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Committee talks potential for public health reconciliation

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Health Department Transitional Advisory Committee (TAC) contemplated the potential of resolving the differences between Archuleta and La Plata counties and retaining San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) at its March 13 meeting.

At the meeting, the TAC spoke with SJBPH Executive Director Liane Jollon about the structure and fund-

ing of SJBPH and the confronted the logistical difficulties of the dissolution and the potential for losses of services, particularly because certain grants currently available to SJBPH from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment may not be available to one or both of the smaller county public health agencies due to the difficulties of administering them.

Following a discussion of public

■ See Reconciliation A8

Fire chief announces upcoming retirement

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At the March 14 Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) Board of Directors meeting, Fire Chief Randy Larson announced his upcoming retirement.

At the meeting, Larson submitted his letter of resignation indicating that he will retire effective Sept. 1.

Larson noted that his goal is to work with staff and the board to



Larson

help facilitate an orderly transition.

"It has been a great eight years," Larson said. "It was kind of unexpected that I even came over here. ... It kind of just fell in my lap and I'm really glad it did. I know I ruffled a few feathers when I first got here with some of my ideas, but any new fire chief, if they're worth their salt, should ruffle a few feathers here and there.

■ See Chief A8

PAWSD approves 20-year capital investment plan

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its March 9 meeting, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors approved a 20-year capital investment plan for the district.

At the meeting, board president Jim Smith highlighted the amount of work that had gone into the plan and the document's effectiveness in

showing the elements of PAWSD's system and its mission.

The plan details the improvements and replacements that will be needed to maintain and keep the PAWSD system operational over the next 20 years.

Among the largest items are an expected \$50,760,382 in upgrades to the Vista wastewater treatment

■ See Plan A8

Vets for Vets to commemorate National Vietnam War Veterans Day

By Rick Walker
Vets for Vets

Vets for Vets will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of combat in Vietnam at its meeting on March 28 in recognition of National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

All Vietnam-era veterans are invited, especially those who have not previously received their welcome home pin and certificate of appreciation.

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County is an official commemorative partner of the

United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration, which is an office of the Department of Defense.

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. at the Tennyson Building Event Center at 197 Navajo Trail Drive. If you will be a new attendee, please arrive by 9:30 a.m. to register. There is no cost to attend.

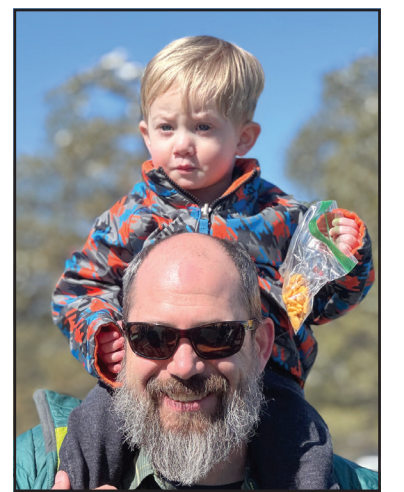
Please join us in honoring all veterans and especially those who served during the Vietnam era, which is defined as any military service anywhere in the world between Nov. 1, 1955, and April 10, 1975.



St. Patrick's Day celebration

SUN photos/Terri House

Community members don their green and get in the spirit of St. Patrick's Day at the yearly celebration at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. The gathering included games, food and the "world's shortest parade," among other things.



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OUR VIEW

Springtime in the Rockies brings pothole season

What a winter this one has been. The calendar reflects that, as of Monday, it is spring. Mother Nature is showing us just what springtime in the Rockies really is like.

We have been pondering how to shovel our roof when the snow is already up over the eaves. Our decks are laden with piles of snow. Some locals wonder if the snow piles will melt by June.

Driving on our road is like driving through a tunnel with snow along the sides stacked up higher than our vehicles.

We can't even tell you for certain how much snow we have received this past week, but it is over a foot of heavy, wet stuff.

Wednesday brought wind and rain to the mix at our house.

Wolf Creek Ski Area reported 72 inches of snow in the past seven days as of Wednesday morning.

We, with the help of our wonderful friends and neighbors, have to plow our road down to where it meets the county road. Thankfully, the county snow plow has kept the roads open quite nicely this winter.

However, once you get to the county road, it resembles a war zone with all of the potholes.

Potholes have inundated Pagosa Country throughout most of the winter, but are exceptionally challenging in the spring.

While we are definitely thankful for the much-needed precipitation, we could live without the added problem of dodging and weaving the potholes and meeting other oncoming vehicles who are doing the same thing.

We look forward to when the potholes can be graded over and road repairs can begin.

Apparently, the pothole rule of "Drive slower or lose your vehicle" doesn't apply on Piedra Road. You lose your vehicle even if you drive slowly.

A local man was looking to borrow a metal detector last weekend to find his truck. He claimed he lost it in a pothole on Piedra Road. Apparently, there is a monster crater on that well-traveled road that would swallow more than one vehicle.

Are Pagosa Country's potholes

worse this year or is it just our imagination? It seems we dodge them everywhere we go.

It has gotten to the point that we don't even want to drive home anymore. Not only are we dodging and darting all over the place trying to miss the potholes, we fear local law enforcement pulling us over for the inability to stay in our lane. However, if there are no stripes on the roads, does that count?

County roads aren't the only place you will find horrible potholes. The alley in the 400 block of Pagosa Street is nearly impassable due to a large number of craters in the roadway.

Getting to the office has become a major feat, even with consistent maintenance when weather conditions allow.

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has some doozies out there on our highways, too.

They tell us this is the annual rite of spring, but it seems like it is year-round to us.

CDOT's website explains how potholes happen: "The early spring freeze-thaw cycle is underway, and along with it, the potholes that develop on roadways as temperatures fluctuate between warm and cold. Potholes are caused by the expansion and contraction of ground water under the pavement. When the water freezes, it fills more space under the pavement, which then expands, bends and cracks and weakens the road surface. When the ice melts, the pavement contracts, leaving gaps or voids underneath the surface. This continuous 'freeze - thaw' cycle weakens the pavement and allows it to continue cracking. As the weight of vehicles pass over the weakened pavement, it causes it to break and creates a pothole."

CDOT's website also provides the following safety information about potholes: "We recommend that if you cannot avoid a pothole, please reduce your speed and check your rear or side-view mirrors before swerving or braking abruptly. Hitting a pothole at higher speeds greatly increases the chance of damaging tires, wheels and suspension components. "Also,

puddles require extra caution since they can disguise a deep hole.

"Be prepared for moving, single lane closures, along with possible delays, while potholes are being repaired.

"Slow down when approaching these work zones for the safety of everyone involved, especially crew members who are working to repair the pavement.

"Lane closures are generally limited to night-time hours, however pothole repairs may occur during the day to prevent further deterioration and damage to the roadway."

CDOT provided some interesting information about repairing potholes:

"• Average cost: \$60 per square yard, depending on hole depth and width

"• Crew size: Operational safety requires three people minimum (two actively repairing pothole, one managing attenuator truck behind crew. An attenuator truck is designed to meet all work zone safety requirements by absorbing the impact of a high (or low) speed crash and, in turn, saving workers' lives.

"• Repair time: Varies between 10 and 30 minutes, depending on hole depth and width.

"• Traffic impact: Full-lane closure required, per CDOT protocol, on any travel lane requiring the stopping or exiting of vehicles."

To report a pothole in southwestern Colorado within CDOT's jurisdiction, call (970) 385-1423.

To report a pothole in the Town of Pagosa Springs, go to <https://www.pagosasprings.co.gov/home/pages/iworq-citizen-input>.

Archuleta County Administrative Assistant Jamie Jones pointed us to this link on the county's website for reporting concerns about the 4,000 potholes on our county road: <https://www.archuletacounty.org/253/Road-Bridge>.

She wrote in an email to The SUN: "I have the [Kevin] Pogue, the Public Works Director, Dixi Rivera, Public Works Office Manager, and our four lead [foremen] receiving and responding to every concern (ticket) that comes in from the public."

Stay safe out there, and be careful dodging those potholes.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
March 23, 1923

The practice of some to create as much noise or disturbance as possible in the lobby of the postoffice while waiting for the distribution of the mail, does not tend to promote speed and accuracy on the part of the postoffice force. Also, it does not instill good will or cheerfulness to the staff nor to those citizens who are not in boisterous mood.

County Commissioner Howe was in the Dyke vicinity Monday getting men with teams to do much needed work on the Arboles road. They began work on Tuesday.

Jess Minium, in charge of the 10 ton caterpillar tractor, and Harry Putnam, in command of the grader, left yesterday to commence work on Secondary Highway No. 22, better known as the Arboles road.

Little Miss Fern Stauffer, a pupil in the eighth grade and age 13, will depart from Pagosa Springs tomorrow morning for Denver as Archuleta county's representative in the state spelling contest to be held next Monday, she having won first place in the county contest held in this city Saturday afternoon.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
March 26, 1948

Campaigning continues to be slow for the coming town election April 6, but registrations indicated greater than usual interest among the voters.

Registration passed the 500 mark and several days remained for voters to call at the Town Hall to register. Clerk Herbert Loucks will be at the Hall all day until Saturday evening at 7 p.m. when the lists are closed.

Baseball will be the spring sport this year, for which the San Juan Basin League has planned a well-rounded schedule. The League is divided into the Eastern and Western divisions this year. The Ignacio Utes, Ignacio Public, Durango, Bayfield and Pagosa Springs Schools are the Eastern representatives.

That touch of Spring Fever we all had Tuesday was a welcome feeling after having gotten to the point where we growled at everyone who mentioned the weather. There were enough smiles along the main street during that bright sunlit day to last us a couple of weeks in case the groundhog gets his back up and snarls.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
March 22, 1973

Construction work in this area is just waiting on weather to get in full swing. New condominiums at Eaton International's Pagosa are nearing completion and more are planned as soon as weather permits a start. The multi-family dwellings planned by a local housing authority are due to start almost any day, contractors are in and out every day looking at various projects, and there should be enough hammering next summer to be heard almost anywhere around.

Snowfall on Wolf Creek is now more than 500 inches through Wednesday morning of this week. The storm, still continuing as we go to press, left 15 inches of new snow the first of the week. This makes the total fall as of Wednesday 504 inches. No one, but no one, locally is actively soliciting more snowfall at that rate.

Ben Larry Lynch has been appointed as one of the Archuleta County representatives on the San Juan Basin Health Unit board of directors.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
March 26, 1998

A public hearing concerning U.S. Forest Service water right claims is scheduled for Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Archuleta County Courthouse.

The Southwestern Water Conservation District and the state of Colorado are in the initial phases of negotiating with the Forest Service over its request for reserved water rights for instream flow purposes within the San Juan National Forest.

In 1976, the Forest Service filed for water rights in Water Division 7 for various instream flows — non consumptive use purposes — using the date the Forest Service was created as a priority date, approximately 1905.

The Forest Service wants to ensure enough water running through its streams to maintain aquatic life on a long-term basis, according to Kathy Foster, San Juan National Forest hydrologist. It also wants enough water to keep the stream beds intact without an excessive accumulation of silt.

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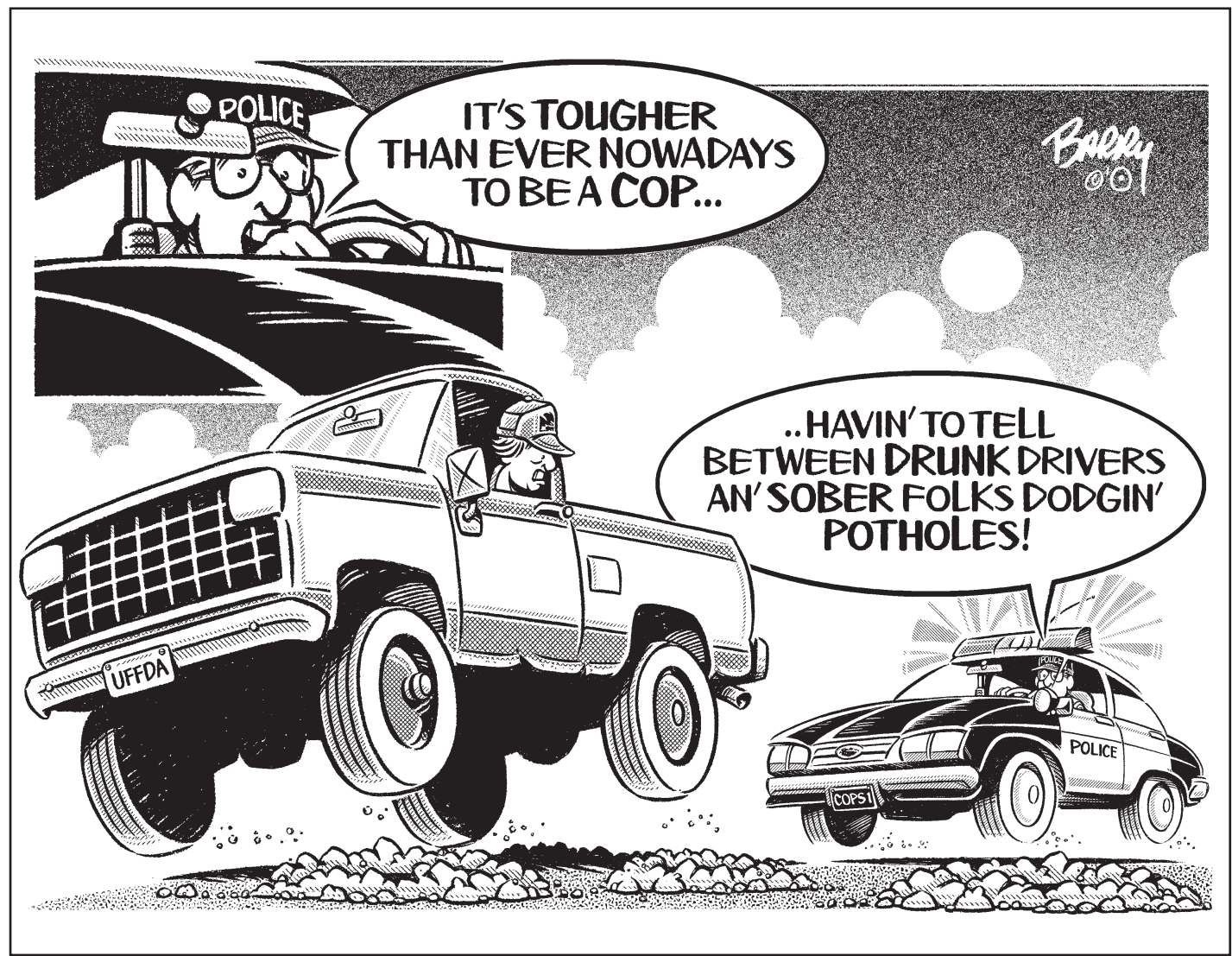
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'Beauty and the Beast'

Dear Editor:

Wow. That's how we feel about what we saw on stage at PSHS on Wednesday evening. The high school students cast and crew were amazing. The production crew, led by Dale Scrivener and Dan Burch, created a magical environment that enchanted the audience. The costumes and sets were worthy of a professional production.

Thank you, Archuleta ISD, for supporting a strong and vibrant music program — it provides great opportunities for students and is a remarkable gift to the community. And thanks to the many donors and volunteers that helped make this high school musical a reality.

Ed and Jan Berger
Austin, Tex.

Hope

Dear Editor:

Is the Federalist Society your friend or enemy of Democracy "We're a republic, not a democracy"

— a tongue-in-cheek slogan that some conservatives have adopted as a way to slyly signal their approval of minority rule." Today, without doubt, to be a conservative is to want a non-democratic Govern't.

So if it's Ok to Gerry Mander voting districts to slant the vote to favor Republican nutjobs like MTG or Boebert and it's really Ok to deny GOP administer election voting counts...why would any thinking person who favors Democracy support those who are heck bent on denying your right to vote and shifting us to an autocracy (FYI.. that's very close to dictatorship).

OK..OK, maybe it doesn't matter as there's not a hope in darkness that we'll reverse carbon based fuel and the 'Doomsday Clock' will ring...so the 2030's are going to be gruesome for many but when you pragmatically (that's non-political) assess America's survival chances in the next few years, you gotta conclude we're doomed from within by those who think they know best. Are these bad folks, yea in many senses; but what to do to prevent their 'intellectual' decision that Democracy is out-dated.

If mankind survives the next 50 years, let's hope that what emerged w/the ancient Greeks...Democracy...reemerges as our bet and last hope.

David Blake

Love from Ron

Dear Editor:

I planned to be in town March 17th to the 22nd but heavy snows coming daily Monday through Thursday changed my mind. Friday evening, St. Patrick's Day I had a great take out fish dinner put on by the Knights of Columbus. Saturday I attended the St. Patrick's Episcopal Church smallest Parade that I have been a part of for many years. I met so many of my friends that I had not seen since Covid in 2019. I also visited the residents in Beehive. Sunday I attended the Methodist Church before heading back to HomeLake in Monte Vista.

Thank you again Pagosa Springs, I love you.

Ron Gustafson, Mr. Pagosa

Pirate closet donations needed

Dear Editor:

My name is Emma Jackson, I am in 8th grade student council. Maybe you read my classmate's letter two weeks ago in the Sun. I'm part of the "Pirate Closet" committee which has taken on the task of creating a closet where kids in need can get food and clothes for free.

This matters to me because I want to make a difference in our school and community. I believe that this is the best way to start making a difference. I think if people in the town would bring in whatever non-perishable food items, clothes, or hygiene products we could have a fully functional "Pirate Closet" immediately. If you

are unable to donate I ask that you spread the word about needing donations to others in the community.

Here is a specific list of what we need for clothing: shirts, pants, undergarments, shorts and shoes.

We also need the following clothing items new or gently used clothes: shirts, pants, undergarments, shorts and shoes

Since middle school kids can range so vastly in size, we are just asking for pre-teen to teen sizes. Finally, we need hygiene products such as deodorant, toothbrush/toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, shaving cream, and shampoo/conditioner. Donations may be dropped off at the Pagosa Springs Middle School front office during school hours. We will then take these donations, sort them by size and place them in the closet for students in need to shop from. If you would rather donate a gift card, that would also be welcomed.

Your donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your help in supplying students in need.

