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## COVID-19: Archuleta County on 'leading edge for case decline' in state

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

When San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) updated its COVID-19 data dashboard Tuesday following the holiday weekend, it showed a one-week cumulative incidence rate not seen since last summer, before the Delta and Omicron waves hit.

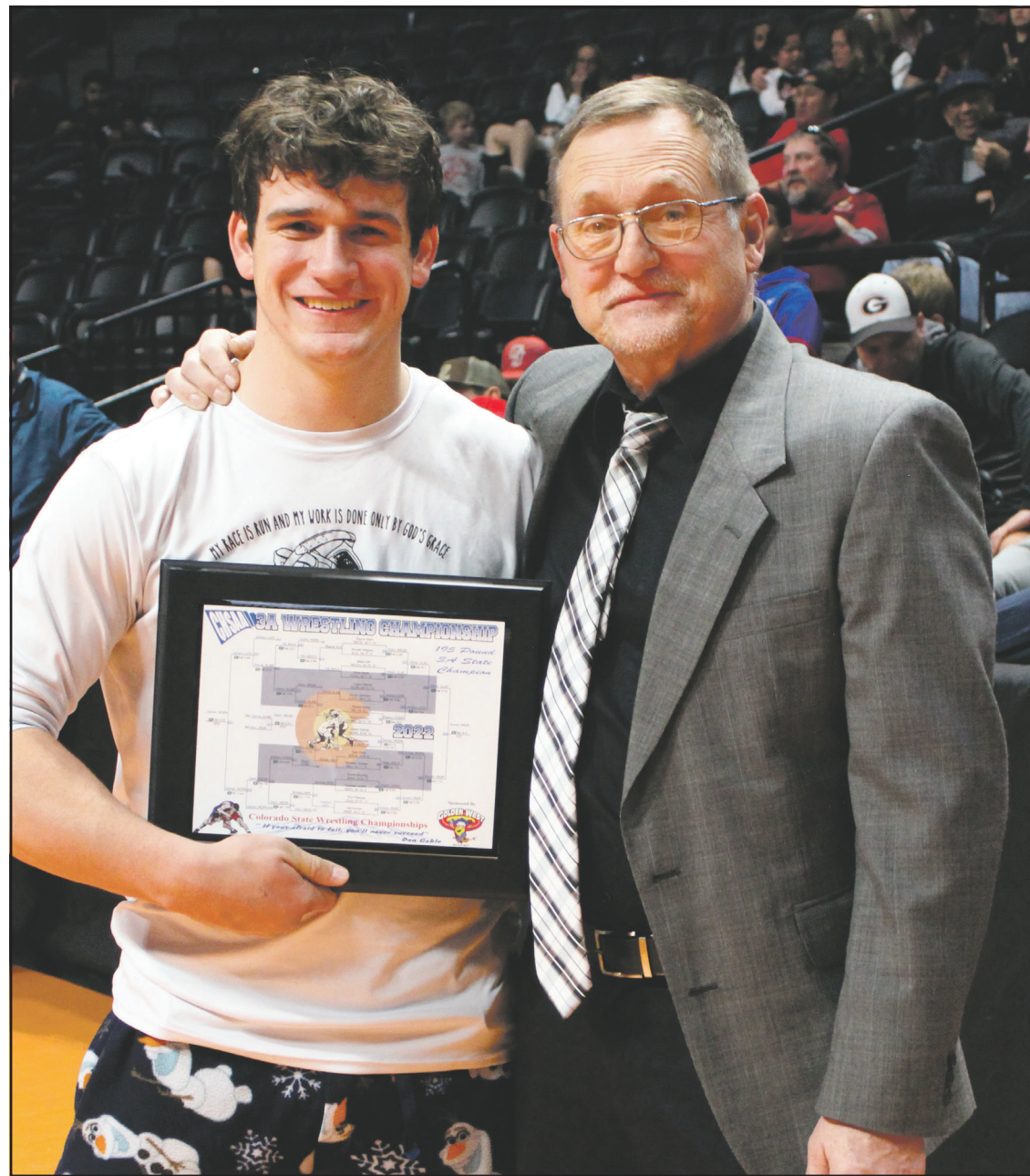
The rate Tuesday was 82.30 new cases per 100,000 people.

By Wednesday, that number had dropped to 67.30.

That figure is down from 164.6 a week prior.

"Archuleta County is on the leading edge for case decline in Colorado," SJBPH Executive Director Liane Jollon said Wednesday, explaining that fewer than 15 counties in Colorado have dropped from high to substantial transmission rates by the Centers for Disease Control and

■ See COVID-19 A8



Wil Aucoin stands with coach Dan Janowsky after winning the 195-pound state title. Aucoin was also part of last year's state championship team.

Photo courtesy Allison Wiley

## Town council hears 2021 year-end financial review, approves Town-to-Lakes Trail changes

By Dorothy Elder  
Staff Writer

Town Clerk April Hessman delivered the 2021 year-end financial review report to the Pagosa Springs Town Council at its Feb. 17 meeting.

Key highlights from the report include that

revenues for the town's General Fund are a bit higher than anticipated due to a 19.7 percent increase in sales tax revenues compared to 2020 collections.

In addition, county and town lodgers' tax collections were up 33 percent over 2020, Hessman reported.

A review of the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District debt shows the possibility of early payoff for some of the larger debt, but it may not be possible due to a need for reserve funds to operate the district each

■ See Financial A8

## Gravel pit project withdrawn

Staff report

The proposed Oakbrush Hill gravel pit permit application has been withdrawn, according to the Archuleta County Planning Commission website.

A press release issued by Stop the Rocks states that the property the gravel pit was to be located on has been purchased by the Lemon family, which does not intend to continue gravel mining operations.

According to Cathy Lemon, the family purchased a 282-acre parcel

of land encompassing the gravel pit area for an undisclosed price, with the closing taking place on Monday.

Stop the Rocks founder Michael Caponnetto explained that they would be either refunding the remaining donations made to the GoFundMe campaign in opposition of the gravel pit or donating the money to a cause to be decided upon.

The Urbanczyk family, sellers of the gravel pit property, declined to comment on the matter.

## Town lodgers' tax revenue flat in second half of 2021, county sees increases

By Dorothy Elder  
Staff Writer

The Town of Pagosa Springs saw a decrease in lodgers' tax revenue in both the third and fourth quarters of 2021.

The lodgers' tax reflects tax collected from hotels, motels, cabins, campgrounds, property management companies and vacation rentals, including Airbnbs and Vrbo, Tourism Director Jennie Green explained.

For the third quarter of the year, the town reported a 0.4 percent decrease, or loss of \$1,257, while the county reported a 21.98 percent increase in lodgers' tax collections, or a gain of \$29,988 compared to third quarter of 2020, according to a report provided by Green.

For the fourth quarter of the year, the town reported a 0.62 percent decrease, or a loss of \$1,362, while

the county reported a 10.93 percent increase, or a gain of \$11,129 compared to the fourth quarter of 2020, according to the report.

The last time the town saw a decrease in the lodgers' tax revenue in the third quarter of the year was 2017 and the last time it happened in the fourth quarter was in 2012, according to report history provided by Green.

Green doesn't see the third- and fourth-quarter decreases as cause for concern, she explained.

She explains in an email to The SUN that the decreases are such small percentages that she'd consider them flat.

"Every business had labor challenges in 2021, so I consider flat impressive," Green wrote in the email.

For the entire year of 2021, the town saw a 26.22 percent increase in

■ See Revenue A8

## Future water supplies, housing discussed by water conservancy district

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) Board of Directors discussed future water supplies and housing in Archuleta County at its Feb. 21 meeting.

During a discussion on hiring a consultant for water demand analysis, the board considered the broader question of the future water needs of Archuleta County. This discussion focused on the construction and design of SJWCD's Dry Gulch Reservoir project, a proposed reservoir to provide additional water to the area.

Questions emerged, however,

about what size of reservoir would be needed to satisfy Archuleta County's demands for water and when such a reservoir might be needed.

The directors agreed that COVID has caused a large spike in population growth over the last two years. However, there were differing opinions on whether this growth would continue and how rapidly it would occur.

According to the directors, the statistics on growth, in turn, would impact the water demands of the county. If these water demands were sufficiently large, they would

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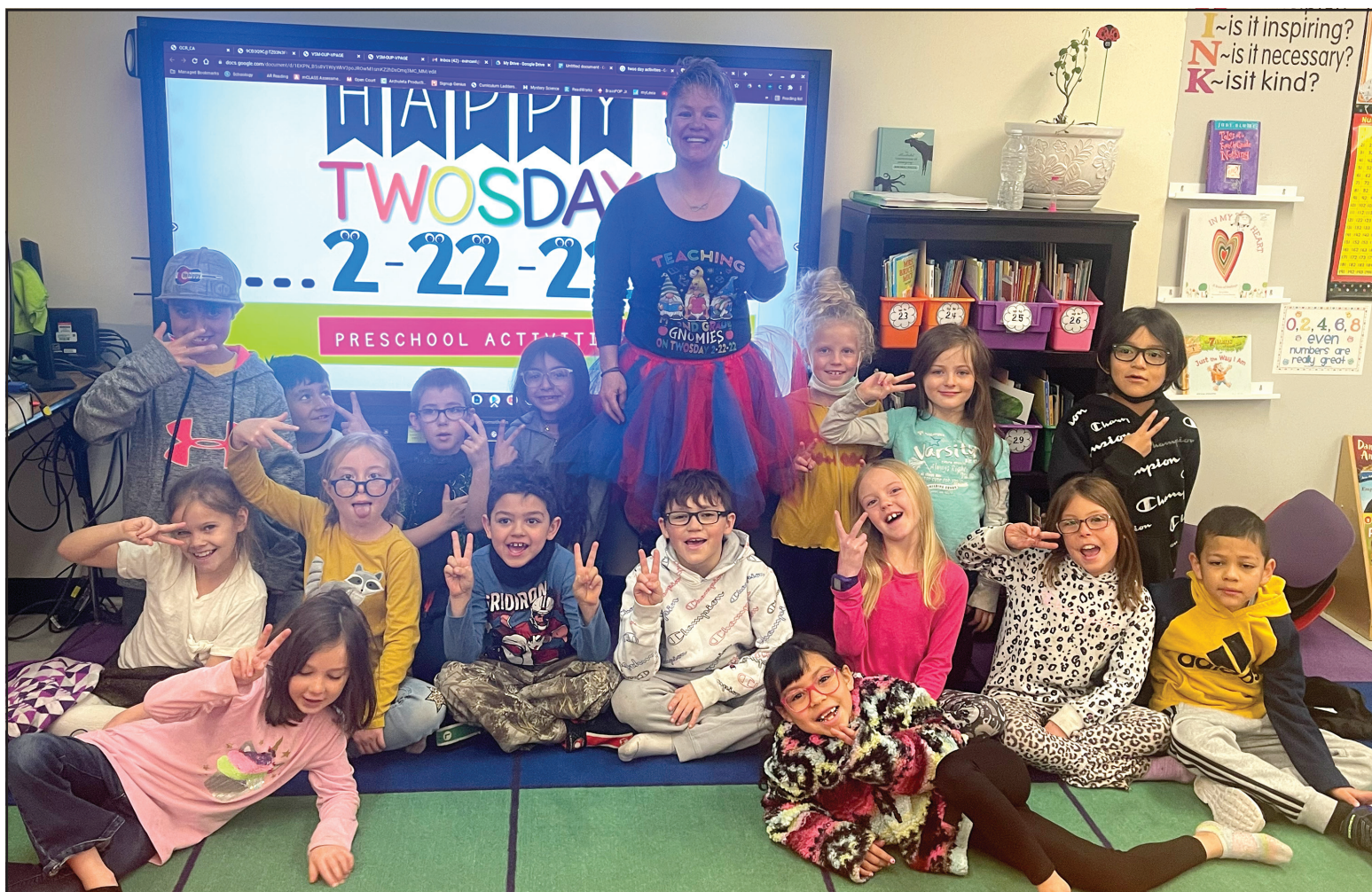


Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs Elementary School

Ericka Vincent's second-grade class with 22 students at Pagosa Springs Elementary School celebrate 2/22/22 by making time capsules to be opened on 3/3/33.

