplay the importance of net neutrality, the agency at first rejected the request, saying that releasing that information would have a "chilling effect" on the FCC's ability to perform its duties. After appeal, the agency released redacted versions of the emails citing the same exemption. After a second appeal, the FCC finally released unredacted emails revealing that it had spent a year trying to prevent the release of an email that simply stated "Ok."

- After 17 months of exhaustive search, U.S. Immigration and Customs

Enforcement closed out a FOIA request for memos related to then President Donald Trump's proposed border wall, stating that no such records could be found. It appears that they forgot to check on their own website, where the documents had been posted for over a year.

- In response to a request for how many of a certain type of forensic device the Pentagon's Office of the Secretary of Defense had in its possession, the agency's FOIA office responded that the only way to determine that would be to search every active contract. And since those contracts aren't sufficiently configured for text search, and every contract would have to be processed and redacted, it was estimated it would take "15 million labor hours" and cost around \$660 million. A request for the same information was sent to a different Pentagon department. That office sent an email to the person responsible for the forensic devices, who checked and determined there were, in fact, three.

- Here at home in Archuleta County, we attended a public meeting and our recording device was purposefully covered up when someone placed his hand over it so that the device couldn't pick up what he was going to say. Clearly, the person didn't know the first thing about the public's right to know.

We are amazed at what some elected officials and their staff will do to avoid following policies, procedures and even the law.

Sunshine week is the annual nationwide celebration of access to public information. Remember: It's your right to know.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
March 16, 1923

Excavations for the east pier of the new steel bridge, to be built across the San Juan river at the east end of Pagosa street, have been in progress the past week.

Forty-six new books have been received and placed on the shelves of the library for the use of the public.

This library is financed by the Woman's Civic Club, but everyone in the community is invited and urged to make use of it.

Let us all take an interest in improving our minds, thereby making a better community in which to live.

We understand that the new steel bridge, which is to be built across the Piedra river this coming summer, will be placed a short distance down stream from the wooden one now standing.

L.D. Mann and Tony Sorenson recently completed a substantial rock cribbing on Devil creek for the county, which will compel the flood water to follow the creek bed and lessen the danger of a new channel being made, which would in turn isolate the highway bridge across the creek.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
March 19, 1948

Housewives are getting tired of having mud tracked into their kitchens and the men of the house a little weary of the street and road conditions for Pagosa and area had been soaked this week with moisture far in excess of the 11-year average.

Figures compiled by the Forest Service and reported by R.K. Blacker, Ranger, showed 54.7 inches of moisture this year compared with 38.1 in 1947 and 41.2 for a 13-year average.

The figures show that the Pagosa area has had 74.8 inches of snowfall since the November readings started.

Mayor Connelley assures me as seriously as possible, that plans are afoot to "stock" the chuckholes in the streets with trout so our visiting fishermen this week will have plenty of catches right on hand. If they stock all those chuckholes, it probably will be more stocking than we got last year, but we're withholding opinion until we see how many they give us this season.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
March 15, 1973

Total snowfall on Wolf Creek Pass for this season is fast approaching 500 inches. New snows there this week brought the total for the month to date to 64 inches and the marker beside the highway at the summit of the pass now stands at 8 1/2 feet.

Over at the Wolf Creek Ski Area snow depth is in excess of 10 feet midway down the lower runs and much deeper higher up. Total snowfall recorded at the highway camp to date this winter is 489 inches. This compares with 416 inches for the entire season last winter and 457 inches the year before.

Average snowfall on Wolf Creek Pass for the past 13 years has been 445 inches. This includes a high of 605 inches and a low of 306 inches. Moisture in the snow varies from year to year but is extremely high this year.

A group of investors, mainly from Dallas, Texas, has exercised its option to purchase the outstanding stock of the present operating corporation at the Wolf Creek Ski Area.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
March 19, 1998

It began as an idea to brighten the hallways of Pagosa Springs Elementary School but before the products of a community quilt-making project enliven those halls, they will be displayed at one of the most prestigious quilt shows in the nation.

A special exhibit will be in place at the 14th Annual Quilt Show and Contest at Paducah, Ky., April 23 through 26, to display the "50 States Quilts" created by 37 Pagosa quilters.

Each of the 50 quilts is two feet square and relates in some way — through color, design, elements of fabrics, etc. — to one of the States of the Union.

The idea was the brainchild of Mary Kurt-Mason and it was not the first collective quilt project she organized. Previously, she was one of the mainsprings behind an "Alphabet Quilt" project that produced a set of quilts, each representing a letter of the alphabet. Those quilts are still on display in the hallways of the elementary school building.

## LOOKING BACK



Taken from  
The Pagosa Springs  
SUN files  
from Jan. 3, 2008

Tone Madrid, left,  
and Chris Haas, of  
Knucka, entertain at  
last week's fund-  
raiser at the commu-  
nity center held  
by the Coalition for  
Concrete to raise  
matching funds for  
a concrete skate  
park in Pagosa  
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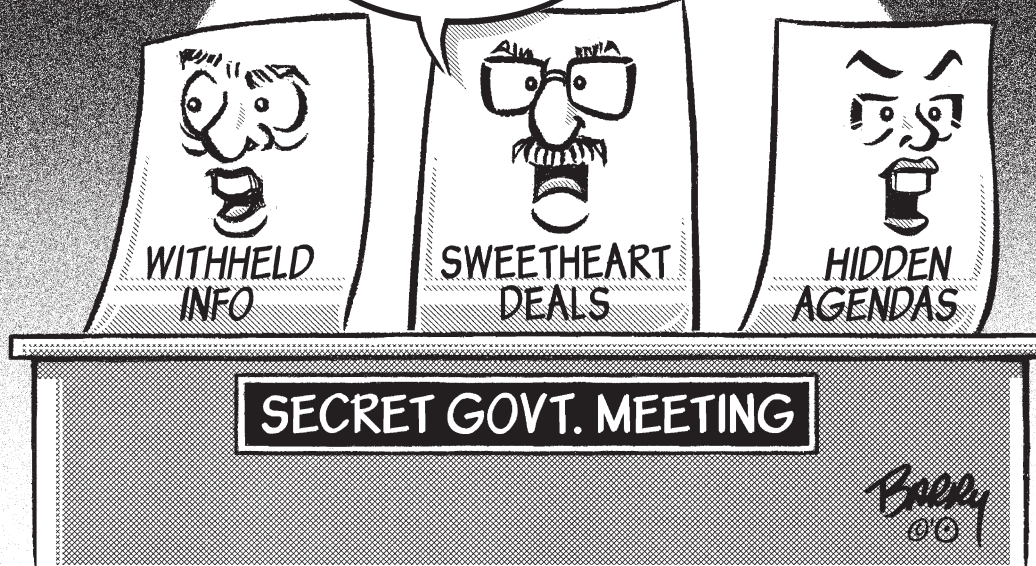
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## 'Firearms are not the issue'

Dear Editor:

I am an unaffiliated voter, and of all the anti-2nd Amendment legislative bills introduced this year, HB23-1230 is the worst of them all. Like its sister bills, this one is squarely aimed at all the people of Colorado as seen in the bill's text, "Assault weapons in civilian hands endanger Colorado streets..." [note it does not say, 'criminal hands']. I did not serve in our Nation's military for over two decades so that members of the Colorado legislature could infringe on the rights granted to me under the U.S. Constitution. The bill text includes a safety clause that states the need for immediate preservation of public peace, health and safety. However, Colorado public health statistics for 2021, record that there were 912 deaths from fentanyl and 274 from homicide by firearm. Yet, the legislature is maniacally focused on diminishing our 2nd Amendment rights, and not a drug that takes almost four times as many lives. In an honest moment, I think the legislature would have to acknowledge that firearms are not the issue, but the society that we have created.

Vickie Deal  
Bayfield, Colo.

## Public health: 'Maintaining service levels'

Dear Editor:

I would like to share with readers comments I made to the Public Health Department Transitional Advisory Committee.

Thank you, Advisory Committee members, for your service. Your careful attention to the details and vision for public health provide an essential framework for transition. Many residents rely on services now provided through San Juan Basin Public Health, and I know you have those folks in mind as you do this work. For the sake of Archuleta County residents and visitors, I hope everyone executing elements of the transition will be equally committed to maintaining service levels.

On the question of health board composition, the Commissioners should embrace the board of health as an opportunity to engage people in the community who have relevant expertise and experience to inform the practice of public health in Archuleta County.

Public health connects dots between community and environmental conditions and individual health. The more points of contact the County has to engage with the community, the better informed public health priorities and practices will be — now and over time.

The Commissioners will not be closed out of public health by appointing others to the board of health. They could, for example, designate one seat to be filled by a Commissioner. In any event, the Commissioners will have a vital role in funding and overseeing the administration of the health department as it does with other departments of County government.

As a practical matter, the Commissioners are stretched with other duties. I hear the Commissioners lament demands on their calendars frequently when I attend their meetings and work sessions.

The County Administrator and County Attorney are no doubt stretched. The Advisory Committee members have divided amongst themselves reviewing SJBPH files to understand the linkages between programs, funding, and staff. You (the Committee) have asked basic questions about grant contracts, the continuation of grant funding, and the application process. SJBPH also has agreements with partners to provide services, and undertakings to provide services that extend outside the health district to other counties.

Why has the slog through those contracts not already been done by the County staff? We are coming up on a year since the SJBPH board voted to recommend dissolution and 4 months since the Archuleta and LaPlata Commissioners made it official. Had the foundational work understanding contracts and assets already been done by County staff, the Advisory Committee could have jumped directly into questions about service priorities and similar questions that could shape what the Archuleta Health Department will be.

The board of health and board of County Commissioners should work in tandem. Each can bring

something different and valuable to public health administration. At least some of the current Commissioners acknowledged last year their minimal awareness of SJBPH services and understanding of public health, generally. Now is not the time for Commissioners to reject the aid of competent, caring, and interested citizens to contribute to the public health of our community.

Candace Jones

## Parish Hall: 'Give this community a chance to come together and make it happen'

Dear Editor:

After much consideration I feel I must voice my concern and opinion regarding the pending sale of the IHM Parish Hall. In my 43 years as a resident of Archuleta County and the IHM Community it is a travesty this community gathering place is up for sale by the Catholic Dioceses of Pueblo.

The Parish Hall has served as the non-denominational affordable community events center long before the new Saint John Paul II Church had even been thought of. As a matter of fact there were several capital campaigns originating from the IHM church and the Parish Hall which were the seed money to build the new church.

It was the hard-earned dollars and sweat equity of many in the Hispanic and church community that sacrificed to have a place for Catholic and non-Catholic events in Pagosa Springs that built the Parish Hall. Over the last 20 years a group of concerned citizens forming LOAVES and FISHES had offered a free meal to all every Thursday at the Parish Hall. This event alone encouraged community bonding between all who attended. With the help of the Knights of Columbus an area in an outbuilding adjacent to the Parish Hall has been the food pantry for this endeavor.

The Knights of Columbus have helped finance and provided labor to several upgrades and remodels of the kitchen and bathroom in recent years spending thousands

of dollars from their fundraising activities. For over 25 years the Knights of Columbus served the community a Lenten Fish Fry which was a source of revenue for maintaining the Parish Hall. The event brought together people of all faiths for a fellowship meal that enabled new residents to meet and mingle with older residents who would share a little history of Pagosa and Archuleta County. The Fish Fry was also known as "The Cabin Fever Reliever". The Knight's Room in the Parish Hall is also the BLESSED CHAMBER of Knights of Columbus Council 7560 and Assembly 2704 for the last 30 years. The Parish Hall has been used for mass and other liturgical events, along with countless wedding, funeral, and scouting events. In recent years due to the COVID epidemic it became a church to hold Sunday mass in so people could socially distance.

By selling the Parish Hall the powers that be are disenfranchising the residents of Archuleta Housing, a low income housing project and the senior Hispanic population by not having a safe accessible building in the downtown community within walking distance from where they live. The Parish Hall has always been an inviting and welcoming gathering place that represents the diversity of the fabric of Pagosa Springs.

It is unfortunate that there was not a document presented to the parishioners and community detailing the type and cost of repairs to continue operation. Hearsay estimates for repair range from \$250,000 to over \$300,000. Hearsay also indicates the Bishop of Pueblo does not have the funds or desire for this upgrade expense. With community donations and volunteer help it is possible to repair this landmark structure for future generations to enjoy. We are a can-do community with an abundance of resources, let us work together to make this happen.

I ask the Bishop of Pueblo to give this community a chance to come together and make it happen, and by the Grace of God it will be done.

Guisepppe Margiotta  
Past grand knight  
Immaculate Heart of Mary/  
Pope John Paul II parishioner

Leslie,

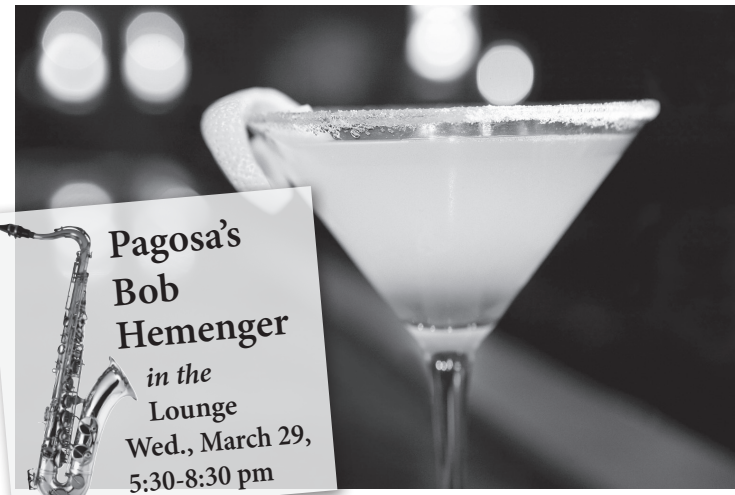
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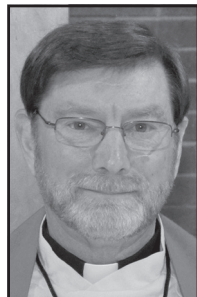
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# Obituaries

## Richard Anton Bolland

Richard Anton Bolland was born to Warren and Marian Bolland on Dec. 6, 1946, in Fowler, Calif. He graduated from Thousand Oaks High School, Thousand Oaks, Calif., in June of 1964. In 1970, the Rev. Bolland received his bachelor's degree from Concordia Teacher's College, Seward, Neb. He served as a Lutheran teacher in Wisconsin, Iowa and Idaho before enlisting in the United States Army in January 1973. He was a decorated soldier who, upon receiving an honorable discharge, served as a director of Christian education and youth at Holy Cross, St. Cloud, Minn. While in St. Cloud, he attended St. Cloud University and earned his master's in elementary administration in 1979. Entering the field of public education, the Rev. Bolland served as principal at Nashua Public Schools, Nashua, Mont., and the Lockwood Public Schools in Billings, Mont. Hearing the guidance of the Lord to study for the pastoral ministry, he entered Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, Ind., where he graduated with a Master of Divinity degree in 1986. He was privileged to serve parishes in Montana, Missouri, Arizona and Colorado. He was the founder of the Association of Confessing Evangelical Lutheran



Congregations (ACELC). The Rev. Bolland served as an adjunct instructor at both Concordia University, Irvine, Calif., and William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo. Author of many articles on Lutheran theology and practice, the Rev. Bolland authored and published the books "The Church Is One," "The Theology and Art of Preaching," "When a Christian Faces Death" and "Reflections and Prayers of a Dying Christian." The Rev. Bolland also wrote and published two political thriller novels: "Capital Treason" and its sequel, "Conflict of Nations." Richard Bolland is survived by his wife of over 52 years, Linda (nee Robie); their daughter, Ericka (husband, Gordon L. Walmsley); grandsons Christian (wife Joslin) Thompson, Timothy Anton Thompson and Nicholas Thompson; and great-granddaughter Xhexania Thompson.

Richard loved his mountains, skiing, was an accomplished singer/songwriter and guitarist. He very much enjoyed being a member of the Pagosa Springs Community Choir.

On March 8, 2023, the Rev. Richard Bolland passed into the eternal keeping of our Heavenly Father and now serves his Lord Jesus Christ there.

The funeral service will be Saturday, April 1, at Our Savior Lutheran Church at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served following the service in the gym.

Soli Deo Gloria.

## Patricia Jo (Patti) Stewart

Patricia Jo (Patti) Stewart passed away peacefully surrounded by

family on March 2, 2023, at the age of 79.



She was born in Liberal, Kan., to Thaine and Dora (Dode) Plunk in 1943, but moved at an early age to Erick, Okla., where she was raised. As a child, she helped her parents operate the local Dairy Freeze for a time before they moved on to run a farm outside of town. After graduation from high school, she moved to Oklahoma City to attend the University of Oklahoma studying fashion design. While pursuing her studies at OU, she met and fell in love with Fred Stewart III, from Oklahoma City. Shortly thereafter, Fred enlisted in the Marines and Fred and Patti were married on Oct. 3, 1965, before he shipped out for boot camp. She was later stationed with him in Hawaii until shortly after the birth of their first child, Kanaka, in March of 1967.

Patti was preceded in death by her father and is survived by her mother, husband and her children: Kanaka (Daniel) Perea, of Pagosa Springs; Fred (Karin) Stewart IV, of Strasburg, Colo.; Christi (Eldon) Weber, of Parker, Colo.; and Casey Stewart, of Pagosa Springs, in addition to her grandchildren, Karleigh Stewart, Kaitlin (Thomas) Phillips, Kasey Lyn Perea (Martin Rodriguez), Molly and Riley Weber, and Arianna Stewart as well as her great grandchildren, Harleigh and Hudson Phillips.

Patti's life centered around her family; they were truly her passion. She adored her kids, grandkids and great-grandchildren and wanted nothing more than to be there for as many life events as she could. She and Fred worked hard to make that happen throughout their lives, ensuring they were at as many of their kids' sporting events and school functions as possible. She was present for the births of each of her grand and great-grandchildren. Patti loved traveling to watch the kids in any special activities, and, thankfully, she was able to do so right up until the end, attending plays and basketball games in the weeks preceding her passing.

Patti was also an incredibly talented artist and craftswoman. She was gifted enough to combine her passion for her family and her skill in jewelry making into her personal business, called PS Originals, which she originally started by creating earrings with the "I love you" sign in ASL to help support the cost of a Cochlear implant for Karleigh Stewart (then age 2). She supported her craft habit by selling her handmade earrings and crocheted, hand-decorated Christmas trees at local craft fairs.

A public celebration of life in her honor will be held on April 8 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Tennyson Event Center in Pagosa Springs. We know Patti was known and loved by many. Whether you knew her from her work at Fairfield Resort, her work at local banks, or from her work as your local "Avon Lady," her family would love for you to come by and celebrate her while sharing memories with us.

## Habitat closes on 2022 builds, starts permitting on 2023 builds

By Leah Ballard

Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County

The Administrative Staff at Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County has been busy these winter months, while our jobsite volunteers finally found a chance to put their feet up by the fire.

We closed on our 2022 builds in February, and both families have moved in and are thrilled to finally be living in their own home.

Amber said the construction delay just made it that much sweeter when the home was finally her own.

In addition to purchasing the home, the homeowners also contributed more than 250 hours to the construction and support in the homebuilding process. Total volunteer hours on North Pagosa Boulevard in 2022 were over 3,400 hours from locals and traveling volunteers (Care-A-Vanners) — a contribution we're hoping this community can match in 2023.

Speaking of 2023, our upcoming build season is already underway. Administrative preparation and permit applications start about 12 weeks prior to groundbreaking. We're building three homes in 2023, and the locations are almost set in stone — pun intended.

In the coming weeks, administrative staff will be seen at various public meetings and the offices of local contractors. This is when we request permits, fee waivers for workforce housing, grant funding and build a subcontractor calendar for the coming season. We'll also start sending out email updates to volunteers. If you would like to be added to our list, contact Debbie at office@HabitatArchuleta.org.

The three homes that we are building in 2023 range from 1,180 square feet to 1,404 square feet and are located in the Chris Mountain II and Trails area. These homes are wood-framed modulars instead of steel framed — a relief to the volunteers who participated in siding the 2022 homes.

In addition to the organizational work the administrative staff does to support our build team, we are now accepting applications for our 2023 builds. If you know of anyone living and working in Archuleta County who is looking for affordable homeownership, please spread the word. We can't accomplish any of the work we do without families



Photos courtesy Justin Treptow and Habitat Archuleta staff

Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County closed on 2022 builds in February with both families living in their new homes. Pictured is the owner of Habitat Home No. 29, Jennifer, and her children. Applications are now being accepted for 2023 builds.

to partner with.