Emma Jackson

Loma Linda Metro election

Dear Editor:

Loma Linda Metropolitan District is about to have its first ever directors election. Of all the options available, the Designated Election Official (DEO), Matt Fischer, decided that a polling place election is the best choice. The more common election method, used by Archuleta County and most local special districts, is a mail-ballot election.

A polling place election requires paying at least two election judges for at least 12 hours on Election Day, and renting a public polling location. Eligible voters must vote in person or request an absentee ballot in advance. By contrast, if the District had chosen a mail-ballot election, eligible voters would automatically receive a ballot by mail. The District will now also be required to keep a permanent record of all absentee voters, which will be a challenge with no permanent administrator and currently, no administrator at all.

Loma Linda Metropolitan District's board of directors budgeted

almost no money for snow removal, so recently had to pass an emergency resolution to pay for snow removal. The same board has not added new material to the busiest roads in the subdivision for at least six years, resulting in roads that no longer have a crown, and exposed road base along the main loop. The same board does not post its financial statements, so taxpayers do not know they have been accumulating funds year after year, and are now sitting on hundreds of thousands of dollars of taxpayer money.

The DEO has posted a paper notice of the election on a bulletin board at the entrance to Loma Linda subdivision. When I asked the DEO when and how absentee voters will be notified of the election, he said, "the instructions for asking for absentee ballots was in the call for nominations and was published in the newspaper and is still on the bulletin board." The legal notice calling for nominations was published several weeks ago, and did not inform anyone whether or not there would actually be an election.

The Metro District has a voter list and mailing addresses for all eligible voters, and email addresses for those who have signed up to receive information. Apparently, the DEO does not deem it necessary to use any of these communication tools to inform voters that there is an election or how to vote in this one.

This newspaper's editor is celebrating Sunshine Week, the annual nation-wide celebration of access to public information. Take a look at your property tax bill: that will tell you how much of your taxpayer money is going to your Metropolitan District. In Loma Linda, the Metro District receives a 10.00 mill levy, amounting to about 14 percent of the total property tax bill. You deserve to know where that money is going, or whether it is sitting in someone's bank account, and you deserve to be informed about an election.

Lisa Jensen

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Dear Editor:

During the first part of my life,

■ See Letters A4

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NEW 2022 Colorado refundable tax credits available to Seniors

By David Repulski
BSBA, MBA in Accounting
Freelance Contributor

The governor signed Colorado HOUSE BILL 22-1205 on June 8, 2022. It provides a refundable tax credit to Seniors who have reached age 65 by December 31, 2022.

The bill was designed to help Colorado Seniors with housing costs. It is known as the QUALIFIED SENIOR HOUSING INCOME TAX CREDIT. You may rent or own your residence in Colorado. If you own your residence, you must have lived there less than ten years, or, if ten years or more, NOT claim the COLORADO HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT for the 2022 tax year.

As a single person, or married couple filing jointly, your Federal Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) must be between \$25,000 and \$75,000. You will qualify for the full \$1,000 credit if your AGI is \$25,000. For every \$500 over that amount, the credit is reduced by \$5 until it phases out totally at \$75,000 of AGI income. Couples filing separately, are eligible for a maximum credit of \$500 each.

A single tax filer will also be eligible for the \$153 Colorado Sales Tax Credit on their 2022 Colorado Income Tax Return. A married couple filing jointly will be eligible for \$306 in Colorado Sales Tax Credit.

The fastest way to claim these refundable credits is to e-file a 2022

federal income tax return (that calculates your federal AGI), followed by a 2022 Colorado Income Tax Return, where you claim these refundable credits. They can be received in a direct deposit to your bank account, or the state can send you a paper check. There are cheap or free tax software packages available online to prepare and e-file your tax returns. I like to use www.freetaxusa.com, but others are available.

There is another easy way to claim these credits, albeit slower, by filing a 2022 Colorado form DR 0104PTC application (Property Tax, Rent, Heat Rebate). This is available to a single person, age 65 (or a surviving spouse at least 58 years old), or a person disabled for all of 2022, regardless of age, and received disability benefits for the full year, and total income less than \$16,925 (or, married couple with total income of \$22,858). By filing a PTC form, you not only can receive the PTC rebate for 2022, but also the credits listed in the above paragraphs.

If you have any questions, I am available to answer them by email or phone. I charge a small fee to prepare and e-file (or paper mail) the above tax returns or applications. I have been an accountant and tax preparer for more than 30 years. My email address is dkrepulski@gmail.com. My phone number is 970.398.5249. I look forward to your questions and will answer them promptly. As a reminder, the 2022 tax filing deadline is April 18, 2023.

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Obituaries

Margaret 'Peggy' Brennan

Oct. 3, 1956-Feb. 27, 2023

Our dear Peggy passed away peacefully on Feb. 27, 2023, in her home at Pagosa Springs, Colo., with family by her side, after a hard-fought battle with an extremely rare cancer. Born in Denver, Peggy grew up with four brothers. Her siblings Kevin, Sean, Mike and Johnny-boy were her best friends, and she adored them dearly. Never a dull moment, there were always activities of some sort going on — card and board games, friends hanging out, vacations and family outings. Childhood summers were often spent over the mountains in a family cabin at Cripple Creek, Colo., hiking, playing outdoors, parades, and the best root beer floats at Hersheys Soda Bar.



Peggy also spent time in Santa Fe and Roswell, N.M. At Roswell High School, she made many lifelong friendships. These high school girlfriends remained close friends throughout her life. After she graduated from Roswell High in 1975, Peggy moved with family to Durango, Colo. She spent many memorable years there working in various jobs, including many in the ski industry. While in Durango, she met and fell in love John Weston, whom she married in a beautiful ceremony in Las Vegas, Nev., in 2001. Peggy enjoyed many hobbies with John, including football, sports cars, good food, travel, and immersing herself in his large family. In addition, they always appreciated Colorado's beauty,

enjoying the views and sunsets and driving along beautiful stretches of Colorado highways.

The couple eventually settled in Las Vegas, Nev., where she and John started new careers and where they raised two beloved cats — Stan and Toby. In 2017, the couple longed to return to Pagosa Springs and purchased a house on Lakewood Street. Peggy devoted her time to living a good life with John in beautiful Pagosa Springs, and staying in touch with her many friends and family. She also started to develop a small business caring for dogs and cats. Her passion for animals and standing up for animal rights continued throughout her life. Peggy also loved giraffes — there was hardly a space inside her house that did not have a giraffe figurine.

When Peggy was born, she came out tough and determined. She endured much more than her fair share of curve balls early on. When she was 5, she contracted rheumatic fever. It would be a year-long recovery, but the ill effects followed her through her entire life. In adulthood, Peggy would frequently call her mother, Lucille Brennan, to ensure her mom was OK. Later when her mother could no longer care for herself, Peggy moved heaven and earth to bring her to Las Vegas so she and her husband John could watch over her. Peggy always stayed in touch with her older and younger brothers, (she was born in the middle), with dedication and a love that will forever be missed.

Peggy was devoted to her husband, cats, extended family and many friends, and stayed in touch with everyone. She loved football and was a lifelong fan of the Denver Broncos, just like her mom. Peggy enjoyed listening to classic rock, went to many concerts with her husband John, and watched movies and TV sitcoms on snowy winter nights. Peggy loved the Or-

gon coast and the fresh seafood it offered. She also enjoyed the Colorado outdoors, 4x4 adventures and white rafting trips, once rafting the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon. Her claim to fame was swimming the monstrous Lava rapid and coming out smiling. Peggy was just plain fun to be around.

Near the end of her life, Peggy and John went on safari to the San Diego Wild Animal Park with the generous help of her support group. They zip-lined to a tent in the pouring rain and enjoyed the glamping life, followed by private tours to see the many exotic animals and her beloved giraffes. Together, they meandered to many lovely places on their way home, including a trip to Bear-a-zona and SeaWorld. She also flew to Anacortes, Wash., to stay with her brother Sean and his wife, who took her on many local adventures, including a ferry ride through the San Juan Islands, special dinners with friends, and sailing near the border of Canada.

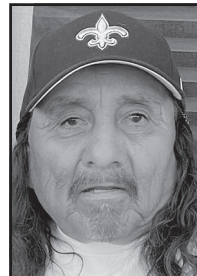
When Peggy was diagnosed with cancer in 2021, she showed tremendous resilience while undergoing difficult treatments. Like many such deaths, hers came too soon. She had gas left in her tank and places she still wanted to visit. John's unconditional love and support never wavered when she started facing severe health challenges. Peggy's family cannot thank John enough for the exceptional care and love he gave her. Peggy is survived by her husband of 22 years, John Weston, and her brothers Kevin Brennan, his wife and family; Sean and wife Cayce Brennan; Mike Brennan; and John and wife Erin Brennan, as well as her very best friend Jannette, best man Paul, beloved rescue cat Stoney and numerous friends and extended families.

Her passing has left an unimaginably empty place in everyone who knew her. The family wishes

to thank the doctors, nurses, and Durango Mercy Medical Center staff and Hospice of Mercy, Centura Health for their compassionate care. We love you, Peggy. We miss you. We know your spirit travels on, and we will look for you in the beauty of each sunrise and sunset.

Ross Levi Montoya

Ross Levi Montoya gained his angel wings on Feb. 16 at home with his family by his side after a tough battle with cancer.



Ross was born on Aug. 28, 1956, in Pagosa Springs, Colo., to Eugenio Montoya and Glorifica Martinez.

Ross was one of the friendliest guys you would ever meet; everywhere he went he made a new friend on top of all the old friends he had through out his life. He was known for his great fishing skills. He was an avid fisherman; he loved to fish all rivers, streams and lakes with his family, catching all the fish.

Ross is survived by his wife, Ruthie Montoya, daughter Lisa Sanchez, son Dominic Montoya (Amber) and Leonard Montoya (Barbara). He had 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren with whom he loved dearly.

Ross is preceded in death by his father, Eugenio; his mother, Glorifica; and brothers Eugene, Leonard, Joe and Levie, who died 20 minutes after his little brother on Feb. 16. They entered into heaven together.

Funeral services will be held in the spring and will be posted at a later date.

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Letters

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news coverage in America had been for the most part reliable and unbiased, that is until a foreigner with an agenda started the Fox Corporation. Yes, he became an American citizen, but a citizen whose agenda was political and not neutral.

Through the birth of cable TV, his network Fox targeted their viewers with conservative commentators, news anchors, and a nightly barrage of unscrupulous day and nighttime hosts.

These Fox employees, whom for the past seven years have backed a less than honorable candidate and now a disgraced ex-president now have been caught lying to its viewers.

Last week news came out that Fox's owner, Rupert Murdoch and some his employees knew full well that the election was not rigged or that it was stolen. Murdoch when asked why he let the lies persist on his network. He said it was for money. He, Carlson, and the others decided what was needed to keep its viewers. Lies

Now, I'm not naïve enough to believe that other networks such as MSNBC and CNN have not lied, but I can't think of a recent or past situation where the networks have outright lied to its viewers. This is not to say that there aren't journalists and news hosts who lean to the left or have an agenda. That is

their privilege just as it is for right-wingers to have one.

Also, I'm not writing about politicians, we know some make false statements a lot. And I'm not writing about Woke, Critical Race Theory, or conspiracy theories. I'm writing about a national news network lying to its viewers.

For me, if Joe Scarborough, Nicole Wallace, or Michael Steele (all republican-) had lied to its viewers, they would be out of a job. Why haven't Tucker Carlson, Laura Ingraham, Sean Hannity, Maria Bartiromo or Jeanine Pirro been fired?

There have been cases when Primetime News hosts have lied or erred and were fired or dismissed as in the case of CBS Dan Rather when he lied about his sources being authenticated or when Fox News forced Bill O'Reilly's to resigned because of sexual harassment charges

Is lying to, or deceiving the public on cable news networks now acceptable?

Had Walter Cronkite and David Brinkley lied about Presidents Kennedy's assassination or Nixon's crimes, and the Vietnam War, we'd be looking back at them like we look at Joseph McCarthy, despicable.

Some people have said they don't watch the news because it is fake, so they search the Internet where conspiracy theories may fit

their beliefs. This avenue will only lead to more disappointment.

I'm sure the Pagosa Springs Sun wouldn't last long in our city if it started printing lies and conspiracy theories. Would you support the newspaper if it said the mayor of Pagosa Springs won by fraud when it knew there weren't any? Most likely not.

No one likes liars. Look at your friends; if they lied to you, would they still be your friends? This is not a matter of one's religion or politics; it's a matter of having principles based on truth and the facts.

Santos Luis O'Cañas

Reconsider public health decision

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the medical staff at Pagosa Springs Medical Center, we respectfully request those in power to reconsider the decision to dissolve the eighty-year relationship between Archuleta and La Plata counties for the delivery of public health services.

There is a significant difference in the roles and responsibilities in the delivery of individual health-care and public health, but the quality and availability of each has a direct impact on the other. Providers in hospitals and outpatient

practices focus on an individual patient's wellness, diagnosis and treatment. Public health focuses on the health of a community's population through such activities as restaurant inspections, tracing and responding to infectious diseases, assuring accurate vital records for births or deaths, reducing health disparities (for example via food assistance to women, infants and children), or assuring safe water quality by enforcing the State's regulations for septic tanks. The dissolution of the public health district will negatively impact services in both communities.

We are neighbors and friends with more in common than we have differences. There is still time to redirect efforts (and funds) to improve the public health district that exists. We encourage the commissioners of both counties to meet and discuss how to work together for the best interests of the health of everyone in southwest Colorado.

John Wisneski, M.D.
Chief of staff at Pagosa Springs Medical Center

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Obituaries

Rollin Dale Blossey

Rollin Dale Blossey went peacefully to be with the Lord on March 10, 2023.

He will be missed by many and is survived by his two brothers, Harold (91) and Wayne (87); four children, Jeanne and son-in-law Mark, Michael and daughter-in-law Laura, Steven and son-in-law Jack, and Cindy; grandchildren Melissa (and Jason), Matthew (and Meaghan), Rowan and Peyton; and two great grandchildren, Deacon and Jolene (and baby due in June).



Rollin was born on a farm in Williamston, Mich., on Oct. 23, 1933, to Clarence and Dorothy, where he was raised with three brothers. Active in the Future Farmers of America, he earned the honor of Central Region Star Farmer in 1953 and served on the state board, ranking silver at the national level during his tenure. Rol used his prize winnings to purchase his first property (100 acres) at the age of 16.

Rollin married Karen Marin in 1960 and earned his horticulture degree from Michigan State University. Serving in the U.S. Army, Rollin was honorably discharged in 1963 and built his first home on his land in Williamston, Mich., where he and Karen started a family. The family home included a farm to raise sheep, an ice skating and fishing pond (depending on the season) and the subdivision on the front acreage.

In 1968, the family loaded up the wood-paneled station wagon and headed west to Orange County, Calif., and warmer weather. Rol used his horticulture degree at a local nursery before assuming a supervisory role with LA County Parks and Recreation. He then

went on to "flip houses" before it was popular on HGTV. In addition to coaching sports when the kids were younger, Rol loved a project and usually had several going at one time. He has helped almost all of his friends install a shower, lay tile, fix a sink or even build a house.

Single since 1983, Rollin relocated to Pagosa Springs in 2007, buying a piece of property with only a barn and three hunting cabins, without running water or amenities. He wanted to ensure that all of his hunting buddies had a place to stay. He soon set to work to make this property home.

Rollin did not believe in slowing down. He attended church regularly and was active in square dancing (he loved both the dances and "the socials"). Rol has been an avid hunter all of his years right up through this past season at the age of 89. He was a founding member of the Wolf Creek Gun and Bow Association, reportedly bringing in more memberships than anyone else. And, he loved his garage sales. It was a sport for him to make the weekly rounds, talk to everyone and to get the best bargain possible, even if it meant having three identical items at home.

During the past few winters he has driven his truck and camping trailer to Arizona (near the California border), where he was able to spend more time with family, making a second trip to "bring the razor to play around with." Additionally, he spent several weeks with his son Michael and family in Bend, Ore., and enjoyed watching the grandchildren play sports.

In addition to his many friends (he never really knew a stranger) and activities, Rol was able to spend quality time with his children, their spouses, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Rol lived a full life and is now at peace with the Heavenly Father.

James Lee (Jim) Sutton

On Feb. 25, 2023, long-time Pagosa Springs resident James Lee (Jim) Sutton lost his life to

an avalanche on a mountainside above Vallecito Reservoir, Colo. He was 67 years young and had recently retired from a long and esteemed career as a captain in the Commissioned Corps of the Indian Health Service. Jim worked at Rosebud (Sioux) in South Dakota, Duck Valley (Shoshone-Paiute) in Nevada and Idaho, and for the last 30 years with the Jicarilla Apache Nation in Dulce, N.M., where he was well-known personally by many of the members, elders and extended families on and off the reservation. During his tenure, he served for a time as the chief executive officer of the I.H.S. clinic. Jim learned some of the Jicarilla language as he traveled the large reservation visiting homebound patients, their families and working with tribal administrators. He was devoted to his work and not infrequently could be found spending evenings and weekend mornings catching up on medical records and paperwork. He was both serious about the education of his patients regarding their health concerns and lighthearted in his delivery. One could always count on Jim for a good laugh.