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### OUR VIEW

## Facing eviction

It's February. You are being evicted. That was the reality 16 families found themselves facing this month. We are not certain that there is a good time of year to get evicted, but we can tell you that in the dead of winter, it can be devastatingly tragic.

Finding yourself homeless with little notice in the middle of winter when you've struggled with cancer for two years is not something you would ever want to face.

Sleeping in your car in freezing temperatures can be downright dangerous.

We were told that 16 families found themselves in need of homes in this dire rental market when a developer purchased the housing units they were living in and reportedly found mold. Major repairs needed to be made, which made their housing units uninhabitable.

The SUN reached out to the developer to understand his side of the story, but he was unable to return our call. We cannot imagine anyone relishes having to evict someone.

These recent evictions are a repeat of the story we were told last fall when we had phone calls from multiple local families who found themselves being evicted and having to vacate their housing when a corporation

purchased their buildings. As with most tragic situations, some compassionate local citizens came together in both cases in an effort to help with the situations, but there is only so much anyone can do to help out in a community flooded with vacation rentals leaving very little housing available for the working class.

Lack of housing creates lack of workers, and not every business is fortunate enough to have the resources to buy housing for its employees. Those who do may be criticized for the resulting evictions.

The struggle is real. Eviction moratoriums during the darker days of COVID were a saving grace for many who found themselves out of work and unable to pay their rent.

As business picked up again, those moratoriums helped people get back on their feet without the fear of eviction.

For landlords, it was a very different story. Many experienced huge losses in rental income and some decided to get out of the long-term rental business.

The real estate market in Archuleta County boomed with lower interest rates making home ownership easier to obtain. On top of that, many people discovered that Pagosa Country offers a better quality of life than just about any place we can think of, we saw the price

of housing go up and the availability go down. Additionally, some homes that were available were snapped up and turned into vacation rentals.

The result of all of this is that there are very few affordable properties to purchase or rent these days. This problem is not unique to Pagosa Country; you'll find stories of housing shortages on the front pages of newspapers across the nation.

It is important to note that if you find yourself facing eviction, you may qualify to receive free legal advice and representation from Colorado Legal Services. You can reach them at (970) 247-0266.

If you are renting your home, you might want to check your lease so that you do not find yourself running short of time to renew. You do not want to find out that you suddenly need new housing in this current market at the end of your lease.

There are numerous projects in the works to expand the availability of housing, including projects involving both the town and the county.

The urgency is now. Do you happen to have a room or a guest house you can advertise to rent out to help someone in need of a place to live?

There are people desperate for an affordable place to live in our community right now.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

### LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

## 100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
February 24, 1922

The ten-round boxing bout at the Liberty theatre Wednesday evening for the bantam weight championship of Archuleta County between Bennie Vigil of Lumberton and Mike Ruybalid of Pagosa Junction, was declared a draw by the referee, Stamey Edmisten, which decision apparently met the entire approval of the fans. Both are clean little fighters and every round was replete with thrills and action.

Judge Richard McCloud of Durango last week sold to Antonio Abeyta 160 acres of land near the Yellowjacket for \$1225.

The motor vehicle registration report of Colorado for 1921, as prepared by the secretary of state, Carl S. Milliken, shows for Archuleta county as follows: 208 owners, 5 trucks, 1 motorcycle and \$1,111.09 in fees collected.

Anonymous communications sent to this paper will not be published unless accompanied by the writer's name, though the latter is not necessarily for publication.

## 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
February 28, 1947

Construction of an additional toll line from Pagosa Springs to Durango will loosen what J.F. Thiele, telephone company owner, has described as a bottleneck on long distance calls from here. Western Electric installers sent by the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Co. are at work on the new line. Heavy increase in toll calls following the development of the oil strike here was one of the factors in making the new installation possible, he said.

Electric power and lights will be furnished by the La Plata Electric Association, REA group, starting Saturday in Pagosa Springs, officials of the corporation announced this week. After lengthy negotiations and several delays, the Rural Electrification group will take over the plant here which has been owned and operated by A.W. Olson. An estimated \$400,000 will be spent in Pagosa and vicinity by the REA under an appropriation approved by Washington. Much of this will go to extend the lines into rural areas, they explained.

## 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
February 24, 1972

San Juan Basin A league basketball champions this year are the Pagosa Pirates. Team members are Junior Lister, Don Trujillo, Leroy Lucero, Leonard Martinez, Henry Rivas, Ron Trujillo, Bob Lynch, Tom Hyde, Ron Sorrels, Jim Goodenberger, Coach Lloyd Wright, Manager John Perea, and Assistant Coach Harold Butts.

Town water at present isn't going through the filter plant. This is evident from its appearance. The main supply line is out of commission until such time as a highway project is completed. In the meantime plans are being made to use the water from other sources. Until such time as the water is again clear, boiling is recommended for drinking water.

Art Linkletter will visit in this area over the weekend of March 4 and 5. While here he will present trophies to winners of races at Wolf Creek Ski Area Sunday, meet with various business associates, and take part in some publicity work at Eaton International's Pagosa development.

## 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
February 27, 1997

The Pagosa Springs Lady Pirates will host the Meeker Cowgirls in a Class 3A regional playoff game at 6 p.m. Saturday in the Mamie Lynch Gymnasium. The Ladies will go into the tournament as the No. 1 seed of the Intermountain League with an 18-2 record. Lady Pirates are Kim Smith, Tranell Ross, Tracy Farrow, Nicole Sellers, Sara Fredrickson, Missy Lee, Jancy Savage, Jennifer Lister, Shawna Snarr, Janae Esterbrook and Dena Lee.

Forty-six members of the Pagosa Springs High School FBLA Chapter participated in the FBLA District Conference competitions at Adams State College in Alamosa Feb. 18 and earned a number of top awards. Twelve Pagosa Pirates — Leif Ullman in computer applications; Jeremy Martinez in economics; the team of Stephnie Bodewig, Katie Ligon and Heather Riley in entrepreneurship; Courtney Bramwell in job interview; the team of Jennifer Newton, Douglas Newton, Will Neder, Emily Stymfal and Rose Chavez in parliamentary procedure, and Tracy Farrow in public speaking — received first-place honors in their competitions respectively.

### LOOKING BACK

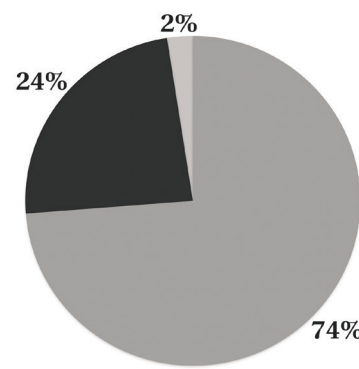


From the July 18, 1974, Pagosa Springs SUN. YCC COUNSELORS — Ted LaMay, left, district ranger on the Piedra District of the San Juan National Forest, is shown with Jill Schaefer and Joe Martinez. Miss Schaefer and Mr. Martinez are dormitory counselors for the YCC program now in progress. Enrollees are housed at the BIA school dormitory in Ignacio.

## WHADDYA THINK?

### Do you support the proposed Oakbrush Hill Gravel Pit on Piedra Road?

Poll results (403 votes)  
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No. — 74 percent  
I don't know. — 2 percent



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## LPEA contract

Dear Editor:  
Huge congratulations to LPEA regarding their recent finalized buy-down of the contract with Tri-State Generation. Many years of hard work by dedicated staff, board of directors, CEO, and members contributed to this accomplishment.

Americans are moving toward electrifying our homes, workplaces, and transportation. We are hungry for renewable clean energy options. We are increasingly concerned about climate change and reducing our greenhouse gas emissions. LPEA listened and responded with procuring a long-term solution that is lower in carbon emissions and less expensive -- a win-win for La Plata and Archuleta counties.

Thank you to all who were a part of making this happen. We will all breathe easier knowing less coal-generated energy is used to turn our lights on.

Ed Atkinson  
Durango

## Ballot Question A

Dear Editor:  
As one of the three private citizens who petitioned to put Ballot Question A to voters on the April 5th ballot, I would like to explain why I support and will vote in favor of it.

Since the adoption of the Town's Affordable Housing Plan in 2019, only minimal progress has been made in terms of creating attainable housing for the many people who work and live in Pagosa Springs. Our town, however, has seen progress in the massive increase of short term rentals, many of whose owners neither live nor work here. It's time that these second home owners, who have been paying a mere 7.15% yearly property tax, contribute something in line with all other commercial property owners.

Commercial property owners pay a 29% yearly property tax. What Ballot Question A intends to do is ask voters to approve a \$150 per bedroom per month fee to any short term rental owners who do not live in that property at least

nine months out of the year. The majority of the over 100 short term rentals (STR's) in town are two and three-bedroom units. These fees would amount to \$3,600 and \$5,400 per year, respectively. This is still less money than what the Town Planning Commission suggested in July 2021 and is considerably less than a 29% Excise Tax on STR's.

Town Council discussed both an Excise Tax and reallocating a percentage of the Lodger's Tax to work-force housing in order to create a dedicated funding stream, but only two members were in favor of this. In fact, one of our town council members and one of our county commissioners favor a sales tax over any kind of tax on STR's, which will only increase prices for the citizens of Pagosa Springs, many of whom are already paying close to 50% of their incomes on housing. This is why I continue to support and will vote for Ballot Question A this spring. It seems that the only way we progress in Pagosa is if we demonstrate to our elected officials exactly what we want to see: short term rental owners paying into this economy and helping to sustain it.