Last year we received 30 complete applications for our 2023 builds. Ten of those applicants qualified to move to the next step, and three of those families were selected to partner with Habitat Archuleta to build their own home

alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. The mortgage process for those three families has begun and they will be signing purchase contracts later this summer. As always, we hope to have our partner families in their new homes for Thanksgiving.

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# Business

## January sales tax revenues drop 1.1 percent from previous year

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

Sales tax revenues for Archuleta County in January 2023 dropped compared to January 2022, according to a report released by the Archuleta County Finance Department.

The report notes that the town and the county jointly received \$1,271,247.67 in sales tax revenue

for the month of January, with \$641,216.32 going to the town and \$630,031.35 going to the county.

January sales tax revenues are 1.1 percent, or \$14,410, lower than January 2022.

According to the report, the categories that are up in comparison to January 2022 include:

- Information at 1 percent, or \$229.

• Finance and Insurance at 24 percent, or \$240.

• Professional, Scientific and Technical Services at 39 percent, or \$2,949.

• Accommodation and Food Services at 9 percent, or \$20,221.

• Other Services (except public administration) at 18 percent, or \$3,164.

• Miscellaneous at 10 percent, or \$19,249.

Categories that were down for January in the month-to-month comparison include:

• Construction at 37 percent, or \$13,411.

• Manufacturing at 26 percent, or \$13,695.

• Retail Trade at 4 percent, or \$29,154.

• Real Estate and Rental and Leasing at 14 percent or \$4,202.  
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## County unemployment rises in January, state unemployment at pre-pandemic levels

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

According to a March 13 press release from the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Archuleta County's unemployment rate rose from 2.6 percent in December 2022 to 3.2 percent in January 2023.

Archuleta County unemployment has generally decreased over the past year.

From December 2022 to January 2023, Archuleta County's labor force shrank from 7,002 to 6,837.

For the month of January, there were 6,619 individuals employed in Archuleta County, according to the press release. This figure is down from the December 2022 report of 6,819 individuals employed in Archuleta County.

County-level unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

According to the press release, the county with the highest unemployment rate for January was Huerfano County at 7.3 percent, followed by Fremont County at 5 and Las Animas County at 4.9.

Costilla County and Montezuma County are tied at 4.7 percent, while Rio Grande County is next at 4.6 percent.

The state's unemployment rate remained even at 2.8 percent between the revised December 2022 rate and the January 2023 rate.

The state's labor force increased

from 3,198,400 in December 2022 to 3,206,400 in January.

The press release notes, "Colorado's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged in January compared to the revised December rate of 2.8 percent. The number of unemployed individuals rose by 1,300 over the same time period to 90,400. As revised, Colorado's unemployment rate has remained below 3.0 percent for nine consecutive months and has returned to pre-pandemic levels. The national unemployment rate declined by one-tenth of a percentage point to 3.4 percent, a 54-year low."

A press release from the Colorado Governor's Office quotes Gov. Jared Polis stating on the unemployment results, "With Colorado's unemployment rate dropping below three percent, it is clear that Colorado is the best place to live, work, and do business. More entrepreneurs are starting businesses in our state and we are outcompeting other states for businesses and jobs. As we continue to grow our strong economy, I am committed to saving people money, cutting red tape, and expanding opportunities to help support our workforce."

Employers in Colorado added 800 nonfarm payroll jobs from December 2022 to January 2023, bringing the total number of jobs in Colorado to 2,883,000.

Nonfarm payroll jobs measure the number of workers excluding

farmers.

The press release notes that Colorado has added 438,800 nonfarm payroll jobs over the past 33 months, compared to losses totaling 376,900 in March and April 2020.

"That translates to a job recovery rate of 116.4 percent, which exceeds the U.S. rate of 112.3 percent," it states.

The press release also states that, "Since May 2020, Colorado's private sector has grown by 436,100 jobs, compared to declines of 362,100 in early 2020. That translates to a job recovery rate of 120.4 percent, compared to the national rate of 115.2 percent."

The private-industry sectors with significant job gains in January included:

• Professional and business services at about 1,300.

• Educational and health services at about 2,200.

The industries with significant over-the-month declines included:

• Construction at about 1,100.

• Financial activities at about 1,300.

"Since January 2022, nonfarm payroll jobs have increased 57,000, with the private sector growing by 52,900 and government adding 4,100 jobs," the press release notes.

Since January 2022, the largest private-sector job gains include:

• Leisure and hospitality at about 20,000.

• Professional and business services at about 18,400.

• Trade, transportation and utilities at about 6,200.

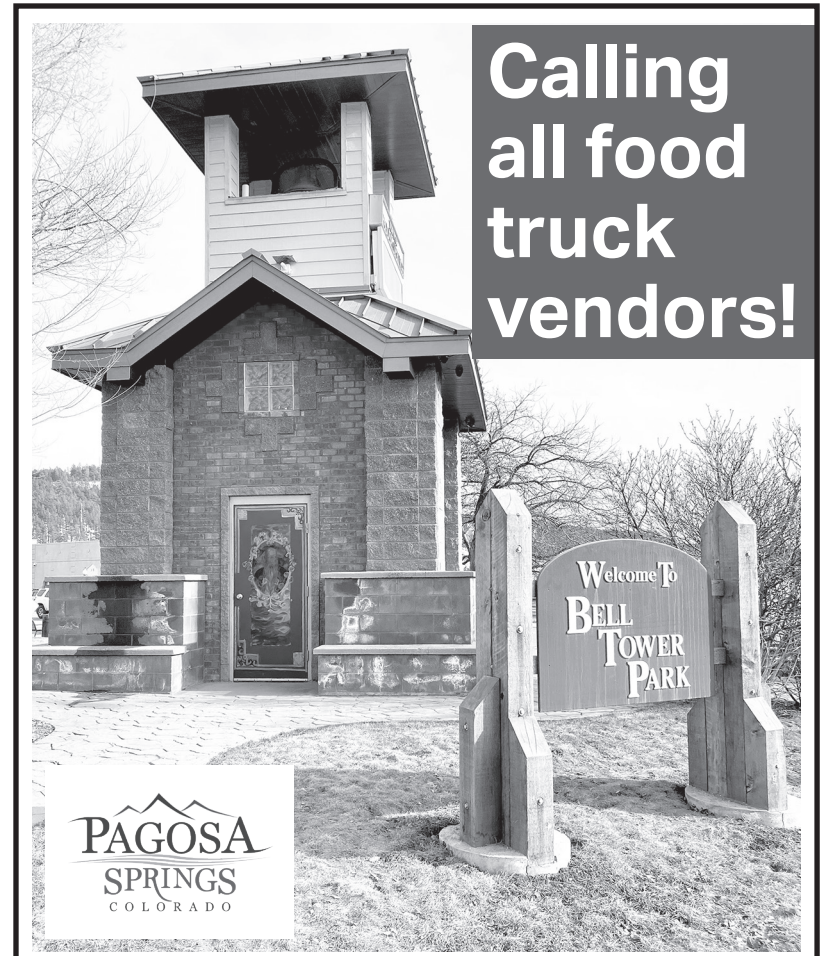
Since January 2022 the largest private sector job losses include:

• Financial activities at about 2,700.

• Information at about 700.

According to the press release, "Over the year, the average workweek for all Colorado employees on private nonfarm payrolls decreased from 33.5 to 33.4 hours, while average hourly earnings grew from \$34.18 to \$36.14, over three dollars more than the national average hourly earnings of \$33.03."

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## Applications being accepted for Conservation Helping Hand grants

By Cynthia Purcell  
San Juan Conservation District

Are you interested in implementing a conservation practice on your property, but need help with the cost? The San Juan Conservation District (SJCD) will be awarding grants to pay for 50 percent of your project, up to \$4,000.

SJCD is proud to offer a program started 17 years ago, Conservation Helping Hand, to assist landowners with property in Archuleta County and parts of Hinsdale and Mineral counties.

Conservation practices to promote more efficient irrigation systems, the use of planned grazing systems and healthy forest restoration that will benefit both livestock and wildlife will be considered.

The SJCD is collaborating with the Upper San Juan Watershed Enhancement Partnership to inventory all agricultural water use within the Upper San Juan Watershed, Blanco and Navajo basins. This is a community-driven process to understand local water supply needs and information gaps. As a result of this inventory, landowners within the project areas will be given higher priority to receive

funding to implement irrigation system improvements.

We will be accepting applications until May 5. Applications will be reviewed by the elected board members and prioritized based on the targeted resource concern, environmental benefits and cost of implementation.

Funded project applicants will be notified by May 12. All projects

must commence by July 1 and be complete by Sept. 29.

Technical assistance will be provided by Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and all approved projects must meet NRCS standards and specifications.

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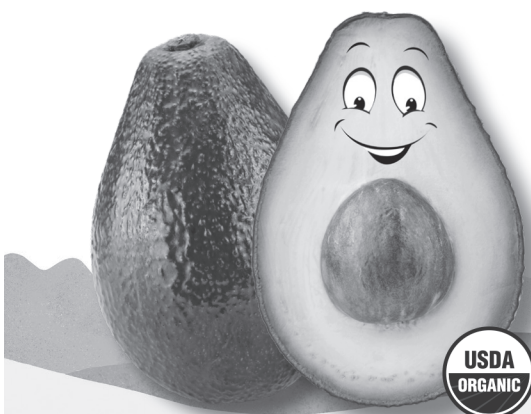
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# Rotary encourages students in Niger to learn English

By David Smith  
Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs

When much of North America was last covered with ice, what we know today as the Sahara Desert of North Africa was covered with trees and grasslands. Many African tribes flourished during this time, each with its own culture and language.

Over a period of 5,000 to 10,000 years the "Green Sahara" turned to an extremely hot and dry desert. The tribes adapted to the conditions or moved to peripheral areas where life was more hospitable. Despite these changes, the tribes maintained their own customs and languages.

Colonization by Europeans created countries that included many tribes, each with their own customs and languages. Niger, which encompasses the central part of the Sahara Desert, recognizes 10 tribal languages. These languages remain the preferred means of communicating within families and among friends.

Although French is the official language of Niger, only about 50 percent of the population is proficient. Because few Nigeriens speak English, Niger remains culturally and economically isolated from much of the world. This isolation has contributed to Niger's being one of the poorest countries in the world.

The Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs, with support from the Rotary Foundation, has been helping Niger to lift itself from poverty by working with our twin Rotary club in Niger on several projects. Through this relationship we have learned of the need to improve English education in Niger.

Since most students have al-



Photo courtesy David Smith

The Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs, with support from the Rotary Foundation, has been helping Niger to lift itself from poverty by working with a Rotary club in Niger on several projects, including a new effort to bring books written in English to students.

ready learned two or three languages, they may question the need to learn another. All teachers know that students must be interested before they can be taught. To generate interest in learning English, I brought 50 small books written in English, in addition to the beakers, voltmeters, magnets etc. that I needed for the science teacher training workshops. These books, which were written for middle and high school students, were donated by the Three Rivers Foundation.

Having completed my science teacher training work, I had time to give the books to English teachers

in two public schools. Support for the idea that novels might pique students' interest to learn English became apparent when I visited an English class for students in the final year of high school. Although they do have textbooks that teach English grammar, they had never seen a book written in English and written only to interest the reader. My host Rotarians said that book stores in Niamey, the capital of Niger, normally do not carry books written in English.

Our twin Rotary Club in Niamey will monitor the effect of these books on English programs in these

two schools through the next year. If they find that the availability of interesting books written in English motivates students to learn English better, we will invite other Rotary Clubs to join us to develop a much larger project that will deliver more books to more schools.

Although these high school students in Niger have studied English grammar extensively, they have never seen a book that was written in English to be read only for pleasure. These books were provided by Sandra Mastel, a representative of Three Rivers Foundation and the Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs.

## Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

**Monday, March 20**  
**San Juan Water Conservancy District special meeting.** 4 p.m., 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 6, or via Zoom.

**Tuesday, March 21**  
**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session.** 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners meeting.** 1:30 p.m. Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

**Wednesday, March 22**  
**Archuleta County Planning Commission meeting.** 6 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. and via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/96759128658?pwd=RmdWbHlZTXNyMEF3dEc4QThDNDRjQT09>, meeting ID: 967 5912 8658, passcode: 39366. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

**Thursday, March 23**  
**Pagosa Springs Town Council work session.** 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosaspings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

**Tuesday, March 28**  
**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session.** 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

**Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors meeting.** 5 p.m. Join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83611276692>, meeting ID: 836 1127 6692.

**Joint Pagosa Springs Town Council and Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session.** 5 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. See the town or county websites for participation information.

**Town Planning Commission meeting.** 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. or via Zoom. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosaspings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

**Thursday, April 6**  
**Archuleta County Combined Dispatch meeting.** 9:30 a.m., sheriff's office board room, 85 Harman Park Dr. Zoom: 7186713647.  
**Pagosa Springs Urban Renewal Authority meeting.** 5 p.m., Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosaspings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

**Tuesday, April 11**  
**Pagosa Fire Protection District**

**Board of Directors regular meeting.** 5:30 p.m., administrative office, 165 N. Pagosa Blvd.

**Town Planning Commission meeting.** 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. or via Zoom. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosaspings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

**Archuleta School District Accountability Committee meeting.** 5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School library, 309 Lewis St.

**Archuleta School District Board of Education meeting.** 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School library, 309 Lewis St. Zoom information: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89392173022>.

**Wednesday, April 12**  
**Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation meeting.** 5-6:30 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd., or join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83552743149?pwd=Z0RXejNjQXo0TkNNZmYlM0h4UHB5QT09>.

**Thursday, April 13**  
**Main Street monthly board meeting.** 4-6 p.m., Pagosa Springs Visitor Center meeting room, 105 Hot Springs Blvd. Join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81315987125?pwd=UjhGQStKVEl5bjFHMldhNXdct2hKUT09>.

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

**Friday, April 14**  
**Main Street meeting.** Noon-1 p.m. Pagosa Springs Visitor Center meeting room, 105 Hot Springs Blvd. Join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84633597418?pwd=NWx1TnA4SnV3VithVzZscnVGdlhiQT09>.

**Tuesday, April 18**  
**Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors regular meeting.** 5 p.m., 3133 Cornerstone Drive. Join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9656099136?pwd=Z3Job2R1eXl0SE8rRzNpL0FucGpKZz09>, meeting ID: 965 609 9136, passcode: 00001.

**Tuesday, April 25**  
**Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors meeting.** 5 p.m. Join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83611276692>, meeting ID: 836 1127 6692.

**Town Planning Commission meeting.** 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. or via Zoom. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosaspings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

**Thursday, April 27**  
**San Juan Basin Public Health Board of Health meeting.** 9 a.m. For more information, visit <https://sjbpublichealth.org/>.

**Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors special meeting.** Noon. Join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83611276692>, meeting ID: 836 1127 6692.

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# STR

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committee were Gary Hardin, Kristin McCollam, Laura Easterling, Stuart Scull, Jason Cox, Jennifer Green, Anne Salemo, Michael Heraty, Toni Gallegos, Nicole Holt and Karen Griggs.

In an interview with The SUN, Woodman explained that the two members of the task force who left during its work are Fabienne Van Cappel and Bill Hudson.

An additional nondisclosure agreement signed by Cynda Green was included in documents provided by Roane, with Woodman indicating that she attended the first meeting but did not otherwise participate.

The task force report notes that the members represented “affordable housing, non-resident, STR neighbors, STR owners, the school district, realtors, retail industry, HOA board, restaurant industry, tourism board, and STR property management.”

At the work session, Woodman added that the committee’s work was divided into two phases, with one covering recommendations on changes to processes and the county land-use code and a second phase that will focus on neighborhood density caps.

Woodman explained that the first phase is complete and covered in the report, while the second will begin in April.

He stated that the task force’s first, nonunanimous, recommendation is to not continue the moratorium on new STR permits that the county put in place last year.

Commissioner Veronica Medina clarified that the moratorium had already ended and the BoCC’s decision was whether or not to reinstate it, which Woodman agreed with.

Woodman noted that the intention was to have the task force’s report completed before March, and Commissioner Ronnie Maez noted that the county has been considering additional STR regulations for approximately two years.

Woodman stated that he felt it would be advantageous to hear the commissioners’ viewpoints on two of the task force’s recommendations, including one indicating that the county should reinstate the moratorium if STRs reach a certain level of overall density in the county, although the task force could not agree on what this density should be.

He added that the recommendation is to place this threshold between 8.5 percent and 10 percent of total parcels in the county, although this recommendation was not unanimous and had involved “very contentious” conversations.

Woodman explained that the county is currently between 6.5 percent and 7 percent density of STRs and that the moratorium would be put into place after a threshold was reached to allow the county to consider additional options.

He added that there is a belief that the conditions of 2020 and 2021 drove unnatural rates of growth in STRs and current market conditions will provide a “natural adjustment to the market,” potentially reducing the

number of STRs.

Woodman also explained that there are a significant number of unpermitted STRs in the county, with 60-65 prior to the moratorium and approximately 100 currently, a number which could be tracked using new software the county purchased in October 2022.

Due to a lack of accurate data prior to this date, he stated that one of the task force’s recommendations is that the county continue to collect data over the next 12 months without the moratorium and re-evaluate the need for STR regulations after that point.

Woodman noted that the majority of the phase one recommendations involved processes, such as creating a map displaying all properties with STRs and information about each STR displayed, not land use regulations.

He stated that another recommendation that he wanted BoCC input on was the task force’s recommendation that noise monitors be required in all STRs to improve noise ordinance enforcement and the ability to substantiate violations.

He explained that when a noise violation is reported, the person responsible for the property is notified and is expected to go to the property and resolve the complaint, after which, if done successfully, no violation would occur.

Woodman noted that problems occur when the noise violation is reported after it has stopped and there is no way to substantiate if a violation occurred or not.

Medina commented that the county is currently unable to enforce its rules against unpermitted STRs and questioned how it expected to enforce additional rules.

She also stated that she does not feel noise monitors should be the county’s responsibility, noting that if the county held property managers accountable for noise violations, they would install noise monitors to prevent them from incurring fines from violations.

Commissioner Warren Brown noted that there would be no fines or violations if the county is unable to verify the complaints and that noise monitors would allow the county to verify or dispel such complaints.

He added that he is “kind of a fan for this” and commented that requiring monitors would bring a degree of fairness to the validation of noise complaints.

Medina commented that the property manager is required to follow up on the complaint, not the county, and that she does not feel that it should be the county’s responsibility.

Maez stated that he saw both sides of the argument, but that he also saw the situation of people living with noise violations that nothing is being done about because there is no way to verify the violations.

He added that requiring noise monitors would allow a “fair accountability” for both property managers and the county.

Medina commented that she was “not here to change your mind of

what you’re thinking,” but that she was trying to point out the “other side” of the issue.

She then highlighted that the county lacks accurate data on STRs in the area and that the county might be “jumping the gun” and putting too many “roadblocks or inhibitors” in place when it should focus on enforcing rules against unpermitted STRs and other rules that are not being enforced.

She added that it is not the county’s responsibility to check noise levels and that the county could put out recommendations on noise monitors, but implementing them is the responsibility of the property manager.

Brown expressed his disagreement with Medina, stating that the sheriff’s office is obliged to investigate noise complaints and protect the quality of life for residents.

He added that he feels it is the county’s responsibility to implement regulations to address quality-of-life issues associated with STRs and give parameters for the operations of STR businesses in the county.

He also commented that the county cannot let other issues “fall by the wayside” even if it is unable to fully address unpermitted STRs and other issues.

Medina commented that the county already has regulations in place to address noise through the county noise ordinance and that it should be the property manager’s choice to implement noise monitors to prevent violations as opposed to the county requiring them.

Maez highlighted that requiring noise monitors would protect both property managers and the community and noted that he sees this requirement as no different than other business requirements.

Maez added that he sees the county as having a responsibility to both the STR operators and neighbors of them and reiterated that he supported requiring the noise monitors, although he could be outvoted.

Medina noted that she was “sure that’s not going to be the case” and that she would be the “lone man standing” on this issue.

County Attorney Todd Weaver noted that current county regulations do not give the county a way to fine property managers, but state law allows counties to adopt ordinances allowing such fines.

Medina commented that property managers should be held accountable to ensure the safety of the neighborhood and the people around them.