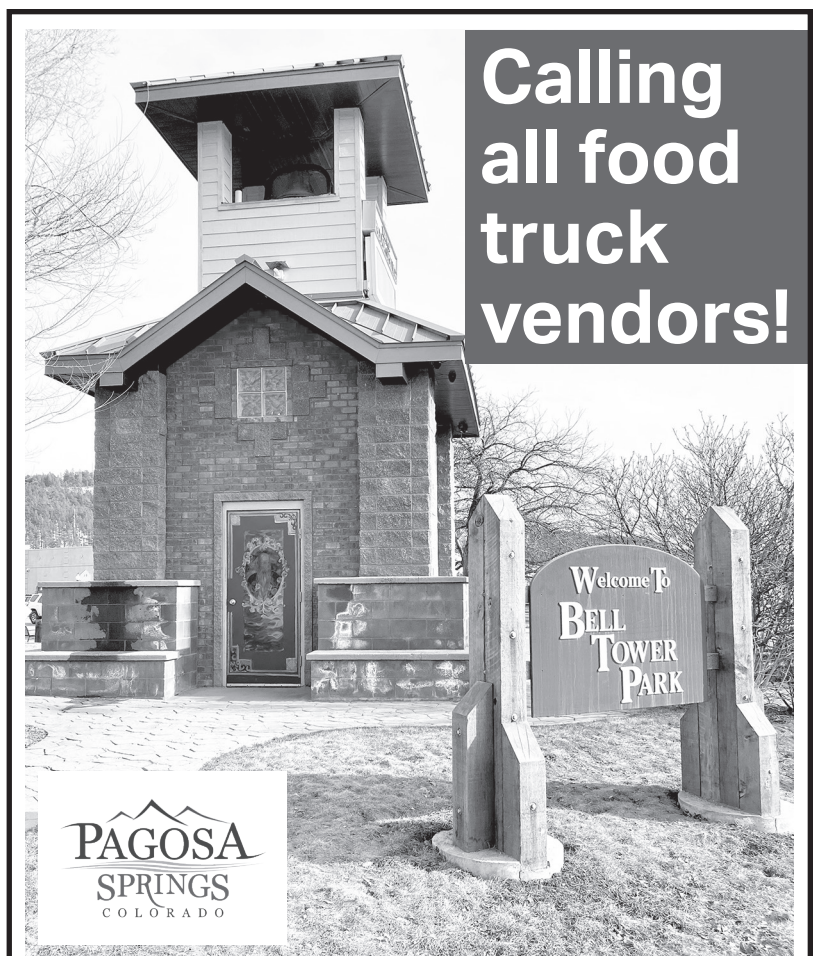


Despite the consuming nature of his work, Jim was equally passionate about his intellectual and outdoor pursuits. He was a voracious reader with a leaning toward world history and mountaineering lore, kept up with pop culture and current events, and had an uncanny memory for dates and details, be they his own or someone else's. His family lived many places and, as an "Army brat," he grew up for a time in Hawaii, where he took up surfing. Endurance sports became his thing, and he did it all from triathlon to bicycle racing, then took up technical rock climbing. He worked for a time in New York City, from whence he would slip away to

the Shawangunk Mountains, and advanced his prowess at climbing areas all over the American West. He enjoyed hunting deer and elk in Colorado, as well as javelina in Arizona. As the years went by, Jim became most passionate about mountain ski descents, for which backcountry ski touring around Wolf Creek and Red Mountain passes became training and prologue. He skied many Colorado 14ers and 13ers, numerous West Coast volcanoes from northern California to the Cascades, and one of his crowning achievements: 18,500-foot Mt. Elbrus in the Caucasus Mountains at the age of 63.

Jim was a loving father and husband, and is survived by his wife, Susie Hannon, and daughter, Toby Sutton, both of Durango, Colo.; his father, retired Army Col. Larry Sutton, of Princeton, N.J.; and four siblings and their respective families. He is predeceased by his mother, Mary Etta Sutton, and a brother, Timmy. If you were friends with Jim, you always wanted to remain so, and therefore he will be greatly missed by a large posse of co-workers, hunting buddies, adventure partners and so many others who were graced with his smile and good cheer.

A celebration of Jim's life will be held at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts on Saturday, March 25, at 11 a.m. All are welcome. Donations in his memory may be made to the Colorado Avalanche Information Center, La Plata County Search and Rescue and the Upper Pine River Fire Protection District.



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Please contact the Town Planning Division with any questions at planning@pagosasprings.co.gov or call 970-264-4151 x235.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, March 23

Pagosa Springs Town Council special meeting. 5 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Monday, March 27

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

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>, meet-

ing 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://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Monday, April 3

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

Tuesday, April 4

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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>.

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Commissioners agree to move forward on housing grant

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its March 14 work session, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard a presentation from Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC) Executive Director Emily Lashbrooke concerning a grant opportunity to develop workforce housing in Chris Mountain Village II.

Lashbrooke began the presentation by stating that the PSCDC is willing to do the “heavy lifting” for the grant, but that the applicant has to be a municipality.

She explained that she was presenting to the BoCC to see if the commissioners have interest in moving forward with the grant application, which will open at the beginning of May.

Lashbrooke explained that the PSCDC is considering applying for a between \$1.5 million and \$2 million Colorado Division of Housing (DOH) Transformational Affordable Housing, Homeownership and Workforce Housing Grant Program grant, which could be used to develop infrastructure, extend electric lines, fund home construction and create a fund for pay-down assistance on the houses constructed.

She noted that the housing created by the grant must be between 60 percent area median income (AMI) and 120 percent AMI.

She added that the PSCDC is still determining how much of the housing must be built at what AMI and pointed out how difficult it is to build housing at 60 percent AMI with the current building costs.

Lashbrooke stated that two lots in Chris Mountain Village II have been donated to the PSCDC for the project and the county holds seven lots in the subdevelopment which, after completing the treasurer's deed process, could be used in the project.

She noted that the project would include one American Disabilities Act-accessible unit as well as potentially a park and a bus stop in the area.

She explained that the PSCDC would need the county to serve as the applicant for the grant and provide access to legal and planning services when needed, while the PSCDC would assemble a project advisory team to guide the project.

Lashbrooke added that other partners on the project could include the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA), lenders, builders, local employers, the DOH, the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District, La Plata Electric Association, HomesFund and Habitat for Humanity.

She explained that the houses would be designed to fit with the current homes in the PLPOA.

Lashbrooke also stated that one of the county lots the PSCDC is considering for the grant already went through the treasurer's deed process, while the other six are slated to undergo it this year.

She also noted that the grant would fund extending electric lines to these lots, which would also assist Habitat for Humanity lots in the area, as well as potentially funding the creation of a park and bus stop.

She stated that this grant is intended as a pilot project to determine if this approach to creating affordable housing is viable before pursuing additional projects.

Lashbrooke also stated that the grant would leverage a variety of partnerships and incentives to lower construction costs, and asked if the BoCC is interested in pursuing the grant.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez asked if the county would be able to deliver the lots prior to taking them to auction, to which County Attorney Todd Weaver responded

that the county would likely have the option of donating the lots to a nonprofit instead of putting them up for auction.

Maez asked if the PSCDC had discussed the possibility of reducing dues for the properties with PLPOA, which Lashbrooke said the PSCDC is considering but had not done yet.

Maez also inquired if there is any county contribution required beyond support, to which Lashbrooke stated that the grant would require a 20 percent match, which could be met using the properties, thus not requiring additional county support.

Weaver noted that the treasurer's deed process costs approximately \$2,000 per property.

Lashbrooke noted that the PSCDC's goal is to have the homes available in 18 months and that she thought it likely the PSCDC would know if it received the grant within six weeks.

The BoCC then discussed the timeline of the project, noting that houses might not be built until late 2024 or 2025.

Maez commented that the county has private contractors interested in these properties who are moving faster and offering similar deed restrictions and noted that he wants to “get people in houses fast.”

Lashbrooke stated that she understood and noted that she is on the government's timeline because of the grant process.

Commissioner Warren Brown noted that the deed restrictions on the privately built houses are only for five years, as opposed to the 20 years offered by the grant-funded homes.

Weaver noted that the privately built homes would only be offered for rent and highlighted the importance of owning a home to building generational wealth.

Brown stated his belief that the county needs to address affordable housing through multiple ap-

proaches, from Habitat for Humanity to grants to private builders.

“I don't see no harm in it, honestly,” Maez commented. “I just like to weigh out the differences of everything.”

Commissioner Veronica Medina expressed agreement with Brown about the need to try multiple approaches for creating housing and raised the possibility of not using all of the lots for the grant and potentially keeping two for private contractors.

Lashbrooke highlighted that the county has additional lots in Chris Mountain Village II and elsewhere that are available for other projects, although Weaver and Maez highlighted that many of these lots lack utilities.

Medina commented that she likes the project and would want it to move forward.

Maez highlighted that the county's Conservation Trust Fund money could potentially help fund the creation of the park, although he stated that, in his opinion, he would prefer to see more funding dedicated to other aspects of the project than to the park.

Brown mentioned it would be important to determine who would be responsible for the maintenance of the park.

He also asked Lashbrooke what the worst-case scenario would be if the grant application is successful, to which she replied that the worst possible scenario would be that the PSCDC cannot find builders for the project.

Brown then also expressed support for moving forward with the grant application.

The discussion concluded with Lashbrooke asking Weaver if he could check on how the properties could be transferred for use in the grant, and stating that the PSCDC will keep the county informed and be back to report to the county before the grant is submitted.

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Upcoming training to benefit nonprofits

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Pagosa Springs
Chamber of Commerce

In the next few months, there will be lots of activity for our nonprofit agencies.

This activity is for the improved functionality of the organization as well as trainings leading up to Rural Philanthropy Days being held in early June in Durango. We start off with the three-part training series for a board member and a staff

member to attend the Pagosa board training hosted by the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado.

These sessions will be held March 27, April 4 or April 5, and April 10. The cost for these three sessions for two people is only \$60. Those interested in attending should register at www.swcommunityfoundation.org/nonprofit-resources. Help your organization define board roles, financial oversight, maintain strategic focus,

build a solid governance foundation, fundamentals of fundraising and Rural Philanthropy Day prep.

On Wednesday, March 29, the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC) will host a nonprofit networking workshop for executive directors and board presidents. It is free and will be held at the Ross Aragon Community Center from 9 a.m. to noon. The Pagosa nonprofit world of strengths, challenges, a collaboration wish list and ways the

PSCDC can help our nonprofits will all be discussed.

Finally, nonprofits should be gearing up for Rural Philanthropy Days in Durango to be held June 7-9. This event occurs in our region only every four years and is a critical time when nonprofits can gain valuable educational information, networking capacity and those very important meetings with philanthropic funders. Watch for more in the upcoming months about this event.

DMV2GO to be in Pagosa Springs March 24 and 25

Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles

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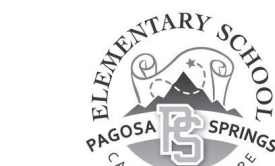
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County approves front-end loader purchase, Piedra Road paving contract

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its March 14 meeting, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved the trade-in of an old front-end loader and the purchase of a new loader for the landfill, and awarded the contract for construction work on Piedra Road, among other items.

Earlier in the day, at the BoCC's work session, Road and Bridge and Solid Waste Director Kevin Pogue presented to the board about the front-end loader and the road contract.

Pogue explained that the loader at the landfill is currently broken, has been broken multiple times this year and is reaching a point where it is "counterproductive" to continue repairing it.

He stated that the county has had the loader for two to three years and purchased it used, paying approximately \$80,000 for it.

He noted that the trade-in value for the loader is currently \$35,000 while he estimated the transmission repairs it requires would cost \$30,000.

Pogue then stated that he feels investing the money to repair the loader is "counterproductive" and asked if he could purchase a replacement loader at a cost of \$277,045.45 factoring in the current loader's trade-in value.

Commissioner Warren Brown asked if the current loader is of sufficient size to handle the work it was purchased for, to which Pogue responded that he felt it was appropriately sized for the needs when it was bought, but is likely undersized for the increased volumes at the landfill.

Pogue also highlighted that the current loader is frequently broken and that it causes stoppages of work at the landfill when it fails.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez commented that the county was "stepping over a dollar to save a dime" with the current loader, which Pogue expressed agreement with, pointing out the ongoing costs of repairing the loader.

Commissioner Veronica Medina asked if replacing the loader is in the department's budget for this year, which Pogue explained it is not, but that the department has the money available to cover the

expense.

The group then discussed the potential for creating a plan for equipment replacements, including planning ahead for future equipment needs, which Pogue and Medina expressed support for.

The board also discussed the potential longevity of the new loader, with Pogue estimating that it might last five to 10 years.

At the work session, the board also discussed the contract for paving work on Piedra Road, with Pogue expressing satisfaction with the number of contractors who had bid on the project.

He also explained that last year the sole bid on the project had come in at \$1.88 million, which was more than the available funds, causing the project to be postponed.

He stated that this year the engineer estimated the project at \$1.4 million, the lowest bid had come in at \$1.48 million and the second lowest bid had come in at \$1.58 million, with the other bids ranging up to slightly above \$2 million.

Pogue recommended the county accept the second lowest bid, from Elam Construction, due to its effectiveness on the Cloman Boulevard paving project in 2022 and its ability to complete the project in-house with no subcontractors, thus ensuring the county could be assured that the project would be completed on time.

He noted that the lowest bidder is primarily a dirt work contractor who would have to contract out

for the paving work, limiting the county's control over when the project would be completed, and that he feels there are other county projects available that this contractor would be more suitable for.

At the meeting, prior to the BoCC approving the loader purchase, Pogue highlighted that the current loader had entered the county's possession on Sept. 11, 2020, and had had 30 work orders placed on it since then at a cost slightly over \$100,000 in repairs.

The BoCC also approved awarding the Piedra Road paving contract to Elam Construction at a cost not to exceed \$1,581,868.

In other business at the meeting, the BoCC approved Medina remaining the supervisor of the county Human Resources (HR) Department until a new HR director can be hired following the departure of previous director Tina Woodman.

According to the motion the BoCC approved, following the hiring of a new director, the department will revert back to the supervision of the county manager.

This item was approved by a split decision, with Medina and Maez voting for it and Brown voting against.

Prior to the vote, it was explained that the HR Department moved under Medina's supervision due to Woodman being married to the county manager, who typically would supervise the department.

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Region 9 Economic Development District welcomes new board members

By Heather Peterson
Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado

The Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado announces that several new board members were approved at the January board of directors meeting.

New board members, including government alternates, are as follows: Mark Garcia and Michala Riley (Ignacio), Matt Salka (La Plata County), Andrea Phillips (Town of Pagosa Springs), Dana Kranker (Silverton), Veronica Me-

dina (Archuleta County), Katie Sickles (Bayfield) and Drew Sanders (Cortez).

The new members join the Region board comprising of 26 members who meet quarterly. The board includes 17 representatives from the local governmental jurisdictions and nine members from the private sector.

For more information, contact: Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado, 135 Burnett Drive, Unit 1, Durango, CO 81301, (970) 247-9621, region9edd.org.

Scholarships offered by Bar Association

Southwest Colorado Bar Association

The Southwest Colorado Bar Association will award three scholarships to graduating seniors from a high school in Archuleta, La Plata or San Juan counties, or to home-schoolers, to assist in the student's financial needs at college or vocational school.

The scholarship amount is \$2,000 per student. Students may

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Forest Service invests \$1,110,024 for local Wildfire Protection Plan to reduce wildfire risk

By Donna Nemeth
Forest Service

Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced this week that the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service is investing \$1,590,004 in wildfire protection projects across Colorado, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming as part of the Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) program.

Wildfire Adapted Partnership, Archuleta County Community Wildfire Protection Plan Implementation was selected for the first-round funding in the amount of \$1,110,024 to treat 600 acres of hazardous fuels protecting 325 structures and reducing the overall risk of wildfire in the wildland-urban interface.

This project will also reach a minimum of 5,000 individuals through its Firewise USA or similar activities through Wildfire Adapted Partnership's Neighborhood Ambassador Program, including presentations to

homeowner associations and community groups, public events and awareness campaigns.

The CWDG program is designed to assist communities, including tribal communities, nonprofit organizations, state forestry agencies and Alaska native corporations with planning for and mitigating wildfire risks on tribal, state and privately managed land.

This funding, made possible by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, is a crucial investment to help communities confront the wildfire crisis and reduce wildfire risk on nonfederal land. Proposals underwent a competitive selection process that included review panels made up of tribal representatives and state forestry agencies. Guidelines within the law prioritized at-risk communities that have been impacted by a severe disaster, are at a high or very high potential for wildfire hazard and are classified as low income.

"Projects were selected using a

collaborative, inclusive process that engaged tribes and state forestry agencies," said Forest Service Chief Randy Moore. "All projects include at least two of the primary selection criteria mandated in the legislation. And in all cases, these projects are taking critical steps to protect homes, property, businesses and people's lives from catastrophic wildfires."

The following additional projects in the Rocky Mountain Region were selected for the first-round funding:

- Nebraska — The Nature Conservancy, Reducing Wildfire Risk in North-Central Nebraska: \$182,866 to reduce hazardous fuels and restore fire-adapted ecosystems at the 56,000-acre Niobrara Valley Preserve. This will reduce the severity and impacts of wildfire in surrounding communities. The project spans three years and includes six target sites for a total of 435 acres. The Nature Conservancy will establish fire breaks, remove cedar trees and

standing dead trees, and follow up with prescribed fire.

- South Dakota — City of Mission, Mission Volunteer Fire Department Community Wildfire Defense Planning Project: \$62,289 to create a Community Wildfire Protection Plan that assists the fire district with mitigating the risk against wildfires. As part of the planning process, the volunteer fire department will also use grant funds to identify water sources to aid the plan implementation and other resources within the fire district.

- Wyoming — Crooked Creek Community Fuels Mitigation Project: \$234,825 will be used to expand and connect other area treatments on a landscape level. This will be accomplished by contracting activities to reduce fuel loads and restore forest health.

This initial round of investments will assist communities in developing Community Wildfire Protection Plans, key roadmaps for addressing wildfire risks locally, as well as fund immediate actions to lower the risk of wildfire on nonfederal land for

communities where a Community Wildfire Protection Plan is already in place.

"These grants will make it possible for underserved and at-risk communities to develop or revise community wildfire protection plans and implement community wildfire protection projects," said Frank Beum, regional forester, "and we anticipate future funding to assist additional communities throughout the Rocky Mountain Region with much needed fire mitigation planning and implementation."

Storm brings heavy snows, road closures

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

Another storm impacted Pagosa Country this week, bringing heavy snows and the temporary closure of Wolf Creek Pass, among other regional passes.

According to the Community Collaborative Rain Hail and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS) website, snowfall ranged widely, with between 2.8 and 26.5 inches of snow falling across Archuleta County between March 19 and March 22.

The lowest snow accumulation was reported in southern Archuleta County near the San Juan River, while the highest amount was reported east of Chromo.

CoCoRaHS also indicates that reporting sites in the county received between 11.4 and 35.3 over the week of March 16 to March 22 with both the highest and lowest snow totals being reported in Chromo, although high snow accumulations were also reported in the northern portions of the county.

An approximately 7 a.m. March 22 snow report from Wolf Creek Ski Area indicates that the ski area had received 17 inches of snow in the last 24 hours, 45 inches in the latest storm and 72 inches in the last week, bringing the midway snow depth to 165 inches and the year-to-date snowfall total to 454 inches.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Water and Climate Center's snowpack report, the Wolf Creek summit, at 11,000 feet of elevation, had 45.3 inches of snow water equivalent as of 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 22.