Darcy DeGuise

## Lack of road maintenance

Dear Editor:

I am writing about the lack of maintenance on Archuleta County's critical arterial roads in particular County Road 700 (Cat Creek) near Pagosa Junction and County Road 500 (Trujillo Road) from Pagosa Junction west to Highway 151. The lack of maintenance is an ongoing issue throughout the year but it becomes especially critical during winter weather when roads are not plowed. It took the county 3 days to plow CR 500 after the storm in early February. CR 500 was not plowed after the most recent storm, so the snow began to melt and turned to mud. CR 700 was plowed only part way from the main highway. This leads to very treacherous driving conditions and it's almost impossible to get through in places without a 4-wheel drive vehicle.

Maintenance of CR 500 is critical because of elderly residents that travel into town to receive medical care. Caregivers also travel from Pagosa Springs several times a week to deliver critical services to an elderly resident. In addition, a life threatening situation could occur if emergency services could not reach a resident if the roads were impassable.

These roads are not well maintained regardless of the season, however. Many travelers suffer damage to their vehicles including punctured tires due to nails and rough gravel containing sharp

rocks. A few years ago state engineers were brought in to consult on repairs for the bridge at Pagosa Junction. This project seems to have fallen by the wayside, however, because nothing has been done. I wouldn't want to be the driver crossing the bridge when it finally collapses.

I've been told that years ago the county commissioners used to tour the county roads monthly to do visual checks and to identify concerns that needed attention. This sounds like a practical idea to me and would provide a much needed service to all of the residents that pay taxes in order to have safe roads to travel.

Renee Hernandez

## Love and acceptance ad

Dear Editor:

How refreshing, and much needed, to read Colorado Dream Home's large ad encouraging love and acceptance ad. Bravo.

Nita Niece

## 'Rock crusher'

Dear Editor:

I came here in 1981 for a coal mine at Chimney Rock, which looked better today than it did when I pulled in. A mining operation is required to reclaim the land and have dust control and the state mine inspector requires they pay for reclaiming in advance so, if they leave or go bankrupt, the money they paid in goes to reclaiming.

Pagosa Lakes started out as Eaton and then Fairfield bought them and was going to maintain all the roads and water for all the lots on 10,000 acres. In about 1983 they paved the road from the lodge which is Pinion Blvd. to Park Ave. for the timeshares of the Eagles Loft going back up to North Pagosa Blvd to the stop sign. They did it to sell timeshares.

Since then, the County had to pay to have Pinion Blvd. and Park Ave. redone. North Pagosa Blvd. has never been built right, they just pave over it and the potholes are forever.

In the early 90's the County moved all but one rock crushers 45 miles out of town, and we have to haul gravel with a truck that gets

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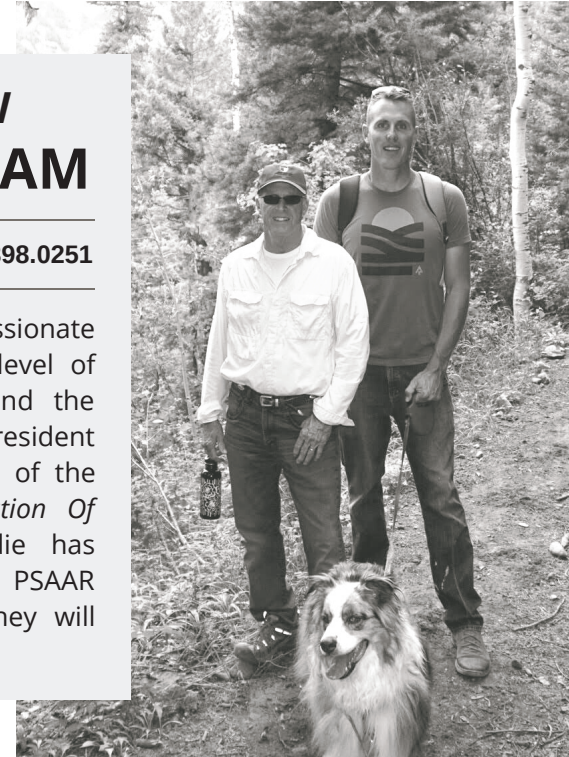
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# Letters

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5 miles/gallon and trip charge for labor of 2 hours.

Pagosa Lakes needs the rock crusher more than anywhere else in the County, basically there is no rock under the road. The roads were built by people who built a house and rocked the road only to their house, with whatever rock they could find, so the base of the road is no good. It needs to be ripped up and reconstructed like they did down Trujillo Road or the road to the dump.

Fairfield goes bankrupt leaving the County to take over the road giving the County \$11 million to maintain them. The County paved North and South Pagosa Blvd and paved Meadows and a few other roads. The paving was done on top of the badly constructed roads causing the issues today with deterioration and soft spots creating potholes.

Therefore, the rock crusher is needed to correctly reconstruct the subject roads and for blacktop pavement.

In the 80's the County was poor and river rock was used for preparing most roads which we know makes washboard roads. The County roads are made up of old railroad beds and logging roads. The County was comprised of ranching and logging for over 100 years. The place that needs the rock crusher the most is Pagosa Lakes since it would be the shortest haul and the best location to fix the bad roads in Pagosa Lakes. Or, you can do what I did for 30 years serving Pagosa Lakes. I drove old trucks and replaced the frontends every 30,000 miles. I put 100,000 miles on Archuleta County roads and the truck is not safe to drive, it is worn out.

Mark Ray

## Gravel pit

Dear Editor:  
As a homeowner in the Pagosa Lakes area, I am in strong opposition to the Oakbrush Hill gravel pit. The county would be making a terrible mistake in permitting any such operation. The ecological, environmental and health impacts far outweigh any money the county could receive in taxes, permitting or other fees. The road is a major thoroughfare for residents as well as visitors heading out towards Turkey Springs and Piedra and the operation of the pit would introduce considerable traffic and

noise pollution to the area. Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County are naturally beautiful and this effort would go a long way toward destroying that natural beauty (and the associated benefits that come from that beauty).

Not quite sure why this is even being considered. The county needs to do the right thing and not allow the permitting and operation of this facility.

David S. Richard

## Mental illness: Chris' gift

Dear Editor:  
I was saddened to read of the loss of William Christopher Miller in last week's obituary column. My heart goes out to his family; my heart and also my deep gratitude. They wrote an honest, brave, loving and kind story of a young man tormented by a chemical imbalance in the brain that caused him to suffer deep depression and anxiety which he could just no longer live with. Live his life for one day, and who could ever judge him?

Mental illness is an illness. It is neither a weakness nor anything to be ashamed of. It is a chemical imbalance in the brain that can cause suffering and complete loss of quality of life. Tragically, no amount of love can rescue a person who is mentally ill.

Chris' family has given our community a gift by speaking so honestly about his struggles and theirs, too. How painful to be unable to help someone you love so much. Telling their story will be of great help to others who are dealing with the same situation. They have let people know they are not alone.

Mental illness, like death, is something few people want to talk about, and yet needs to be talked about because it, like death, is one of the hard facts of life. Feeling alone makes it all that much harder.

I am grateful to the Miller family for their honesty and courage.  
Bonnie Runyan

## Our country

Dear Editor:  
I long for the true "citizenship" of WWII. How did we win that war? It was won by a United Country, every single citizen, from small children on up, was engaged in some way. Our "government" imposed rationing of gasoline and food. Many daily needs we take for granted today simply were never available. We knuckled down and found purpose in our daily lives supporting those on the "front lines" around the world. We were a proud country. Yes, our country was also our government. All did their part.

We believed in our government, our country, for we knew it was looking out for the health and safety of all, requiring rationing of goods to assure that all had equal access to necessities.

Once the war ended and all those veterans returned, there was a severe shortage of places to live. It took awhile for the construction industry to "catch up". So, to protect current renters, the government, our government, imposed rent controls making it illegal to raise rents on any current occupants. Once the housing shortage ended, the rent controls were canceled.

There was no "anti-government" attitude back then, as we appreciated our government's effort to protect us. Today, for those who complain about our current health issues, consider this: Most medical research is funded by grants from the National Institutes of Health (N.I.H.). So, what is wrong with accepting recommendations from their scientists to win this war with Covid. In so doing, we are supporting those on the "front lines", our health care workers.

So, it's time for us to come to-

gether and support those we elect. Serving in a political office is a sacrifice. We need to elect candidates who campaign from a "stance" of service. There is no place for arrogance, which is a mere cover-up for lack of qualifications and confidence.

Let's keep hope alive.

Patty Tillerson

## Game changer

Dear Editor:  
The United States held a diplomatic boycott of the Beijing 2022 Olympic Games. Thus President Biden and other top-level government officials did not attend the Games, but all American Olympic athletes could compete. The purpose was to protest the Chinese government's treatment of the Uyghur people (an ethnic minority inside China); China has been oppressing the Uyghurs since at least 2014 with actions that are condemned under the UN Genocide Convention.

If the purpose of the diplomatic boycott was to put pressure on China's ruling party to change its behavior, then I think it was far too meek a measure. Senator Tom Cotton of Arkansas said that the US should have fully boycotted the Games (not letting American athletes compete). I think a full boycott would have been a bigger step towards effecting change.

But any boycott of a single Olympics is bound to be just a flash in the pan. For the US, as a nation, to force China to change its treatment of Uyghurs will require something much more weighty.

If the US has a responsibility to pressure China into ceasing its human rights violations (I recognize this is not a universally accepted point), then the US needs to boycott something that changes the whole game for China. It needs to boycott Chinese products.

Any principled stands the US takes with China will be ignored as long as Americans continue to be China's sugar daddy. As of 2020, the US Trade Representative reported that Americans spent \$310 billion more on Chinese goods than the Chinese spent on American goods. As long as American money is moving to China in the billions of dollars, I don't think that diplomatic boycotts will have any real effect. This should be obvious to us Americans—we as much as any nation in the world know that money talks.

Boycotting Chinese products would be a demanding discipline for a nation that has grown accustomed to so many cheap goods from China. But if stopping genocide is more important to us than our stuff, we can do it.

Emrys Tyler

## 'Mend the communication barriers'

Dear Editor:  
There are many concerned citizens in this beautiful town, that believe our leadership here in Pagosa Springs, has zero intention of helping mend the communication barriers rampant in our community. We need our elected representatives to lead by example. Our leaders have a duty to respond to their constituents' questions and concerns. When making decisions on our behalf, they need to be both transparent and receive our input.

The Commissioners, Town Council, School Board, and Health Department have failed to respond when citizens raise concerns. They dodge people's questions and pacify us with surface statements. They provide just enough to prevent us from becoming enraged, yet fail to give the explanations we deserve. It is up to us to make sure that they uphold their oaths and hold them accountable for every action they

have taken, neglected, or enforced. I believe the root of our societal problems stems from our inability to have civil discourse, public debate, and a free exchange of ideas. Things have become so polarized and politicized that we aren't even able to talk to each other and no community has been spared. Schools, workplaces, friends, families, hobby groups, churches. Look at what's happening in Canada.