Maez commented that the BoCC was considering at its meeting whether to reinstate the moratorium or not, and Medina added that she felt it was necessary to have a plan in place for how to move forward.

Medina also noted that she did not think continuing the moratorium was an option and that she felt the county had enough information to make a decision after hearing two citizen reports on STRs.

Brown commented that the time to make decisions on the report’s recommendations would be when

these recommendations are brought to the BoCC through the county land-use regulation process.

He added that the work session was the “pre-discussion” on the items that would be presented to the BoCC in the future and that there is a plan in place, with the meeting being one step of the plan.

Medina highlighted that the BoCC needed to discuss what elements of the recommendations it wants implemented to allow staff to create regulations.

Woodman then returned to his discussion of the report, stating that, prior to the new planning software, there was not a mechanism in place to locate unpermitted STRs and even now that there was, enforcement is handled through the land-use code, which has no mechanism for immediate fines for violations.

He added that, if the county creates an ordinance with fines for violations, it would be processed through the courts, which could create problems since violations could only be prosecuted against the violators, who would be the renters using the STR, and otherwise violations would be dismissed.

He noted that he was unsure how to address this issue, but that he felt there needed to be a better enforcement mechanism than the land-use code due to its unclear fine structure and slow process, in addition to its inability to levy fines against property managers.

Medina commented that the county needs to think “higher level” to provide tools to allow people to do their business more effectively.

Woodman expressed partial agreement with Medina but added that the consequences of not following county rules need to be made clear.

Medina noted that the largest complaint is there are too many STRs and questioned how the county should combat that.

She commented that, in her opinion, the problem would somewhat resolve itself and the moratorium helped with some STRs being sold or converted into long-term rentals.

Woodman highlighted the difficulty of creating regulations that

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# STR

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would function for the full range of STR owners and management models, including owners using management companies, neighbors or operating the STR themselves.

Brown commented that there are natural events that are occurring to reduce the number of STRs, highlighting declines in sales tax collections for real estate, rental and leasing.

He added he saw phase two of the STR task force as needing to address neighborhoods with high numbers of STRs.

Maez stated that, in terms of the report provided by the task force, he would like each commissioner to review the report, see what elements they did and did not like, and take this information to Woodman so he could compile it.

Medina asked if this was what the board was doing at the meeting.

Maez agreed and stated that if Medina wanted to go through the entire report at the work session, he was willing to do so.

Woodman noted that the BoCC would address the moratorium at its meeting and that the BoCC would address the recommendations for modifications to the land-use code

through the review process for the changes, noting that some of the recommendations are about processes that would not be addressed through the code.

He added that the BoCC needed to see the final documentation of the effect on the land-use code and make a decision on that since the process would otherwise become “very confusing to a lot of people.”

Medina questioned why the guidance of doing what Maez had suggested was not presented to her when she was given the packet so that the BoCC could have been “a few steps ahead” and noted that slow government is partially the county’s fault.

Woodman agreed with Medina and stated that the reason the report went to BoCC when it did was that this was the closest meeting to the end of the moratorium and the BoCC needed to make a decision on it.

He noted that “we all knew” that the other recommendations would involve a modification of the land-use code, which is a process that can’t be sped up beyond accelerating modifications of the code’s wording.

Medina highlighted “for total transparency” that the moratorium had already expired and noted that

she and Woodman had already had conversations about the report and that the county had not highlighted to the public that the moratorium had already expired.

“I just feel like we’re wasting everybody’s time because you’re essentially telling me that today all we’re going to do is say whether we’re going to extend it or not,” Medina commented, noting afterward that she meant to say reinstate.

She added that the BoCC “killed the horse” on noise monitors and asked if the BoCC was otherwise not going to discuss the recommendations.

Maez commented that he was willing to spend the day discussing the recommendations, and Medina commented that she was not suggesting that the BoCC attempt to examine the entire document, but she was asking for some clarity on the true intent of the discussion since she expected the BoCC to discuss the report beyond noise monitors.

Maez noted that staff were taking notes on what the BoCC liked or did not like about the recommendations and commented that he was willing to discuss the report further to give staff more data to draft regulations to eventually be brought to the BoCC

for final decision.

Brown stated that the BoCC may have gotten sidetracked on noise monitors and commented that much of the information in the report may never come to the BoCC for a decision before asking if it was a waste of time to discuss this information.

He added that he had previously done this process by presenting his views to Woodman, who could then transmit the BoCC’s position to staff to assist them in drafting regulations to present to the BoCC and questioned whether the BoCC should be having in-depth discussions of recommendations that may not come before them for decision.

Medina reiterated her desire for clarity from staff on what is expected of the BoCC to improve efficiency.

Maez and Brown both noted that they had been frustrated by the

# Flooding

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Ramsey explained the sewer system discharged out of one manhole in the Pagosa Lakes area and there had been one house where the sewage went into the house, while other houses were “on the brink.”

“There’s multiple houses that are experiencing very slow drainage from fixtures ... which means that those houses are on the brink of backflowing, of having sewage backflow into it,” he said.

Archuleta County Manager Derek Woodman explained there was a culvert outside the house where sewage backflowed where water was pooling “rather heavily” and where some of the sewage was believed to be backing up.

He noted county employees cleared the culvert out, allowing the water to recede.

PAWSD has also reported the overflows to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, according to the press release.

It adds Archuleta County crews are working to unclog culverts and maintain drainage structures to reduce the inundation of flood waters.

“PAWSD and Archuleta County realize this is a terrible situation and will only be [exacerbated] by the upcoming storms,” it notes.

Ramsey explained the only way to help alleviate the situation is to “reduce or at least minimize” the amount of water getting into the sewer lines.

“They’re at max capacity,” he said. “The ground is completely saturated.”

Ramsey noted it was reported to him that 18 inches of standing water was covering multiple manholes prior to the county cleaning one culvert drain.

“When there’s 18 inches over a manhole, ... water’s gonna seep into the manholes; there’s just nothing ... that anybody can do about that,” he said, adding any time there’s a break or root intrusion into a line, stormwater will get in and overflow those lines.

He added PAWSD usually flows about a million gallons a day at this point in the year, while it is at about 4.2 million gallons a day currently.

“We’re doing what we can,” he said, reiterating in an email, “The sewer lines are at or above capacity and cannot handle any additional inflows into the lines.”

Andrea Phillips, manager for the Town of Pagosa Springs, wrote in an email that the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District is also seeing high infiltration and inflow due to the spring runoff and recent moisture.

“This means increased flow through our system and the pump stations, but we have not experienced any sewer lines or manholes overflowing. Our utilities staff is inspecting manholes, keeping an eye on known problem areas, and using grid removal and flushing where needed to address roots and other items that could cause clogs,” she wrote.

## What can home and business owners do?

# Explosion

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for the rubble.”

It later explains, “Fire officer [sic] also observed bystanders attempting to remove one occupant of the structure,” with the occupant partially obstructed by debris.

It adds firefighters and medical personnel assisted with debris removal and occupant extrication, and patient care was transferred to awaiting medical units.

“Firefighters completed secondary assessment to determine and

process when they became commissioners and pointed out the slowness of the decision-making process in the county.

Medina stated that she was talking about expectations from staff being communicated to the commissioners, noting to the audience that she was “so sorry you all have to endure this.”

Maez commented that he appreciates Medina’s vigor.

Following Weaver giving further examples of the statutorily mandated slowness of government processes, Medina noted that this slowness should have been built into the moratorium timeline and Woodman suggested that he was unsure what of the recommendations is land-use code amendments and what is not.

Medina commented that if it is in the report she would make a recom-

mendation.

Later that day at the BoCC meeting, the board unanimously voted to not reinstate the moratorium after hearing public comments both supporting and opposing it.

In other news related to the STR task force, on March 10 District Court Judge Jeffrey Wilson issued an order granting a motion to dismiss the lawsuit between Roane and Woodman concerning the county’s refusal to release the nondisclosure agreements signed by members of the STR task force.

On March 6, the county turned over the nondisclosure agreements to Roane.

The order notes that both parties will bear their own attorney’s fees and costs with the exception of the county being ordered to reimburse Roane for his filing fees of \$216.

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PAWSD’s press release also lists ways that home and business owners can help reduce infiltration and inflow.

The press release explains, “Infiltration refers to groundwater that seeps into sewer pipes through holes, cracks, joint failures, and faulty connections. Inflow is stormwater that quickly flows into sewers via roof drain downspouts, foundation drains, storm drain cross-connections, and through holes in manhole covers.”

Those ways include:

- “Do not connect sump pumps to the sanitary sewer.”
- “Do not connect roof drains and gutters to the sanitary sewer.”
- “Do not connect foundation drains to the sanitary sewer.”

Earlier this week, PAWSD sent a notice to customers asking customers to “remove any and all illegal connects, such as sump pumps that are dumping into the sanitary sewer lines. Sump pumps must be discharged outside of the house to the yard or drain way. Improper connections can cause serious health and safety concerns. Due to an increase in snow melt that is causing some areas to flood, we ask to please disconnect and move such devices immediately to avoid further issues or any penalties.”

That notice further points out that PAWSD’s Rules and Regulations 13.3.1, on illegal discharge, states that “Any person making an illegal discharge into the District’s water or wastewater system shall be penalized a minimum of five-hundred dollars (\$500.00), plus any costs incurred by District as a result of such discharge.”

“We never want them to do that, but right now it’s extremely important,” Ramsey said Wednesday, “because it’s turning from where you can get floodwaters in your house to now floodwaters and sewage, which is certainly a worse situation.”

Additional tips included in the press release are:

- “Keep all cleanouts capped, both inside and outside. This will help keep unwanted water out of the sanitary sewer system.”
- “Avoid planting trees/shrubs over your sewer lateral, as tree roots can damage sewer piping.”
- “Keep driveway culverts and bar ditches clear allowing snowmelt and precipitation to flow off your property and out of your neighborhood.”
- “Report clogged roadway culverts and bar ditches to the county.”

Woodman explained Wednesday that there are thousands of culverts throughout the county and residents can help the county know when drainage structures need to be cleared.

He noted the structures are being cleared on an as-needed basis.

“People need to be aware and cognizant of their culverts,” he said, adding that people within unincorporated Archuleta County should call Archuleta County Road and Bridge if they see pooling in an area where there’s a culvert.

Archuleta County Road and Bridge can be reached at (970) 264-5660.

If you live in an area that is prone to flooding and sewer backups, the PAWSD press release notes that PAWSD recommends installing a check valve on your sewer service. Sewer service check valves can be purchased at plumbing stores or directly from PAWSD. These check valves allow sewage to flow only in one direction — away from your home.

It explains that if the sewer main becomes surcharged, the check valve will close and not allow sewage from the main to reverse flow up your service line and into the home.

“Keep in mind these check valves do need maintenance, over time solid materials can build up not allowing the check valve to operate correctly,” it reads. “These solids must be removed routinely to assure the check valve is protecting your home.”

## Why does it matter?

The PAWSD press release explains, “All of the water that enters the sewer system goes to the Vista Wastewater Treatment Plant. Neither the sewer system nor the treatment plant was designed to handle stormwater, so when all that additional water enters the sanitary sewer system it can lead to multiple problems.”

Those problems, according to the press release, include:

- The stormwater takes up capacity in the collection system and treatment plant and ends up at the wastewater treatment plant, where it must be treated like sewage, resulting in higher treatment costs.
- The stormwater contributes to sewer system overflows in local homes and the region’s waterways, negatively impacting public health and the environment.
- It results in more energy usage to pump the flow and the unnecessary treatment of stormwater.
- Infiltration and inflow can lead to funding a plant upgrade, because those flows are exceeding permit and design capacity of the treatment plant.

## More moisture in the forecast

The National Weather Service (NWS) is forecasting several more days of wet weather ahead for the area.

For Thursday, March 16, snow showers are likely, with the NWS putting the chance of precipitation at 70 percent. The high is expected to be near 44 degrees with 1 to 2 inches of new snow accumulation possible.

The chance of moisture will continue into the night, with a 50 percent chance of snow showers and new snow accumulation around an inch possible. The low is forecast to be around 17.

The NWS predicts a 30 percent chance of snow showers Friday, mainly after noon, and partly sunny skies with a high near 30.

The extended forecast shows a 50 percent chance of snow showers Saturday, mainly after noon, with partly sunny skies and a high near 40. The chance of snow showers continues into early next week.

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# Town

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Phillips highlighted that state regulations stipulate that any fee that could be set administratively requires a nexus study demonstrating a quantifiable relationship between the subject of the fee and what the funds will be used for, which the Root Policy study had established for STRs.

She added that the study had shown a supply side and demand side impact of up to \$2,687 per STR unit and that council would have the prerogative to set a fee up to this amount based on the study.

She explained that she and the town attorney determined the next steps in the process would be to bring an ordinance to the council at a future meeting that would provide the “ingredients for how you would set that fee” which could then be set and adjusted by resolution.

Phillips added that the town currently charges \$750 when a new STR application comes in, including a \$50 application fee and \$700 for the first year of licensing, and charges \$500 for annual renewals, with those fees covering town costs associated with the application and operation of the STR.

She also noted that half of the fees collected go into a restricted line item for workforce housing.

She then gave a recommendation from staff that any fees not differentiate between number of bedrooms or between owner-occupied and non-owner-occupied STRs due to the administrative difficulties of administering such fees.

In response to a question from council member Matt DeGraaf, Phillips explained that the ordinance would likely not contain a specific dollar amount for the fee and that, at the second reading of the ordinance, staff could bring a resolution setting the fee, which could also be changed later by resolution.

Council member Brooks Lindner asked if the ordinance could include the removal of other regulations on STRs that the town put in place.

Phillips commented that she was “glad” Lindner had raised the issue as staff have found the regulations passed by council to be challenging to manage, with issues such as the constant updates needed for density restrictions.

She added that staff’s recommendation was that council either include these changes in the fee ordinance or in a separate ordinance if council wanted to revisit the licensing parameters.

Council member Gary Williams asked if the current fee structure covers the cost to the staff, which Phillips said is “generally” true, and followed up by asking what the cost of the lawsuit against the town concerning STRs and the associated settlement was to the town.

Phillips stated that the settlement was \$10,000, although she was uncertain what the attorney fees were.

Williams noted that the nexus study is a “sophisticated” analysis of STRs’ impact on the town in terms of workforce housing.

Council member Mat deGraaf commented that the town made the distinction between owner-occupied and non-owner-occupied STRs because it felt it was important to distinguish between locals and others who do not reside here, and that he felt that the impact of a fee would be different to a corporation that owns multiple STRs in town

compared to a local resident who rents a portion of their house.

Mayor Shari Pierce asked if the council wanted to implement a fee based on the Root Policy study, which the council expressed general agreement with.

She added that she agreed with Lindner that she wanted to examine the other restrictions on STRs as part of creating the new fee and proposed that the town might wish to take the money currently allocated for workforce housing out of the current STR permit fees and integrate it into the new fee.

Lindner stated that he feels these fees are the cost of starting a business and should remain where they are, while DeGraaf commented that he feels the nexus study is above and beyond an administrative fee.

Council member Madeline Bergen also agreed that the nexus study fee should be separate.

Williams raised the possibility of applying the nexus fee as a percentage fee on income coming out of the STR, which Phillips raised concerns about due to the potential appearance that this fee could be a tax and the difficulties of implementing such a fee.

deGraaf agreed with Williams that the difference between STRs of varying sizes is important and added that he feels there should be some size-based accommodation involved in the fee.

Lindner highlighted that a smaller STR would have less expenses and Pierce noted that it would be easier for staff if they do not have to determine what is or is not a bedroom in an STR.

deGraaf agreed that he does not want to overburden staff, but that he wanted the fee to be equitable across different levels of earnings.

Bergon commented that she is not in favor of pursuing the fee at this time, adding that until the town determines what is working and not working with its current STR ordinances, it should not make changes.

She also commented that there are a large number of questions and unclear plans about the town’s affordable housing initiatives which makes her have difficulties with the town collecting revenues for these projects.

DeGraaf proposed a tiered system of fees for STRs of different sizes.

Williams commented that he was sympathetic to staff’s argument and that he favored a flat \$2,687 fee.

The council then discussed the possibility of basing the fee on square footage, with Phillips raising concerns about the nexus between affordable housing and square footage and suggesting that keeping the fee simple is the best way to avoid additional legal challenges.

Lindner raised concerns that “there’s nothing equitable about the regulations that are in place right now” and suggested council needs to discuss them.

deGraaf said, “How is that not equitable when we have neighborhoods that almost entire streets are nothing but short-term rentals and the people who live there have lost their neighborhood?”

Lindner commented that there are other neighborhoods with no STRs but that, because they are part of the same zoning, no one can establish an STR there.

deGraaf suggested that is because all the licenses have been issued, while Lindner suggested it not equi-

table and that there is no path to new STRs with the current restrictions.

Pierce agreed with Lindner that the town does not need to have the restriction that owners must own a property for two years before obtaining an STR license and that she was willing to have further discussion on the regulation requiring a distance of 250 between STRs, but that she understood the concerns of residents in neighborhoods with high densities of STRs.

Lindner questioned if there was a way for neighborhoods with high densities of STRs to form a neighborhood district to impose additional STR regulations, which he noted he found more favorable.

Williams raised concerns about this idea since the number of STR owners in these neighborhoods would potentially preclude any restrictions on them being implemented through votes of the district.

Williams also noted that homeowners who live on a property could add an additional dwelling unit which could be an STR and would not be subject to the density regulations.

Bergon noted that many of the discussions on STR regulations had been focused on mitigating commercial presence in residential neighborhoods, which meant the council was crossing streams by focusing on solving housing issues with STR regulations.

“I look forward to the spirited discussion we will have around trying to dismantle some of the restrictions that some of us worked really hard to put into place,” deGraaf commented.

Lindner noted that the town’s efforts to solve the STR crisis have created confusion and highlighted the possibility that the market is self-correcting following the high number of visitors the town experienced during the pandemic.

He then raised questions on how the town can ensure that STR regulations do not take away tourism dollars, how the town can create policy that is fair to all homeowners and respects their property rights, how the town can create policy that is fair to hotels and commercial lodging establishments, and how the town can streamline regulations to make them easier to enforce.

He then proposed that the town implement a single fee based on the nexus study which could subsidize affordable housing projects and get rid of all other regulations.

DeGraaf commented that he was open to changing some ordinances but wanted an overall cap to prevent market changes from causing another spike in the number of STRs.

Lindner highlighted that there is a large amount of new housing opening in town, and Williams questioned if the council recognized that it is possible to have new STRs in town if they are owner-occupied as Lindner had implied the opposite.

Following a discussion of the logistics of creating the ordinance and when the fees would be set and potential changes to the STR regulations discussed, the council agreed to move forward with directing staff to create an ordinance for STR fees and to discuss the changes to the existing STR regulations at the March 23 town council meeting.

DeGraaf then made a motion which carried to direct staff to work on creating an ordinance for a new STR fee.



# Sports

## TRACK

### Pirates' opening meet cut short by weather

By **Randi Pierce**  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate track and field teams got their first taste of action last weekend at an abbreviated meet in Farmington, N.M.

The meet, hosted by Piedra Vista, was canceled after about two hours, according to coach Connie O'Donnell, because standing water on the track created safety issues.

"We were all soaked and really cold," she wrote in an email to The SUN.

The Pirates competed in five events before the meet was canceled.

In the girls' 4x800-meter relay, the Lady Pirate team of Aspen Salazar, Jayslynn Perea, Marie Smith and Honesty Sweet finished fifth with a time of 14 minutes, 11.43 seconds.

In the girls' high jump, Jordan Lindstrom took fourth with a distance of 4 feet, 6 inches. Annie O'Donnell finished sixth with a distance of 4-04.

"The high jump area was full of standing water, but two of our girls were able to place in spite of the wet conditions," the coach wrote, adding, "Both of those jumps were far from their personal bests, but I was just really proud of them for competing in freezing rain."

In the girls' long jump, Kylie Ketchum took fourth with a distance of 13-09.

"She was able to pick up pretty much where she left off last year in performance," Connie O'Donnell wrote. "She showed that she has grown as an athlete and can compete even in tough conditions. When she was finished, her legs were covered in mud from the wet pit."

Alexis Campbell finished 16th with a distance of 12-00.50 and Elio Groves finished 19th with a jump of 11-06.25.

In the boys' 4x800 relay, the Pirate team of Kyle Marotta, Jesse Beck, Rowan Goss and Mathew Lane finished fifth with a time of 11:11.21.