The Wolf Creek summit is at 172 percent of the March 22 snowpack median.

The San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan river basins were at 174 percent of the March 22 median in terms of snowpack.

The storm also caused the safety

closures of Wolf Creek Pass and other regional passes, which stretched into the afternoon Wednesday, to allow for maintenance operations.

A March 21 press release from the Colorado Department of Transportation notes, "The National Weather Service predicts 4 feet of new snow accumulation over parts of the U.S. 550 mountain corridor and approximately 6 feet near U.S. 160 Wolf Creek Pass by late Thursday."

Avalanches

According to the Colorado Avalanche Information Center (CAIC) website, the southern San Juan range, including Wolf Creek Pass, was at level five — extreme — in terms of avalanche danger, as of 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 22.

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

An avalanche warning was also in effect between 4:30 p.m. on March 21 and 4:30 p.m. on March 23.

The CAIC website comments on the warning, "Heavy snowfall and strong winds will result in extremely dangerous avalanche conditions. It will be very easy to trigger large, destructive, and unsurvivable avalanches. Very large avalanches will also release naturally, and may be much larger and run much further than expected, impacting valley bottoms and lower elevations. Avoid all avalanche terrain during this time period."

The CAIC also provides travel advice as part of its forecast discussion dated March 21, noting, "The travel advice to stay well away from steep slopes and their runouts seems straightforward when the danger is rated at the upper limits. While you may wisely choose to steer clear of recreating in steep backcountry terrain, you should also remain vigilant for

how this storm may impact places where you don't really expect avalanches. Even small cutbanks and terrain features can generate a slide large enough to bury you with storm totals in excess of three feet. Very large destructive avalanches originating at upper elevations may run well into valley bottoms. Finally, with a healthy seasonal snowpack extending into much lower elevations this year than is common and into areas that typically lack midwinter snow cover, consider where on the periphery of the deep areas- including some more urban locations- there are steep slopes that may be able to produce unusual avalanches with enough snow on them."

Weather

The National Weather Service (NWS) forecast for Pagosa Springs indicates a chance for snow showers after noon along with partly cloudy skies, a high of 42 and 5-10 mph afternoon winds Thursday, March 23.

Thursday night is predicted to bring partly cloudy skies with a low of 11 and 5-10 mph winds.

For Friday, March 24, the forecasted high is 41 degrees with partly cloudy skies, snow showers likely and thunder possible after noon, and 15-20 mph winds in the morning. The forecasted low is 10 degrees with partly cloudy skies.

For Saturday, March 25, partly sunny skies are expected with a high of 37 degrees and a chance of snow showers after noon. The forecasted low is 12 degrees Saturday night with mostly cloudy skies and a chance of snow showers mainly after midnight.

For Sunday, March 26, the forecasted high is 36 degrees with mostly cloudy skies and a chance of snow showers. The forecasted low is 8 degrees with mostly cloudy skies.

Reconciliation

■ Continued from front health gaps in Archuleta County and the irregular nature of public health funding, TAC chair Kathy Campbell asked Jollon, "What is the likelihood that we could resolve our differences and stay in the district?"

"It's a good question," committee member John Ranson commented. "And you're directing that question to me?" Jollon asked.

Campbell agreed that Jollon was "probably not the right person."

Jollon went on to say, "I'll answer a different question. I will say that San Juan Basin Public Health has obviously since 1948 worked to provide services to ... multiple counties in southwest Colorado. ... We're very proud of the work that we've done. I'm unbelievably proud and impressed with the staff that we have. We have a staff that is just turned themselves inside out when there is a call to action to create something or get something done in a community, and I very much enjoy the ability to work with such tremendously committed staff and would love to see how we can continue that."

Later in the meeting, while the TAC was considering the agenda for its March 27 meeting, TAC member Sally Kennedy recommended the committee consider in the future, among other issues, "Are we really going to separate or are we going to go back to working with San Juan?"

Chief

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"But ... I think it worked out. With the help of [Deputy Chief Karn Macht] and with [former Executive Administrative Assistant Shirley Brinkmann] and now [Business Manager Tomi Bliss], I think we've really built a pretty good program that's ready to move forward, and I expect that it will move forward."

"Got a great group of firefighters over here. I've worked with a lot of firefighters over ... the 42 years by the

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plant to upgrade equipment and maintain compliance with state regulations, an expected \$45,982,570 for the construction of the new and expanded Snowball Water Treatment Plant, and an expected \$10,969,000 in distribution system costs, much of which will be spent on replacing aging water mains and fire hydrants as well as the addition of a new pump station and the repainting of water storage tanks.

The plan also includes \$7,420,950 in expected spending on raw water infrastructure, including spending on replacing pipes that take water from the West Fork Diversion on the San Juan River to the Snowball Water Treatment Plant, the creation of a new pipeline between the existing Dutton Creek pipeline and Stevens Lake which would allow water from Stevens Reservoir to fill Lake Hatcher when it is not receiving water diverted from Four Mile Creek, and spending on relocating the Lake Forest pump station to the shore from its current situation of two pumps floating in the lake.

Additionally, the plan includes \$6,190,000 in expected spending on water collections, including repairs intended to reduce the system's

Campbell commented, "That would be my top recommendation," adding that the TAC could add this to the agenda.

The TAC expressed general approval of the idea with questions being raised about whether the TAC is able to make that decision.

County Paralegal Mary Helminski clarified that there was a signed resolution between La Plata County and Archuleta County to dissolve the district at the beginning of 2024, stating, "It's done."

"However, there are conversations that are occurring," TAC member and Pagosa Springs Medical Center CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb stated, "with people at both counties about that."

Webb noted, in response to a question from another TAC member, that she is personally aware of such conversations before stating, "There are people that ... in both counties, that realize now just how much this has been and that ... there've been a lot of misperceptions ..."

"Even with La Plata," Campbell commented. "We're not the only ones who are in it. La Plata is also somewhat, I would think, struggling too."

"And Mary, if you're sure this is a done deal, it's a conversation that can't happen, then I think we just need to know that all the work we're doing should continue or we should

time I leave here, and I'd put these guys up against anybody and everybody that's out there. This is one hell of a firefighting team we got here."

In his resignation letter, Larson comments, "I have been extremely fortunate to spend the last 8+ years leading this great group of Firefighters. However, I am at the point in my career and my personal life that it is time to step down and let the next generation of Fire Service Leaders take the helm. It is my belief that

the Pagosa Fire Protection District is in a good place and that continued forward progress will be made with the personnel we have in place. This is a great group of people and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with each and every one."

The board unanimously voted to accept Larson's resignation and briefly discussed next steps, with further discussion of the process of hiring a new fire chief to occur at the board's April 11 meeting.

current infiltration problems and additional pump stations.

At the meeting, board member Bill Hudson questioned the reasoning for the relocation of the Lake Forest pump station, pointing out that the water from the lake is "horrible" and difficult to clean.

District Engineer/Manager Justin Ramsey explained that the pump station provides PAWSD with the option of taking water from the lake if the San Juan River became dry and that the current arrangement with the floating pumps is extremely difficult to maintain.

Hudson asked if the board could make a decision to not pump water out of Lake Forest.

Ramsey replied that the board could do so, but he suggested that it is useful as a backup option and noted that the primary reason for the improvements is that PAWSD already has a large investment in the project.

Ramsey also highlighted that all elements of the plan would have to be approved by the board in its yearly budget for the year the project is planned.

Hudson noted that, because PAWSD currently lacks a pipeline between Stevens Reservoir and

Hatcher Reservoir, its only means to access water from Stevens Lake is through Lake Forest, although this would change if a pipeline was completed.

Ramsey agreed that Hudson had a valuable point and commented that PAWSD's money is potentially better spent on completing the pipeline than moving the pump station.

Board member Gene Tautges added some historical context, commenting that one of the original reasons for creating the pump station was that, if the San Juan River becomes unusable due to a wildfire or gasoline spill, the PAWSD reservoirs would be the only water available.

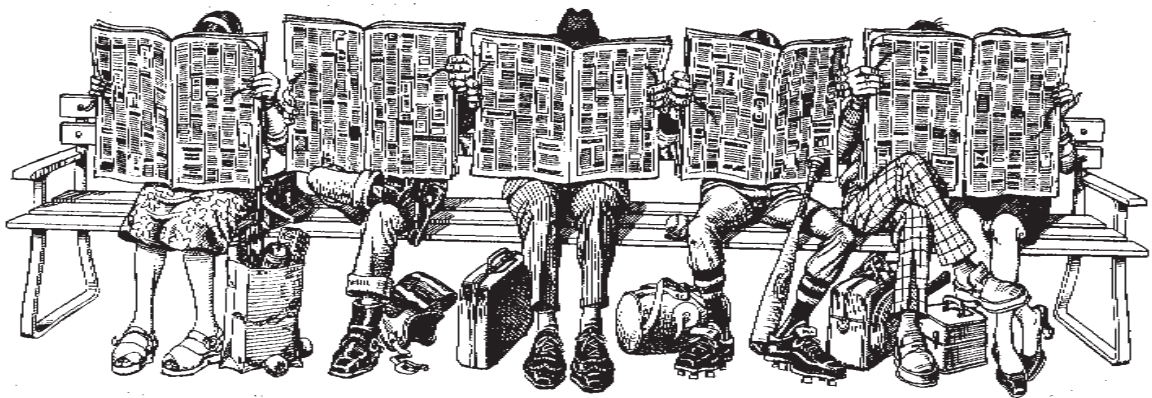
He also agreed with Hudson and Ramsey that the water is difficult to treat and commented that the plan was well put together and comprehensive, although he had certain philosophical differences with what is laid out in the plan, particularly his belief that growth accelerates wear on infrastructure and should contribute more to repairing it.

Hudson commented that he agreed with Tautges.

The board then unanimously approved the capital investment plan.

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Town planning commission approves final design application for development on Hot Springs Boulevard

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

At its March 14 meeting, the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission, which doubles as the Design Review Board, considered the final major design review application for a proposed lodging development on Hot Springs Boulevard.

The project, named Casas at Two Doves, would be built at 320 Hot Springs Blvd. and consists of two lots (totaling 1.04 acres).

It also encompasses "the old church," which the agenda brief explains "was moved to the property from its original location, from where it bears the nickname 'Juanita Church.'"

The property is currently zoned as Mixed Use-Town Center (MU-TC) and subject to the Hot Spring Boulevard Overlay, according to the brief.

The property owner, McMullen Properties Inc., proposes to build 14 standalone, cottage-style lodging units, which is fewer than the originally proposed 16 units considered at the earlier sketch design hearing. Also included in the project's designs are social gathering and parking areas, as well as an event space, which "may accommodate special events or meet boutique lodging needs," according to the brief.

Karl Onsager, the town's senior planner, explained that the development would "cluster those [lodging] units" around the old church.

"There's going to be an additional courtyard in the middle and then parking in the rear of the site, accessed off of Spring Street," he said.

Construction would take place in two phases, he noted. Phase one would install six of the total lodging units, as well as "ADA ramps throughout the site, an ADA elevator to get to the different tiers of the site ... a fountain and courtyard in front of that church, ... a parking lot in the rear, sidewalks throughout the site and trash screening and landscaping."

Phase two, he added, would install the remaining eight units and whatever unsettled landscaping and additional snow storage requirements remain.

Onsager then walked the board through some of the planning staff's concerns about the design, highlighting a few items that appeared out of sync with the Land Use and Development Code (LUDC).

For example, the LUDC's setback requirements for MU-TC zoning are 5 feet on the sides and rear, and 10 feet in the front, but the plans included only a 5-foot setback in the front, which would need to be addressed before a building permit could be issued.

However, he noted that there was adequate space on the site "to just move the buildings in a little bit," adding that staff would be looking for additional details

on such issues from the developer should the project move forward to the construction phase.

Staff also expressed needing more details on if the project will meet the 10 percent landscaping requirement for parking lots, but recommended that the board require a few additional trees for landscaping and buffering around the perimeter of the parking area.

Additionally, the issue of if the development's plans for on-street parking and sidewalks will sync with the town's plans for the future reconstruction of Hot Springs Boulevard was an area of concern, drawing lengthy discussion later in the meeting.

The town planning staff ultimately recommended that the board approve the final design application, but with nine conditions that must be met before a building permit application could be considered. Among those conditions are:

- A resubmittal of the site plans that shows detailed compliance with the LUDC's setback requirements for this zoning location.
- More details about the planned usage of "permeable pavement" for the parking lot area.
- More details about snow storage and the phased construction plan.
- Additional details about ramp grades.
- Additional detail on sidewalk, parking and landscape plans to confirm compliance with the Hot Spring Boulevard reconstruction cross-sections.
- The addition of trees on the perimeter of the parking lot.

When the meeting was opened up for questions, board member Chad Hodges asked about the phasing of the project and if the "lower tier" of the property would be completed first and then the "upper tier" later, during phase two construction.

Onsager confirmed that would be the case.

Onsager explained that one of the conditions for a building permit is to get more specific details about the two phases of the development.

"We want to know what's being installed and what we can expect in phase one and when we can expect it in phase two. We don't want a lot of stuff installed only to be either destroyed, compromised or ripped up when the remaining units are built. These are the details we expect prior to that building permit," he said.

Board members Julie Gurule and Kristen McCollam both had questions about the sidewalk proposed adjacent to Hot Springs Boulevard and if it would match up with the town's plans for connectivity through the area.

Onsager noted that the full details of the town's reconstruction project for the thoroughfare are not yet completed, but the property owner could always choose to place

the sidewalk further inside their own property if any uncertainty remained about the location of the future right of way.

Board member Chris Pitcher raised concern about this later in the meeting.

He expressed dismay that the town had yet to detail its plans for reconstructing the thoroughfare.

He suggested that the details of that project and how it will intersect with the properties on the street would take "some of the ambiguity out of trying to plan this from the developer's side. Not knowing how that road is gonna look, not knowing how it interfaces with each [property], then it kinda becomes on them [the owner] to figure out what fits there and what doesn't."

Pitcher expressed concern about a disjointed sidewalk system if property owners put the sidewalks too far inside their property in an attempt to avoid uncertainty about the location of the right of way.

Pitcher also raised concern over the on-street parking component of the plans, saying that it could hinder the town's goal for "walkability" in the area.

He mentioned how the parking area in front of the nearby Healing Waters Resort and Spa "really breaks up that sidewalk and it really messes up the pedestrian experience. You end up walking behind those cars instead of following the sidewalk around them."

He encouraged the board to think carefully about how "we deal with on-street parking."

Community Development Director James Dickhoff explained that the parking situation at Healing Waters is different than these design plans because the current proposal would be parallel parking along the street and therefore would not disrupt the flow of the sidewalk all that much.

Later in the meeting, Pitcher suggested he is open to allowing on-street parking, but with the condition that enough buffer is given between the sidewalk and the on-street parking spaces.

Ultimately, the board decided to add language about a landscape buffer between the sidewalk and on-street parking to the condition about adding details on parking, sidewalk and landscape plans.

The board also had questions about a permeable parking lot originally proposed in the project's sketch plans. This idea was previously scrapped due to pushback from the planning staff and the board at the sketch plan hearing in September 2021.

But, this time around, the board expressed openness to experimentation with this type of parking surface, deemed to have less environmental impact than traditional asphalt, despite some pushback by Dickhoff and Onsager, who noted that the technology has not been thoroughly tested in Pagosa's

freeze-thaw climate with extensive winter snow plowing and shoveling.

Dickhoff noted that this would be a big risk for the developer if it does not work and the parking lot has to be redone later.

However, Pitcher noted that traditional asphalt parking lots, even recently built ones, have to be redone all the time.

The property owner, Kirsten McMullen, asked if she could go forward with the experimental parking lot, or "are we stuck with what's in front of you now?"

Pitcher said he did not see "any reason why you couldn't come back with looking at pervious pavement and then adjusting your drainage plan to reflect that. There's nothing that prevents you from doing that."

"But does that need to come back to the board for approval?" McMullen asked.

The board concluded that arising functionality issues with the permeable parking area, and thus the storm drainage system that might be impacted if it doesn't work, could be addressed before any phase two building permit is awarded since the project will happen in two phases.

McMullen mentioned the possibility that the project could even extend into three phases, if necessary, and Dickhoff confirmed that three phases would be possible if needed to get everything with the parking lot and the drainage into compliance with codes.

It was decided that if the permeable surface of the parking lot fails, the owner is obligated, during phase two, to revert back to the current submitted plans with a traditional parking lot and storm drainage system. The board will consider phase one as a "pilot period."

"I think if this works, and it's acceptable, then I think it could really change land development in Pagosa, so I think it's worth" the difficulty "to try this and go from there," Pitcher said.

The board also decided to amend the number of trees around the parking area, raising the number to eight trees that will frame the parking area.

Ultimately, the board motioned to approve the final design plans with the conditions as amended. The motion carried with Gurule as the lone "nay" vote.

The development can now move to the next phase — applying for a building permit.

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Sports

TRACK

Lady Pirate track team ties for first at Bayfield meet, boys take fourth

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate track team tied for first at last week's Bayfield meet, while the boys' team took fourth and the teams' athletes placed in the top three in several events.

The March 17 meet was held in Durango due to track conditions in Bayfield, with coach Connie O'Donnell reporting the team was able to compete in all its events except discus.

"The Bayfield meet (in Durango) on Friday went really well for us," O'Donnell wrote in an email to The SUN. "The weather was chilly, but it wasn't bad. The sun even came out long enough to consider applying sunscreen."

O'Donnell explained the teams could enter up to four athletes per event, with three contributing to team scoring.

The Lady Pirates tied for first with Durango at the event, with Montezuma-Cortez taking third and Mancos finishing fourth.

In the girls' 100-meter dash, the Lady Pirates swept the top four finishes.

Rylie Carr took first with a time of 13.41 seconds. Alexis Campbell followed in second with a time of 14.42 seconds. Annabelle Parker took third with a time of 14.44. Aspen Pitcher finished fourth with a time of 14.77.

Carr also took first in the 200-meter dash, logging a time of 28.73 seconds. Reece Peterson took second with a time of 30.07 seconds. Kylie Ketchum and Pitcher tied for fifth with times of 30.96 seconds.

The coach noted Carr is currently ranked fifth in the 3A classification for the 100 and 11th in the 200, with the goal being to be in the top 18 by the last meet of the season to qualify for the state track meet.