It's not too late to shift this locally, but we are running out of time. What we need is to create a safe space to join together for important, all-inclusive conversations. To have all walks of life share their perspectives while we examine everything that is going on regarding the "pandemic" and the inevitability of an economic reset. First, we must acknowledge the mistakes we made during this crisis and accept responsibility for how we will respond moving forward. Let's band together all our strengths and skillsets. We are far better off navigating these uncharted territories together.

Imagine what it could look like if we brought together creative, solution-oriented mindsets to envision the best ways forward. Experts in their field, people with life experience, who know how to get things done.

For this to happen, we have to be able to express ourselves, our perspectives, without fear of re-

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# Dems plan caucus, assembly

By John Porco  
Archuleta County Democratic Party

In accordance with Colorado state law, the Archuleta County Democratic Party will hold its caucus and assembly on Saturday, March 5. The caucus starts at 9:30 a.m. and the assembly will follow adjournment of the caucus.

Out of concern for the health of our voters during the continuing threat of COVID, the caucus and assembly will be held virtually via Zoom. To ensure eligibility, pre-registration is required to attend the events. The preregistration link is on the homepage of the party website, [archuletadems.org](http://archuletadems.org). You must preregister by 4 p.m. on Friday, March 4, to participate. A link to join the caucus and assembly will be provided once a person registers.

Only people who meet certain criteria will be allowed to vote in caucus. If you live in Archuleta County and were registered as a Democrat on or before Feb. 11, you are eligible. In addition, 16- and 17-year-olds who have preregistered as Democrats by Feb. 11 are eligible for the caucus. Note that if you are registered as unaffiliated, you are not eligible to vote in the caucus, but you will be able to vote in the June general primary election.

If you plan to attend your caucus, it is worthwhile to ascertain what election precinct you live in. You can find out by going to [govotecolorado.com](http://govotecolorado.com) and click on Find My Registration. Enter the requested information on name and birth date and click on Search.

Finally, click on the County and District Information tab to find your precinct. This will facilitate the organization of participants into precinct breakout rooms during the Zoom caucus.

Due to changes in state law and party rules, the caucus and assembly process will be different from previous years. No preference polls will be conducted at caucus. Rather, caucus participants will be arranged by the eight county precincts and will vote to select precinct organizers for their precinct.

In addition, potential additions and changes to the Colorado Democratic Party platform will be considered. A link to the party platform will be provided in advance. Finally, volunteers to serve as election judges will be solicited. Candidates for vari-

ous offices have been invited to participate in the caucus by live Zoom link or video.

All caucus attendees will automatically become delegates to the county assembly, which will follow the caucus. A person must attend the caucus to be a delegate to the assembly. At the assembly, preference polls will be conducted for Democratic U.S. Congressional District 3 and U.S. Senate candidates. Eight delegates to the State House District 59, Congressional District 3 and the state assemblies will be selected. All of these assemblies will be conducted virtually in April.

Questions can be directed to the county chair, Carl Young, at (970) 444-2021. Information is also available at the party website, [archuletadems.org](http://archuletadems.org).

## Virtual forum to feature Democratic Congressional District 3 candidates

By Anne Markward  
La Plata County Democrats

The La Plata County Democrats are pleased to announce that all current Democratic Congressional District 3 candidates have agreed to participate in the upcoming two-hour Congressional District forum at noon on Tuesday, March 1.

Candidates attending will be Debby Burnett, Kellie Rhodes, Root Routledge, Sol Sandoval,

Donald Valdez, Colin Wilhelm and Scott Yates. We will invite additional candidates as they announce.

The forum is virtual and the La Plata Dems are inviting viewers from around this enormous district to meet, question and learn about these candidates to be better informed for our upcoming county assemblies.

"The majority of voters haven't had a chance to meet any, much less all, of the Democratic candidates. This might be our best chance to

educate everyone about their choices," said Herb Bowman, chair of the La Plata Democrats.

Through the Caucus and Assembly process, the Congressional District 3 candidates hope to qualify to be on the June primary ballot. At least two are also "petitioning" to be on that primary ballot, to ensure their eligibility. The Democratic and Republican winners of that June 28 primary will be on the Nov. 2 general election ballot.

March 1 forum link to RSVP: <https://bit.ly/3hoi993>.

## Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

### Thursday, Feb. 24

**San Juan Basin Public Health Board of Health meeting.** 9 a.m. Zoom meeting. For more information, visit: <https://sjb-publichealth.org/>.

**Colorado Counties Inc. Steering Committee meeting, Day 1.** 9 a.m. Zoom meeting only. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

### Friday, Feb. 25

**Colorado Counties Inc. Steering Committee meeting, Day 2.** 9 a.m. Zoom meeting only. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

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### Tuesday, March 1

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

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners meeting.** 1:30 p.m. Archuleta County admin-

istration 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>.

**Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting.** 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

### Thursday, March 3

**Combined Parks and Recreation**

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

### Friday, March 4

**Colorado Counties Inc. legislative briefing.** Noon. Zoom meeting only. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

*Public meeting information should be sent to [editor@pagosasun.com](mailto:editor@pagosasun.com) with "Public Meeting" in the subject line. The deadline is noon Monday each week prior to publication for that week's issue.*

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buke or intimidation. Even if views go against the mainstream narrative. If we are not allowed to ask questions, share our research, we cannot analyze the situation properly. We must stop tolerating the exclusion of certain voices surrounding the health of our county, or we won't be able to arrive at truth, science, or solutions. We cannot afford to allow this dysfunction to continue. Let's return to being civil. Together, we can further explore whether it's in our best interest to

continue receiving services from the current health department, or how to fix the problems we have with them and explore alternatives. How can people thrive in this town? We can all help shift this by opening our hearts

and allowing all voices to be heard. Can you imagine the possibilities if we came together as a community, return to our humanity, and allow the truth to guide us? I can.

Shalene Zarate

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# Obituaries

## Adrian Vaughn Daugaard

Adrian Vaughn Daugaard, age 65, of Pagosa Springs, Colo., escaped this world at the crack of stupid (which is a very early morning hour) on Friday, Feb. 11, after an unsuccessful battle with tarantism, clinomania, rhinotillexomania, lumbago, collywobbles, hypertrichosis, boanthropy, parosmia, proctalgia fugax and finally cancer. Any or all of this may or may not have been contributed to a possible alien abduction at one time, but none of this has been confirmed. He was surrounded by his children, grandchildren and friends who are now currently — being tested for anything.



For those of you that did not sneak into Harvard medical school or have a dictionary handy: He suffered from an impulse to dance despite wanting to stay in bed all the time in his final weeks. The doctors confirmed the urge to pick his nose, lower back pain and the occasional stomachache. Furthermore, he was very hairy which contributed to him believing he was a cow and ironically had a bad sense of smell. It was strongly suggested that he was also or had a pain in the arse, and finally he was diagnosed with cancer for which we hope you didn't need a dictionary for.

\*Note to reader: His children would like to clarify that he did not actually think he was a cow or that he picked his nose (other than when necessary). The rest is up for debate, but the cancer was very, very real. They also hope you did not harm yourself trying to pronounce any of which was in the earlier paragraph.

Adrian was born waayyyy back on Jan. 18, 1957, and just like most of us Pagosans, he was born in Durango, Colo. The difference was that his parents were the late Mary Margaret Archuleta Daugaard and David Abraham Christian Daugaard.

In his early years, Adrian had several interesting career paths,

one of which was on an oil rig which gave him the opportunity to dress like one of the "Village People" — orange hat included. He also worked in the mines blowing up rocks and dirt which made way for the railroad in Basalt and Leadville, Colo. This is where he claims he lost his high school ring — the reward for it is still valid. He worked for CDOT and was also a detention officer for the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office which turned useful later as he knew his way around a jail cell. He eventually gave in to his true calling as a rancher running the Archuleta family ranch.

If he had an online dating profile (which he didn't), it might say that he was an enthusiastic outdoorsman, hunter and fisherman. He loved to travel to places like Vegas, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and Costa Rica. He enjoyed walking on the beach, boat rides and he even liked snorkeling (except when there were alligators around — he feared those), and having his picture taken pointing at random things — especially in museums.

When he was not traveling, he could always be found at the ranch in dirty jeans and muddy boots chasing those "darn cows" all over his property, hunting or kicking back and fishing with Donald Ray. Upon occasion, he would clean up and "hit the town" and find a dance floor and sweet talk some lucky lady to be his partner. He was one heck of a cook, too. I also need to mention his endless supply of Ski and Bow Rack T-shirts and his ability to end every text message with exclamation points, confusing the recipient of the actual meaning! It's also known that he was always late for — everything.

He lived life his own way. Some claim it was "The cowboy way." For others it was "Adrian's way." He either liked you or he didn't; it was black or white. For his children, they are still trying to figure out which one it was or who was his favorite (we know he loved them all).

Adrian was an exceptional father. He was so concerned with his daughters' safety and to prove this, he purchased taser guns for all of them. He provided a painfully brief demonstration by showing how easily it was to tase oneself by not following the instructions and warning labels provided, once again confusing his left hand with

his right hand. We blame being left-handed in this particular situation and, thankfully, that was not inherited.

He taught the girls how to shoot, how to work on the ranch, to fish and to hunt, and more importantly how to curse in Spanish, for which they will be forever grateful.

To his daughters — he left behind a heck of a mess and they have no idea what to do with it all — good luck!

To his grandchildren and all future generations, you will still be cleaning it up and his beloved cat Prissy will most likely still be living three generations from now.

He was a strong and stubborn pillar of the community. Pagosa will be so different now without Adrian. We will miss seeing him and his "wingman" Donald Ray cruising through town looking for — food. "Taco Tuesdays" at the Roadhouse will never be the same and we are not sure if Ramon's can survive without his patron support.

He was loved and will be missed profoundly.

Adrian is preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Charles Marcel, and too many family members to name here (they are charging us now per word).

He is survived by his three beautiful daughters: Megan, Sara and Ri-Ann, and a son-in-law, Raul. Three beautiful stepdaughters: Allie, Audrey and Chesika. Four wonderful grandchildren: Nickolas, Maddox, Taryn and Tayla, and three more wonderful step-grandchildren: Jonathan, Aiden and Natalie. And one amazing sister: Miquela.

To all his cousins and other family members (which there are too many to count), he loved you all.

To his dear friends, the family would love to give their biggest heartfelt thank you. Your love and support have been unwavering through this difficult time.

Cremation will take place at the family's convenience and as pay stubs allow. His ashes will be kept in an urn until they get tired of having them (or they no longer match the décor) and then will be taken to a spot on the ranch along with his boots.

The funeral will be held whenever they figure out who is paying for it.

Update: March 12 at 10 a.m. at the only Catholic church on Lewis

Street.

Anyone wearing red, blue, purple or yellow will not be admitted to the funeral or memorial (to be announced). Anyone wearing camouflage, large cowboy hats and boots are most welcome.

In lieu of flowers and other silly things, please donate to the fund his children created to pay for all this crap and to feed his beloved cat: <https://everloved.com/life-of/adrian-daugaard/>.