In the boys' triple jump, Jonathan Nasralla finished third with a distance of 39 feet.

"I'm really excited about Jonny Nasralla," the coach wrote Sunday. "He competed in the triple jump yesterday as a senior for the first time in his life. The conditions were obviously not great, but Jonny had a great attitude and ended up placing 3rd with a jump of 39'. He has the potential to continue to place in the event and do well this year. He is also going to compete in long jump, high jump and maybe hurdles this



The Pirate track and field teams hunker under the team tent during last weekend's meet in Farmington, N.M. The meet was canceled after about two hours due to weather and standing water on the track creating safety issues.

Photo courtesy Connie O'Donnell

year. Don't forget, his success in triple jump is a big deal because he has never been able to actually practice triple jump because of the snow on our runways."

Jacob Miller took 10th with a jump of 32-04.50.

"I was really proud of our kids. Even though most of them didn't get to compete, they all had good attitudes," Connie O'Donnell noted of the abbreviated meet. "The kids on this team are just really fun to be around."

The continued winter condi-

tions have also affected the next meet on the Pirates' schedule, and are putting the entire meet in jeopardy.

The meet was originally scheduled to be held in Bayfield on Friday, March 17, but Connie O'Donnell noted Sunday it is being moved to Durango because Bayfield still has snow on its track.

She wrote the field events will start at 10 a.m., the 3,200-meter runs will start at 10:30 a.m. and the rest of the running events will start at 1 p.m.

On Tuesday, she reported that

the discus event has already been canceled due to the discus area in Durango being "under water."

"Crossing my fingers to be able to compete since the weather forecast doesn't look good," she wrote Tuesday.

If the Pirates are fortunate enough to compete this week, O'Donnell notes the team's goals are the same as last week — getting the "jitters" out.

"We just want a chance to compete on the track," she wrote. [randi@pagosun.com](mailto:randi@pagosun.com)

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The Pagosa Shooters attended the Special Olympics Colorado Western Regional Basketball tournament in Grand Junction. The team placed third in its bracket after a tough first game loss by four points. Pictured are Wayne Walls, Jesse Aragon, Daniel Carolus, Zack Irons, Bryan Looper, Levi Brown, Dalton Walls, Christopher Brown and Servando Ramos.

Photo courtesy Joanne Irons

## BASEBALL

# Pirates drop three to open season, set to continue tournament play in Cedaredge

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate baseball team hit the diamond for the first time this season last week in Aztec, N.M., when it took on a trio of opponents as part of the Aztec tournament.

The team dropped all three games, but, according to coach Nathan Morales, is heading in the right direction.

"I thought we played well all three games," he said. "We hit the ball well, we just hit it right to people. I think we're going to be just fine, and I'm excited about this year's season."

On Thursday, March 9, the Pirates took on the Aztec Tigers, but fell 11-0.

The Tigers picked up one run in the first inning, five in the second and five in the fourth.

The Pirates logged two hits in the game — singles by Kaison Clifford and Zach Pouyer. Each of the players also stole a base in the game.

The Pirates garnered three walks in the game and struck out four times.

A trio of Pirates — Riley Laugel, Jaden Tuggle-Reed and Cooper Ralston — took the mound in the game, combining to allow 11 runs (nine earned) on seven hits and six walks while striking out two.

The Tigers hit one homer in the affair.

Pagosa committed two errors in the game and left five runners on base.

The next day, the Pirates took on the Kirtland Central Broncos.

The Pirates fell 14-4 in the game.

The Broncos picked up an early lead in the game, scoring one in the top of the first, two in the second and four in the third.

The Pirates scored a two-out run in the bottom of the third to make it a 7-1 game after Triston Iguchi singled on a line drive. Charles Washburn, serving as a courtesy runner for Iguchi, advanced to third on a Bronco error on a ball hit by Tuggle-Reed and scored on a wild pitch.

Kirtland Central answered with another run in the top of the fourth to take an 8-1 lead.

The Pirates countered with a pair of runs in the bottom of the fourth to make the score 8-3.

In that inning, Washburn was hit by a pitch and advanced to third on a double by Hunter Pouyer.

Seth Aucoin, serving as a courtesy runner for Washburn, and Hunter Pouyer came around to

score on a single by Riley Laugel. Each team picked up another run in the fifth.

The Pirates' run in the bottom of the inning came after Zach Pouyer doubled and scored on a sacrifice fly hit by Chris Young-Martinez.

The Broncos picked up another five runs in the top of the sixth to log the 14-4 win.

The Pirates' four runs came on 10 hits and three walks. The team logged two strikeouts.

Laugel had three hits and two RBIs. He also stole three bases.

Hunter Pouyer and Zach Pouyer each had two hits in the game, with both logging doubles and scoring a run. Zach Pouyer also had three stolen bases.

Iguchi, Young-Martinez and Aucoin each had one hit. Young-Martinez also logged an RBI and a stolen base, and Aucoin scored a run.

Washburn also scored a run, and Clifford also stole a base.

Aaron Aucoin and Young-Martinez split the pitching duties for the Pirates, combining to allow 14 runs (five earned) on 13 hits and five walks while striking out six.

The Pirates committed nine errors and the Broncos committed two. Pagosa left eight on base.

On Saturday, March 11, the Pirates took on the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers and fell 9-7 in the four-inning game.

Pagosa brought around four runs in the top of the first.

The first run came around after Laugel doubled and scored on a single by Clifford. Clifford then stole second and Braylon Cotts walked. After Clifford stole third, he and Aaron Aucoin, who was serving as a courtesy runner for Cotts, scored on a three-run home run by Iguchi.

The Panthers countered with three runs in the bottom of the inning.

The Pirates scored another two runs in the top of the second.

In that inning, Seth Aucoin reached after being hit by a pitch and advanced to second on a single by Hunter Pouyer.

Seth Aucoin was picked off at second, but Hunter Pouyer stole second and advanced to third on a single by Laugel. Hunter Pouyer scored on an error by the shortstop.

Laugel then stole third and Clifford walked. Laugel then came around to score on a double by Cotts.

Cortez took a 7-6 lead in the bottom of the second after scoring four runs.

Neither team scored in the third.

The Pirates tied the game in the top of the fourth when Iguchi stole home — his second stolen base of the inning. Iguchi initially walked.

The Panthers picked up two runs in the bottom of the fourth to log a 9-7 win.

The Pirates' seven runs came on seven hits and eight walks. The team struck out four times.

Laugel had two hits, including a double, and two runs scored in the game, as well as two stolen bases.

Five Pirates each had one hit in the game: Hunter Pouyer, Clifford, Cotts, Iguchi and Tuggle-Reed. Hunter Pouyer also had a run scored, two stolen bases and reached on an error. In addition to his double, Clifford also had a run scored, an RBI and two stolen bases. Cotts also had an RBI.

Iguchi's homer left him with three RBIs, and he had two stolen bases and two runs scored. Tuggle-Reed also had a stolen base.

Aaron Aucoin tallied a run scored.

Cotts and Hunter Pouyer took the mound in the game, combining to allow nine runs (eight earned) on eight hits and five walks while striking out six. Pagosa allowed one homer.

Pagosa committed three errors in the game and the Panthers committed two.

The Pirates left two runners on. Morales noted that, in all three games, the Pirates didn't have

the timely hitting and pitching in certain situations, with the bases loaded with Pirates several times in the first games where no one scored, and times where the team's pitchers walked batters.

"We've only struck out 10 times in three games, which is completely different from last year," Morales said. "We're puttin' the ball in play, good things are gonna happen. We're throwing strikes, good things are gonna happen. That's just how baseball works, and we're going to try and do that."

This week, the team will take part in the Delta tournament and play another three games.

On Friday, March 17, the Pirates will take on the Cedaredge Bruins at 1:30 p.m.

The Bruins are 0-0 heading into the tournament.

At 4 p.m., the Pirates will take on the Gunnison Cowboys, who are 1-0.

Both games will take place in Cedaredge.

On Saturday, Pagosa will take on the Olathe Pirates at 1 a.m. in Olathe.

Olathe was 0-0 on the season Wednesday.

"We're not going to change anything that we're doing," Morales said. "I think we're going in the right direction and we'll keep working hard."

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## SOCCER

# Lady Pirates open season with three defeats

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate soccer team opened its season with three defeats at the Gunnison tournament on March 10 and 11.

Coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason indicates in a statement to The SUN that the tournament was held in Grand Junction due to flooding in Gunnison.

He notes that the team had learned over the course of the tournament that it needed to focus on its defensive moments, giving the example of whether the

team should play out of the back or be more direct, and noted that approximately 90 percent of the team's defensive efforts were direct, which often resulted in turnovers.

Kurt-Mason also indicates that the team was too slow to mark its opponents tightly enough, which allowed many scoring opportunities for its opponents.

The Lady Pirates first faced the Telluride Miners on March 10, losing 8-1.

In the game's first half, the Miners scored three times and Pirate freshman Addy Johnson scored the team's first goal of the season off a penalty kick.

In the second half, the Miners scored an additional five times.

Pirate goalkeeper Sophia Haymaker made 13 saves.

Later that day, Pagosa played against the Basalt Longhorns, losing 8-0.

Haymaker made 11 saves in the game.

The next day, the Pirates faced the Aspen Skiers, losing 10-0 in a game that lasted 75 minutes due to the mercy rule.

Kurt-Mason notes that, following a halftime discussion and "re-focus," the team tightened up its defense, gained possession and connected passes more often and

moved together more effectively, allowing the team to triple its possession time in the second portion of the game.

Haymaker made 13 saves in the game.

The coach also states that Haymaker "never lost focus or effort" through the tournament and highlighted Hailey Sams' "high work rate and positive attitude."

Following spring break, the Lady Pirates will play Ignacio at 4 p.m. on March 28 in Ignacio.

The game against Pagosa Springs will be Ignacio's first game of the season.

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## New law requires Colorado drivers to register vehicle or pay up

By Derek Kuhn  
Department of Motor Vehicles

Colorado drivers with expired registration, your day of reckoning is nigh.

On Jan. 1, the clock began ticking for drivers who have refused to properly register their vehicles when they move to Colorado or have an expired temporary tag.

No longer will drivers be able to avoid paying the statutorily required taxes and fees owed to counties they reside in. If you moved to Colorado and haven't properly registered your

vehicle within the required time frames or let your temporary tag expire after the new year, expect to pay more when you finally do.

Last year, the Colorado Legislature passed the Colorado Registration Fairness Act (HB22-1254), effectively ending the free ride for many Coloradans who choose not to properly register their vehicles in a timely manner after moving to Colorado before the temporary tag expiration. The new law adds teeth to existing laws by requiring the collection of owed back taxes and fees for delinquent registrations. The late registration fines and payment of back taxes and

fees will apply to all Coloradans who register their vehicles after the temporary tag expiration date, or after the 90-day grace period given to new residents moving into Colorado.

Prorated back taxes and fee amounts will vary for each Coloradan based on the vehicle and county of residence. Coloradans should visit their county motor vehicle office to find out how much they will owe if they are delinquent in registering their vehicle.

For more information about the new late fees, visit [www.DMV.Colorado.gov/Taxes-and-fees](http://www.DMV.Colorado.gov/Taxes-and-fees).

## The Blotter

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Calls for service for week: 155.  
March 6 — Purchase on credit to defraud, identity theft-uses identity, criminal impersonation, South Emissary Court.  
March 6 — Warrant arrest, Great West Avenue.  
March 7 — Information only, Flicker Lane.  
March 7 — Information only, Harman Park Drive.  
March 7 — Aggravated motor vehicle theft, Ute Drive.  
March 8 — Harassment-strikes/

shoves/kicks, crimes against at-risk adult/juvenile-third-degree assault, third-degree assault-simple assault, Indian Paint Brush Drive.

March 9 — Agency assist, Coyote Drive.

March 10 — Information only, Hot Springs Boulevard.

March 10 — Agency assist, Starlight Place.

March 10 — Violation of restraining order, North Pagosa Boulevard.

March 10 — Information only, Brook Drive.

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March 4 — Animal running at large, San Juan Street.  
March 5 — Drove vehicle not equipped with approved ignition interlock, expired license plates, Aspen Village Drive/Cornerstone Drive.  
March 7 — Animal running at

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March 7 — Careless driving, Cornerstone Drive.

March 7 — Warrant arrest, Lewis Street.

March 8 — Animal running at large, Great West Avenue.

March 8 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.

March 9 — Animal running at large, Great West Avenue.

March 9 — Abandoned articles, 9th Street.

March 10 — Aggravated motor vehicle theft, Florida Street.

March 10 — DUI, reckless driving, left scene after striking unattended vehicle (hit and run) x2, failed to notify police of accident x2, Hot Springs Boulevard.

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## Region 9 Economic Development District announces board officers

By Heather Peterson  
Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado

The Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado (Region 9 EDD) recently announced its board officers for 2023.

William Tookey, San Juan County administrator, was elected as chair for the sixth year; Mary Jo Coulehan, Pagosa Springs Chamber director, as vice chair; Dan Fer-

nandez, Dolores at-large member, as secretary; and Collen O'Brien, La Plata at-large member, as treasurer. Three board members were also elected to the executive committee, including Kelly Koskie, city of Cortez; Clyde Church, La Plata County; and Ashleigh Tarkington, Mayor of Bayfield.

Region 9 has also integrated the Southwest Colorado Council of Governments (SWCCOG) Programs into its organization. If an executive committee decision

is needed during the SWCCOG transition, Jennifer Green (Town of Pagosa Springs) was elected as chair; Veronica Medina, Archuleta County, as vice chair; and Mark Garcia, town of Ignacio, as secretary/treasurer. The SWCCOG Executive Committee will meet as needed.

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OF REAL PROPERTY  
Sheriff Sale No.2022-12**

This is to advise you that a Sheriff's sale proceeding has been commenced through the office of the undersigned Sheriff pursuant to a Writ of Execution dated November 7, 2022, and C.R.S. 38-38-101 et seq., by WINSTON FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLLP, the holder and current owner of a judgment lien recorded on April 24, 2017 at Reception number 21702363 and on June 20, 2022 at Reception number 22203760 in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The judgment is based on a default under the Condominium Declaration of Skier's Edge Condominium Association, Inc. recorded on August 5, 1981 at Reception number 226899 in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Summit, State of Colorado. The real property to be sold is legally described as follows:

Lot 382, PAGOSA HIGHLANDS ESTATES, County of Archuleta, State of Colorado  
and commonly known as 29 Moon Court, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 (hereinafter the "Property").  
**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.**

Original judgment in the amount of \$12,584.84  
Revised judgment in the amount of \$48,839.78

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I shall, on April 26, 2023 at 10:00 A.M., at the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147, offer for public sale to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at public auction, all the right, title and interest of the Defendants in said property described above, 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. Plaintiff makes no warranty relating to title, possession, or quiet enjoyment in and to said real property in connection with this sale.

Bidders are required to have cash or certified funds to cover their highest bid at the time of sale. Certified funds are payable to the registry of the Summit County Court. First Publication: March 2, 2023  
Last Publication: March 30, 2023

Published in: The Pagosa Sun  
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 Dianne Griffin, AKA Constance 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 Hausser aka Patti Hauser  
3860 CR 311  
Ignacio, CO 81137  
Published March 2, 9 and 16, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Estate Larry Allen Larsen, Deceased  
Case No. 2023 PR 30004  
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 9, 2023, or the claims may be forever barred.

Daniel L. Fiedler, Attorney at Law  
190 Talsman Drive, Suite D-6  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
Published March 9, 16 and 23, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION AND CERTIFIED STATEMENT OF RESULTS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District, Archuleta County, Colorado did not have more candidates than seats available at the close of business on the sixty-third day before the election, including candidates filing Affidavits of Intent to be Write-in Candidates; therefore, the election to be held on May 2, 2023 is hereby cancelled pursuant to Section 1-13-5-31 (3)(6), C.R.S.  
The following candidates are hereby declared elected:  
Gene Taulges two-year term  
William "Bill" Hudson four-year term  
Glenn Walsh four-year term  
/s/ Renee Lewis

Renee Lewis, Designated Election Official  
District Contact Person: Justin Ramsey- District Manager  
District Telephone Number: 970-731-7641  
District Email: [justin@pawsd.org](mailto:justin@pawsd.org)  
Published in: The Pagosa Sun  
Published on: March 9, 2023  
Published March 16, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**Lien Sale Auction Advertisement**

Notice is hereby given that Pursuant to the Colorado Self-Service Storage Facility Act, (B&P Code 38-21.5 103 et. seq.), the undersigned will sell at public auction; personal property including but not limited to furniture, clothing, tools, and/or other misc. items  
Auction to be held at 10:30am On March 30th, 2023 at [www.selfstorageauction.com](http://www.selfstorageauction.com).  
The property is stored at:  
Airport Self Storage, 201 County Road 600, Pagosa

Spring, CO 81147  
NAME OF TENANT  
Kasi Simmons  
Published March 16 and 23, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Town Council for the Town of Pagosa Springs will be holding a public hearing for a new Retail Fermented Malt Beverage liquor license application for My Stop, LLC dba Everyday Store # 5706 located at 360 E Pagosa Street in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers at Town Hall at 551 Hot Springs Blvd and/or remote by Zoom meeting. All people wishing to comment should be present at that meeting or have written comments in the office of the Town Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2023.  
Published March 16, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Town Council for the Town of Pagosa Springs will be holding a public hearing for a transfer of ownership for a tavern liquor license application for Pagosa Bar, LLC dba Pagosa Bar located at 460 Pagosa Street in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers at Town Hall at 551 Hot Springs Blvd and/or remote by Zoom meeting. All people wishing to comment should be present at that meeting or have written comments in the office of the Town Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2023.  
Published March 16, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 7,  
COLORADO  
WATER RESUME  
(This publication can be viewed in its entirety on the state court website at: [www.courts.state.co.us](http://www.courts.state.co.us))  
TO: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN WATER APPLICATIONS IN SAID WATER DIVISION NO. 7  
Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302, you are notified that the following is the resume of all water right applications filed in the Office of the Water Clerk during the month of February 2023 for Archuleta County:  
**23CWO** Larry Sprague, 900 CR 331, Ignacio, CO 81137; Green Pond, La Plata and Archuleta Counties; SW1/4, NE1/4, Section 3, T32N, R6W, NMPM; UTM Coordinates, Easting 279354, Northing 4102971, Zone 13; Source, Groundwater Tributary to Siembritas; Appropriation date, 9/16/01; .05 cfs; Use, From Decree; See application for further details; Application to Make Absolute in Whole or in Part (7 pages including exhibits)  
THE WATER RIGHTS CLAIMED BY THE FOREGOING APPLICATION(S) MAY AFFECT IN PRIORITY ANY WATER RIGHTS CLAIMED OR HERETOFORE ADJUDICATED WITHIN THIS DIVISION AND OWNERS OF AFFECTED RIGHTS MUST APPEAR TO OBJECT AND PROTEST WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY STATUTE, OR BE FOREVER BARRED.  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT YOU HAVE until the last day of April 2023, to file with the Water Clerk, a verified Statement of Opposition, setting forth facts as to why a certain application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions. A copy of such Statement of Opposition must also be served upon the applicant or the applicant's attorney and an affidavit or certificate of such service shall be filed with the Water Clerk, as prescribed by Rule 5, CRCP. (Filing fee: \$192.00; Forms are available through the Office of the Water Clerk or on the Judicial web site at [www.courts.state.co.us](http://www.courts.state.co.us); Stephanie Wills, Water Court Specialist, 1060 E. 2nd Ave., Room 106, Durango, CO 81301; (970-247-2304)  
/s/ Stephanie Wills  
Water Court Specialist  
Published: before March 31, 2023  
Published March 16, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION AND CERTIFIED STATEMENT OF RESULTS**  
§1-13-5-31(3), 32-1-104, 1-11-104 C.B.S.  
NOTICE HEREBY GIVEN by the SAN JUAN RIVER VILLAGE METRO District, ARCHULETA County, Colorado, that at the close of business on the sixty-third day before the election, there were not more candidates for director than offices to be filled, including candidates filing affidavits of intent to be write-in candidates; therefore, the election to be held on May 2, 2023 is hereby cancelled pursuant to section 1-13-5-31(6) C.R.S.  
The following candidates are hereby declared elected:  
Rick Moore X until May, 2027  
(Name) X (4 year term)  
Doug Hampton X until May, 2027  
(Name) X (4 year term)  
VACANT X until May, 2027  
(Name) X (4 year term)  
Addi Greer X until May, 2025  
(Name) X (2 year term)  
Ernie Keuning X until May, 2025  
(Name) X (2 year term)  
(Signature of the Designated Election Official)  
/s/ Cynthia Purcell  
(DEO's Printed Name)  
Contact Person for the District:  
Telephone Number of the District:  
Address of the District:  
District Email:  
Cynthia Purcell  
970-946-8385  
PO BOX 5551, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
sjrvmetro@gmail.com  
Published March 16, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION  
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE  
SALE NO. 2023-001**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described piece of Trust:  
On January 12, 2023, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.  
Original Grantor(s) Jonathan A. Bollig and Brandie J. Herrera  
Current Beneficiary(ies) Bank of the San Juan  
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt Park Tree Foundation, LLC  
Date of Deed of Trust May 09, 2006  
County of Recording Archuleta  
Recording Date of Deed of Trust May 16, 2006  
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 20604449  
Original Principal Amount \$62,000.00  
Outstanding Principal Balance \$61,080.26  
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.  
**THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.**