Peterson took first in the 400-meter dash in 67.85 seconds. Emma Gantt took second with a time of 73.21 seconds and Hannah Schultz took fifth with a time of 1:25.33.

Highlighting Peterson's runs, O'Donnell wrote, "She has been such an important leader. She has helped several younger girls [learn] how to do handoffs. She is also just tremendously positive and fun to be around. We will continue to be more and more successful with her leadership."

Annie O'Donnell took second in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:38.75.

"She has only run the race a handful of times and is still trying to figure out her race," the coach wrote, noting Annie O'Donnell is ranked ninth in 3A in the event.

Honesty Sweet finished the 800 eighth with a time of 3:26.04.

The coach also points out the team's depth in its sprints, calling it "fun" that the team took the four top spots in the 100, the top two spots in the 400 and second in the 800.

Lucy Taylor finished fifth in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 7:19.37, while Sweet finished ninth with a time of 7:52.63.

Marie Smith took third in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 17:37.07.

Elissa Mars took first in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of



Photo courtesy Jessica Carr

Jonathan Nasralla takes to the air during the triple jump at the Bayfield track meet on March 17. The event was held in Durango due to track conditions. Nasralla took second in the competition and is ranked fifth in the state.

18.68 seconds. Jordan Lindstrom finished 13th with a time of 22.76 seconds.

Mars also took first in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 55.55 seconds.

"It was her first ever 300 hurdle race. I entered her without really asking and she didn't even complain, she just ran," Connie O'Donnell wrote.

She adds that Mars is ranked 10th in the state in both hurdle events.

The Lady Pirate team of Chantelle Caldwell, Carr, Packer and Peterson took first in the 4x100-meter relay with a time of 52.69 seconds.

Connie O'Donnell notes the team won the race by about 40 meters and is currently ranked second in 3A.

The Lady Pirate team of Caldwell, Carr, Campbell and Packer took third in the 4x200-

meter relay with a time of 2:08:89.

The coach wrote that the team was ahead by about 50 meters when the baton was dropped between the second and third runners.

"We were able to pick up the baton and finish the race," she wrote. "Chantelle Caldwell and Rylie Carr were the last two runners. I love how they competed and ran their very best even after the mishap with the baton. Rylie ended up catching the Bayfield runner at the end to put her team in 3rd place. Dropped batons happen and after practicing in hallways so far this season, I'm still impressed with our handoffs. They will get it

figured out."

Connie O'Donnell also highlights Carr's overall effort on the day.

"Rylie Carr was the fastest girl at the meet," the coach wrote, noting she won the 100 and 200 and was the anchor of the 4x100 and 4x200. "She looked really smooth in all of her runs."

The Lady Pirate team of Gantt, Hanna Schultz, Taylor and Packer finished second in the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 5:25.13.

Pagosa's team of Ketchum, Parker, Pitcher and Annie O'Donnell took first in the 800-meter sprint medley with a time of 2:02.94.

■ See Track A11

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The Pagosa Springs Middle School wrestling team edged out the competition to win the six-team league tournament on March 11 at Escalante Middle School in Durango. The Pirates defeated Bayfield 195-189 in the final round.

Track

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"Kylie and Annabelle ran the 100s, Aspen ran the 200 and handed off to Annie in the lead. Annie was able to extend the lead to about 60 meters in the 400 leg of the event," the coach highlighted.

Annie O'Donnell took second in the high jump with a height of 4 feet, 8 inches.

The coach noted Annie O'Donnell is currently tied for seventh in 3A.

"She was going for a personal record at [4'10"], but didn't make it. Still, to be making an attempt at your PR from the year before so early in the season is very encouraging," she wrote.

Lindstrom took fourth with a height of 4-04.00. Elio Groves took ninth with a height of 4-02.00.

Mars finished second in the long jump with a distance of 14-07.75.

The coach noted Mars had not competed in long jump since middle school and is ranked 11th

in 3A in the event.

Ketchum finished sixth in the long jump with a jump of 13-10.50. Campbell finished 17th with a jump of 11-02.75 and Groves finished 24th with a distance of 8-08.75.

Lindstrom finished third in the triple jump with a distance of 29-07.75. Groves followed in fourth with a distance of 28-06.25, and Campbell took fifth with a result of 28-04.00.

Charity Domingo took 13th in the shot put with a throw of 17-02.00.

The Pirate boys' squad took fourth behind Durango, Montezuma-Cortez and Dove Creek, respectively.

Colton Lucero took ninth in the 100 dash with a time of 12.59 seconds. Kameron Winkler took 11th with a time of 12.63 seconds. Gavin Carter finished tied for 14th in 12.74 seconds. Jeremiah Dean finished 27th with a time of 13.80 seconds.

Winkler took eighth in the 200 with a time of 25.29 seconds. Harley Armijo finished 20th with a time of 26.61 seconds.

Jeremiah Jones finished 14th in the 400 with a time of 59.16 seconds, while Carter finished 16th in 59.47. Aidan Vega finished 19th in 61.45 seconds.

Jesse Beck took sixth in the 800 with a time of 2:43.25. Kyle Marotta finished 13th in 2:46.84, followed by Elias Sanchez in 14th with a time of 2:47.45.

Andrew Bowles took fourth in the 1,600 with a time of 5:26.01. Beck finished sixth in 5:49.28. Sanchez finished 10th with a time of 6:14.15. Mathew Lane finished 13th in 9:08.59.

Bowles also took fourth in the 3,200, finishing in 11:48.35. Marotta finished sixth in 14:06.91.

"Andrew Bowles had a strong opening meet," the coach wrote, adding, "Andrew is coming off a successful cross country season. He is a competitor on the track and enjoys racing."

Jaxten Schiel finished ninth in the 110-meter hurdles in 22.47 seconds.

Pagosa's team of Winkler, Lucero, Armijo and Nathaniel Kinsley finished fourth in the 4x100 relay with a time of 47.85 seconds.

In the 4x200, the Pirate team of Kinsley, Lucero, Winkler and Armijo took first with a time of 1:40.52.

"Nate and Colton are both new to the sport," O'Donnell wrote. "While there is a lot to fix with their handoffs, I'd say that they did really well for their first time and for still

practicing in the hallways."

She notes the relay team is currently ranked eighth in 3A.

Jeremiah Jones took third in the high jump with a height of 5-06.00. Scheil finished tied for seventh with a jump of 5-02.00.

In the long jump, Schiel finished sixth with a jump of 18-02.50. Jonathan Nasralla finished 10th with a distance of 17-06.00. Lucero finished 14th with a jump of 16-05.75. Dean finished 19th with a distance of 15-02.75.

Nasralla took second in the triple jump with a distance of 38-05.75.

The coach noted Nasralla is currently ranked fifth in 3A in the event.

In addition to Nasralla, she also highlights the performances of Schiel in the long jump and Jones in the high jump.

"We cannot wait to get these athletes on our actual runways and train. They all have so much potential," she wrote.

The teams are now on hiatus for spring break, with their next meet set for April 1.

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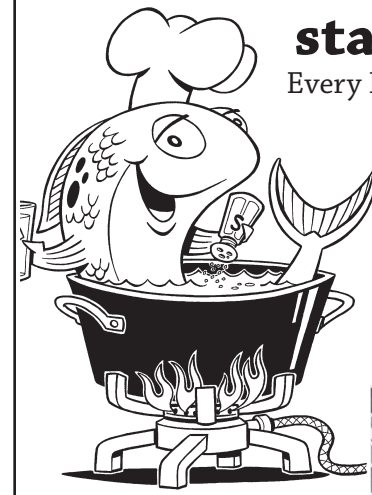
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SOCCER

Lady Pirates to play Ignacio Tuesday

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate soccer team will continue its season after spring break by playing the Ignacio Bobcats on Tuesday, March 28, at 4 p.m. in Ignacio.

Coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason explains in a statement to The SUN that the Lady Pirates have been working on improving their fitness level and touches on the ball to prepare for the Ignacio match.

He also explains that he has been seeing improvement in the team's transitional movements.

On the topic of potential challenges playing Ignacio, he notes, "The only challenge is that we, as a team, can play our game."

The Lady Pirates are currently 0-3 on the season.

The Bobcats were 0-2 this season as of press time Wednesday.

Following the Ignacio game, the

Pagosa team will play Crested Butte in Gunnison on March 31 at 4 p.m. before facing Bayfield in its first home match of the season at 4 p.m. on April 4 at Golden Peaks Stadium.

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BASEBALL

Pirates go 3-0 at Delta tournament

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate baseball team picked up three wins at the Delta tournament last week to even its record at 3-3.

The Pirates scored 29 runs over the three games while allowing nine runs and nine hits by their opponents.

"I thought we played just as well as we did the first three games ... we just got results," coach Nathan Morales said, adding, "I think we just continue to do the good things we want to do. We put the ball in play, we get the outs that they give us and we throw strikes, and it leads to success. ... It's just good stuff."

The Pirates opened the tournament with an 8-3 win against the Cedaredge Bruins on Friday, March 17.

Pagosa brought three runs around in the top of the first to take an early lead.

Riley Laugel doubled to lead off the game, then stole third. He scored on a one-out single by Hunter Pouyer. The single also advanced Clifford, who reached on a walk, to third. Clifford scored on a line out. Pouyer scored the third run of the inning

on an error.

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

Pagosa scored another run in the second.

In that inning, Zach Pouyer reached on a leadoff single and came around to score on a two-out double by Laugel.

The Pirates picked up another run in the top of the fourth and three in the top of the sixth.

The run in the fourth came around after Seth Aucoin walked and scored on another two-out double by Laugel.

In the sixth, Zach Pouyer singled, advancing to third on a wild pitch and a single by Chris Young-Martinez. Zach Pouyer scored and the runners advanced on a balk before Young-Martinez scored on a single by Laugel. Laugel scored on a two-out single by Braylon Cotts.

Pagosa's eight runs came on 11 hits and four walks.

Riley Laugel went 4-for-4 in the game with three doubles, three RBIs, three stolen bases and two runs scored.

Zach Pouyer and Chris Young-Martinez each had two hits in the game. Pouyer also scored two runs

and had a stolen base, and Young-Martinez scored once and had a stolen base.

Braylon Cotts, Hunter Pouyer and Quintin Blankenship each had one hit. Cotts also had an RBI and Hunter Pouyer logged an RBI and a run scored. Hunter Pouyer also had two stolen bases.

Kaison Clifford and Seth Aucoin each scored a run. Aucoin also had a stolen base.

Jaden Tuggle-Reed also stole a base.

The team left seven runners on base.

Young-Martinez, Hunter Pouyer and Clifford combined to allow three runs on four hits and one walk while striking out 13.

Pagosa committed one error in the game, while the Bruins logged two.

Later that day, the Pirates took on the Gunnison Cowboys and picked up a 7-6 win.

The Pirates scored one in the top of the second when Blankenship singled with two outs and came around to score on a double by Zach Pouyer.

Gunnison evened the score in the bottom of the second, but the Pirates **■ See Baseball A13**

ASSOCIATION

v. Defendants, GERALDINE JANSSEN

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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:

Lots 400, PAGOSA TRAILS, according to the plat thereof filed for record September 13, 1971 as Reception No. 74885.

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. ** PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.**
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Archuleta County, Colorado
By: /s/ Lorena Medina
Lorena Medina, Office Manager
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CIVIL ACTION NO. 2021CV030040 DIVISION NO. MG

COMBINED NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND RIGHT TO CURE AND REDEEM

Plaintiff, PAGOSA LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS

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WRITERS ON THE RANGE

When giants fall, we need to listen

By Joe Stone
SUN Columnist

"God has cared for these trees ... but he cannot save them from fools." — John Muir.

In just two years, wildfire has killed an estimated 13 to 19 percent of all mature giant sequoia trees. These most massive of trees grow only on certain western slopes of the Sierra Nevada, the mountain range that divides California's Central Valley farmland from the Great Basin Desert.

The loss of so many "big trees," as conservationist John Muir called them, is unprecedented.

Many of the best-known stands of giant sequoias grow more than 6,000 feet above sea level in three national parks — Sequoia, Kings Canyon and Yosemite. A visit to these immense trees typically begins with a drive up from Fresno. From the valley floor, Highway 180 curves into foothills, then winds onto steep, tree-covered mountainsides where cooler temperatures and higher humidity take the edge off the California sun.

The road passes through Kings Canyon National Park, where visitors get their first impression of the big trees. As Muir acknowledged, words aren't sufficient to convey the awe of that first encounter with giant sequoias: "No description can give anything like an adequate idea of their singular majesty, much less of their beauty."

He added, "Nothing hurts the big tree." Except in our time: severe wildfire and the chain saw.

Muir's words helped inspire the national parks that have protected many sequoia groves from logging, but our concern about wildfires led to government-mandated fire suppression for more than 100 years. Through a federal agency's zeal, the big trees are in trouble. In the Sierra Madre's fire regime, developed over centuries, sequoia

groves burned every six to 35 years. Wildfire thinned the smaller trees and converted fine fuels into soil nutrients.

Without fire, sequoia cones don't open and spread their seeds. The same fire also creates openings in the forest canopy, giving seedlings the sunlight they need to survive.

Research shows that giant sequoia populations were "stable or increasing" from 500 B.C. through the 1800s. Then came the 1900s, when "there was a massive failure of giant sequoia reproduction." Without fire, sequoia seeds stopped sprouting, while the buildup of highly combustible fine fuels on the forest floor, and the greater density of smaller trees, increased the risk of catastrophic wildfire.

As scientists began to understand the problem, the National Park Service implemented a prescribed burning program in giant sequoia groves. Evidence from recent wildfires indicates the program has been successful. Areas treated with prescribed fire burned less intensely, mature sequoias did not die and sequoia seedlings have since sprouted.

Clearly, sequoias need fire to survive.

The challenge is avoiding catastrophic wildfire, a challenge made difficult by today's dense groves. According to Alexis Bernal, a researcher with the University of California at Berkeley, Sierra Nevada forests typically held about 20 sequoias per acre before 1860. Since then, fire suppression has allowed the growth of as many as 120 to 160 trees per acre.

Bernal advocates extensive logging before fire can resume its natural role. Emergency logging by government agencies has already begun in forests with sequoia groves, including clear-cuts along roadways in Yosemite National Park.

Not everyone agrees that logging is the answer. Forest ecologist Chad



Photo courtesy Joe Stone

Sequoia National Forest.

Hanson, with the John Muir Project, calls Bernal's approach an excuse to continue commercial logging of public lands. He believes sequoia deaths have been far lower than official estimates and that new trees can sprout even after severe fires.

Unfortunately, Congress has gotten involved. Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., introduced the Save Our Sequoias Act in 2022 in the House. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., later introduced the act in the Senate. The bill would expedite mechanical "fuel treatments" by bypassing environmental laws.

We're just lucky that record snowfall in the Sierra Madre threw a wet blanket on the initiative by reducing fire risk, as the bill has yet to be reintroduced in the current legislative session.

While the unprecedented threat to these priceless trees might be a rare instance in which "mechanical treatment" is justified, chipping away at environmental protections has rarely, if ever, proven beneficial for the environment — especially

when politicians try to call the shots.

Giant sequoias need all the help they can get, but that help needs to be informed by good science.

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Baseball

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moved ahead with four runs in the top of the third.

In that inning, Laugel singled with one out. He then stole second and scored on a double by Clifford. Clifford advanced to third when Cotts reached on an error. Cotts then stole second and the pair scored on a ground ball hit by Hunter Pouyer.

Hunter Pouyer reached and advanced to second on an error, then scored on a single by Tuggle-Reed to give the Pirates a 5-1 lead.

Gunnison made it a 5-3 game in the bottom of the third.

The Pirates scored insurance runs in the sixth and seventh innings to increase their lead to 7-3.

In the sixth, Hunter Pouyer walked, advanced to second on a balk, stole third and scored on another balk.

In the seventh, Laugel singled, before stealing second, third and home.

Gunnison brought around three in the bottom of the seventh on a series of Pirate errors, but were unable to take away the Pirates' lead.

The Pirates committed eight errors in the game. Gunnison committed two.

Pagosa's seven runs came around on seven hits and two walks.

Laugel and Zach Pouyer each had two hits, with one of Laugel's hits being a double. Laugel also had two runs scored and four stolen bases. Zach Pouyer had an RBI and two stolen bases.

Clifford, Tuggle-Reed and Blankenship each had one hit. Clifford, whose hit came in the form of a double, also notched an RBI and a run scored. Tuggle-Reed logged an RBI, and Blankenship scored a run and stole a base.

Hunter Pouyer notched two runs scored, an RBI in the game and two stolen bases. Cotts logged a run scored and a stolen base.

Pagosa left two runners on.

Cotts and Hunter Pouyer combined to allow six runs (one earned), on five hits and one walk while striking out 14.

The following day, the Pirates no-hit the Olathe Pirates and picked up a 14-0 win.

The Pirates scored one in the first, three in the second, four in the third and six in the fifth.

Pagosa's 14 runs came on nine hits and seven walks.

Olathe committed eight errors in the game, compared to zero by Pagosa.

Zach Pouyer went 4-for-4 in the

game with three RBIs and three runs scored. He also stole three bases.

Cotts had two hits in the game, including a double, and stole a base.

Laugel had one hit, a double, as well as two RBIs, a run scored and two stolen bases.

Clifford had one hit, two RBIs, a run scored and a stolen base.

Dylan Dempster had one hit, a double, as well as three RBIs.

Hunter Pouyer had two runs scored and two stolen bases.

Tuggle-Reed logged two runs scored and an RBI.

Blankenship logged a run scored, Aaron Aucoin scored one run, Seth Aucoin scored two runs and Kaden Iguchi scored one run.

The Pirates left six runners on.

Laugel threw a no-hitter for the Pirates, throwing 83 pitches over the five innings, walking three and striking out eight.

Morales noted Laugel is a transfer student from Loveland, where he

received "really good coaching."

"He's by far our most polished ... player," Morales said.

The team tallied 28 stolen bases over the three games and now has 47 stolen bases on the season.

"We're pretty athletic and fast, so we'll use that to our advantage," the coach said, adding they're going to make other teams make throws to get them out.

The Pirates' next games are set for Tuesday, March 28, when the team will travel to Bloomfield, N.M., for a doubleheader against the Bobcats.