Signed — Anonymous, who suffers from witzelsucht (a rare frontal lobe disorder that causes a person to make puns and jokes at inappropriate moments).

## June Geisen

June Geisen passed away on Feb. 9 at 91 years old.

June was married to Walt Geisen, who passed away in 2016.

Their four children are Nancy Crowe, Eric Geisen, Jeff Geisen and Tim Geisen. June also considered Rick Mc Cool her adopted son.



Walt and June raised their family in California, where June was head of Quartz Hill Library and president of the Woman's Club. They were also involved with Western Fine Art Associations and Hall of Fame characters at Calico Ghost Town.

Walt and June retired early in Pagosa Springs, Colo.

Their six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren spent many fun vacations exploring the wonderful and scenic outdoors with them in Pagosa Springs.

June enjoyed being a docent at Chimney Rock, hiking and skiing with the Grey Wolves, playing Mahjong and led pilgrimages to Medjugorje.

The family wishes to sincerely thank all of her dear friends who cared and visited her during this last year.

Funeral services for June Geisen will be held at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd., on Tuesday, March 1: 9 a.m. rosary, 9:30 a.m. eulogy, 10 a.m. memorial Mass. Reception to follow afterward at the church.

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## Town approves physical address code changes

By Dorothy Elder  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council approved the second reading of Ordinance 975, "Amending the Town Code Pertaining to Physical Addresses," at its Feb. 17 meeting.

The language of the code remained unchanged from its first reading, which happened on Feb. 1. However, the code's implementation process was updated based

on recommendations from town council during the first reading.

This includes a new town program that will be run by town staff, Public Works Director Martin Schmidt explained. The program will provide high-contrast, reflective signage that is compliant with the updated code to residents.

These signs are free to any individual in need of updating their address due to the code changes, according to Schmidt.

If every current noncompliant address utilized the program, it would cost the town about \$9,000, Schmidt stated.

The town will also immediately begin to make addressing a part of the certificate of occupancy requirements for building permits, start a public information campaign about the changes and use a door-to-door approach with conversations and door hangers to directly inform properties that they are out of com-

pliance, he explained.

Only after these four steps have been implemented will the town start issuing code violations. This will likely be in late spring or early summer of 2023, Schmidt stated.

"Those are really the five points that staff put together to try to be fair to the public, make it manageable for staff and really try to make the community a safer place," Schmidt said.

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## County approves electrical services reimbursement in Chris Mountain Village 2

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) awarded \$23,475.16 to Blake Harper at its Feb. 15 meeting to reimburse Harper for trenching and backfilling electrical services to 10 lots in Chris Mountain Village 2.

This money was taken from the Fairfield Settlement Fund.

According to County Attorney Todd Weaver, the fund was established in 1997 when developer Fairfield Communities filed for bankruptcy. In the bankruptcy settlement between Fairfield Communities, Archuleta County and the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA), the Fairfield Settlement Fund was created to support the development of electrical infrastructure in communities where it was left incomplete by the bankruptcy.

The fund initially contained \$400,000.

However, as Weaver explained, accumulated interest raised that total to \$530,000 prior to the Harper

reimbursement.

Weaver stated that, although there were initially 11 subdivisions that qualified for the fund, only one (Chris Mountain Village 2) currently lacks "substantial electrical infrastructure."

According to the Archuleta County Policy for the Disbursement of the Fairfield Bankruptcy Settlement Funds for Backfilling and Trenching for Electrical Power, approved by the BoCC on May 18, 2021, residents of Chris Mountain Village 2 who have completed electrical trenching and backfilling to their homes since 1997 are eligible for reimbursement through this fund.

To receive reimbursement, residents must complete the trenching and backfilling work, in accordance with applicable codes, obtain a certificate of completion from La Plata Electrical Association (LPEA), and present this and a dated proof of payment to the county attorney's office.

According to the disbursement policy, the maximum reimbursement rate per parcel is \$2,675.

However, Weaver explained that, if the actual cost of the trenching and backfilling is less than this, the reimbursement will be reduced to match.

If the electrical line extension requires passing any adjacent parcels without electrical service, the

resident may receive reimbursement for them as well so long as an electrical tap is provided for each parcel, the policy explains. These taps must be verified by LPEA in order for the resident to receive reimbursement for them.

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## Robert D. Lindner Sr., ranch owner and philanthropist, dies at age 101

Robert D. Lindner Sr. died on Feb. 16 at the age of 101.

Lindner was considered a Pagosa Country local, even though he spent most of his time running his business in Cincinnati.

According to his longtime friend and business associate, J.R. Ford, Lindner was instrumental in building the Red Ryder rodeo arena through his generosity. He also purchased and donated the property where the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library is located.

Lindner was the first large donor of Pagosa Springs Medical Center. His generosity funded the Power-House Youth Center for years, Ford explained.

Lindner also made sure the newspaper staff at The SUN knew his opinion with regular calls to the management.

In the Pagosa area, Lindner invested in preserving the beauty of the mountains and rivers through his ownership of El Rancho Pinoso, Weminuche Valley Ranch, The Notch Ranch and Piney Creek Ranch. One of his biggest accomplishments was ensuring that the properties would never be developed by preserving them forever with conservation easements.

"I call them my Rembrandts," he said in a 2010 interview with the Cincinnati Enquirer. "The way they are today is the way they'll be forever."

The SUN's partners at The Enquirer and Cincinnati.com were gracious in sharing Lindner's life story with local readers.

### Robert D. Lindner Sr., who built United Dairy Farmers, dies at age 101

The Enquirer | Cincinnati.com

Robert D. Lindner Sr., who went to work every day into his 90s and helped build United Dairy Farmers (UDF) into a business that combined a regional chain of convenience stores and dairy product manufacturing, died on Feb. 16. He was 101.

"One of his proudest accomplishments was the success of this company," a statement from UDF said. "He loved everything about UDF; making and eating ice cream, being in the stores and especially the people who made it all happen."

The money from milk, cream and ice cream sales at UDF became the basis for the rest of the Lindner family's business ventures, including American Financial Group (AFG) — now ranked 376th on the Fortune 500 list of American businesses.

"We leveraged the dairy company," Lindner said in a 2010 interview with The Enquirer.

Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine remembered Lindner as a member of the Greatest Generation who "served in the Pacific in World War II and was a steadfast supporter of the USO." He sent condolences to his family and friends in a statement last week.

UDF started on May 6, 1940, when Lindner and his siblings



Robert D. Lindner Sr.

Photo courtesy The Enquirer | Cincinnati.com

began selling milk, cheese, cream and buttermilk from a storefront on Montgomery Road in Norwood. That first day's sales, Lindner remembered in a 2010 interview, were \$8.28.

UDF has grown into what now ranks as the region's 15th largest privately held company on the most recent Deloitte Cincinnati USA 100 list. The company didn't disclose revenues, which totaled more than \$828 million based on where UDF stands on the list.

The company now has nearly 200 stores in three states and more than 2,000 employees. Its corporate headquarters and plant are still at that Montgomery Road spot in the heart of blue-collar Norwood.

A lot has changed since 1940, but more than 80 years later, UDF is still a family-owned business based on selling dairy products at the corner store. An example of the family-owned touch: UDF offered free ice cream cones on Aug. 5, 2020, for Lindner's 100 birthday and the 80th anniversary of the company.

Lindner and his three siblings built on a dairy business their father, Carl Sr., started in the early 1900s by delivering milk to homes, lading it out of a jug. But by the early 1930s, he had come up with what was then a revolutionary idea: selling milk from a store and undercutting the milkman.

"They called it 'cash and carry,'" and at 28 cents a gallon, they were selling milk cheaper than anyone else.

The family opened a few more stores from 1940 to 1942, then Robert went off to World War II and so did brother Richard. Carl H. Lindner Jr., the best known of the siblings who later owned the Reds, stayed behind to mind the store.

When the war was over, they resumed their expansion. Each had responsibilities. Robert oversaw production and the plant's operation; Richard maintained the fleet of vehicles and facilities; Dorothy kept the books; Carl was the salesman.

The sibling bonds were evident as Robert Lindner talked in that 2010 interview about the early days of what became UDF. "When I say 'I,' I'm speaking as much for Carl, Rich and Dorothy, because we're all together," he said.

### One family's multiple businesses

As UDF grew, the unions came calling. Robert remembers Carl sitting for hours talking to the late Jim Luken, head of the dairy workers union and a future mayor of Cincinnati. But UDF never unionized.

The Lindners started a life insurance business in Texas. In the 1950s, they started buying savings and loans that were used to build AFG, now a \$4 billion giant.

Brother Carl bought some of Robert's interest in AFG in the 1980s. Robert bought Carl's interest in UDF in 1980, solidifying Robert's leadership of that business. Carl Lindner died on Oct. 17, 2011, at age 92.

Richard in the 1960s began running and expanding the Thriftway chain of supermarkets. He died in January 2010 at age 88. Winn-Dixie bought the Thriftway chain in 1995, then closed or sold the stores in 2004.

Dorothy married in the 1950s and bowed out of the business, after being a key player at UDF during World War II and after, to raise a family. Dorothy Kreuzman died on Sept. 20, 2021, at the age of 98.

### History of philanthropy

With the wealth that Robert Lindner built over decades, he supported a variety of causes, some of them behind the scenes.

He supported the \$1 million renovation of what is now called the Robert D. Lindner Family Omnimax Theater at the Cincinnati Museum Center in 2006. He was a major donor to the Robert D. and Richard E. Lindner Sports Complex at Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy.

Campus housing, a conference center and an endowed professor-

ship at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Lombard, Ill., are named after either him or his wife, Betty.

He also was instrumental in starting a Baptist seminary in Moscow, Russia, and was a big supporter of the Montgomery Community Baptist Church.

As a sergeant stationed on a remote island in the Pacific during World War II, he remembers the USO showing up, even as bullets were still flying, to cheer up the troops. He later showed his appreciation with steady financial support for the service organization.

He and his wife, Betty, also supported a variety of substance-abuse prevention programs, including Cincinnati Teen Challenge and City Gospel Mission. She died on Dec. 24, 2013, at age 89.

Lindner gave to political candidates and causes, but not as lavishly as his brother Carl.

For example, UDF made a contribution of \$260,000 to Swift Boat Veterans and POWs for Truth in 2004. That placed UDF fifth among donors to the group that attacked Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry's war record. AFG led by brother Carl was fourth at \$350,000, according to Open Secrets, a website that tracks money in U.S. politics.

Robert Lindner owned four working ranches and a farm near Pagosa Springs, Colo., which he placed in a conservation easement, ensuring that 15,000 acres of rangeland, ponderosa pines and mountain streams will never be developed.

"I call them my Rembrandts," he said in the 2010 interview. "The way they are today is the way they'll be forever."

Lindner visited the ranches, but usually not for more than 10 days at a time, preferring not to be away from the business for that long even when he was 90.