**LOT 602, PAGOSA HIGHLANDS ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FEBRUARY 7, 1972, AS RECEPTION NO. 75409, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO.**  
Also known as: street and number as: 45 Navajo Court, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
**THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.**  
**NOTICE OF SALE**  
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.  
THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 05/11/2023, at the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office at 449 San Juan St. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor's) heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.  
First Publication 3/16/2023  
Last Publication 4/13/2023  
Name of Publication Pagosa Springs Sun  
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.  
DATE: 01/12/2023  
Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado  
By: Elsa P. White, Public Trustee  
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:  
Brown Dunning Walker Fein PC 2000 SOUTH COLORADO BLVD., TOWER TWO, SUITE 700, DENVER, CO 80222 (303) 329-3363  
Attorney File # 3938-018  
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.  
©Public Trustees' Association of Colorado Revised 1/2015  
Published March 16, 23, 30, April 6 and 13, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

DISTRICT COURT, Archuleta COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO  
CIVIL ACTION NO. 2021CV030040 DIVISION NO. MG  
**COMBINED NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND RIGHT TO CURE AND REDEM**  
Plaintiff, PAGOSA LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
v.  
Defendants, GERALDINE JANSEN  
**Sheriff Sale 2023-06**  
Regarding: Sheriff Sale of Real Property under Decree of Foreclosure, pursuant to Court Order and C.R.S. §38-38-101 et seq., County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS, Please take notice:  
This is to advise you that a Sheriff sale proceeding has been commenced through the office of the undersigned Sheriff pursuant to a Court Order and Decree dated February 2, 2023, and C.R.S. 38-38-101 et seq., by Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, the current holder of a lien recorded on June 12, 2002 at Rec. No. 20205277, in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The judicial foreclosure is based on a default under the Declaration of Restrictions Pagosa, recorded on June 24, 1970 at Reception No. 73297 in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The Declaration and notices, as recorded, establish a lien for the benefit of Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, against real property legally described as follows:  
Lots 401, PAGOSATRAILS, according to the plat thereof filed for record September 13, 1971 as Reception No. 74885.  
Also known as: 11 Lynx Court

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
You and each of you are hereby notified that a Sheriff's Sale of the referenced property is to be conducted by the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office of Archuleta County, Colorado at 10:00 a.m., on the 10th day of May, 2023, at 85 Harman Park Dr., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; phone number 970-264-8434. At which sale, the above-described real property and improvements thereon will be sold to the highest bidder. Plaintiff makes no warranty relating to title, possession, or quiet enjoyment in and to said real property in connection with this sale.  
**\*\*BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE CASH OR CERTIFIED FUNDS SUFFICIENT TO COVER THEIR HIGHEST BID AT TIME OF SALE. \*\***  
**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.**  
First Publication: 3/16/2023  
Last Publication: 4/13/2023  
Published In: Pagosa Sun  
DATED in Colorado this 7th day of February, 2023.  
Mike Le Roux, Sheriff  
Archuleta County, Colorado  
By: /s/ Lorena Medina  
Lorena Medina, Office Manager  
ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF:  
ORTEN CAVANAGH HOLMES & HUNT, LLC  
1445 Market Street, Suite 350, Denver, CO 80202  
Published March 16, 23, 30, April 6 and 13, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

DISTRICT COURT, Archuleta COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO  
CIVIL ACTION NO. 2021CV030040 DIVISION NO. MG  
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Plaintiff, Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association  
v.  
Defendants, GERALDINE JANSEN  
**Sheriff Sale 2023-07**  
Regarding: Sheriff Sale of Real Property under Decree of Foreclosure, pursuant to Court Order and C.R.S. §38-38-101 et seq., County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS, Please take notice:  
This is to advise you that a Sheriff sale proceeding has been commenced through the office of the undersigned Sheriff pursuant to a Court Order and Decree dated February 2, 2023, and C.R.S. 38-38-101 et seq., by Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, the current holder of a lien recorded on June 12, 2002 at Rec. No. 20205277, in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The judicial foreclosure is based on a default under the Declaration of Restrictions Pagosa, recorded on June 24, 1970 at Reception No. 73297 in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The Declaration and notices, as recorded, establish a lien for the benefit of Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, against real property legally described as follows:  
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Also known as: 19 Lynx Court, Pagosa Springs CO 81147

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
You and each of you are hereby notified that a Sheriff's Sale of the referenced property is to be conducted by the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office of Archuleta County, Colorado at 11:00 a.m., on the 10th day of May, 2023, at 85 Harman Park Dr., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; phone number 970-264-8434. At which sale, the above-described real property and improvements thereon will be sold to the highest bidder. Plaintiff makes no warranty relating to title, possession, or quiet enjoyment in and to said real property in connection with this sale.  
**\*\*BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE CASH OR CERTIFIED FUNDS SUFFICIENT TO COVER THEIR HIGHEST BID AT TIME OF SALE. \*\***  
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1445 Market Street, Suite 350, Denver, CO 80202  
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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, Archuleta County Public Trustee, and all Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest in the Subject Matter of this Action.  
Case Number 2023CV030016  
Attorney or Party Without Party:  
Todd A. Weaver, Reg. No. 31708  
P.O. Box 1507  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
Phone Number (970) 264-8321  
Fax Number: Withheld Pursuant to Rule

DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO  
109 Harman Park Drive  
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Plaintiff: The Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County, CO  
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Email: [TWeaver@ArchuletaCounty.org](mailto:TWeaver@ArchuletaCounty.org)  
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 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: March 7, 2023  
Published in The Pagosa Sun.  
First Publication: March 16, 2023.  
Last Publication: April 13, 2023.

ARCHULETA COUNTY  
NOVEMBER 2022

VENDER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
911 SOLUTIONS INC	Disp Line Count Recon Svc	\$ 1,320.00
A SAFE PLACE IN PAGOSA	ARPA SUBMISSION 7	\$ 8,789.99
ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	FLEET AUTO PARTS	\$ 1,852.42
AFLAC	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 1,476.46
ALPINE PORTABLE TOILET	RENTAL PORT A POTTY	\$ 800.00
ALSCO	UNIFORMS	\$ 902.92
ALVIN SCHAAF	MILEAGE	\$ 690.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE	SUPPLIES	\$ 712.88
AMERICAN UNITED LIFE	BENEFITS	\$ 1,566.50
ARCO INTERNATIONAL, INC.	TRAINING	\$ 404.00
ARCHULETA COUNTY ROAD	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES DEMO OF SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$ 6,500.00
ARCHULETA COUNTY TREASURER	DEED APPLICATIONS PHASE II	\$ 21,568.26
ARCHULETA COUNTY VICTIM	DHS-TANF CONT. OCT	\$ 1,667.00
ARCHULETA HOUSING CORPORAT	ARPA SUBMISSION #1	\$ 86,481.49
ASPIRE MEDICAL SERVICES	DHS-TANF CONTRACT SEPT.	\$ 416.66
AT YOUR DISPOSAL	DHS-ADMIN RECYCLING & DISPOSAL	\$ 58.30
AT&T MOBILITY	DHS-ON CALL PHONE & DATA	\$ 112.84
AXXIS AUDIO OF DURANGO	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 440.90
BADGEANDWALLET.COM	SUPPLIES	\$ 229.50
BI INCORPORATED	EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$ 1,344.80
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	DHS-ADMIN GAS OCT.	\$ 223.32
BRANDICE ELDER	DHS-CW PER DIEM-2 TRIPS	\$ 237.00
BRUCKNER'S TRUCK SALES	AUTO PARTS	\$ 46.91
CAL STEEL & SHEET METAL	SUPPLIES	\$ 154.80
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	EQUIPMENT COPIER	\$ 2,599.37
CARL MACHT	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 160.00
CARPORTE CENTRAL, INC	CARPORTE METAL BLDG	\$ 44,955.00
CASCADE WATER-COFFEE	WATER	\$ 15.27
CENTENNIAL EQUINE SPORTS M	FOR COWBOY	\$ 345.73
CENTURY EQUIPMENT COMPANY	HARDWARE AND EQUIPMENT	\$ 2,453.84
CHARM-TEX INC.	INMATE CLOTHING	\$ 500.06
CIGNA HEALTH AND LIFE	BENEFITS	\$ 148,033.02
CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY	FIRST AID SUPPLIES	\$ 329.51
CITY OF BRIGHTON	CORA TRAINING	\$ 200.00
COLORADO ASSESSOR'S ASSOCI	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	\$ 400.00
COLORADO COUNTY ATTORNEYS	CONFERENCE	\$ 550.00
COLORADO CUSTOM LIFT, INC.	MAINTENANCE	\$ 730.00
COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUB	SOLID WASTE Q3 REPORT	\$ 6,001.38
COLORADO WEED MANAGEMENT A	TRAINING	\$ 269.00
CONSERVANCY OIL CO. OF DURANGO	SUPPLIES	\$ 1,121.79
COSALT CONSULTING LTD	CONSULTING	\$ 187.50
COUNTY SHERIFFS OF COLORAD	TRAINING REGISTRATION & SUPPLIES	\$ 625.00
COWBOY CAR WASH	CAR WASH	\$ 359.26
CT ELECTRIC	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 658.00
DANIEL HARPER	PER DIEM TRAVEL	\$ 71.38
DAY LUMBER COMPANY LLC.	CASCADE	\$ 24.70
DELTA DENTAL OF COLORADO	BENEFITS	\$ 6,704.14
DESERT MOUNTAIN CORP.	ROADSAVER DELIVERED & APPLIED	\$ 3,817.35
DIANE MAUN	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT DEED POSTING	\$ 15.00
DIVISION OF PROPERTY TAXAT	TRAINING	\$ 20.00
DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 790.00
DURANGO FAMILY LAW	DHS-FC & CS ATTY FEES OCT.	\$ 7,993.30
ECHO IT CONSULTING, LLC.	SOFTWARE	\$ 13,809.58
ELIZABETH ANNE BLIZZARD	ON CALL CORONER	\$ 100.00
ETHAN PROUD	TRAVEL EXPENSE PER DIEM	\$ 313.78
FLORIAN GALLEGOS	MILEAGE TRANSFER STATION DEPOSITS	\$ 58.49
FLYERS ENERGY LLC.	FUEL	\$ 40,127.18
FOUR STATES TIRE AND SERVICE	PARTS AND EQUIPMENT	\$ 1,862.72
GALLS, LLC.	UNIFORMS	\$ 1,848.84
GEORGE T. SANDERS COMPANY	HARDWARE	\$ 131.75
GOGOVAPPS	SUBSCRIPTION	\$ 6,180.00
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF AR	ARPA SUBMISSION 3	\$ 11,276.48
HEALTHY ARCHULETA	ARPA SUBMISSION 7 & 8	\$ 5,479.83
HONNEN EQUIPMENT	HONNEN EQUIPMENT	\$ 42,880.97
INLAND KENWORTH US INC	PARTS AND EQUIPMENT	\$ 2,025.77
INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO	TRUCK PARTS & SUPPLIES	\$ 1,704.23
J & K ESPINOSA, INC.	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 1,372.28
JACOB STEERMAN	TRAINING & UNIFORM	\$ 196.41
JOHAN HIBBERT	ON CALL CORONER	\$ 100.00
JEFFREY STUCKWISH	SUPPLIES	\$ 10.50
JOHANNA ELLIOTT	TRAINING PER DIEM	\$ 241.50
JOHN ELWAY CHEVROLET	DHS 2022 CHEVROLET BLAZER	\$ 58,864.00
JUST CLICK PRINTING, INC.	SIGNS	\$ 5.97
JUSTICE BENEFITS INC.	SCAAP DUES	\$ 440.00
KELLY L. ROBERTSON	ON CALL CORONER	\$ 100.00
KNUT YOUR AVERAGE THREAD	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 472.70
KUBL GROUP, LLC.	SOFTWARE LICENSE	\$ 4,500.00
LA PLATA COUNTY DHS	DHS-CW CASE SUPPORT	\$ 331.98
LA PLATA COUNTY SHERIFF	DEFENTION BILLING	\$ 1,878.91
LA PLATA COUNTY TREASURER	QU SHARED EXPENSE	\$ 104,477.00
LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION	UTILITIES	\$ 4,657.34
LA PLATA FAMILY CENTERS	DHS-TANF CONTRACTS SEPT.	\$ 2,093.88
LABCORP	DHS-CW PATERNITY TESTING	\$ 76.00
LAURA VANONI	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT DURANGO	\$ 75.00
LAWSON PRODUCTS, INC.	HARDWARE	\$ 170.18
LEDS, LLC.	SUPPLIES	\$ 3,444.23
LEGAL SHIELD	BENEFITS	\$ 121.40



# Outdoors

## Human-bear conflict reduction grant program offering \$1 million to reduce conflicts

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

In an effort to help communities coexist with bears, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) will continue its Human-Bear Conflict Reduction Community Grant Program, providing local Colorado communities with financial resources to support efforts that reduce human-bear conflicts.

CPW will be offering up to \$1 million that it will distribute through a competitive grant process this spring to be used on projects that reduce conflicts with bears in local communities. This grant program strives to foster innovative solutions to human-bear conflict that can be replicated in other parts of the state and bolster those efforts in all communities in Colorado.

Last year, funding for the program was made available through House Bill 21-1326, which passed the General Assembly and was signed by Gov. Jared Polis in 2021. This program was so successful that CPW decided to continue the program and fund it.

Local governments, nongovernmental organizations, homeowners' associations, community groups, businesses, tribes, universities and individuals are all eligible to receive funding. Applicants can apply for grants between \$50,000 and \$500,000.

"Human-bear conflict measures cannot be successful without collaboration between local

communities, wildlife managers and individuals," said CPW Grant Manager Travis Long. "Fortunately, CPW saw success with this grant program last year with many communities taking advantage of the opportunities this funding provided and implementing projects to help reduce conflicts with bears."

**"Bear behavior is consistent and predictable. They spend all day looking for food and most conflicts with humans can be traced back to a human-provided food source like trash and bird seed."**

**Area Wildlife Manager  
Tim Kroening**

### Eligible projects

The goal of the Human-Bear Conflict Reduction Community Grant Program is to reduce conflicts between local communities and black bears. Characteristics of projects that help meet this goal

include:

- Reducing the availability of attractants to black bears in communities experiencing human-bear conflict or disincentivizing black bears from entering areas of high conflict (i.e. hazing).
- Having local community support or detailed plans to build local support.
- Cost-effective investments that have the potential to last beyond the funding time frame.
- Utilize proven techniques for preventing conflict or explore an innovation with promise to prevent conflict.

### How to apply

Applications are available at <https://cpw.state.co.us/learn/pages/LivingwithWildlifeWild-Bears.aspx> and are due by 5 p.m. on May 5. For questions or application assistance, please contact Long at [travis.long@state.co.us](mailto:travis.long@state.co.us). Successful grant recipients will be announced in June.

View the 2022 grant recipients to see what types of projects were selected during the competitive grant process at <https://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/News-Release-Details.aspx?NewsID=3562>.

### Bears activity

Wildlife managers estimate that Colorado has between 17,000 and 20,000 bears, and the population is stable and growing.

"Bear behavior is consistent and predictable," said Area Wildlife Manager Tim Kroening. "They spend all day looking for food and most conflicts with humans can be traced back to a human-provided food source like trash and bird seed. That is why humans are the focal point for wildlife managers when trying to reduce conflicts with bears."

From 2019-2022, CPW received more than 18,000 reports of sightings and conflicts with bears. Nearly one-third of those reports involved trash cans and dumpsters as an attractant, which will be a target area CPW looks to address when awarding grants.

Other constant sources of conflict include bird feeders, livestock, bears accessing open garages and other human-originated items that are left unsecured.

Increasing human-bear conflicts can lead to property damage and increased demands on time and effort to respond to the conflicts by CPW and local government personnel. Expanding existing conflict reduction efforts or developing new approaches will help reduce impacts on bear populations and community resources, and improve public safety.

Learn more about CPW's other grant programs at <https://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/Grant-Programs.aspx>.

## Shed antler collection restriction continues through the end of April

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) would like to remind the public that collection of shed antlers on all public lands west of Interstate 25 is prohibited from Jan. 1 through April 30.

This restriction is in place to help protect wintering big game animals and sage grouse from human disturbance during the critical winter and early spring months.

"There continues to be a lot of discussion and debate about the impacts of shed antler hunting across the West," said Area Wildlife Manager Brandon Diamond, of Gunnison. "Comparing shed antler hunting to other forms of recreation isn't necessarily an apples-to-apples comparison. Shed hunters specifically target our best winter-range habitats where animals are or have been, and the activity is more popular than ever, leading to an increasingly competitive environment. As conservation-minded, big game enthusiasts, it's one place where we can collectively minimize potential impacts to wintering wildlife."

Though spring is soon to arrive and warmer temperatures are ahead, winter-depleted wildlife remain in basic survival mode during this time when food is scarce and before the nutritional quality of forage improves later in spring. After already getting through the brunt of deep winter, these animals need every last calorie to survive the final push to spring green-up.

Conditions across Colorado

have varied this winter, but a strong snowpack across much of western Colorado makes it all the more important for wildlife to be alleviated of the additional stress of human disturbance.

"This winter has been harder for wildlife in Moffat and Rio Blanco counties," said Assistant Area Wildlife Manager Mike Swaro, of Craig.

**"This is a critical time of year for elk, deer and other wildlife that are trying to survive winter. The last thing wildlife needs this time of year is added pressure from people looking for antlers."**

**Assistant Area Wildlife  
Manager Mike Swaro**

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"These regulations will be most effective and have the greatest positive impact on our wintering wildlife when we work together within our communities to moni-

tor and enforce them," Diamond said. "Don't tolerate the behavior of those that would cheat. Let's make sure we are all doing what's best for wildlife and help give them a break during their toughest time of year."

Wildlife officers and biologists continue to educate the public about the negative impacts to wildlife caused by irresponsible shed collection and winter recreational activity. Violators of these regulations may face a \$137 fine and five license suspension points per violation, in addition to separate fines and points for the illegal possession of each shed antler collected outside of the established season.

Apart from the shed collection rules, harassing wildlife remains illegal and CPW officers will cite individuals for violating this state statute. Harassing wildlife includes a \$137 fine that also carries 10 license suspension points.

"CPW determined closures were needed because shed-antler collecting has become a very popular recreational activity," said Wildlife Officer Cassidy English, of Colorado Springs. "To make matters worse, CPW has seen an uptick in

unethical behavior by shed-antler hunters who were seen chasing deer, elk and moose until their antlers fell off. Obviously, this puts undue stress on already stressed-out animals."

To learn more about shed collection restrictions, see the question and answer section on shed antlers on the CPW website.

CPW encourages people with information about illegal shed collection to call their local CPW office or the Operation Game Thief (OGT) hotline at (877) 265-6648. Tips to OGT may earn monetary rewards, and individuals who call OGT may remain anonymous.

Colorado's cervids (members of the deer family) drop or cast their antlers at different times in the winter. When that happens is variable based on the age and condition of the animal, as well as winter severity.

Deer in Colorado are known to shed their antlers from mid-January through March. Elk may start in February, running through April, and moose typically drop their palmate antlers November through January.

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Students dig snow pits and assess snow density measurements as part of the Science on Snow event.



Photo courtesy Chris Couch

Pagosa Springs Middle School students bird intently from the snowy banks of the San Juan River.



Photo courtesy Chris Couch

Fifth-grade Pagosa Springs Middle School students measure snowpack.