The Bobcats are 5-1 on the season.

Morales said he'll be looking for the team to continue to have "that grit and the good effort."

He'll also be looking for the team to have more excitement, positive energy and communication regardless of what's happening on the field.

"I just want us to focus on our energy," he said.

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In annual tradition, the youngsters from Seeds of Learning and their families made leprechaun traps in hopes of catching the elusive being on St. Patrick's Day.

The leprechaun lives on at Seeds of Learning

By Danyelle Leentjes
Seeds of Learning

The annual tradition of trying to catch the elusive St. Patrick's Day leprechaun continued this year in Ms. Ruby's "Ladybug" preschool classroom at Seeds of Learning.

The children prepared leprechaun traps in hopes of capturing one of these lucky charms. Leprechauns love gold and trickery, and enjoy wreaking havoc wherever they go. If trapped, leprechauns may grant three wishes, but one must be very careful what they wish for.

In keeping with tradition, the elaborate traps were designed, constructed and decorated as a home-based project between the parent and the student. Colorfully decorate traps included gold, flashing lights, candy and glitter to attract the rascal to hidden trap doors to capture him.

This hands-on project was a

great way get the parents involved in their child's education, which strengthens the teacher-family partnership and promotes development and learning.

The children then brought the traps to school and set them out the night before St. Patrick's Day. The next morning, they couldn't wait to get into the classroom to check their traps for the leprechaun. They were sure they would find the leprechaun in one of the many traps. What they

found instead was a classroom splashed with leprechaun glitter in every nook and cranny of the room, and toys, tables, and chairs in complete disarray — signs that the leprechaun had been there. The children used their keen detective skills and started tracking the green footprints all around the room that eventually led them to empty traps. The leprechaun had gotten away again this year. Better luck next year, ladybugs.

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Photo courtesy Humane Society of Pagosa Springs

Second annual Shelter Baby Shower will support Humane Society

By Robson Reyes
Humane Society of Pagosa Springs

Be sure to attend our second Animal Shelter Baby Shower to support your local Humane Society and the upcoming puppy and kitten season on April 1 at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse from 3 to 5 p.m.

Every spring, our shelter is overwhelmed with kittens and puppies in need of care until they are ready for adoption. Each precious life in our care receives an examination. Kittens are weighed, scanned for ringworm, tested for FELV, vaccinated and dewormed. We keep a careful chart of their weight progress and re-vaccinate as they continue in our care.

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Stargazers to hold ‘Planet Pa-Looza’ star party

By Joan Mieritz
San Juan Stargazers

“Planet Pa-Looza” is the name given to the night of Tuesday, March 28, when the San Juan Stargazers will hold their next star party.

The reason for the name is that five planets will be visible that night. Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn will be good for naked-eye observing from almost anywhere. Uranus pretty much needs a telescope to be seen, but all of the planets can be better seen with telescopes.

This was going to be a club-members-only star party, but we decided to invite the public since the word is out on Facebook and more people may be interested in seeing “Planet Pa-Looza.” If you want to attend, please call (720) 626-9304 and leave a message with your name and number. Someone will call you back with information.

It should be a fun night. We view from someone’s home so we can take frequent warming breaks by the fireplace with a cup of hot chocolate or cider. We have some tough and hardy members, but many of us are older and willing to take it easy in the cold. Please arrive just before it is dark and we will stay as long as you’d like. We have treats, but you can also bring something to share, if it is convenient.

The next San Juan Stargazer Club monthly meeting is Thursday, April 6, in the Community United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at 434 Lewis St. Please use the doorway right off the large parking lot to the east. The front doors may be locked. If you would like coffee/tea, snacks and some stimulating conversation, you can arrive shortly after 6 p.m. for our social hour.

From 7 to 8:30 p.m. sharp is the program, the topic being the remarkable planet, “Uranus — A Water World on its Side.” Our presenter, Ann Marie Kemp, has a special personal story relating to her dad and the amazing planet.

Shower

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Funds raised through our events directly benefit the homeless dogs and cats in our community. Board members and volunteers donate their time and talents to handle fundraising efforts by the organization and new volunteers are always welcome. For more information about donating, please contact the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs administration office at (970) 264-5549 or email us at hsdmin@humanesociety.biz .

The Humane Society of Pagosa Springs is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization; all donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

I am certain that it will be very educational and interesting. Most people feel amazed after the video programs we have.

In April, there will be two deep sky viewing nights, on April 14 and April 21, both at our Meadows East location. Call the same number if you need directions. We have had some exciting star parties this winter with great viewing and important work on our telescopes. I hope that more people will be coming in April since the weather may be a

bit warmer. We need to prepare for our summer of night sky programs at Chimney Rock when we will be back to using telescopes.

In May, our monthly meeting will be on May 4 with the same location and timing. Our program topic will be the planet Neptune. We hope to see you. Many people tell me that for months they “think of coming” to our meetings or activities. Save your thinking for our mind-blowing programs and just come. You won’t be sorry.



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Conservationist James Mwenda to speak at library March 29

By Bill Hudson
Special to The PREVIEW

Conservationist James Mwenda will be speaking at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library in Pagosa Springs on Wednesday, March 29, at 4:30 p.m. The presentation is free.

Mwenda served as caretaker for Sudan, the last known male northern white rhinoceros, during Sudan's final years.

"Passion for my community and our native African wildlife landed me a renowned Ol Pejeta Conservancy position. Starting as a general laborer, I quickly moved up to rhino patrolman, tracked rhinos, collected data on these beautiful animals and ensured the ecosystem's well-being. I continued my efforts on rhino patrol for two years, then moved up to rhino caretaker. For the next six years, I spent my days and nights protecting and looking after the last known northern white rhinos on Earth. My position started watching over four white rhinos, including Sudan, the last male northern white rhino."

In the nine-year span of his career, he's traveled to many cities worldwide to educate both children and adults in the name of conservation — visiting the U.K., Hong Kong, South Africa and the U.S., where he has spoken on the plights of endangered species and how each individual can truly make a difference.

"I have been privileged and excited to meet many amazing people such as visitors, students, volunteers and tourists through my conservation engagements and who came to see the rhinos at the Ol Pejeta Conservancy," he said.



Photo courtesy Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library

Rhino conservation expert James Mwenda will speak next Wednesday, March 29, from 4:40 to 5:30 p.m. at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library about his rhino unit at Ol Pejeta Conservancy in central Kenya.

"Inspiration for my work is a never-ending stream of positive energy from the rhinos I have worked with, to the people I've met on my travels and the majestic beauty of Kenya.

"I am proud to take action as a conservationist. My passion for wildlife was ignited by witnessing firsthand human-wildlife conflict with wild animals in my village at the foothills of Mount Kenya. As a result of this experience, I initiated and developed programs to ensure the continuation of animal species survival in Kenya. As a result of my efforts, I was awarded the African Ranger of the Year in 2018."

At a young age, Mwenda had interactions with tourists who were visiting Mount Kenya. His earliest memories of tourism drew him to be obsessed with the huge safari vehicles and towering radio antennas used to talk back and forth. He says school was hard to

access as a young boy in Kenya, as poverty-stricken communities don't typically have educational opportunities.

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Dr. Oakleigh Thorne, a lifelong conservationist and environmental educator, leads a nature walk of young birders at Thorne Nature Center in Boulder. “The Mighty Oak,” a feature-length film about Thorne’s life, will be shown at both sessions of the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership’s Environmental Film Festival on April 15 at The Springs Resort.

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Environmental Film Festival invites Pagosa to celebrate Colorado

By Sally High
Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership

The Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) will welcome supporters to its 10th Colorado Environmental Film Festival (CEFF) on April 14 and 15 at The Springs Resort.

The GGP’s educational park is located in Centennial Park, right on the San Juan Riverwalk. The nonprofit GGP operates three teaching dome greenhouses, a public amphitheater, the Rotary xeric garden and the Audubon native plants garden.

The GGP’s 2023 CEFF Caravan

features nine films all about Colorado and chosen for Pagosa Springs viewers. Southwest Colorado’s GGP supporters gather each year to celebrate partnerships promoting environmental awareness, sustainable agriculture and renewable energy.

The Springs Resort hosts GGP’s Film Festival in the Phoenix Room and adjacent conference space. Friday evening, April 14, the Premiere Gala will begin at 5 p.m. with a catered crepe buffet dinner and a discounted cash bar. The upscale evening features three films. Friday night wristbands allow guests to

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“However, I was determined to work hard and pursue my interest in conservation. I wanted to address the human-wildlife conflicts in my village, and make a differ-

ence in the future,” he said.

He now leads conservation-oriented safaris in his native Kenya.

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Kids from the 2022 Whatchamawhozits Summer Theatre Camp production of “Music Man” get ready for their show. This summer’s camp is set for July 3-14.

Registration open for Whatchamawhozits Children’s Theatre Summer Camp

By Laura Moore

Thingamajig Theatre Company

The Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts is a lively place in the

summers. This year will be no exception, with three major musicals running in repertory: “The Great American Trailerpark Musical,” “Jersey Boys” and “Godspell.”

More than 30 professional artists descend on our town, designing, rehearsing and performing for three months straight.

And right in the middle of it all is the Whatchamawhozits Children’s Theatre Summer Camp. This super fun and wildly popular summer camp is in its 12th summer at the Center for the Arts.

The Whatchamawhozit Children’s Theatre Summer Camp will

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Festival

■ continued from previous page view films on Saturday as well.

Two film sessions are scheduled for 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 drinks. The second session will also feature 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.

Filmmaker and Pagosa resident Christi Bode Skeie will join us for the Friday night Pagosa premiere of “Farm to Faucet.” Guests will enjoy an opportunity to discuss water and filmmaking with Skeie. “Farm to Faucet” explores our most valuable and increasingly scarce resource in Colorado — water.

A schedule of the nine films to be shown twice, in two sessions on April 15, will be published soon.

All tickets can be purchased at <https://www.pagosagreen.org/environmentalfilmfestival/>. Premiere Gala tickets are \$50 and include one Saturday session. Tickets are \$15 for Saturday’s early session (11 a.m.) or evening session (5 p.m.). Both Saturday sessions include all nine films. Seating is limited.

The Friday evening Premiere Gala will include three films. Fifty guests will enjoy a crepe buffet with assorted savory and sweet crepes, a discounted cash bar, discussion with a filmmaker and environmentalists, and entry to Saturday’s films. Because of limited seating, Friday night guests who intend to return on Saturday can indicate their preference for the early or late session. Empty seats on Saturday will be filled.

Tickets for each Saturday showing are \$15 and are available <https://www.pagosagreen.org/environmentalfilmfestival/>.

The GGP film fest kicks off Pagosa’s annual Earth Week. Earth Day is celebrated on April 22 and is centered at the GGP site. The GGP is one of many Pagosa groups that will greet the public in Centennial Park for Earth Day. All film fest proceeds benefit GGP’s operations.

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Mary Helen Cammack is pictured with her father, James White, as she celebrates his new book, "Stories of the Blanco Basin Road," with an exciting Blanco Basin adventure table at The Library Affair, scheduled for April 15 at The Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Tickets are now on sale.

The Library Affair tickets now on sale

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

It is time to buy your tickets to the upcoming gala celebration The Library Affair, to be held at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts on April 15 beginning at 6 p.m. The proceeds from this event will be used for the expansion of our Ruby

M. Sisson Memorial Library. Tickets are \$50 and may be purchased online at www.pagosalibrary.org or in person at the library, located at 811 San Juan St. (cash or check only).

The Library Affair will feature 20 amazing tables designed by celebrity guest artists. Each table will be decorated based on a theme from the designer's favorite book

and will include dishes, glasses, silverware, napkins, tablecloths, unique décor, along with added gift certificates. Some tables will be open for silent auction, others for live auctions and several will be available for chance drawings.

For those whose fine dining collection is already complete, there will be several tables offered with themes ■ See Affair on next page

Camp

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 run July 3 through July 14, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with public performances on July 15 and 16. There will be no camp on July 4.

The camp is open to kids 7-14 years old (6-year-olds may inquire about special permission) and is taught by the professional per-

formers in town for Thingamajig Theatre Company's summer season.

The camp will focus on putting up the production of "NEWSIES Jr.," which will be performed for the public on July 15 and 16.

Theater teaches students the valuable skills of teamwork, public

speaking, critical thinking, self-confidence, physical fitness and, above all, empathy. All are incorporated in the form of singing, dancing and acting.

Registration and more information can be found at pagosacenter.org. If you have additional questions, please contact thingamajig-box@gmail.com.

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Rise Above Violence needs your help

By Kristen Bair
Rise Above Violence

Here at Rise Above Violence we believe that all people have the right to live free from violence.

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choice but to stay. In 50-70 percent of violent families, the children are also abused and 80 percent of our survivors have children. Imagine having to choose between being abused and being homeless. It is not a choice. These children are our future. By providing safe housing for victims and their children, we can break the cycle of violence. Many families end up living out of their car or homeless, but we can do better.

It takes the whole community to solve a community problem. How can you help? One of the best ways we can break the cycle of violence is by providing a safe home, which

are unused spaces such as second homes, campers/RVs, mother-in-law suites, houses/spaces that are used only part of the time; anything will help, the need is so great.

Safe homes provide victims a place to keep safe and the peace of mind to plan their next steps forward. Most stays at a safe home are less than four weeks in duration; this is really up to the homeowner. You and Rise staff work to create a plan that meets your needs and desires and provides safety for a victim.

Reasons to provide a safe home:

1. You are providing safety for a
- See Rise on next page

Affair

■ continued from previous page offering exciting and unique experiences. For instance, table artist Mary Helen Cammack has chosen the new book, "Stories from the Blanco Basin Road," by her father and local author, James White, as the theme for her table. The colorful stories from this book tell of interesting local lore and stories of many of the local characters that have shaped the history of the Blanco Basin. For many years, James; his wife, Carol Ann; and family have enjoyed living part time in the Basin. White, in his unique and inimitable style, offers firsthand knowledge of life on the Blanco River.

Cammack's table will offer spectacular experiences right on the beautiful Blanco River that include a guided Blanco River fly-fishing trip for two on the spectacular Lindner Ranch (\$700 value); a box of 80 hand-tied flies by local

fishermen Lowell Wiles and Larry Gwaltney; and a fly box. Additionally, the auction winner of this table will enjoy a field trip with the author along the Basin Road; a catered picnic for two on the banks of the Blanco River, complete with chokecherry wine and rhubarb pie; and a tour of the Morris Brown Halfway House log cabin. There are numerous additional gifts included that make this package one you will not be able to resist.

You must be present to win, so be sure to buy your tickets to the gala right away. There is limited space for guests, so tickets will sell out quickly.

Another great way to contribute to the library is to go online (www.pagosalibrary.org) and vote for your favorite table. For only \$2 per vote, you can see pictures of these beautiful tables and help your friends or your favorite table

win the coveted Pagosa Pulitzer Prize. The proceeds from these votes add up and are an important part of this fundraising event. So, whether or not you can attend the gala, we encourage you to do your part to assist our public library in meeting its goal to add additional space and learning opportunities to our facility.

The evening will include fabulous hors d'oeuvres prepared by Todd Stevens and the Pagosa Springs High School culinary class, beautiful acoustic guitar music by Steven Blechschmidt, along with wine, beer, and a specialty drink designed specially for the event. Brooks Lindner will be the evening's master of ceremonies and Darren Lewis will serve as the auctioneer.

You won't want to miss this exiting evening, so purchase your tickets today. And don't forget to vote for your favorite table.



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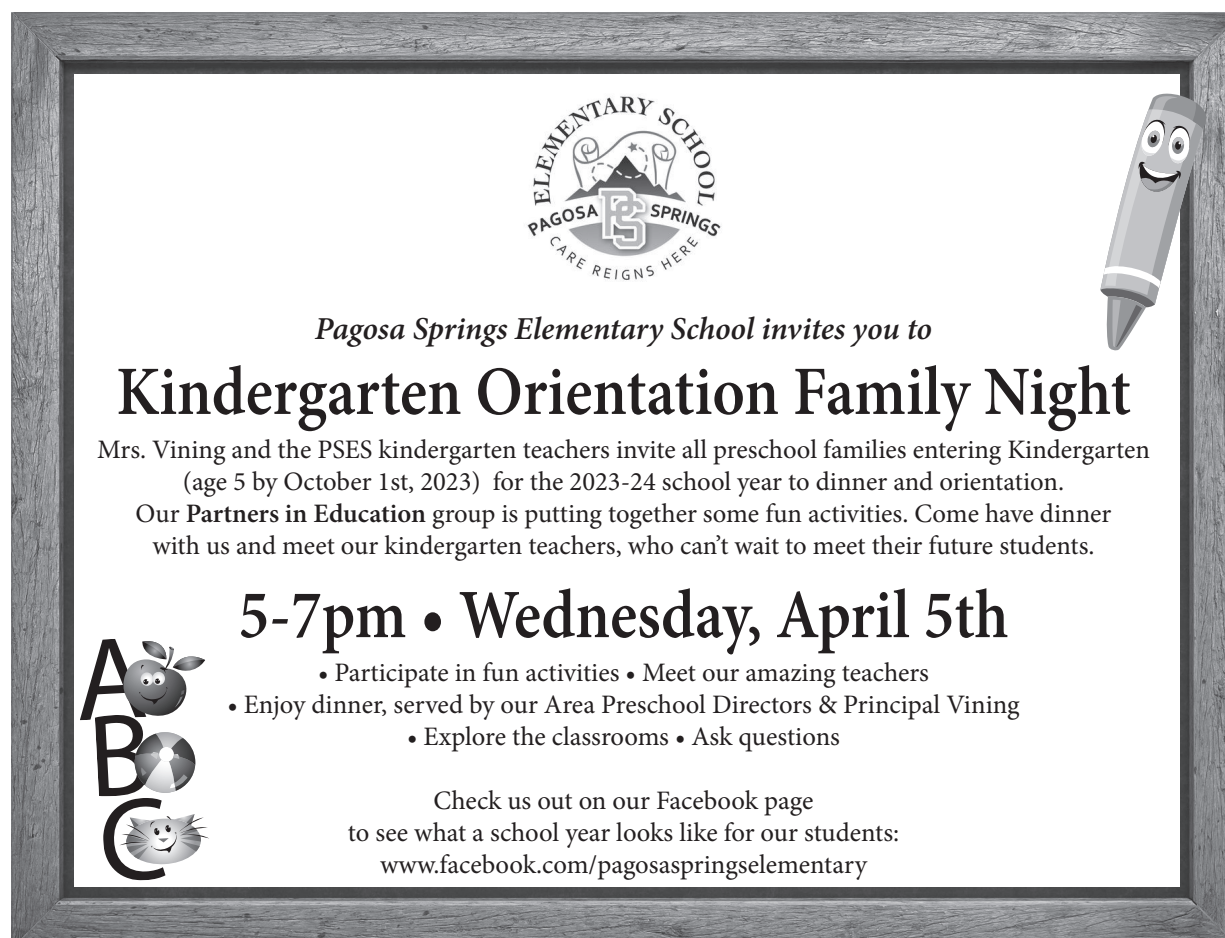


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Rise

■ continued from previous page family and breaking a generational cycle of violence.