"When he does go to the ranch, he calls in to see what's going on," his longtime assistant, Phyllis McCoy, said in 2010.

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## CDC OKs MOU, now in hiring process for main street coordinator

By Dorothy Elder  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) unanimously approved the memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Town of Pagosa Springs to hire a main street coordinator at its Feb. 16 meeting.

This means that the position is now in the hiring process, with the job description posted and open to applicants, Emily Meisner, executive director of the CDC, stated.

The position combines the town's need for an individual to oversee the Main Street America program and the CDC's need for an administrative/project assistant, according to the job description.

At the Feb. 16 meeting, Meisner stated that if they are unable to find a qualified applicant, they will recirculate the position in two different roles.

These two positions would then not be full time, so benefits would not be available, she explained.

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## Lifesavers



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A trio of jail staff were honored in a ceremony Tuesday morning for their efforts in saving the life of an inmate in the Archuleta County jail last year. From left to right are Undersheriff Mike Le Roux, nurse Mitzi Hopper, Sheriff Rich Valdez, Detention Deputy Estrellita Albright, Detention Sgt. Jennie Cotton and Jail Commander Ed Williams.

## COVID-19

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Prevention's (CDC) definitions.

Per the CDC, high transmission is a cumulative incidence rate of 100 and a positivity rate of 10 percent or higher. Substantial transmission is defined by a cumulative incidence rate of 50-99.99 and a positivity rate of 8 to 9.99 percent, moderate is a cumulative incidence rate of 10-49.99 and a positivity rate of 5-7.99 percent, and low is a cumulative incidence rate less than 10 cases per 100,000 people and positivity rate less than 5 percent.

Colorado's rate was 147.9 as of Wednesday, and the nation's was 165.1.

SJBPH showed Archuleta County was at 9 percent positivity Wednesday, down from 10 percent the prior week.

As of Wednesday, SJBPH listed 2,840 total cases of confirmed COVID-19 among permanent Archuleta County residents since late March 2020, up from 2,823 a week prior.

Jollon pointed out that 9 in 10 Coloradans are believed to have some level of protection, either due to vaccine or prior infection, making the pool of susceptible people smaller.

SJBPH and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment indicate Archuleta County has four outbreaks: Pagosa Springs High School, Pagosa Springs Middle School, Pine Ridge Extended Care Center and BeeHive Homes of Pagosa Springs.

Two deaths among COVID cases were added to the dashboard over the last week, bringing the county's total to 14.

Both, according to SJBPH CO-

VID-19 Public Information Officer/Communications Director Chandler Griffin, were among older adults and were not associated with an outbreak.

"The bottom line is that it's just tragic for the community to lose a neighbor or a friend or a family member," he said, offering condolences to the families.

Colorado as a whole is also seeing COVID numbers trending in a good direction.

"This week is the first week that we are seeing days with less than ... 1,000 tests come back positive on a given day," Jollon said about Colorado.

Those, she noted, are numbers that haven't been seen since prior to the Delta and Omicron waves.

Colorado's hospitalizations have dropped almost as quickly as cases, she added.

Hospitalizations across the state have come down to well under 500 people, compared to upward of 1,600 during the Delta and Omicron waves.

"We've never seen hospitalizations drop so quickly," she said.

Griffin reported that ICU availability in the region reached 28 percent before dipping back down to 16 percent.

He noted SJBPH is "cautiously optimistic" to confirm a trend with decreasing hospitalizations, but cautioned that hospital capacity is still limited in the region, making it important for people to be vaccinated or receive a booster dose.

Jollon indicated that while the statewide drop helps relieve pressure, there is a lot of pent-up need for health care.

"While this is all really good news, it's still a strained system and we still all want to be careful about spreading infection and needing hospital care because we do have to acknowledge it's been a very tough run for our health care partners for quite some time," she said.

Jollon also commended Pagosa Springs Medical Center for its work throughout the pandemic.

"That hospital, I cannot believe how hard they've worked over the last few years. It's astounding what they have done," she said.

For more information about the COVID-19 vaccines, current eligibility, details on vaccine clinics and providers, or to make an appointment, visit: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/>.

### Masks still recommended in public indoor spaces

The CDC is currently still recommending community-wide masking in public indoor spaces until moderate transmission is reached, Jollon noted.

Jollon and Griffin added that if the CDC revises its guidelines, SJBPH will look to amend its public health advisory.

The current advisory, which includes more on recommended precautions, can be found at: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/coronavirus/>.

### Free rapid tests, masks available through SJBPH

In addition to free KN95 and surgical masks, Griffin and Jollon noted SJBPH anticipates being able to distribute free rapid tests this afternoon or tomorrow — as soon as the tests arrive.

The free tests and masks are part of a statewide program.

"The tests being distributed as part of this newest program are iHealth Labs over-the-counter COVID-19 Antigen rapid tests," a state press release explains. "They take 15 minutes to provide a result and instructions are included on the box in English and available online in Spanish. Once a test result is available, an individual should review these instructions on how to interpret and report the results."

Griffin explained individuals can receive up to eight rapid tests — four rapid test kits with two tests each.

He noted supply is limited and will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

SJBPH's Pagosa Springs office is located at 502 S. 8th St. and is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Masks are required to enter the lobbies.

"We hope folks take advantage of these tests. It's still the first line of defense, and the most important thing is that people stay home if they get a positive or if they're symptomatic," Griffin said, adding, "Please do stop by our office."

"While we're all very pleased that this Omicron surge is absolutely in retreat, we also want people to have all the tools available to keep themselves and their family and friends safe," Jollon said.

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## Financial

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year and potential system improvements, Hessman explained.

Council member Shari Pierce noted she had identified a piece of property for future housing that she wanted to bring to the council for consideration.

"I've been a proponent of putting some of our extra funds towards paying off debt, but this year I would like to propose that we not do that, but instead, like April suggested, maybe seeing if we can put some of this toward the housing project to help with that. We all know that materials and labor costs have increased greatly, and this might help us be able to

# Snow falls around Pagosa Country, multiple feet in the mountains

By Clayton Chaney and Randi Pierce  
Staff Writers

Snow began falling across Pagosa Country earlier this week, part of a storm that moved in late Monday evening.

The National Weather Service (NWS) issued a winter storm warning for Wolf Creek Pass, predicting anywhere from 28 to 48 inches to fall between Monday evening and Thursday morning.

Wolf Creek Ski Area reported 17 inches of fresh snowfall on Tuesday afternoon and 25 inches from the storm as of 6 a.m. Wednesday.

According to Shawn Prochazka, local meteorologist, areas around Archuleta County woke up to 1.5 to 3 inches of snow on Tuesday morning.

In a forecast report Wednesday, Prochazka forecasted valleys below 7,600 feet to receive 5 to 10 inches through this afternoon, Thursday, Feb. 24.

He predicted 8 to 14 inches in valleys above 7,600 feet for that time period, and 20-28 inches in the mountains.

The NWS in Grand Junction issued a winter weather warning for the southwest San Juan Mountains to last until 11 a.m. today with 3 to 4 feet of total snowfall and winds at 45 miles per hour.

The Colorado Avalanche Information Center (CAIC) issued an avalanche watch warning that lasted from Tuesday, Feb. 22 through midnight Thursday, Feb. 24.

According to the CAIC website, the South San Juan Mountains, including Wolf Creek Pass, was at level three — considerable — in terms of avalanche danger as of mid-day Wednesday, Feb. 22.

The CAIC uses a scale of one through five, with five being the most dangerous, to assess avalanche danger in regions around the state.

"You can trigger a dangerous avalanche today in wind-stiffened snow on leeward slopes near ridgelines or around rocky outcrops above treeline or on wind-sheltered northerly-facing terrain below treeline," the CAIC website states. "The new dense slab continues to

build mass and weight over various weak layers below that can break wider and slide further than you might expect with the added weight of a rider or snowmachine. Shooting cracks or hearing the snowpack collapse underfoot are clear signs of unstable conditions.

"Avoid traveling on, near, or underneath steep slopes today. Consider southerly-facing wind-sheltered terrain with a slope angle around 30 degrees for safer recreational pursuits today."

The CAIC website also notes that avalanche conditions can elevate quickly and will remain dangerous throughout the week.

Additional avalanche information can be found online at: <https://avalanche.state.co.us>.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Water and Climate Center's snow pack report, the Wolf Creek summit, at 11,000 feet of elevation, had 25.9 inches of snow water equivalent as of 10 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 22.

The Wolf Creek summit was at 113 percent of the Feb. 22 snow-pack median.

The San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan river basins were at 88 percent of the Feb. 22 median in terms of snow pack.

### Weather outlook

According to the NWS, today, Thursday, Feb. 24, temperatures in Pagosa Springs are forecasted to reach a high of 31 degrees with a 40 percent chance of snow.

The forecasted low is around 1 degree with partly cloudy skies at night.

For Friday, Feb. 25, the forecasted high is 33 degrees with mostly sunny skies. The forecasted low is 2 degrees with mostly clear skies at night.

For Saturday, Feb. 26, temperatures are forecasted to reach a high of 37 degrees with sunny skies throughout the day. The forecasted low for that night is around 5 degrees with mostly clear skies.

For Sunday, Feb. 27, the forecasted high is 45 degrees with sunny skies during the day and the forecasted low is 13 degrees with partly cloud skies at night.

## Revenue

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collections from the tax compared to 2020, according to the reports.

Overall, the combined town and county lodgers' tax revenue has increased since the pandemic, Green explains.

Green notes that compared to 2019, revenues have increased by 59 percent, or \$568,179.

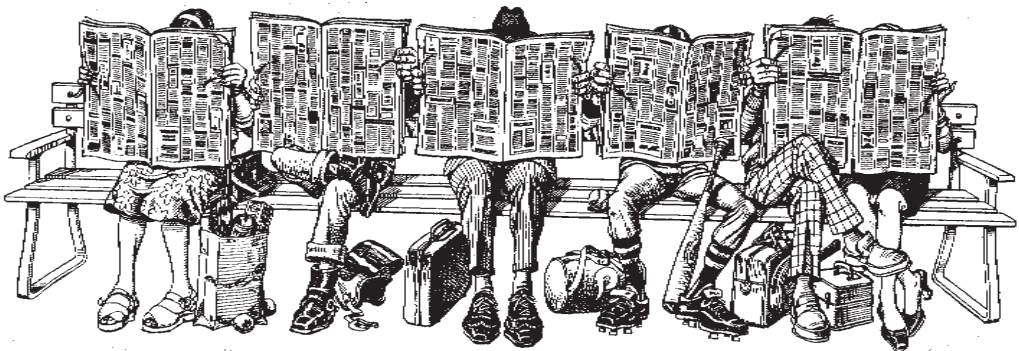
Green explains that a cause for concern would emerge if town visitation doesn't increase over the next year, as the "financial risks" of

vacations such as closures, testing and vaccine requirements begin to subside.

"We will have to wait and see what post-pandemic travel equates to locally," Green wrote.