Photo courtesy Chris Couch

Becky Deitemeyer oversees avalanche beacon recovery drills with middle school students.

## Fifth-graders participate in seventh annual Science on Snow Day

By Keith Bruno  
Audubon Rockies

Last Friday marked the seventh Annual Science on Snow Day with over 100 fifth-graders from Pagosa Springs Middle School heading outside for a field day to inventory birds along the San Juan Riverwalk, learn foundational avalanche science and measure snow density in the snowpack to better understand where our water comes from.

A tradition that was born from an excited conversation between fifth-grade science teacher Chris Couch and Audubon Rockies Community Naturalist Keith Bruno over missing their days of seasonal field science in the varied landscapes of the West has translated into a great opportunity to expose students to natural resource fields, work with the dedicated and knowledgeable

birding expertise from our very own Weminuche Audubon Society chapter volunteers, and glean lifelong skills about traveling in the San Juan backcountry from Wolf Creek Ski Patrol Director Eric Deitemeyer.

Couch's science students observed 30 species of birds, logging 451 total birds along the Riverwalk stretching on the southern end from the Apache Street bridge by the Ross Aragon Community Center to the north through Town Park and east down Hermosa Street beyond Cotton Hole, circling back along Lewis Street through downtown neighborhoods. The students' findings have been logged on eBird, an ongoing global community science platform maintained by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. In contributing online observations each year, these students help to predict

and protect bird populations while becoming more attuned to the health of their broader community.

Novel sightings included a salt-and-pepper-covered juvenile bald eagle gracing us from the western edges of Reservoir Hill, American dippers, and both common and Barrow's goldeneyes along the San Juan River, and the return of many migratory species to our region. Large flocks of American robins and the unmistakable sounds of the red-winged blackbird have returned to our wetlands, and thus it feels spring can't be too far away.

Thanks to all the volunteers that made this day a great opportunity for learning, including Ben Bailey, Gloria Bissmeyer, Becky and Eric Deitemeyer, Byron Greco, Addi Greer, Charles Martinez, Debbie McLain, Roger Organ, Josh Pike, Lisa Tedder and Jean Zirnelt.

## Wildfire mitigation can save you money on your Colorado income tax

By Bill Trimarco  
Wildfire Adapted Partnership

With the wonderfully wet winter we are having, it is hard to think about wildfire right now. Tax deadlines are fast approaching, though. Since wildfire is the greatest natural threat across most of Colorado, the state offers a generous incentive for those who do mitigation work on their property. If you did work in 2022 to make your property safer, you may be able to subtract 50 percent of the costs from your taxable Colorado income, up to a maximum of \$2,500.

If you have done work to reduce fuels and wildfire threats on land that you own or lease, you can claim this subtraction on your Colorado state tax return. The mitigation work performed should follow the guidelines developed by the Colorado State Forest Service and the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control. You can download a Home Ignition Zone Guide from <https://cfs.colostate.edu/wildfire-mitigation/>.

You cannot count your own time and labor, but payments to a contractor for the purposes of creating defensible space around struc-

tures, creating fuel breaks, thinning vegetation for wildfire and various methods for dealing with woody slash are acceptable expenses. You can also list the cost of a chain saw if its primary purpose is for the practices listed above. You cannot include the cost of vehicles, like a truck, tractor or ATV, since they can be used for other purposes, but rental of equipment for mitigation uses can qualify.

You will need receipts and the addition of form DR 0104AD to your Colorado state income tax filing. Mitigation subtraction details and eligibility requirements are at [https://tax.colorado.gov/sites/tax/files/documents/ITT\\_Wildfire\\_Mitigation\\_Measures\\_Dec\\_2022.pdf](https://tax.colorado.gov/sites/tax/files/documents/ITT_Wildfire_Mitigation_Measures_Dec_2022.pdf).

Wildfire Adapted Partnership, a local nonprofit, offers guidance and planning for your wildfire protection. If you have any questions about this or other wildfire protection issues, you can contact Bill Trimarco at [btrimarco@wildfireadapted.org](mailto:btrimarco@wildfireadapted.org) or (970) 398-0305.



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### Maddie Beckmeier

Maddie Beckmeier, Hankamer School of Business, has been named to the fall 2022 Baylor University Dean's Academic Honor List, which recognizes undergraduates for their outstanding academic work during each semester.

Students honored on the dean's list earned a minimum semester grade-point average of 3.70 with no grade lower than a "C" while enrolled in at least 12 graded semester hours.



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# St. Patrick's Day celebration

Saturday, March 18 • St. Patrick's Episcopal Church • 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m



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St. Patrick engages young visitors at the parade. This year's St. Patrick's Day celebration at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church is set for Saturday, March 18.



Photo courtesy Nancy Crouse

Volunteer fireman Bill Crouse explains how his fire engine helps keep Pagosa safe. This year's St. Patrick's Day celebration at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church is set for Saturday, March 18.

# St. Patrick's Day parade, celebration set for Saturday

By Anthony Aldwell  
St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

Join the St. Patrick's Day celebration this Saturday, March 18, at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for not only the "world's shortest parade," but family fun, free chili dogs and a chance

for children to ride on the float with St. Patrick. While it may be billed as the world's shortest parade as it traverses St. Patrick's parking lot, it's actually not the world's smallest parade, as it comprises several Pagosa Springs organizations.

Leading the parade will be the Aspen House color  
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# GriefShare program to begin April 1

By Marie Rascoe  
Centerpoint Church

Support and encouragement for your grief journey, GriefShare is a network of thousands of small support groups meeting around the world and providing a safe place for those experiencing grief from the death of a loved one.

The program is nondenominational and features biblical concepts addressing healing from your grief.

Three key elements provide the help you need in the healing process. They consist of a video segment on grief-related topics, a small discussion and a personal workbook.

GriefShare is a 13-week session meeting weekly. You will be met by a warm, caring team who understands what you are experiencing because they have been in the same place. You may start at any time. Regardless of how long it has

been since your loved one passed, the grief process is vital to healing.

Sessions will be held April 1 to June 24. Meetings are held on Saturday mornings from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Centerpoint Church with Pastor Jon Duncan, 2750 Cornerstone Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. For more information, contact the church at (970) 731-2205 or Marie Rascoe at (970) 946-9379 (leave a message). There is no charge.

## Celebration

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guard and St. Patrick's Venturing Crew. A parade would not be complete without majorettes, music and dancing, which will be provided by our Magnificent and Marvelous Majorettes, our band of bagpipers and Irish dancers from the Pagosa Springs Dance Academy. The centerpiece of the parade will be St. Patrick's float, accompanied by any children who wish to celebrate the day by riding on this shamrock-decorated float. The Shriners "Little Cars" will follow in their zigzag fashion, paving the way for Pagosa Springs Medical Center's EMS team, Pagosa Fire Protection District's Engine No. 3, and a massive recycling/disposal truck.

Want to walk in the parade? The Humane Society of Pagosa Springs will conclude the parade with some of its shelter dogs and invites community members to join them by marching with their own dogs on leash.

The celebration will also include chili dogs and chips for all, vendor booths, children's activities, and Irish coffee and beer for sale. Any profits will be returned to community-focused ministries, including the St. Patrick's Food Pantry, to which parade visitors are encouraged to donate canned goods.

This event will take place in St. Patrick's Episcopal Church parking lot at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Our neighbors, John Paul II Catholic Church and Pagosa Springs Medical Center, have graciously opened their adjacent parking lots to parade attendees. There will be handicapped parking in St. Patrick's lot.

Snow or shine, this parade will gleefully proceed. Pull out your shamrocks and green outfits to join the celebration, and don't be late: the world's shortest parade is a fun but fleeting moment.

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“Last Call at The Riptide” by Karl Isberg will open March 16 at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Tickets are available at [pagosa-center.org](http://pagosa-center.org).

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## Tickets available for ‘Last Call at The Riptide’

By **Laura Moore**  
 Thingamajig Theatre Company

Thingamajig Theatre Company is (reluctantly) presenting another play by Karl Isberg.

“Last Call at The Riptide” opens March 16 at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. It is like “Saturday Night Live” — loosely scripted, hilariously played, quick and sharp, and so full of pee-your-pants-funny that you might need to pop up on stage and borrow their Depends.

The show stars returning locals Kathy Isberg on piano and Ivy King, and introduces locals Karisa Bruin, who brings decade of performance experience in the Chicago improv scene, and Dan O’Conor, whomever that might be, and one other guy.

The story goes that Barb bought The Riptide when it was the place to be — the hottest nightclub in Teeterville.

But things change over time and, now, the lounge is on the brink of disaster. Can Barb and her crew revive the beloved bar and save the dream?

Directed by Melissa Firlit, the driving force behind Thingamajig’s award-winning “Jekyll and Hyde” and from the writer that brought you the sold-out show that had to extend its run — “Welcome to Siberia, Now Go Home” — “Last Call at The Riptide” will have you mindlessly laughing along or hopeless lost. It’s hard to say which. But, if you can keep up with the pace — you might be reminded of one small lesson amidst its comedic debauchery: That surely this life is too insane to take seriously.

“Last Call at the Riptide by Karl Isberg opens March 16-19 and March 23-25. Tickets are available at [pagosacenter.org](http://pagosacenter.org).

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# Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership announces 2023 Environmental Film Festival

By Sally High  
Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership

The Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) is excited to announce its 10th Environmental Film Festival on April 14 and 15 at The Springs Resort.

The GGP operates a not-for-profit education and demonstration site in Pagosa Springs' downtown Centennial Park.

The GGP invites the community to celebrate its 10 years of partnerships promoting environmental awareness. The GGP's Colorado Environmental Film Festival (CEFF) Caravan features nine films all about Colorado and chosen for Pagosa Springs viewers.

The Springs Resort will host the GGP's film festival in the Phoenix Room and adjacent conference space.

On April 14, the Premiere Gala will begin at 5 p.m. A catered, stand-up crepe buffet dinner and a discounted cash bar are included with a Premiere Gala ticket. The upscale evening features three films. Friday night wristbands allow guests to view films on Saturday as well.

Two film sessions are scheduled for that Saturday, April 15. Seating at The Springs is limited to 50 people at a time. The first film session is 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. A second session is 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Both film sessions will include nine films new to Pagosa Springs, but currently making the rounds at environmental film festivals. Both seatings offer snacks and soft



Photo courtesy Christi Bode Skeie

**In Colorado, demand for water is far greater than our supply of water. "Farm to Faucet" examines the current situation and possible futures. Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) supporters will have three opportunities to see "Farm to Faucet" on April 14 and 15 at the GGP's 2023 Environmental Film Festival.**

drinks. The second session features a discounted cash bar in the Phoenix Room.

The nine films slated for GGP's film festival include CEFF award-winners "Voices of the Grand Canyon" and "Right Here Right Now." "Voices of the Grand Canyon" is the 2023 CEFF Best Short Film and tells stories of 11 Native nations in relationship with the Colorado River and the Grand Canyon. The 2023 Best Youth Film award goes to "Right Here Right Now," the story of young climate activists in Colorado Springs.

"Farm to Faucet" explores our most valuable and increasingly scarce resource in Colorado — water. Filmmaker and Pagosa resident Christi Bode Skeie will joins us for

the April 14 Pagosa premiere of "Farm to Faucet," giving guests an opportunity to discuss water and filmmaking.

A schedule of films to be shown twice, in two sessions, on April 15 will be published soon. Until then, here's an alphabetized list of the nine films, each connected to Colorado:

- "A Good Neighbor."
- "Amache Rose."
- "Counting Cranes."
- "Farm to Faucet."
- "Iridescent."
- "Mighty Oak."
- "Right Here Right Now."
- "The Seekers."
- "Voices of the Grand Canyon."

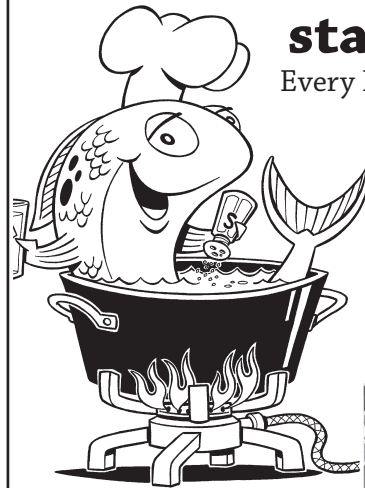
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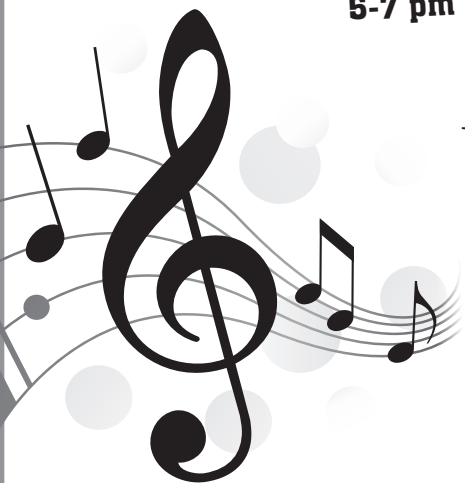
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Suanne McLellan will teach a workshop on Starting Seeds Indoors at the CSU Extension Building at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 18. To register for the workshop, visit <https://www.food-coalition4archuleta.org/garden-education.html>. A free community seed swap will follow the workshop at 11 a.m. All are welcome to join, whether or not you bring seeds to share.

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# Online voting begins for The Library Affair tables

By Sally Neel

Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation and Friends

The excitement for The Library Affair is building as online voting opportunities begin for your favorite book-themed table decorations.

You can now go to [www.pagosalibrary.org](http://www.pagosalibrary.org), select The Library Affair tab and vote as many times as you like for your favorite table(s). Each vote costs \$2, with proceeds going toward the upcoming renovation and expansion of our beloved Ruby Sisson Memorial Library.

The table that receives the highest number of votes will be awarded the coveted Pagosa Pulitzer Prize. The top five vote recipients will go into a live auction at the event.

This gala event will take place on April 15 at The Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. The doors will open at 6:30 pm. Tickets are now on sale for \$50 each and may be bought online or in person at the Ruby Sisson Memorial Library (check or cash only).

The focal point of the event is 19 unique dining tables with setting designs based on chosen book themes. The “celebrity” decorators are artistically talented members of our community, each displaying amazing, almost magical, interpretations of their book theme.

The tables, which include dishes, glasses, silverware, centerpieces, tablecloths and napkins, along with added gift certificates, will be auctioned to the highest bidders. Twelve tables will be offered through silent auction, five tables through a live auction and three tables offered in a chance drawing with chance-to-win tickets costing only \$10 each.

“I am absolutely blown away by the creativity of our decorators, and the incredible amount of thought and enthusiasm they have put into their designs,” said committee member Joanne Irons. “These tables are just amazing.”

Irons and her teammate, Lynne McCrudden, are adding their own

■ See Affair on next page



Photo courtesy Joanne Irons

A rainbow of colors enhance this beautiful table creation based on the book “The Quilter’s Gift” by Jeff Brumbeau and Gail de Marcken. You may be the lucky auction winner by attending The Library Affair on April 15 at The Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Tickets are on sale now.

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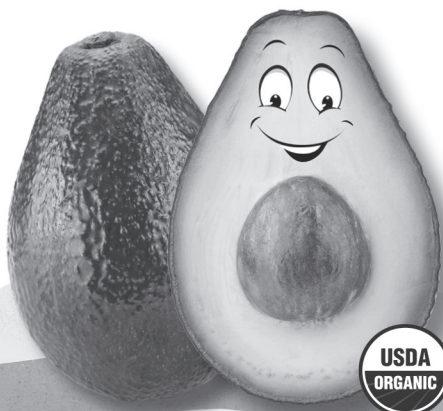






Photo courtesy Southwest Organization for Sustainability

Kids race solar powered cars at last year's Earth Day event in Centennial Park.

## Southwest Organization for Sustainability planning Earth Day celebration

By Pauline Benetti  
Southwest Organization for Sustainability

The Southwest Organization for Sustainability has put the call out: The core group is meeting to plan this year's Earth Day celebration, and you are invited.

Bring your idea or simply your willingness to lend a hand. For the moment our meetings are virtual. Contact information is below.

Each year, celebrating our planet becomes more critical. Our country experienced major cleanup of air and water in the decades following the first Earth Day in 1970. This writer remembers well photos of smog-filled city skies and sludge-filled rivers and bays, conditions that were hugely improved during the '70s and '80s. Now a rapidly changing climate is our challenge. Celebrating the planet is one way of keeping our attention on the job at hand.

We are inviting everyone — nonprofits including churches, schools, businesses, individuals and government — to join us in



Photo courtesy Southwest Organization for Sustainability

Healthy Archuleta was one of the 16 organizations represented at last year's Earth Day event in Centennial Park.

Centennial Park on April 22 in a form of their own devising to bring the community out and raise awareness about the environment.

For more information, contact sospagosa@hotmail.com or call (970) 264-5232 and leave a message. You will receive a call back ASAP.

## Affair

■ continued from previous page creative skills to the mix with a table based on "The Quiltmaker's Gift" by Jeff Brumbeau and Gail de Marcken. Each of these ladies has a special affinity toward quilting.

"My mother was a strong supporter of her hometown library and an avid quilt collector," said Irons.

McCrudden is herself a talented quilter and is the head of the Prayer Quilt Ministry at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Pagosa Springs.

This special ministry, established in 2005, has made and freely given beautiful prayer quilts to more than 1,236 people in need of prayer across the nation and the world.

A colorful hand-stitched quilt from Iron's mother's personal collection serves as the tablecloth for this spectacular table. A rainbow of springtime colors splash across the table with brightly colored dishes and accessories, certain to enhance the mood of any celebra-

tion. Their table will be offered in a chance -to-win drawing at the event.

"Last year's gala surpassed all of our wildest expectations, bringing in over \$100,000," said committee chair Jann Pitcher. "We continue to be humbled and so very grateful to our generous community for the support they offer to our library. We hope to exceed last year's proceeds as the momentum for this year's gala event continues to grow."

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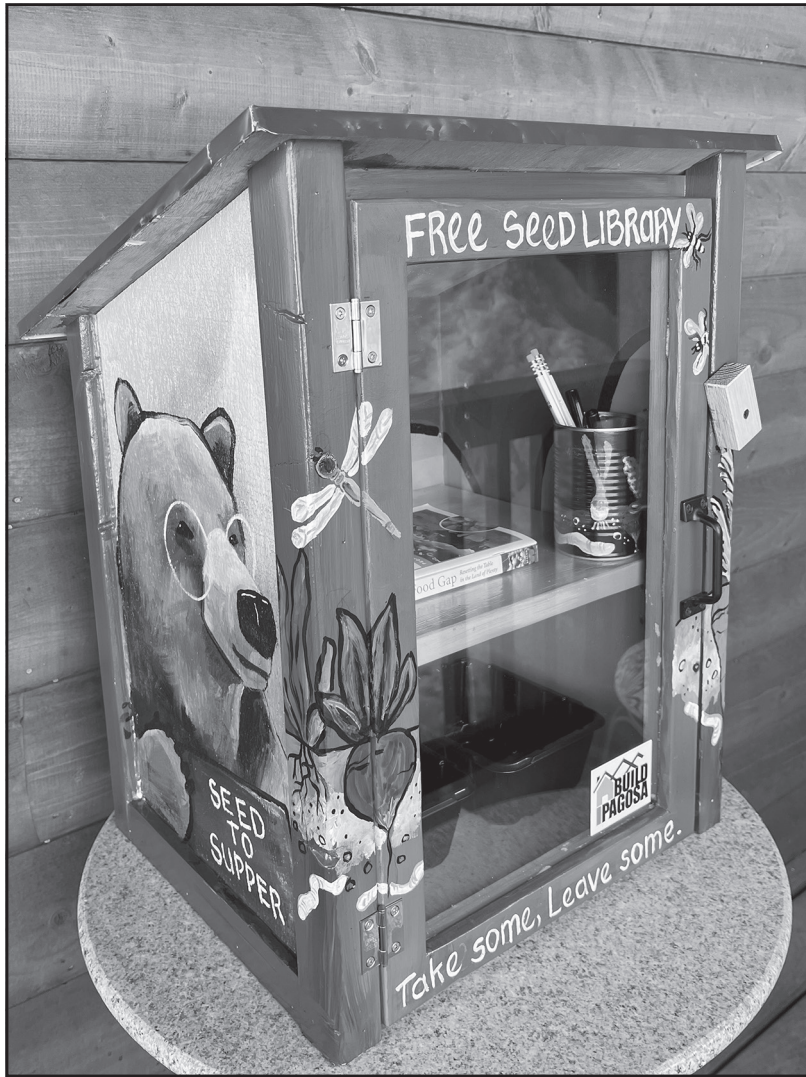


Photo courtesy Healthy Archuleta

A free book library will be located at the Vista Lake Community Garden this spring, offering gardening books, seed catalogs and seed packets.