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Right now, we have only one safe home in Pagosa Springs, in the form of a giving couple who offers the space above their garage to victims of domestic violence in their time of need.

Here is their testimony:

"We've been a host home for Rise Above Violence for about three years. It has allowed us to experience an expanded idea of sharing space with others in a time of need. We feel

gratitude for the opportunity to provide a place of peace and privacy that facilitates rest and recovery. Being a host has given us the opportunity to connect with the community in ways that we had not foreseen. This has been a rewarding and fulfilling experience.

"Rise has been instrumental to the success of the program. They listen to the needs of both the clients and the host and respond promptly. They continue follow-up assessments of the host and client to ensure everything is going well. The staff at Rise promptly answers our calls and questions. At the end of the client's stay, Rise ensures everything is in order.

"As a host, we defer to Rise to provide the client with counseling, access to community services and supplemental food and sundries. Very little is required of us beyond providing the client with a safe and secure space that can facilitate a transition from a difficult place to a place of new beginnings."

A survivor's story:

"I am a domestic abuse survivor who has started a new, safe chapter in my life. I am happy, thriving and so are my children. Finally.

"I attempted to escape my toxic situation for years. I wanted so badly to give my children a better

life. For us to be able to live without torment and fear. If it hadn't been for the transitional housing Rise Above Violence found us, I don't believe we would be living the life we are today."

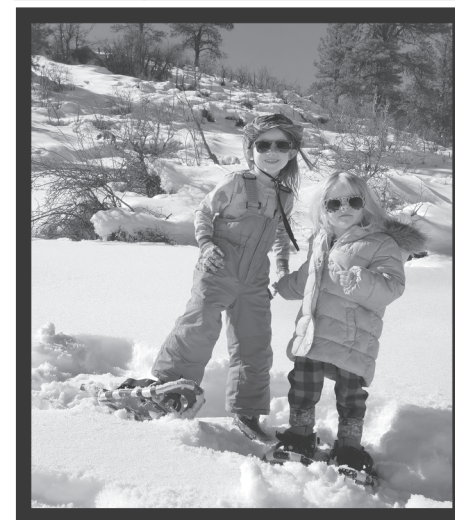
So many women want out, to put a stop to chaos and abuse. So many women want to give their children a better life. But, they have no family, no support, nowhere to go. With transitional housing, these women will have a fighting chance at a better life. A chance for a happy life. So will their children.

Please join us in supporting Pagosa Springs' most vulnerable population and creating a change in their life for the better. For further questions and information, please contact Kristen Bair, housing advocate, at either kristen@riseaboveviolence.org or (970) 264-1129, ext. 7.

Rise 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.



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Edith Graham: Finishing strong

As days of life gain on us, our strength wanes, our minds forget and I wonder what I will leave behind for others. Hopefully, my good words will rest upon the hearts of my children and a good word will find its way upon my children's lips to enrich generations to come.

The life of another person will

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



enrich us — a true enrichment gained by having touched that person's life. How can they do that? It's their attitude that marks who they are and what they have done. Their walk points to the way to go and where we will soon walk ourselves.

I have had some very strong role models in my life. Edith Graham is one, 13 years my senior. I find great trust in who she is. She tells me she only sees God in people. She can look into their eyes and see God. Have I done that in my life? No. I've seen what I wanted to see, not how God sees them. I still have much to learn from her.

I've never heard a negative or accusing word, only love, from her mouth toward anyone. As I sought Edith's friendship, I learned how and what I aspire to be in my later years.

Strong in faith, sharp in mind, her determined but fragile body lounges in her chair as she projects a beautiful smile. Her eager eyes look to take in everything around her.

She celebrated her 94th birthday recently. Eighty children in all claim her as mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Blessed to live in proximity, her children know



Edith Graham

Photo courtesy Betty Slade

the depth of her spiritual life by the way she treats them, what she thinks of life and how she gives her life for them.

She is the center of her family, a voice of their era, the root from whom they come. I have watched her family up close and how they treat her. So much respect they show her, so much care they give

her, with a pride she has placed in their hearts for family. Her beauty is not how unusual she is, but how full her life is and how she has graciously received what life has given her. She lives with energy bestowed upon her with a thankful heart.

Her legacy will not end at the end of her days. She has added to

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‘Shadow Stations’ to be enacted at Pope John Paul II

By Ron Halvorson
Pagosa Catholic Community

The Stations of the Cross date back to 381 AD, when a Spaniard, Egeria, made a pilgrimage from the Mount of Olives to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, built over the place of Jesus’ crucifixion.

Today, the stations help the faithful make, in spirit, a pilgrimage to the chief scenes of Christ’s suffering and death as they move from station to station. Each week during Lent, the story of Jesus’ final hours are told with reflections and

meditation as we walk with Him through the Stations of the Cross.

This Lent, Immaculate Heart of Mary/Pope John Paul II Catholic Church will host a unique presentation of the Stations of the Cross using the spoken word, meditation and shadow imagery to tell the story of the Passion of Jesus Christ.

As we encounter each station, we pray that we may grow in patience and perseverance as Jesus did, with the hope that these virtues will be reflected in our own lives. There truly is no devotion

more richly endowed spiritually than the Way of the Cross, enabling us to follow Christ’s direction to take up our cross and follow Him.

“Shadow Stations” will be led by Immaculate Heart of Mary/Pope John Paul II Middle School and Ablaze High School Youth Group. The youth will reenact the Way of the Cross on Friday, March 31, at 7 p.m. at Pope John Paul Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

We welcome all members of the Pagosa Springs community to this meaningful Lenten devotion.

Lane

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every moment a model to live by. Not only to her family but also to her writer friends, 30 in all. Edith delights our group each week with her presence and her writing. She is the oldest member.

Even in her last years, Edith still writes. She has written books for her children, poems and more poems. She shared a poem she penned this week. We were stunned to think at 94, she wrote about renewing her vows to God. Her life brings a challenge to all of us, to be determined to live our best days at the end of our days and

finish strong.

Edith wrote “Renewing Vows.” “Inspired by nature’s beauty and my mother’s worship, I asked for understanding, I vowed to praise Your name in verse each day. Faithful, you gave both pain and joy, intricate dances of relationships.

“I was unfaithful to my vow — caught in the whirling pool of life, I failed to pay the price I set. Your praise, warmth, love so dear to me — My need to know you grows so, I must renew my vow. God let me know if you allow a foolish person to renew her vow.”

Final brushstroke: We cele-

brated her birthday as her poem was read that morning and were smitten in our hearts. As the veil is slightly being lifted day by day, where time and eternity meet, she is a reminder we must seek to love and finish strong.

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Seasonal Easter 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 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.

Palm Sunday. 10 a.m., Trinity Anglican Church, 246 Harman Park Drive. Holy Communion with palm procession. For more information, call (970) 585-4124.

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

Maundy 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.

Good Friday Liturgy. 5 p.m., Trinity Anglican Church, 246 Harman Park Drive. For more information call (970) 585-4124.

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 Sunday Service, Holy Communion. 10 a.m., Trinity Anglican Church, 246 Harman Park Drive. For more information, call (970) 585-4124.

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

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ANSWER:

New Thought topic: 'Quintangled — A Fun Way to Navigate Life as a Heroic Journey'

By Shayla McClure

New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

The Sunday service on March 26 will be "Quintangled — A Fun Way to Navigate Life as a Heroic Journey" with Julie Loar, award-winning author and co-creator of Quintangled.

"When I dare to be powerful, to use my strength in the service of my vision, then it becomes less and less important whether I am afraid." — Audre Lorde.

Upcoming events

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

March 31, 6 p.m.: Quintangled Game Night. Come spend the evening with Loar. Children 8 years and up with their parents welcome.

Dressing as one of the characters optional (wizard, priestess, dragon, sphinx, knight, Incan medicine woman, monarch, lover, jester, dreamer, sage).

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Preview Calendar

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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 posole, tortilla and dessert to go. In addition, frozen prepared meals, meat, and other staples are available for those in need.

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Friday, March 24

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

Spring Break Fun Movie Matinee and Free Popcorn. 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.

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Saturday, March 25

LEGO Club. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For kids ages 6 and up. Build with us. Call (970) 264-2209 for further information.

'Lucky' LEGO Contest Winner Announcement. 12:15 p.m., Sisson Library. Submissions must be turned in between March 21-24; winners will be announced on March 25 at 12:15 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for each of the age categories: preschool, ages 5-7; ages 8-11; ages 12-17; Adult 18-up. One prize will be awarded for the Judges Choice and one prize for the best fit to the theme. The 2023 theme is "Lucky." LEGO creations do not have to fit the theme to be eligible for the age categories. LEGO creations must be brought to the Library by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 24. Participants do not have to be present to win.

Knit and Crochet. 1-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Ages 8 and are invited to a gathering to learn to knit and crochet. All supplies are provided. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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Monday, March 27

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

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

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.

Children's Spanish Class. 3:30-4:30 p.m., Sisson Library. A children's Spanish class for ages 6-11. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

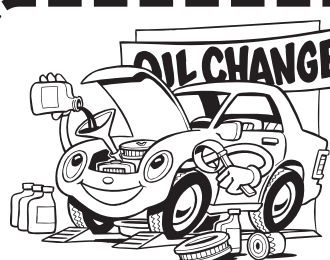
Tuesday, March 28

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. 10 a.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Veterans and family members are invited to share experiences with vets of all ages. Find out about the latest in vets benefits, vets news and community-focused events. We welcome your participation in fundraisers to benefit fellow vets. You served once, join us in continuing that service. Contact (970) 880-8387 for more details.

WHIPS (Women Helping In Pagosa Springs) Luncheon. 11:30 a.m., Ramon's Mexican Restaurant. All adult women are invited. The cost is \$15 and there are three menu choices. We welcome you, but you do need to RSVP by Sunday, March 26. Call (970) 946-1895.

Pagosa Duplicate Bridge. 12:30

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- 6 New Haven school
- 10 Four Corners state
- 14 Come-ons
- 15 Multi-user OS
- 16 Staff symbol
- 17 Wipe out
- 19 Chipping choice
- 20 Doll party dinnerware
- 21 Puts on a show
- 23 Building stone
- 25 Follow orders
- 28 Scottish miss
- 29 Masked warrior
- 32 Birth certificate datum
- 33 Force
- 34 Took a breather
- 35 Sudden change
- 37 Purify, as whiskey

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- 38 Puzzle direction
- 39 Night sound
- 40 Will Smith 2001 title role
- 41 Eye discharge
- 42 Whitman, for one
- 43 X-Men mutant
- 44 Subject of Spielberg's "Amistad"
- 47 Like some claims
- 49 Etsy wares
- 53 Passing notice
- 54 Good name
- 56 Job for a body shop
- 57 Street corner sign
- 58 One of the Flintstones
- 59 Result of honing
- 60 Stable staple
- 61 Prepare, as tea

- 3 "True Blood" actress Paquin
- 4 Spirited
- 5 Theater worker
- 6 Ingrid's "Anastasia" co-star
- 7 Three-syllable poetic foot
- 8 Soda-bottle sizes
- 9 Put forth, as effort
- 10 Norma Rae, for one
- 11 Like some rains
- 12 Molecular bit
- 13 Three in a Christmas tune
- 18 Slanted type
- 22 Top-of-the-line
- 24 Wind instrument
- 25 "Sesame Street" regular
- 26 Volleyball venue
- 27 Putting into words
- 30 Wiggly dessert
- 31 Go off script

- 33 Cheerless
- 34 Reading to the unruly
- 36 Casino wheel
- 37 Person of action
- 39 Trendy club
- 42 Former Spanish coin
- 43 "Get lost!"
- 45 Left-hand page
- 46 Prolongs, with "out"
- 47 Be an omen of
- 48 Sacked out
- 50 Manicurist's tool
- 51 Hefty volume
- 52 Breeze
- 55 FedEx rival

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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

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Online Author Talks: Pam Jenoff. 5 p.m. We will gather virtually with 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." Virtual series featuring New York Times bestselling authors and thought-leaders giving live, professionally moderated book discussions you can view on your computer, tablet or smartphone with Internet access. You also have an opportunity to ask questions. Go to <https://pagosalibrary.org/adult-services/> to learn more.

PALS Adult Education. 5:30-8 p.m.,

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Bird of the Week



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

Spot a small duck feeding near the surface on the edges of a pond or marsh, or in the shallows of a lake, and it is likely that you are seeing one of the three teal species that spend time in our area. While the females appear maddeningly similar in their mottled browns and grays, male teal in breeding plumage are colorful birds readily identified.

In the spring, colored a brilliant reddish brown, a male cinnamon teal is a standout on the water. He becomes even more beautiful when he spreads his wings in flight, revealing the sky blue wing patches which both sexes wear.

While rapidly opening and closing their large, black bills, cinnamon teal strain floating plants, seeds and insects from the water's surface, often swimming with their heads partly submerged. They may also dabble for food beneath the surface with bottoms upended or feed on land along the banks.

Unlike the green-winged and blue-winged teal which may be found across most of North America, cinnamon teal are western birds, breeding from southern British Columbia down through California, east to Montana and south into New Mexico. In Colorado, the breeding season lasts from early April to late July.

Males lose their bright plumage soon after breeding season, when they molt into the drab plumage worn by females and immatures. Then mainly their red eye color sets them apart from dark-eyed females. Cinnamon teal begin fall migration earlier than most North American ducks, with nearly all wintering in Mexico and Central America.

In migration, marshes of the Great Salt Lake serve as one of the important staging areas for millions of migratory birds including these teal. Drought and draining of the lake for agriculture and other human uses has drastically decreased the lake's area and increased its salinity. Many fear that without immediate action to reverse these trends, this important habitat and the birds that rely on it will disappear.

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

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San Juan Stargazers Star Party: Planet Pa-Looza. 6 p.m., Meadows East location. Call (720) 626-9304 for directions.

Wednesday, March 29

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

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

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

Rhino Conservation Expert James Mwenda Presentation. 4:30-5:30, Sisson Library. Mwenda will speak about his rhino unit at Ol Pejeta Conservancy in central Kenya. He and his team provide care and protection for the last northern white rhinos in existence on the planet. A 2018 recipient of the African Ranger of the Year award, Mwenda has become a global ambassador for conservation and the realities of extinction. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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Friday, March 31

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

Saturday, April 1

Wings in the Wild Fundraiser. Tennyson Building Event Center. This will be an enchanted gala filled with live music, light food, drinks, and a silent auction. Tickets are selling for only \$30.

GriefShare. 10-11:30 a.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. A grief support group. You may start at any time. For more information, call the church at (970) 731-2205 or Marie Rascoe at (970) 946-9379 (leave a message).

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

Humane Society Animal Shelter Baby Shower. 3-5 p.m., PLPOA Clubhouse. Support the shelter for the upcoming puppy and kitten season. There will be auction items, and you can purchase items off the shelter's registries. Visit www.hspagosa.org for details about the event and to purchase a ticket.

Sunday, April 2

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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“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”
John 1:1 NKJV

“I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God and they shall be My people.”
Hebrews 8:10 NKJV

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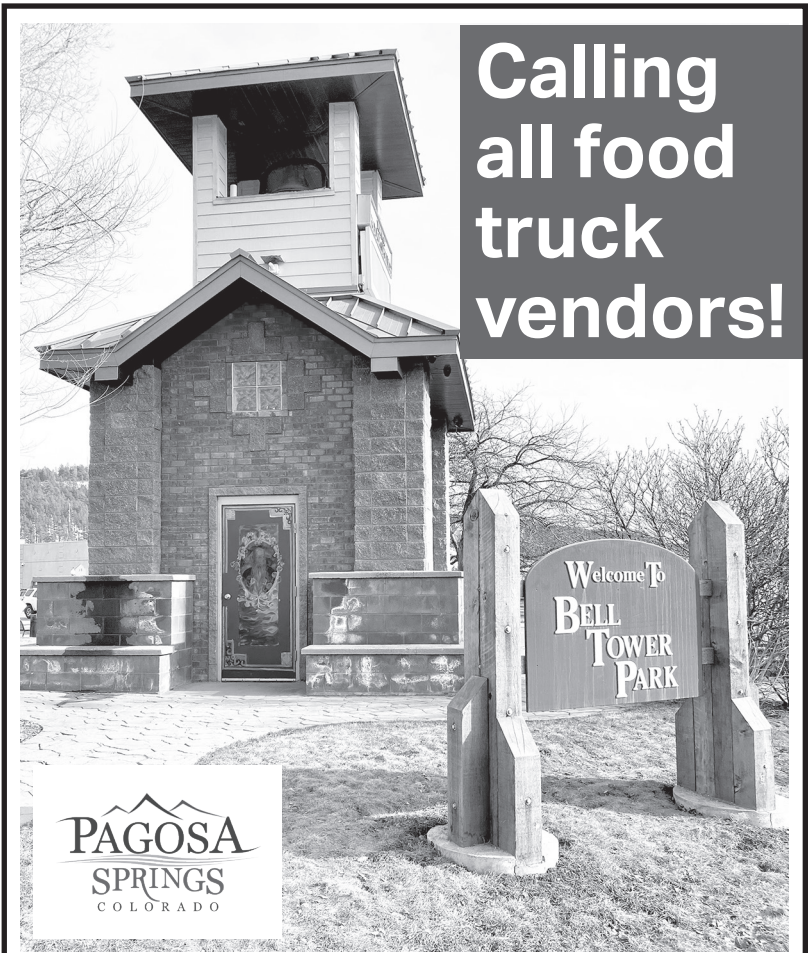
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 on Monday, March 27, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.
 in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

For more information or to apply, please visit MyPagosa.org.
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Senior Center works to provide music during lunch

By **Rose Chavez**
PREVIEW Columnist

We've heard from our community that they'd love to have musical performances a few times a week to accompany our delicious and nutritious from-scratch meals. The Pagosa Senior Center currently has a piano that is in need of repair and we'd like to eventually undertake that repair (volunteers are welcome to help) to bring music back to the dining hall.