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## Water

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necessitate the construction of the Dry Gulch Reservoir, which the board agreed is currently unnecessary to meet Archuleta County's present water needs.

When that might change and how large a reservoir would be necessary to meet these needs was a matter of uncertainty for the board. Although previous work by the Growing Water Smart group in 2019 had produced population projections for the county, there were concerns that COVID and the associated growth in rural Colorado had changed the situation and potentially made those projections inaccurate.

Additionally, concerns about changes in agricultural water consumption due to climate change were raised. These potential changes, as well as reductions in the amount of agricultural land in the county, further complicated estimating water consumption in the county.

To address these changes and uncertainties, the board proposed the hiring of a consultant to per-

work towards paying that down so the rents can be more affordable," Pierce said. "And the other thing I would like to ask is if we can entertain purchasing a piece of property that could allow for some future housing. I've discussed with Andrea a property I have in mind and asking if we could have an executive session at our next meeting to discuss potentially purchasing that property."

Hessman also noted that all revenues reported in the review are thus-far unaudited.

### Town-to-Lakes Trail

The town council also approved changes to the scope of the Har-

man Hill phase of the Town-to-Lakes Trail plan at its meeting.

The approved change will reallocate \$52,316.30 out of the already-approved \$620,000 budgeted this year by the town for the project in order to create new design plans for the phase, according to Parks and Recreation Director Darren Lewis.

The new design plans will include a third and fourth pedestrian crossing at the intersection, a trail leading north to Solomon Drive and one north to Eagle Drive from the intersection and a trail on the east side of Harman Park Drive from the intersection to the south past Wells Fargo Bank, Lewis explained.

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recently begun designing affordable housing initiatives.

The rest of the board expressed objections to this proposal, arguing that, while affordable housing construction is crucial to the community, it is outside SJWCD's mandate.

Board members also suggested that the SJWCD's focus should be on securing future supply for the county, including for affordable housing.

Board members highlighted that the other organizations that have recently launched affordable housing initiatives have extensive numbers of employees, while the SJWCD has none, meaning that it has less of a vested interest in developing workforce housing.

At the end of the discussion, the board agreed to retain Hudson's proposal as a potential concept for the Dry Gulch site, although it agreed it would be premature to take immediate action on it given the questions that remain about the needs and specifications for the Dry Gulch reservoir.

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## Water commissioner presents report to conservancy district

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

At the Feb. 21 San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) Board of Directors meeting, the directors received an update about water conditions from Division of Water Resources (DWR) District 7 Water Commissioner Joe Crabb.

Crabb's update covered seasonal precipitation outlook, regional snowpack levels, transbasin and local water diversions, and lake levels in key reservoirs.

Crabb reported that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) seasonal precipitation outlook released in February had placed the area in a zone of below average precipitation for the months of February, March and April. This prediction continued the trend observed earlier in the winter.

Crabb reported that, according to the Colorado Basin River Forecast Center, the snowpack level in San Juan Mountains was at approximately 100 percent of the median, down from 108 percent at the beginning of the month.

However, he expressed that he expected that upcoming storms would keep the snowpack well above median for the time being.

He also reported that the snowpack level for Colorado as a whole was at 103 percent of the median on Feb. 1, with the snowpack for the Dolores, San Miguel, Animas and San Juan Mountains combined at 93 percent of median on Feb. 11.

He explained he expects another report to be released at the end of the month and that both these numbers would rise with the upcoming storms moving into Colorado.

Crabb indicated that the next month would be critical to runoff,

water availability and Bureau of Reclamation forecasts since large amounts of snow and cold weather would hold snowpacks until later in the year warm and clear conditions could result in an early spring.

Crabb then briefed the directors on the amounts of water channeled through various regional and local water diversions in 2021 compared to 2020.

Crabb reported that Treasure Pass diversion, which channels water from the San Juan headwaters to the Rio Grande, had diverted 277 acre feet (AF) in 2021, compared to 213 AF in 2020.

The Don Le Font 1 & 2 and South River diversions, which take water from the Piedra drainage to the West Fork of the San Juan River, diverted 253.6 AF in 2021, compared to 94.5 AF in 2020.

The San Juan Chama diversions, which take water from the Rio

Blanco, Little Navajo and Navajo rivers to the Chama River, diverted 48,261 AF in 2021, compared to 60,218 AF in 2020.

Locally, Crabb reported that the Dutton Ditch diversion, which takes water from Fourmile Creek to the Martinez and Dutton drainages, diverted 1,931.9 AF in 2021, compared to 1,284.3 AF in 2020.

The San Juan Intake, which takes water from the San Juan to the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) San Juan Treatment Plant, diverted 945 AF in 2021, compared to 306 AF in 2020.

Finally, the Pagosa Springs Pipeline, which transports water to the PAWSD Snowball Water Treatment Plant, diverted 650 AF in 2021, compared to 637 AF in 2020.

Crabb also provided an update on lake levels in local and regional reservoirs. He explained that all lakes in the PAWSD system had filled to above capacity last year and that he expected that pattern to repeat this year.

He reported that Navajo Lake was at 50.4 percent capacity with the water level 66.2 feet below full pool.

Blue Mesa Reservoir, which had been drained significantly by Bureau of Reclamation projects in Lake Powell and Lake Mead, was at 28.6 percent capacity with the water level 84.3 feet below full pool.

Lake Powell was at 25.6 percent capacity with the water level 170.2 feet below full pool.

Lake Mead was at 34.6 percent capacity with the water level 152.5 feet below full pool.

Crabb commented that it would be "interesting" to see the Bureau of Reclamation forecast for the year that will come out in the next several weeks and will determine drainage from reservoirs and diversions from the San Juan Chama Project for 2022.

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## SJWCD hires outreach consultant

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

At its Feb. 16 meeting, the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) Board of Directors hired Project Resource Studio to act as a community engagement specialist for the group.

Director Bill Hudson abstained, and the other five directors voted to approve the hiring.

According to the board packet, the SJWCD received three proposals for the position including local consultants Josh Kurz and Michael Whiting, and Carbondale-based Project Resource Studio.

Directors Al Pfister and Joe Tedder, who formed the candidate selection subcommittee along with SJWCD Executive Assistant Sally High, chose to recommend Project

Resource Studio, suggesting that its capabilities most closely matched the SJWCD's outreach goals.

Project Resource Studio, a small four-person team, will be paid \$44,450 to perform community engagement services for SJWCD. According to Pfister, this consultant will primarily work to develop education strategies to engage community members about water issues in the region and to hold community feedback panels to refine the SJWCD's messaging.

Hudson questioned this decision, asking why Project Resource Studio, whose proposal included 37 hours of work, had been chosen over Kurz, who offered 150 hours of work.

He also questioned Project Resource Design's focus on graphics and logos, which he felt were un-

necessary compared to expanded community engagement.

Pfister and Tedder explained that Project Resource Studio's proposal involved a broader outreach strategy for engaging stakeholders than what Kurz could provide and mentioned the possibility of diverting resources initially allocated to product design in Project Resource Studio's proposal toward additional engagement.

According to Pfister, this change had been suggested by Project Resource Studio during its interview.

Hudson also inquired about Project Resource Studio's expertise on holding focus groups.

Tedder stated that he believed the firm had extensive expertise and would be effective at holding such groups in the area.

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## Commissioners approve mag chloride contract, application to begin in April

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

At its Feb. 15 meeting, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) unanimously approved a new contract for the supply and application of magnesium chloride to local roads.

The contract was made with Desert Mountain Corporation, the county's supplier for the last two years.

## Free legal clinics offered regularly online

By Jon Sarché  
Colorado Judicial Department

Colorado's Access to Justice Committees are offering regular legal clinics online, free of charge, for anybody seeking to learn more about various legal topics.

Monthly clinics are available on collecting judgments, divorce and child custody, sealing records, small claims and estate planning.

The clinic on collecting on a judgment is offered the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m., with the next clinic set for March 2. Viewers must preregister by the Monday before the clinic by emailing 01SelfHelp@judicial.state.co.us.

Preregistration is not required for the other clinics.

The clinic on divorce and child custody is offered at noon on the second Wednesday of each month, with the next clinic scheduled for March 9.

The clinic on estate planning is offered once a month at noon on a Monday, with clinics scheduled for Feb. 28, March 21, April 18, May 16 and June 27.

Clinics are available via video-conference, and in-person attendance may be available at local courthouses or libraries. The list of clinics and a videoconference link may be found at: [https://www.courts.state.co.us/userfiles/file/Self\\_Help/Statewide%20Legal%20Clinics.pdf](https://www.courts.state.co.us/userfiles/file/Self_Help/Statewide%20Legal%20Clinics.pdf). For more information on in-person attendance, people should contact their local self-help coordinator, whose contact information may be found at: [https://www.courts.state.co.us/Self\\_Help/center.cfm](https://www.courts.state.co.us/Self_Help/center.cfm).

Desert Mountain Corporation prices increased by 5 cents from its 2020-2021 prices, from \$0.78 per gallon to \$0.83 per gallon of magnesium chloride. According to the meeting agenda, the price increase was driven by increased fuel costs.

According to the contract documents attached to the meeting agenda, the agreement stipulates that the county shall pay no more than \$437,944.52 per year to Desert Mountain Corporation for the delivery of approximately 577,644 gallons of magnesium chloride.

According to Road and Bridge Manager Tim Hatch, the county will, weather allowing, begin grading and applying chloride in April.

Hatch stated they will likely start on the Forest Service Road 631 north of Piedra Road where the Forest Service has recently laid fresh gravel.

The county also offers a program that allows residents to pay to have magnesium chloride applied to roads that would not otherwise be treated.

In an email to The SUN, Archuleta County Engineering Assistant Yari Davis explains if residents want to have a road treated with magnesium chloride, they should email yarceneaux@archuletacounty.org with details about what road or roads they want treated. The Road and Bridge Department will then evaluate the road, if necessary, and email back a contract with the price and further instructions.

Davis states, "the signed contract with the check or checks need to be dropped in a red box located by the front door between the two glass doors at Archuleta County Road & Bridge Department, (1122 U.S. 84, Pagosa Springs), between the hours of 7:30 PM and 3:30 PM. The payment needs to be received by April 22, [2022] to get on the list."

Questions about applying to this program can be directed to Davis, who can be reached by phone at (970) 264-8404 or by email at yarceneaux@archuletacounty.org.

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# Education



The Pagosa Springs Middle School girls' basketball B-team won the league championship, going 11-1 on the season. The team is pictured with coaches Allen Thompson and Jordan Johnson.

Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs Middle School

## Weiler resigns from charter school board

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) Board of Directors accepted the resignation of board member Mark Weiler at its Feb. 16 meeting.

In January, the board accepted the resignation of Weiler as treasurer of the board, with Weiler then submitting a letter of resignation to the board dated Feb. 2.

The resignation, according to the letter, is effective immediately.