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## Seed library to be added to Vista Lake Community Garden

Healthy Archuleta

Stroll around Pagosa Springs and you are liable to notice several free book libraries built by the high school building trades class with materials donated by Build Pagosa. Once the libraries are built, the advanced art students paint them with whimsical images before they are placed around town.

This got the brain working. Wouldn't one of these book libraries be perfect at the Vista Lake Community Garden as a free seed library?

Build Pagosa was contacted and at its February board meeting voted to gift a book library to the community garden.

As luck would have it, the library was painted with blue bears, the theme of high school art teacher Kelly Lewis. Now, the book library needed some embellishment so it would fit the garden theme. Vegetables, soil, insects and worms were added to the front. In addition, the titles of the books that the bears were reading were changed to garden topics. Added to the library was a can to hold pencils and two trays to house seed packets.

The library is now waiting for gardening books, seed catalogs and seed packets to make it complete. Community gardeners will be able to share their seeds with others as

well as take seeds to plant in their own beds. The free seed library will be installed at the Vista Lake Community Garden this spring, adding whimsy and function to the garden.

For more information on the Vista Lake Community Garden and Healthy Archuleta, please visit <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org> or email [fsfearchuleta@gmail.com](mailto:fsfearchuleta@gmail.com).

### Spring seeding

On Sunday, March 12, the Community Learning and Leadership Committee (CLLC) of the Vista Lake Community Garden held its first event of the year at the Pagosa Lake Property Owners Association (PLPOA) Clubhouse. It was a seed-starter party.

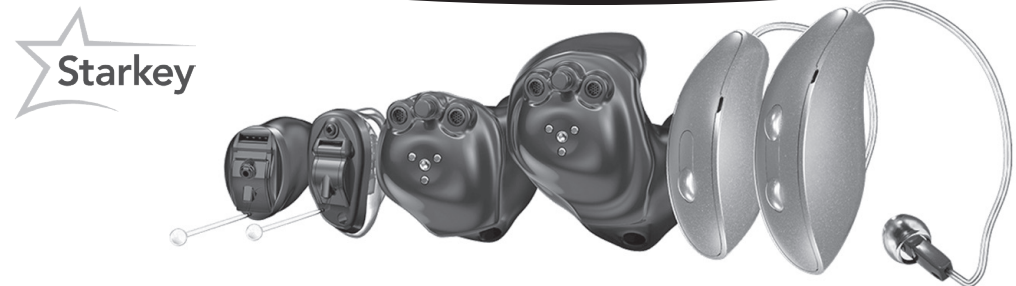
Some 20 members of the community showed up and were greeted by Toni Gallegos and given a demonstration on how to plant and water seed trays by Deborah Smith of Healthy Archuleta.

Folks planted trays of tomatillos, Brussels sprouts, beets, broccoli, spinach, lettuce, kale, cauliflower and a variety of herbs. Even the kids got into the planting of seeds. They also planted seeds to take home and watch grow. The seed trays were covered, watered and await germination. They will eventually find their way to the new

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# Homebuyer Education Class announced for May 20

By **Matt Morishige**  
HomesFund

Tired of renting? Join our Homebuyer Education Class. Learn what it takes to become a homeowner and gain access to local down payment assistance funds.

HomesFund will hold a Homebuyer Education Class from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on May 20 at the

Ross Aragon Community Center. Topics covered include budget, credit, insurance, lending, down payment assistance programs, real estate, inspection and home maintenance. Space is limited. To register, please visit [www.homesfund.org](http://www.homesfund.org).

Questions can be directed to [info@homesfund.org](mailto:info@homesfund.org) or (970) 259-1418, ext. 1.



Photo courtesy Healthy Archuleta

Healthy Archuleta held a party on March 12 to start seeds for the Vista Lake Community Garden.

## Garden

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and garden bed decorating for the greenhouse at the garden and be used at a starters sale and second seed planting event to be held on April 16.

The CLLC has other events planned, too. Among the happenings are seed planting in the upper garden at the PLPOA to feed the community, several kids programs, a seed-to-soil planting

and garden bed decorating for the Fourth of July. This is just a handful of what the community can look forward to.

If you like to play in the dirt, why not join the CLLC with its effort to commit to the community garden and assist in its future events? If interested, please contact Healthy Archuleta at [fsfearchuleta@gmail.com](mailto:fsfearchuleta@gmail.com) or call (401) 206-4579.

## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 Part of SASE
- 5 "Lane" anagram
- 9 Door fastener
- 13 To no \_\_\_\_\_
- 15 Legendary Horne
- 16 Balm ingredient
- 17 Horror or sci-fi, e.g.
- 18 Quiche base
- 19 Hollywood Blvd. sight
- 20 Indigenous
- 22 Adam of "Idol" fame
- 24 Least populous state capital
- 26 1961 film, "\_\_\_\_\_ in the Grass"
- 29 Dungaree cloth
- 32 Hamburger grade
- 33 Caddie's offering
- 35 Catch
- 36 Fly ball's path
- 37 Harbor city
- 39 Hanoi holiday
- 40 Industry magnate
- 42 Zero, in tennis
- 43 Scoop holder
- 44 Upper crust
- 45 Columbus, e.g.
- 47 University official
- 50 Dangerous fan
- 52 Joy, for one
- 56 French Riviera city
- 57 Took off
- 59 Charger maker
- 60 Part of CPU
- 61 Anagram for "diet"
- 62 Siesta sound
- 63 Said, as a farewell
- 64 Earring holder
- 65 Husky's tow

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- 2 In a dead heat
- 3 Secure, as a contract
- 4 Hook-and-ladder riders
- 5 Kind of college
- 6 Flight segment
- 7 Hidden agenda
- 8 Twangy-sounding
- 9 Washed-up star
- 10 Car's current provider
- 11 Fly high
- 12 Sassy
- 14 Donut filling
- 21 Sundance entry, often
- 23 In the \_\_\_ of (amongst)
- 25 Pop the question
- 26 Writing tablet of old
- 27 Danger
- 28 Food preservative
- 30 Goodnight girl of song
- 31 Taxi ticker
- 34 Short book
- 37 Kind of preview
- 38 Bailiwick
- 41 Any Olympian
- 43 Egg holders
- 46 Whole or General follower
- 48 Staircase post
- 49 Tenet
- 50 Give the cold shoulder
- 51 Turner who sang "Nutbush City Limits"
- 53 Elvis, to some
- 54 Grimm beast
- 55 What have-nots have
- 58 Point

### Answers to Previous Crossword:

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# Spring Break events for ages 6 and older

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Each weekday of spring break at 1 p.m. you can enjoy an hour of games and win prizes. This series of events is for ages 6 and up.

Monday, March 20, features a Nailed It competition. Tuesday, March 21, showcases paper planes and more. Wednesday, March 22, is Minute to Win It games.

Thursday, March 23, is bingo. And Friday is a two-hour session from 1 to 3 p.m. because we'll be showing the movie "The Mitchells vs. the Machines," rated PG, and providing free popcorn.

## Radon event today

Let's hope weather doesn't affect this rescheduled event again: Today, Thursday, March 16, from noon to 1 p.m., a San Juan Basin Public Health representative will discuss the dangers of radon gas in homes and businesses, take your questions and distribute free radon test kits.

Winter is the best time to test for the cancer-causing gas because levels are highest when windows and doors are closed. The kits are pre-addressed, so once you've finished the test you can just seal it up and drop it in the mail. You'll get your results via email or mail from the lab

## Library News

that made the tests.

The geology of Southwest Colorado leads to an increased risk of radon gas here so this is an important topic for us to understand. In fact, radon exposure is the leading cause of lung cancer, even in people who have never smoked.

## Alert to LEGO players

LEGO contest submissions must be turned in between March 21-24. Details are available at your library.

## GM Playground today

Teens are invited to a free re-branded online GM Playground DnD program today, Thursday, March 16, from 4 to 6 p.m. that is now 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. Interested GMs should

contact Josie at the library to sign up to run a one-shot game (no more than three sessions).

## Paws to Read tomorrow

Friday, March 17 from 2 to 3 p.m., youngsters from kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to share their favorite books with Muppet, a therapy dog who loves listening to stories, at a free Paws to Read session. This is a great way for beginning readers to build confidence.

## Gaming tomorrow

Enjoy free all-ages video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect tomorrow, Friday, March 17, from 3 to 4 p.m.

## Makerspace Saturday

Kids, tweens and teens are invited to a free Makerspace session on Saturday, March 18, from 11 a.m. to noon, when we'll provide the materials so you can build, design and create.

## Pokemon Club Saturday

If you love Pokemon, this club is for you. Bring your cards to a fun free all-ages event on Saturday, March 18, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. when you can play games with others who feel the same way.

## Fun for musicians

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# Library

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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 happens the first and third Mondays of the month from 4 to 6 p.m., next week on March 20. 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).

## Essay review

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

## More online author talks

There will be two more talks this month in our free online virtual series featuring New York Times bestselling authors and thought leaders giving live, professionally moderated book discussions you can view on your computer, tablet or smartphone with Internet access. You will have an opportunity to ask questions of the authors.

Tuesday, March 21, at 2 p.m. will showcase author and celebrity chef Jernard A. Wells.

Tuesday, March 28 at 5 p.m. features Pam Jenoff, author of historical fiction often set during World War II and featuring strong women; her latest, published last month, is "Code Name Sapphire."

## Dungeons and Dragons

Next Tuesday, March 21, 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.

## Adult DIY

At the free in-person adult DIY next Tuesday, March 21, from 1 to 2 p.m., you can make greeting cards for any occasion. As always, we'll supply the materials.

## Fun for teens

"Your Turn to be a Toddler" on Wednesday, March 22, from 3 to 4 p.m. is for teens who want to play some of the hits from your toddler years.

## Homework and tutoring help

Our highly popular free homework assistance and elementary tutoring are canceled next week because it's spring break.

## 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.

## Large print

"Just the Nicest Couple" by Mary Kubica follows a wife searching for her missing husband. "The House at the End of the World" by Dean Koontz is a sci-fi horror story. "Iced" by Felix Francis is a Dick Francis horse racing mystery set in St. Moritz.

## Books on CD

"The House of Eve" by Sadeqa Johnson tells of the mingling of the lives of a poor student and an ambitious one with ambition and secrets at Howard University. "More Than Meets The Eye" by Iris and Roy Johansen is a thriller featuring FBI consultant Kendra Michaels. "Someone Else's Shoes" by Jojo Moyes features two very different women who meet and work together the right the wrongs done to them. "Unnatural History" by Jonathan Kellerman is an Alex Delaware crime story.

## How-to nonfiction

"Fundamentals of Home Maintenance" by Andy Machin and Margaret McClure is a Wondrum guide from repairs to renovations. We have both the DVD and course workbook for the Great Courses "Learning to Play Guitar" featuring Colin McAllister, music director at the University of Colorado in Colorado Springs.

## Spanish-language fiction

"La Luz Invisible" ("Invisible Light") by Jesus Valero begins when an art restorer finds a diary hidden behind a false wall in a church for centuries.

## Thrillers and mysteries

"Three Days to Live" by James Patterson is a collection of three new thrillers. "Brutes" by Dizz Tate follows a gang of 13-year-olds and a missing older girl.

## Other novels

"The Laughter" by Sonora Jha follows a professor who develops an obsession with his new Pakistani colleague. "The Last Tale of the Flower Bride" by Roshani Choksjj is a gothic-infused story about a marriage unraveled by dark secrets. "Wild Massive" by Scotto Moore is a mix of sci-fi, fantasy and horror set in the center of the multiverse.

## Donations

We are grateful to Susan and Terry Arrington for a generous monetary contribution, and to our anonymous donors for their materials 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.

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### Here's How It Works:

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ANSWER:

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Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!



# Senior Center awarded grant from Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado

By **Rose Chavez**  
PREVIEW Columnist

Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) is pleased to announce that ASI was selected by the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado as one of 10 grantees to be a part of the Durango Wine Experience in 2023.

Recipients receive a \$2,500 grant and the opportunity to showcase their local nonprofit to more than 1,000 community members at this regional event.

The event will take place over the course of two days in April: April 28 from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. and April 29 from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Durango Wine Experience guests will enjoy learning more about the nonprofit sector in southwest Colorado while interacting with the nonprofit partners.

ASI is looking to recruit additional volunteers from the community to join in on the fun and help with outreach during this event. If you are age 21 or older and interested in supporting the Pagosa Senior Center with this event, please contact us to learn more about this unique volunteer opportunity.

To learn more about the Durango Wine Experience and to purchase tickets, please visit <https://durangowine.com/>.

## Homesteading essentials workshop series: sourdough lesson

The Senior Center is kicking off our homesteading workshop series with a sourdough basics course on March 20 from 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

A free class will be put on by local baker Ali Braun.

Course will include: history and health benefits of fresh sourdough, tools you really knead 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. 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.

## Free seasonal art class

The next free art class at the Senior Center will be Tuesday, March 28, at 1:15 p.m. No reservations are required, but space is limited so be sure to be there by 1:15 p.m. The class will last approximately an hour and a half.

Have you ever wondered how lilies came to be at Easter? In this class, we'll be exploring that answer as well as making some lilies from paper. No art skill is required for this class, just a desire to have fun and learn something about the history of the Easter lily while making your bouquet. All materials will be provided including the scissors, paper and glue. Templates will be provided to trace and cut out the various parts that go into making this lovely lily.

All ages are invited, so find a friend and bring them along. Our teacher will again be Denise Fisk, who is a retired elementary art teacher from Iowa. So, come and hear about the traditions around the lily and help us bring spring-time to life in this special way.

## COVID-19 test kits available

Stop by the Senior Center to pick up a pack of six free COVID-19 tests kits for your personal use. These kits are available to anyone in the

public who needs affordable access for health promotion and disease prevention.

## Text reservations

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

Texting services are available for dining-in meal reservations, Grab-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.

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## Quotable quote

The central factor that determines life satisfaction is not money or even achievement. Rather it's "warm connections with other people" including friends, family and work colleagues. They affect not just your outlook on life but also "how long you stay healthy, how long your brain will stay sharp. Having these good connections makes you

less likely to get coronary artery disease. You're even less likely to get arthritis." — Robert Waldinger, Harvard psychiatrist and director of the longest-range study of human contentment ever conducted, beginning in 1938.

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## New Thought topic: ‘De-cluttering our Life and Making Room for your True Expression of your Spiritual Gifts’

By Shayla McClure

New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

The March 19 Sunday service at 11 a.m. with Shayla McClure, spiritual director, will be “De-cluttering our Life and Making Room for your True Expression of your Spiritual Gifts.”

“Just imagine becoming the way you used to be as a very young child, before you understood the meaning of any word, before opinions took over your mind. The real you is loving, joyful and free. The real you is just like a flower, just like the wind, just like the ocean, just like the sun.” — Don Miguel Ruiz, author of “The Four Agreements.”

### 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.

Saturday, March 18: John and Sue Love benefit silent auction and dance with music by Bruce Wayne Rock and Country with Ron Lowe. Tickets are \$20,

and VIP Champagne tickets are \$40. Text or call (970) 510-0309 for more information.

March 21, 6 p.m.: Spring equinox drumming circle and ceremony at the New Thought Center. Bring drums, rattles and musical instruments. Text or call (970) 510-0309 for more information.

March 26, 11 a.m.: Sunday service with Julie Loar: “Empowering Your Spiritual Journey by Clearing Old Patterns.”

March 31, 6 p.m.: Quintangled game night.  
Aug. 15: Paneurhythmy dancers.

### Library

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

### About us

The New Thought Center promotes philosophies similar to Centers for Spiritual Living and Agape Centers. New Thought events are held at 3505 W. U.S. 160, on the second floor of Pagosa Lodge (elevator available).

## Senior

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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-cafecute.html>. For more information, contact us at (970) 264-2167.

### Mahjong

Mahjong is a 19th century Chinese tile-based game that is commonly played with four players. Each player receives 13 tiles with a goal to make matching sets and pairs (like poker). To win, a player must form four sets and one pair. Come to the Senior Center to learn or play every Tuesday at 1:15 p.m.

### Medicare call by appointment

For anyone who needs help enrolling and navigating Medicare plans, the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging helps with parts A, B and D. They can also help you with fraud concerns and troubleshooting any billing issues you may be having. This service is available by appointment only. Please call the Medicare line at (970) 264-0501, ext 4.

### Hand and foot card game

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

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

No experience is necessary, so come willing to learn.

### Engaging pictures

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

### 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.

### Board vacancies

The ASI Board of Directors has multiple vacant positions open. The terms are three years with an option to renew for an additional term. Potential candidates should be at least 21 years of age or older and must have a passion for adult and aging services.

### Community Cafe menu

Thursday, March 16 — Pork sole, cabbage, radish, onion, lime, tortilla, garden salad, fruit salad and milk.

Friday, March 17 — Corned beef with Irish colcannon, minted peas, garden salad, chocolate Baileys cupcake and milk.

Monday, March 20 — Chicken fettuccine Alfredo, glazed carrots, garlic bread, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Tuesday March 21 — Vegetarian chili with cornbread and honey,

garden salad, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, March 22 — Pork tenderloin with orange glaze, roasted rosemary potatoes, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Thursday, March 23 — Beef cottage pie with roasted butternut squash, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, March 24 — Pistachio crusted cod fish, cannellini beans, garden salad, fruit, milk and Mississippi mud pie.

### 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 also. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to make a reservation.

### Meals on Wheels

We deliver fresh Meals on Wheels five days a week (and provide frozen Meals on Wheels for weekends) to homebound Archuleta County residents. Call or text us at (970) 264-2167.

### Requesting donations

Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) has an immediate monetary need to support ongoing operations and programming that provide critical services to some of the most vulnerable in Archuleta County. Please consider donating.

You may mail your donation to P.O. Box 3444, Pagosa Springs CO 81147 or please visit our website: <http://www.psseniors.org/>. Donation checks can be written to: Archuleta Seniors Inc. We are located at 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

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# Unitarian Universalists to hear about Ostara

By Joan Ward  
Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Please join the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in-person or on Zoom on Sunday, March 19, at 10:30 a.m. to learn about Ostara with Michael Demchak.

Ostara is an ancient Pagan holiday (also called a sabbat) that celebrates the vernal equinox (March 20) and the return of spring. This is a time when the Earth is coming alive and recovering from winter.

As the plants and trees begin to bud and bloom, it is also a time to reawaken ourselves — a time of renewal and rebirth.

Join Demchak as he explains Ostara, its symbols, traditions and history. He will also reflect upon the spring season and share what this time on the wheel of the year means

to him spiritually.

Demchak is a member of the Fellowship Steering Committee and chair of the Worship Committee.

Join on Zoom at <https://us-02web.zoom.us/j/8991941305> or call (346) 248-7799. The meeting ID is 899 194 1305.

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](http://www.pagosauu.org). If the service is canceled due to weather conditions, it will be announced on the website by 8:30 a.m. on Sunday.

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## Bird of the Week



Photo by Charles Martinez

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the brown-capped rosy-finch.

With this column it is our intention to introduce the wide variety and beauty of birds which can be observed without leaving our area. Some are found living among us every day while sightings of others, like the brown-capped rosy finch, can be an uncommon treat.

These sparrow-sized, attractive birds are colored cinnamon brown with rosy pink patches on the rump, belly and wings. Males are more brightly colored than females and juveniles. Dark feathers on the crown provide the brown cap in their name.

The brown-capped rosy-finch has one of the smallest breeding ranges of any bird in North America, almost all of which is restricted to Colorado. In summer they live high above timberline in windswept areas of rock cliffs, where they build their nests in protected crevices.

Here they feed on seeds and insects along the edges and on top of receding snow fields. The extreme conditions of their summer range has made learning their secrets a challenge. Starting in September, family groups begin banding together in flocks which in winter can number between 25 and 600 birds.

When winter storms push these rosy-finches to lower elevations, we have a chance to find them feeding along roadsides or on other open ground. Nomadic flocks can descend on bird feeders in a feeding frenzy to build up fat stores which fuel their bodies through the cold night. In extreme conditions they depend on protected roost sites found in cliffs, caves or old buildings where they can huddle together to share heat.