In the interim, we invite the community to reach out to us and schedule a free musical performance to serenade the seniors and community during lunch time. While take-out and Grab-N-Go meals are very popular among our community, we want to remind the community that we are open four days a week for dine-in services and we are hoping to sweeten the deal with music and community connection downtown in our dining hall at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

Stay tuned for a future schedule; we look forward to showcasing some of Pagosa's local talent. If you are musically inclined/talented and would like to share your gifts, please contact rosa@psseniors.org.

Free seasonal art class in March

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

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will again be Denise Fisk, who is a retired elementary art teacher. So, come and hear about the traditions around the lily and help us bring springtime 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 for your personal use. These kits are available to anyone in the public who needs affordable access for health promotion and disease prevention.

Mobile food pantry service available for seniors

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

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

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

Mahjong

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

Medicare call by appointment

For anyone who needs help enrolling and navigating Medicare plans, 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

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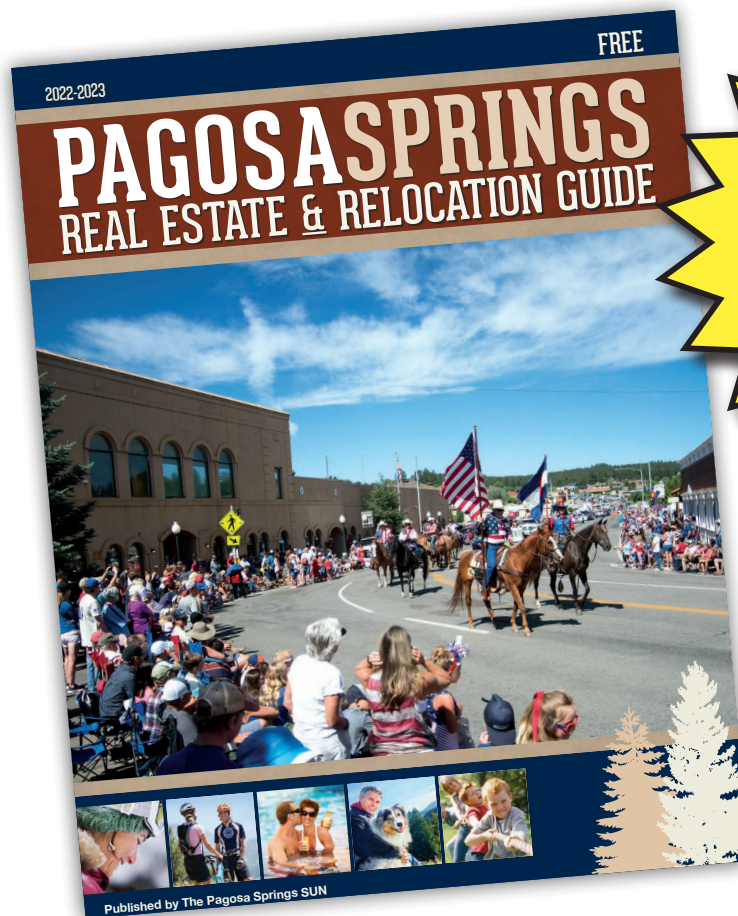
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Hand and foot card game

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.

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 Archuleta Seniors Inc. (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 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.

Monday, March 27 — Vegetarian tamale pie, cooked greens with onions, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Tuesday March 28 — Beef stroganoff with egg noodles, peas and carrots, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, March 29 — Southern fried chicken and waffles with country gravy and maple syrup, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Thursday, March 30 — Carnitas tacos with refried beans, sour cream cheese, salsa, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, March 31 — Baked tilapia with herb garlic butter sauce, jasmine rice, garden salad, fruit ambrosia salad and milk.

Grab-N-Go meals

Grab-N-Go meal reservations and cancellations are required. Please call or text by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you want to pick up a meal. A suggested donation of \$10 helps to sustain our program. No one will be turned away for their inability to donate. For ages 59 and younger, the cost is \$10 also. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to make a reservation.

Meals on Wheels

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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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Rhino conservation expert from Kenya plus ski and snowboard maintenance on tap

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Rhino conservation expert James Mwenda will speak next Wednesday, March 29, from 4:40 to 5:30 p.m. about his rhino unit at Ol Pejeta Conservancy in central Kenya.

He and his team provide care and protection for the last northern white rhinos in existence on the planet. A 2018 recipient of the African Ranger of the Year award, Mwenda has become a global ambassador for conservation and the realities of extinction.

Our expert speaker was featured in “Kifaru,” a documentary film about the Ol Pejeta Conservancy work that has won many awards, including the grand jury prize and audience award at the Sundance Film Festival in 2019.

Ski and snowboard maintenance clinic

As we approach the end of another wonderful ski and snowboard season, outdoor enthusiasts will want to note next Thursday, March 30, from 6 to 7 p.m. for a ski and snowboard maintenance clinic.

It will cover tips on maintaining your alpine and Nordic ski and snowboard equipment, including storing, troubleshooting and care.

Library seeking chess sets

On April 8, we will launch a new intergenerational chess club and, to help make it a success, we are collecting chess game donations. Our preference is for complete sets in good shape, with both the board and the pieces. If you have a chess set you are no longer using, please

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donate it to the library.

Library fundraiser coming soon

Saturday, April 15, is the second annual gala Library Affair fundraiser for our building campaign to expand and renovate your library. This elegant event will happen at 6 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts and feature an auction of different table settings designed by some of Pagosa's most creative artists.

Book themes for the tables range from delightful children's stories such as “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory” to adult classics like “The Great Gatsby.” Food will be courtesy of Todd Stevens and the Pagosa Springs High School culinary class with acoustic guitar music by Steve Blechschmidt. Tickets are \$50 each, on sale now at the library and online.

Final spring break events

Our free spring break event at 1 p.m. today, Thursday, March 23, is bingo. Tomorrow, 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.

Board games tomorrow

Tomorrow, Friday, March 24, is Board Game Central from 3 to 4 p.m. If you love board games, we invite you to bring your favorite game

or explore the library's collection.

LEGO contest deadline

LEGO enthusiasts will want to note the 5 p.m. deadline tomorrow, Friday, March 24, for you to enter your creation in our free LEGO contest. Winners will be announced in five age categories at the LEGO Club on Saturday, March 25, from 11 a.m. to noon. Contest details are available at your library.

Knit and crochet on Saturday

Everyone aged 8 and older is invited to a Learn to Knit and Crochet gathering on Saturday, March 25, from 1 to 3 p.m. All supplies are provided. This event will happen on the fourth Saturday of every month.

More online author talks

There will be one more talk this month in our free online virtual series featuring New York Times bestselling authors. You will have an opportunity to ask questions of the authors. Tuesday, March 28, at 5 p.m. will feature Pam Jenoff, author

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Applications and nominations will be accepted from March 6-April 15, 2023.



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of historical fiction often set during World War II and featuring strong women; her latest, published last month, is “Code Name Sapphire.” There will be two more author talks in April.

Children’s Spanish class on Monday

Join us next Monday, March 27, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. for a Spanish class for kids aged 6 to 11 to help youngsters learn and improve their Spanish.

Knowledge Bowl

Our free middle school Knowledge Bowl takes place next Thursday, March 30, from 4 to 5 p.m. for tweens and teens. Participants form teams of up to six people to compete against each other by answering questions that cover a range of topics from math to spelling to pop culture. Knowledge Bowl runs every second and fourth Thursday for the remainder of the school year. It is open to students in grades four through eight, or ages 11-14. No registration is required.

Local short stories

“Silverton Stories” by Cynthia Chertos is a collection of 14 short stories about life in this San Juans mountain town from the 1880s to the 2010s.

Nonfiction

“The Curse of the Marquis de Sade” by Joel Warner tells how a notorious novel became a historic scam. “Always Ireland” by Jack Kavanagh is a travel guide by a local illustrated with National Geographic photographs. “Gender Queer” writ-

ten and illustrated by Maia Kobabe is a memoir of her journey exploring gender identity from adolescence to adulthood.

Large print

“All the Dangerous Things” by Stacy Willingham tells of a woman trying to find her kidnapped baby. “The Mitford Affair” by Marie Benedict follows two sisters as the Nazis rise to power in Germany. “Hell Bent” by Leigh Bardugo is book two in the Alex Stern dark fantasy series. “Steeped in Secrets” by Lauren Elliott is book one in the new Crystals and CuriosiTEAS mystery series set in a tea and psychic shop. “Riding the Nightmare” by William W. and J.A. Johnstone is a Duff MacCallister western. “Maame” by Jessica George features a young black woman setting out on her own to escape her family.

Thrillers and mysteries

“Cartographers” by Peng Shepherd focuses on a rare map that’s causing murder and mayhem. “It’s One of Us” by J.T. Ellison follows a couple dealing with news that the husband’s sperm-donated son may be a killer. “The Dangerous One” by Lori Foster is book one in the new Osborne Brothers mystery romance series.

Other novels

“Dreamland” by Nicholas Sparks is a love story. “Nightcrawling” by Leila Mottley features a young black woman who becomes a witness in a massive scandal. “A Country You Can Leave” by Asale Angel-Ajani features a biracial 16-year-old confronting her family legacy. “The Tyranny of Faith” by Richard Swan is

the second book in a fantasy trilogy.

Donations

We are grateful to Sandy Kobrock and Mark Mueller for their generous monetary contributions, and to Joanne Ferko for her 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.

The Friends take fiction published in 2013 or newer and nonfiction that is 2018 or newer. Limited workroom space means we can only accept one or two small boxes at a time.

Quotable quote

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Meal planning can be fun for everyone

By Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

Winter nights are the perfect time to work together as a family to plan and prepare nutritious and easy meals. Meal planning doesn't have to be overwhelming. Having everyone help can turn meal planning into a positive and enjoyable family activity.

Meal planning basics

Consider these six tips when planning meals:

- Weekly schedule. Have a family meeting to plan out the week's schedule of events and activities.
- Use a meal-planning tool. You can use a simple notebook or a full-on planning tool that has prompts for each day of the week. You can choose to plan just evening meals or all meals and snacks. Take time at family meetings to let each person help in the process of planning meals.
- Nutrition. When planning meals, include a variety of foods from each food group: Incorporate plenty of fruits and vegetables. Choose whole grains such as brown rice, whole-wheat bread or oatmeal. Select lean proteins such as legumes, beans, tofu, nuts and seeds, fish, skinless chicken, or lean cuts of meat. Include a non-fat, low-fat or nondairy option.
- Create an inventory of food items and ingredients that you have in your pantry, freezer and refrigerator.
- Select recipes. By selecting recipes including the foods you already have, you can save money.
- Shopping list. Create a shopping list of items that will be needed to prepare the meals/recipes you choose. Planning helps save time, money and food from going to waste.

Finding recipes

Extension Viewpoints

Finding and creating family recipes can be a lot of fun. Connecting with <https://myplate.gov> can help you plan healthy meals on a budget.

As a young person, I enjoyed when my family would get together to plan meals. I carried this tradition forward to my children so that they helped plan our dinner meals. This activity helped my children learn to create healthy meals and many happy memories. When children have a say in meal planning, you honor their preferences and opinions. This positive, focused time can create future opportunities to have some difficult conversations while planning or cooking.

Upcoming events

April 24 — An evening discussion on the diverse perspectives of wolves in Colorado in Mancos. Details to be determined.

April 28 — An evening discussion on climate and weather at 6 p.m. at the Extension office

April 29 — Viticulture Workshop Details to be determined.

May 6 — Weed Warrior Program presentations from 9 a.m. to noon at the Extension building. The Weed Warrior Program will cover an introduction to noxious weeds, their control and how to be a steward in your community. Please RSVP with Ethan Proud at eproud@archuleta-county.org.

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Applications and nominations will be accepted from March 6 to April 15.

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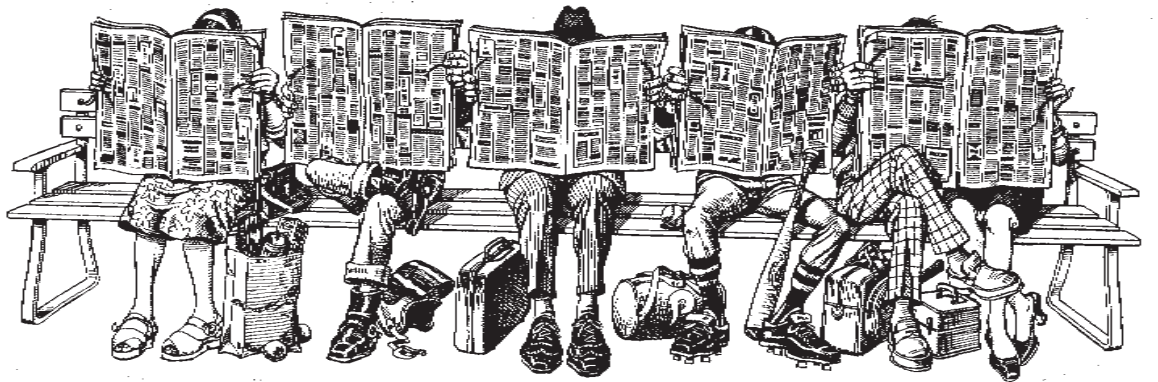
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Blood drive set for April 4

By Sharee Grazda
Special to The PREVIEW

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Eat a good meal, drink plenty of water and bring an ID. For an appointment, contact Sheree Grazda at (970) 946-2760. Walk-ins are welcome. Or, you can save time by doing your online Fast Track Questionnaire at vitalant.org the same day as your appointment.

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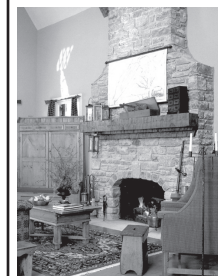
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THE TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS is seeking to hire Seasonal Park Labor in our Parks & Recreation Division. The individuals selected for this position will perform a variety of entry-level duties related to the construction, installation, maintenance, upkeep and repair of town buildings, recreation facilities, landscaping, parks, grounds and general environ. Selected candidates can choose part-time or full-time hours. For more information on the position and to apply, go to the Town's website at www.pagosasprings.co.gov and select Employment.

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PAGOSA LIQUOR IS HIRING a full-time cashier. Please come and apply in person at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

THE TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS is seeking energetic, fun, responsible team players to serve as Counselors, Assistant Leads, and Leads for the **K.I.D.S. Day Camp**. Staff works collaboratively to implement the program and create a positive learning, exploring, and growing experience for attendees. The K.I.D.S. Day Camp program runs from June 5th through August 4th, Monday through Friday. Training for staff begins in mid May. For more information on the position and to apply, go to the Town's website at www.pagosasprings.co.gov and select Employment.

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THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF PAGOSA SPRINGS is hiring a Development and Marketing Director (DMD). The DMD's job is to lead resource development, donor relations, and oversee fundraising activities that sustain and expand animal shelter programs and services. This position includes collaborative work with the Executive Director and Board of Directors in launching a capital campaign. You will develop and implement communication plans and strategies including public relations, media relations, online giving, donor retention, digital communications, key messaging, social media, storytelling, and branding to further HSPS's mission. The DMD also works collaboratively with the Thrift Store and Shelter Manager to assist with expanding their presence. You will be in charge of designing and publishing the organization's marketing pieces utilizing InDesign and Photoshop to help promote the organization, events and specific services and programs. Necessary skills: proven experience creating marketing materials, 2+ years' experience using Photoshop and InDesign. \$40k 4 days/week. Email a cover letter, resume and 3-5 examples of marketing materials you've created to hdsdirector@humanesociety.biz.

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THE TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS is seeking to hire a Parking Enforcement Officer in our Police Department. The individual selected for this position performs routine parking enforcement work involving the issuance of parking fines or citations throughout Town limits. Work is performed in accordance with established rules and regulations governing parking laws and Town ordinances. This is a part-time position. For more information on the position and to apply, go to the Town's website at www.pagosasprings.co.gov and select Employment.

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THE TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS is seeking to hire an Administrative Assistant in our Parks & Recreation Department. Under the direction of the Parks & Recreation Director, the Administrative Assistant is responsible for performing a variety of routine and complex clerical, record keeping and administrative functions to support the operation of the Parks & Recreation Department. Assists the public as to available facilities, services, and programs offered at the Community Center. This is a full-time position with benefits. For more information on the position and to apply, go to the Town's website at www.pagosasprings.co.gov and select Employment.

ROOF LABORER NEEDED with some construction experience. Will train. \$20-\$25/ hour to start. (970)749-0830.

WOLF CREEK SKI AREA is hiring full- and part-time positions in the food & beverage department through April 9th! Get established the remainder of this season and can be downloaded from WolfCreekSki.com employment page. Send resumes and applications to wolfcreekski@wolfcreekski.com or P.O. Box 2800, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

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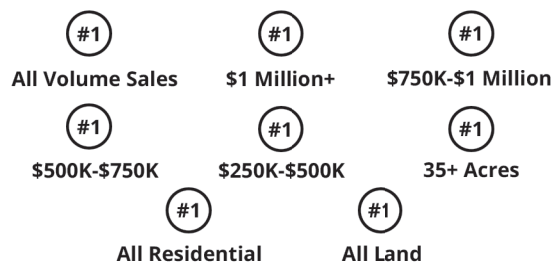


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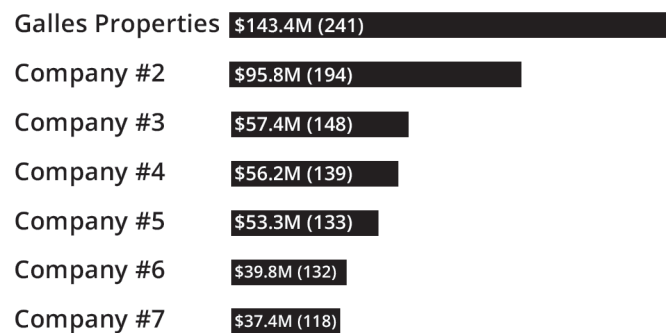


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