Due to population declines, Colorado Parks and Wildlife listed this bird as "a species of greatest conservation need" in the State Wildlife Action Plan. The use of miniature tracking devices offers hope in understanding how to help their survival.

For information on events, visit [www.weminucheaudubon.org](http://www.weminucheaudubon.org) and [www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/](http://www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/).

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## Next Creation Care Team meeting March 23

By Sarah Riehm  
Creation Care Team

The February meeting of the Creation Care Team was canceled due to weather. The meeting has been rescheduled for March 23, weather permitting.

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

The group will be meeting on the fourth Thursday of every month in the fellowship hall of the Community United Methodist Church at 434 Lewis St.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 23, from 5 to 7 p.m. Grover will introduce the meeting with a short video entitled "Our Father's World." A simple dinner of soup and salad will be offered at 5:30 p.m. Please RSVP to sarah.riehm@gmail.com if you plan to

attend. If you are interested in making a positive impact on your community, please join us. All are welcome.

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

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

Grover is a semi-retired professor of biology, ecology and environmental science who has lived in Pagosa Springs for a little over seven years. He spent the last 25 years in teaching and administrative positions at faith-based universities in Texas and continues to teach environmental science online for Wayland Baptist University.

Prior to returning to academia in the mid-1990s, Grover was a research professor at the University of New Mexico, worked for the New Mexico Environment Department and was a project manager for a subcontractor to Los Alamos National Laboratory.

He is currently a member of the Community United Methodist Church here in Pagosa and is active in several local organizations, including the Weminuche Audubon Society, San Juan Forest Health Partnership and the Pagosa Springs Photography Club.

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

## March Healing Circle set for March 23

By Stefanie Little  
Rise Above Violence

In our continuing effort to bring alternative healing modalities to our Pagosa community, Rise Above Violence and PMAB + Movement are excited to introduce the Healing Circle topic for March, taking place on Thursday, March 23, from noon to 1 p.m. at the PMAB studio.

This month will be a workshop on tangle drawing — a relaxing and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing patterns. This form of art therapy can be very therapeutic.

These monthly Healing Circles have different topics every month — for April we will be exploring the healing properties of homeopathy — and these workshops are meant as a way to introduce people to alternative therapies in a safe, open environment. These workshops are free to attend and all are welcome.

Call at (970) 903-9278 and we will be happy to get your name in

for this workshop.

Upcoming for Rise in the month of April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the Push-Up Challenge and the Denim Day Walk. Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

Rise Above Violence is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides 24-hour support and advocacy services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault or other forms

of violence, serving around 400 victims each year. Rise also works to eliminate violence through education for youth and our community. All programs and services are free and confidential, including emergency prevention education and empowerment programs. Visit [www.riseaboveviolence.org](http://www.riseaboveviolence.org) for more information or call (970) 264-9075 to talk to an advocate today.

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*Guess Who?*

I am a singer born in California on March 18, 1979. I met my future bandmates while attending high school, where I played basketball. The band originally had a rock sound under the name Kara's Flowers, but turned soulful after a name change.

*Answer: Adam Levine*



### The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) is seeking to fill open positions on the Local Noxious Weed Advisory Board.

According to the Colorado Noxious Weed Act title 35 article 5.5, the local advisory board is appointed by the BoCC. Members will help update the Integrated Pest Management Plan at least every three years and voice suggestions to County staff for ultimate approval by the BoCC. If you are interested in a position please see [archuletacounty.org](http://archuletacounty.org) Local-Weed-Advisory-Board for eligibility and responsibilities. If you believe someone would be suited for the role, please nominate them for a position on the board using the form at <http://www.archuletacounty.org/582/Local-Weed-Advisory-Board>.

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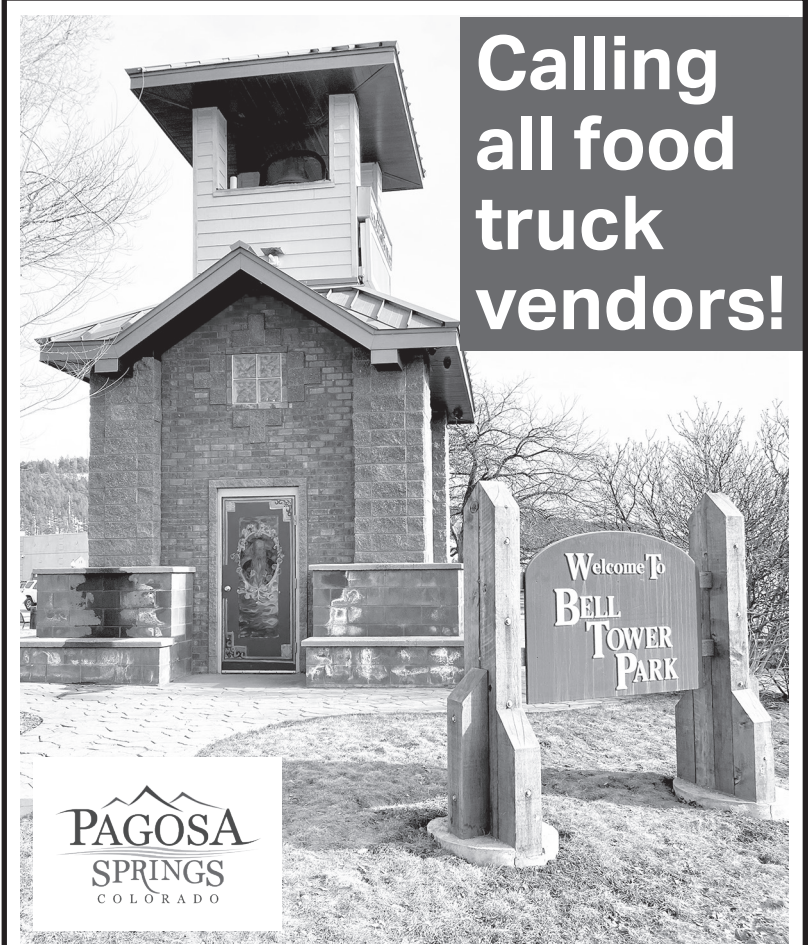
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# Easter Season Services

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

## 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 29

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

## Friday, March 31

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

## Sunday, April 2

**Palm Sunday.** 8 and 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Holy Eucharist with palm procession.

## Tuesday, April 4

**Penance Service.** 5 p.m., Pope John Paul II Church, 353 N. Pagosa Blvd. For more information, call (970) 731-5744.

## Thursday, April 6

**Maunder Thursday.** 5:30 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Soup supper at 5:30 p.m. Liturgy with foot washing and the stripping of the altar at 6 p.m.

**Holy Thursday.** 7 p.m., Pope John Paul II Church, 353 N. Pagosa Blvd. For more information, call (970) 731-5744.

## Friday, April 7

**Good Friday Liturgy.** Noon, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

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

**Stations of the Cross 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.

## April 8

**Holy Saturday.** 8 p.m., Easter Vigil. Pope John Paul II Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

## April 9

**Easter Day Liturgy.** 8 and 10 a.m. St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

**Easter Sunday.** 9 a.m., Easter Mass. Pope John Paul II Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. For more information, call (970) 731-5744.

**Easter Mass.** 11:15 a.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary, 451 Lewis St. For more information, call (970) 731-5744.

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

## Thursday, March 16

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

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

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

**Pagosa Springs High School Presents Disney's 'Beauty and the Beast.'** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Tickets are available for \$15 in advance online at <https://our.show/pagosabeast>. Tickets will be \$18 at the door.

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## Friday, March 17

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

**PAWS to Read.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. For students in K-5th grade. Read with Muppet, a dog who loves stories. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Gaming.** 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Enjoy video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**San Juan Stargazers Star Party: Deep Sky Viewing.** 6 p.m., Meadows East location. Call (720) 626-9304 for directions.

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## Saturday, March 18

**St. Patrick's Day Parade and Celebration.** 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Parade at 11:15 a.m. The celebration will also feature vendor and nonprofit booths, free hot dogs, Irish coffee and beer for sale. Children are welcome to ride on St. Patrick's float. Parking will be available at Pagosa Springs Medical Center or John Paul II Catholic Church. Canned goods for the food pantry welcome. More information available at (970) 731-5801 or [stpatrickspagosa@gmail.com](mailto:stpatrickspagosa@gmail.com). Put on your "green" and join the fun.

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

**Pokemon Club.** 12:30-2:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Do you love Pokemon? Bring your cards and meet with others who feel the same and play some games.

**CSU Workshop: Starting Seeds Indoors.** 10-11 a.m. CSU Extension, 344 U.S. 84. Get a jump on our short growing season by starting plants indoors. Topics will include indoor lighting setup, making potting mixes, starting seeds in trays, watering/thinning and potting up seedlings. The workshop is \$10. Email [gardeneducation@fsfearchuleta.org](mailto:gardeneducation@fsfearchuleta.org) for more information.

**CSU Workshop: Community Seed Swap.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m., CSU Extension, 344 U.S. 84. Bring seeds to share if you have them (please label with variety name and the year they were harvested) or just come and receive the bounty of locally grown seeds.

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**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.

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## Monday, March 20

**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.

**Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network.** 9-11 a.m., Grace in Pagosa, 1044 Park Ave. Support group for Christian writers.

**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.

**Nailed It! Spring Break Fun.** 1 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 6 and up. Each weekday of spring break, enjoy an hour of games and win prizes. Call (970) 264-2209 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 needed if you are under age 18.

## Tuesday, March 21

**Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County.** 10 a.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Veterans and family members are invited to share experiences with vets of all ages. Find out about the latest in vets benefits,

vets news and community-focused events. We welcome your participation in fundraisers to benefit fellow vets. You served once, join us in continuing that service. Contact (970) 880-8387 for more details.

**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](mailto:pagosaduplicate@gmail.com) or call (970) 946-6454 for more information.

**Paper Planes and More Spring Break Fun.** 1 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 6 and up. Each weekday of spring break, enjoy an hour of games and win prizes. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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

**Adult DIY: Card Making.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Come make a

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An abandoned well.

# Chronicle of an abandoned oil and gas well — one of millions

By Jonathan Thompson  
PREVIEW Columnist

**Writers on the Range**

Even from a distance, it's clear that an oil and gas well called State Senate #2 in New Mexico has seen better days. The pumpjack sits idle, tumbleweeds surround the once-moving parts and the earth smells of crude saturating the soil.

According to state records, this well last produced oil in 2007 and, even then, it was at a rate of about 25 to 50 barrels per year. Though the state inexplicably lists the well's status as "active," it's not. And the listed owner is a company that no longer exists in any solvent form.

In other words, State Senate #2 meets the criteria for an "orphaned" oil and gas well. It's just one of more than a million such wells nationwide, which are a growing environmental threat resulting from decades of policy failure by state and federal regulators.

"Orphaned" is an inaccurate term. The parent companies that originally drilled and profited from these wells mostly didn't die — they fled. Once the wells stopped making money, they were sold to smaller, less-solvent companies that then vanished into a haze of bankruptcy. The unplugged wells were left to ooze methane and other nasty stuff with no one around to clean it up.

It's abandonment, plain and simple.

The State Senate #2, for ex-

ample, was originally drilled by Standard Oil Co. of Texas — yes, that Standard Oil — back in 1960, but the hole was dry, so workers plugged it and moved on. Two decades later, Raymond E. Sitta Jr., took over the lease and applied for a permit to reopen the well. When oil came bubbling out, he named it State Senate #2.

After Sitta died in 2008, his estate sold the well to BIYA Operators, a local mom-and-pop company, which sold it in 2014 to Colorado-based Diversified Resources.

Three years later, Diversified filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy and abandoned its interest in all the mineral leases in the Horseshoe Gallup field. That's how State Senate #2, along with some four-dozen other wells and a leaky pipeline network, became wards of the state.

It's a common story. The Horseshoe Gallup field is rife with such stories. Another group of wells down the road changed hands several times before being acquired by Chuza Oil, owned by the Dallas producer of a reality television show called "Cheaters." Now

Chuza is bankrupt and its wells and assorted other detritus are a methane-oozing mess.

The pattern repeats across New Mexico, Colorado and Utah. Wyoming has at least 1,500 "orphaned" wells.

In theory, the companies took care of the cleanup tab as a condition of their drilling permit. In reality, the required bond amounts don't get close to covering the costs. The Bureau of Land Management, for example, requires an operator to put up just \$10,000 per individual well. Bigger operators can take out a single \$150,000 blanket bond that covers all of their wells — whether it's five or 500 — on public lands nationwide.

Yet the average cost to plug and reclaim a single oil and gas well, according to a 2021 study, is a whopping \$76,000, with costs for deeper wells shooting up into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. That would add up to a \$3.8 million cleanup bill for Chuza Oil's 50 wells in the Horseshoe Gallup field.

Court records show the company's reclamation bonds with the Navajo Nation and federal government add up to less than \$130,000, or about \$2,500 per well. That means federal taxpayers — you and me — are on the hook for the remaining \$3.7 million and change. And that's just for one company's wells in one location.

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# The wait and changing of lifestyle

“Remind me again why we had kids.” I paced the floor, waiting for one of our teenagers to come home after curfew. I waited in the hospital for our other child whose life was held in the balance. Life is a waiting game at best, and changes will surely come.

For years, our family was spread from one coast to the other, from California, New Mexico, Virginia, to the Philippines. My Sweet Al and I waited and sat still in Pagosa Springs knowing our family needed roots and one day would need a home to come back to.

We waited and planned for their vacation trips each year. There came a time when family wanted to be closer. Their careers were coming to an end and retirement was at hand. We could hardly wait for them to come home.

As life settled in, our waiting changed. Sweet Al and I changed. Once so independent, we now say, “We can’t live on the Lower Blanco without family around. Al can’t take care of fallen trees, plowing snow, broken pipes and everything that comes with country living. We need our family close to help us. Our family is now waiting on us.”

I have discovered several things in my older days. I’ve learned to wait and be more patient. It’s OK to wait. I’m not going anywhere. Nothing is fast with mind or limb anymore. Everything takes time these days. Just getting out of bed takes waiting to think about the next move before we place one foot on the floor. The family waits on us to get out of the car. We wait on them to come see us.

I open the door of the refrigerator. I wait and think how to develop a new character. Then I hear, “Is lunch ready?” I remember why I was standing there.

Sunday, I went to bed early feeling sick. I was hot, cold and feverish. The next morning, I woke only to return to the bed and sleep all day.

## Artist’s Lane

Betty Slade



*Al waits for the weekend and for our youngest daughter, his best buddy, to come see him. She takes him shopping on her day off and to church on Sunday.*

Tuesday morning, I woke to, “What’s for breakfast?” My Sweet Al had been waiting for me to get out of bed.

“Al, wait a minute. I need some coffee. I’m moving slowly, much slower than usual.”

When I walked through the house, I could see what Al had done while he waited for me. Al and his dog Whiskey had enjoyed themselves. When I couldn’t monitor them, they had the run of the house. Screws, nuts and bolts were stacked in coffee cans and jars where he had sorted them on our bedroom carpet. I shook my head and wondered what else had gone

on while I was sound asleep.

My daughter called to see how I was doing. Did I need medicine?

I told her no, but I had an epiphany. I’ve got to be on my A game all the time. What do old people do when they are responsible for each other?

We took Whiskey to the vet to remove a tumor and found she had an infection. We put her bottles of medicine on the island in the kitchen. Al’s doctor prescribed two bottles of medicine for him, which are on the table next to where he sits. Myself, I have my prescribed bottles in our bathroom. No problem, I thought.

I told my daughter all of this to say I’ve got to become more aware of your dad. It’s more than waiting on his needs. I need to keep him safe. Older couples have to be always mindful of what’s going on with the other one. Al reached for Whiskey’s medicine and in slow motion I caught him with pills in hand. “No, Al, your medicine is on the table. Don’t take Whiskey’s.”

“Your dad always said Whis-

key was the smartest dog he ever owned. Maybe he’s been giving Whiskey his brain medicine and I didn’t know it. By Tuesday, after my being sick, your dad felt left out and decided he was sick.

“He worried me all day about his new medicine. He read on the bottle that it could cause dizziness. Now he believes he’s dizzy and won’t take his medicine. I’ll have to wait for your brother to come home and deal with him. I guess taking care of older people becomes a family affair, sooner or later.”

Al waits for the weekend and for our youngest daughter, his best buddy, to come see him. She takes him shopping on her day off and to church on Sunday. They act like teenagers. They whisper in the corner about Whiskey. They have their private jokes. She keeps him young.

Our oldest daughter in California keeps my website current and newsletter sent out on time. Once a week, she helps me on Zoom with marketing my new book. She reaches out to my writer friends

and helps them, too. She keeps us up to date with all the new software and solves technical problems for us. She keeps us relevant.

When our son came to Pagosa, he didn’t plan to stay. He looked for a job with a hotter job market, but he saw a change in his dad and knew his dad needed him. He now takes care of the house, cars and roads. He plows, shovels and keeps us safe.

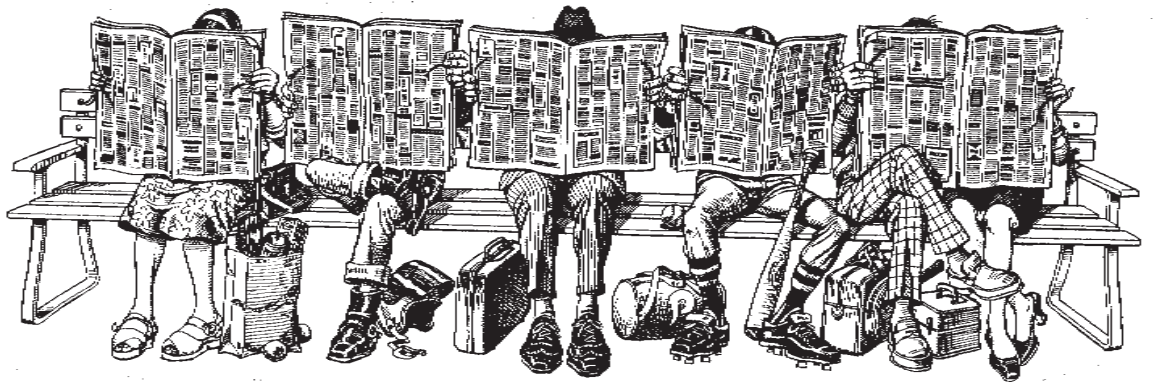
Our other daughter and son-in-law make sure we have everything we need. They all work together to give us a good life in our last days. They keep us active.

Final brushstroke: Changes have come as our needs have interrupted our kids’ lives. They work full time, maintain their own houses. Their families still need attention. They are welcoming grandchildren, planning weddings and waiting on us. Now I remember why we had kids.

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Equally maddening is that the regulators must have seen the warning signs but didn’t — or couldn’t — act to make the responsible parties take responsibility while they were still somewhat solvent.

The 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act authorized \$4.7 billion in federal funds for cleaning up abandoned oil and gas wells. On the one hand, it’s necessary to end this massive threat to the climate, the environment and public health.

But the truth is that it’s also a corporate bailout.

The antiquated federal royalty rate of 12.5 percent must be jacked up considerably — 25 percent, anyone? — to bring it in line with what states charge. A portion of the royalty should also go into a reclamation fund so that corporate owners pay to clean up the messes they leave.

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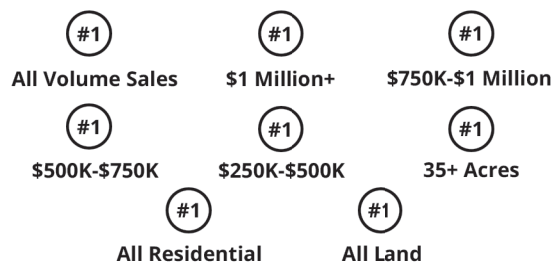


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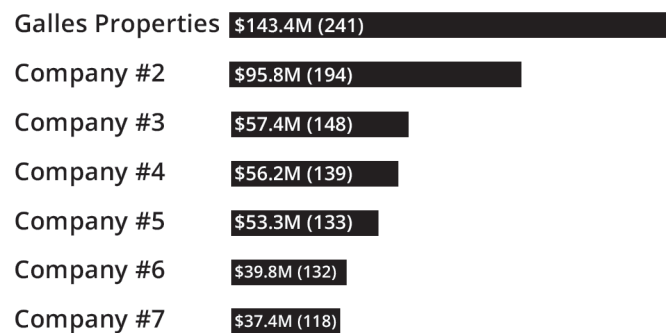


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