"In recent months I've refocused my energy on my health and other meaningful projects, and I feel that it is in the best interest of both myself and PPOS if I step down from my board responsibilities at this time," the letter states.

Weiler continues, "It has been a pleasure being part of Pagosa Peak Open School's early years, which will always hold a special place in my heart. I am proud of all we have accomplished during my tenure, and I wish the school continued success."

At the Feb. 16, board president Ursala Hudson noted that Weiler came in during a "really unsure

time in the school's history" and was largely responsible for helping turn the school around financially.

She further noted his involvement in obtaining a U.S. Department of Agriculture loan and help in purchasing the building that houses the school.

"Thank you, Mark, for all you did," she said, with other board members also suggesting the need to thank Weiler.

After unanimously approving Weiler's resignation, the board discussed recruitment, with Hudson indicating that the board's remaining six members fit the range included in the bylaws of five to nine board members.

Board member Julie Simmons then suggested the board should conduct a board needs assessment and discuss what it needs, with the goal of adding a new board member by June.

The board also discussed how widely the recruitment should be announced, with board member Elly Osmera stating she likes the idea of running an ad in the newspaper and making it more accessible, and Bill Hudson pointing

out that the board currently has four parents and a grandparent of PPOS students.

Osmera also pointed out that a lot of board positions will be available in the community soon.

The board agreed to conduct the needs assessment during a March work session.

The person who joins the PPOS board will need to have financial background per the school's bylaws.

PPOS's bylaws state, "As per the Archuleta School District #50 JT resolution to the School's Charter Contract, the Board shall endeavor to include, at all times have one (1) member with a background and expertise in Finance and one (1) member with a background and expertise in Education. Should a vacancy occur in either of those two Board positions, the Board will immediately begin a concerted recruitment effort to fill said Board positions with qualified members."

In an email to The SUN, Ursala Hudson explains, "In the past few months, we have welcomed two new members to our finance committee who will offer additional

fiscal support during this board transition, including Peter Cesery and Mike Hodgson."

Later in the meeting, the board elected officers following the resignation of Weiler and the vacant vice president position.

Per the vote, Ursala Hudson will continue to serve as president, Michelle Carpenter will serve as vice president, Julie Simmons will continue as secretary and Bill Hudson will serve as treasurer.

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Colorado Workforce Development Council

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## Students encouraged to apply for Elks scholarships

By Helen Wilkinson  
Durango Elks Lodge No. 507

Durango Elks Lodge No. 507 is offering \$15,000 in scholarships for local students attending college in the fall of 2022.

Three applications are available: Elks Lodge Scholarship, Fred Zimmerman Memorial Scholarship and a Veteran's Scholarship. Applications are due March 15.

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## Celebrations

### Liam Doctor and Megan Foster

The University of Utah congratulates more than 9,600 students who were named to the Fall 2021 Dean's List, including:

- Liam Doctor, of Pagosa Springs, whose major is listed as biomedical engineering BIO.
- Megan Foster, of Pagosa Springs, whose major is listed as health and kinesiology BS.

### Darian Dominguez

Darian Dominguez, of Pagosa Springs, earned dean's list honors at the University of Tampa for the fall 2021 semester. Dominguez is majoring in biology BS. Students must maintain a GPA of 3.75 or higher to be eligible for the dean's list.

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## County finance director resigns, 2020 draft audit received

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

Archuleta County Finance Director LeeAnn Martin resigned on Wednesday, Feb. 16, according to County Manager Derek Woodman.

Woodman explained in an interview that Martin handed in her resignation that morning.

He noted the county had received a draft audit for 2020 on Tuesday, Feb. 15.

During a work session held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Tuesday, Feb. 22, Woodman indicated that the county hired a new consultant to assist with operations in the Finance Department.

Woodman mentioned in the interview that hiring the consultant "was an emergency situation."

The consultant is Sophia Hassman, owner of CoSALT Consulting, based out of Littleton.

Woodman noted Hassman showed up Tuesday morning, Feb. 22, to begin working.

He explained that Hassman has been contracted on an hourly basis.

Woodman also noted that Hassman will be providing "guidance and procedural assistance" for the Finance Department's operations.

He explained during the work session that the county is expecting to receive a final audit report by the end of this week to submit to the state.

In an email to The SUN, County Treasurer Elsa White indicated that the county has had more than \$2.2 million sequestered by the state through Feb. 21 due to submitting a late audit report for 2020.

"The burden of the delay in the audit lies squarely on the shoulders of the Finance Department,"

Woodman said in the interview.

In an interview, Commissioner Alvin Schaaf indicated that the county has been late in submitting its audit reports to the state every year since 2017.

Woodman explained in the interview that once the state receives and accepts the audit, the sequestered funds will be released.

The draft audit received last week shows a clean, unmodified opinion.

According to the draft audit, no significant deficiencies were re-

ported, though a material weakness was noted that relates to the timing of the audit, as well as previous audits.

The draft audit also notes that the county's 2018 and 2019 audits were not completed within seven months as required by Colorado's Office of the State Auditor, or nine months after Dec. 31 in either year.

The audit also references a late audit in 2017.

"We recommend the County take appropriate measures to ensure timely submission of the

reporting package and data collection form within the required deadlines," the draft audit states.

Woodman stated Wednesday he anticipates the BoCC will hear the audit presentation at its next regular meeting, which is set for 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, at 398 Lewis St.

The meeting can also be viewed via Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=dIFFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09> or with meeting ID 916 0904 8375 and passcode 4141885.



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## ARBOLES NEWS

### St. Patrick's Day celebration planned in Arboles

By Susan Gibson  
TARA Community Center

Spring is just around the corner and Arboles is ready.

The TARA board is hosting a St. Patrick's Day celebration with bingo and dessert on Saturday, March 12, starting at 2 p.m. Bingo cards will be \$2 each to cover the cost of prizes.

#### Other dates to know

March 1 will be a busy day. Thrive in Place is hosting a lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Archuleta County Republican caucus will be held with doors opening at 6 p.m. and caucus starting at 7 p.m. The Bible Study group will meet downstairs on this date starting at 6 p.m.

The senior lunches this month will be on March 3 and March 17.

The MET van to Pagosa Springs will run on Feb. 28, and then on March 14 and March 28.

Every Tuesday, Pine River Baptist Church hosts a Bible study from 6 to 8 p.m. All are welcome to join.

Every Wednesday and Saturday, the library, food pantry and thrift store are open from 10 a.m. to noon.

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# Sports

## BASKETBALL

### Pirates pick up win against Del Norte, take on Alamosa today

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate basketball team closed the regular season with a 55-25 win over the 2A Del Norte Tigers on Friday, Feb. 18.

Pagosa bested Del Norte in all four quarters, also holding the Tigers to single digits in each quarter: 14-6, 15-5, 10-7 and 16-7.

"I thought our defense was good," coach Wes Lewis said. "You know, it was Senior Night, so we kind of changed up the starting lineup a little bit. It was nice to kind of showcase our seniors and honor them that night and thought that the kids played pretty well with all the changes. Del Norte's got one really good player; I thought we did a pretty good job defensively against him."

Logan Harper scored 12 in the affair — all on 3-pointers — and had one rebound and two assists.

Breck Wilson and Kayson Shahan each scored 10 in the game. Wilson also had seven rebounds and a block. Shahan contributed three rebounds, two assists, a block and three steals.

Gunner Dozier logged nine points — all on 3-pointers — and had two rebounds, four assists and a steal.

Joseph Lord scored five, including landing a 3-pointer, and had a rebound, an assist and a steal.

Colt Lewis put up four points in the game, and contributed five rebounds, three assists and a steal.

Blake Laner had three points, seven rebounds, four assists, a block and two steals.

Nate Kinsley had two points.

#### District tournament

This week, Pagosa Springs is hosting the IML district tournament Thursday and Saturday.

On Tuesday, the No. 4 Bayfield Wolverines defeated the No. 5 Montezuma-Cortez Panthers 60-54 to advance to this evening's semifinals.

At 5 p.m. today, the Wolverines will take on the No. 1 Centauri Falcons.

The Falcons are 18-1 and went 7-1 in league play during the regular season, with their sole league loss coming against Pagosa.

The Wolverines are 7-12 on the season and went 2-6 in league play during the regular season.

At 6:30 p.m., the No. 2 Alamosa Mean Moose and the No. 3 Pirates will face off.

Alamosa is 12-7 and holds a 5-3 league record.

Pagosa is 13-6 and also went 5-3 in league play during the regular season.

Alamosa beat Pagosa twice during the regular season, on Jan. 14 and Jan. 29.

"They're a good basketball team and they're well coached. We're gonna have to play well. ... I thought we played them pretty tough at home. We didn't play very good at their place, and ... we're just going to have to do a really good job of taking care of the basketball."

One of the things the coach noted got away from the team in Alamosa was the turnover count.

"They have some really good athletes that are able to attack the basket and dribble drive, and so we're going to have to do a really good job of keeping the ball in front



Pagosa's Breck Wilson goes up for a shot against the Del Norte Tigers on Feb. 18. Pagosa defeated the tigers 55-25, with Wilson scoring 10 points in the game. Beginning tonight, the Pirates are hosting the district tournament.

of us to defend the drive and then they've got some shooters, too, so ... defend the drive and doing a really good job contesting the shots are going to be some of the keys," he said.

He further noted the team will need to shoot the ball well from the field and get production from the

team's "bigs" inside.

"We're kinda trying to hang our hat on our defense," he said. "It's been getting better and better all year long, especially since we switched to man. It'll have to be good both nights, no matter who our opponents are to be able to be successful and put some wins

together."

The winners of Thursday's games will play for the tournament championship on Feb. 26 at 5:30 p.m.

The remaining two teams will face off for third and fourth places at 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

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Lady Pirate Trista Tully puts pressure on a Del Norte Tiger during Pagosa's 48-27 win on Friday, Feb. 18. The game was the final of the regular season for the Pirates, who are hosting the district tournament this week.

## BASKETBALL

# Lady Pirates to host district tourney, face Alamosa Friday

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate basketball team is heading into the postseason with another win in the books, having defeated the 2A Del Norte Tigers at home on Friday, Feb. 18, to close the regular season.

"It's nice to end with a win," coach Charles Rand said.

The Lady Pirates defeated the Tigers 48-27.

Pagosa outscored Del Norte in the first three quarters: 12-5, 10-4 and 18-7. Del Norte bested Pagosa 8-11 in the fourth.

"We didn't play as well as we could," Rand said, adding there's always room for improvement.

Rand highlighted one thing that stood out to him: The Pirates are playing hard.

"The result may not be the result you would have liked, but it wasn't because of bad intentions," he said, reiterating that the team is young and still learning.

A trio of Lady Pirates logged double-digit point totals for the game: Elizabeth Currier, Trista Tully and Karsyn Shahan. Currier and Shahan each landed two 3-pointers. Currier also had two rebounds, three assists, a steal and a block. Tully contributed eight rebounds, two assists and five steals. Shahan logged two rebounds, three steals and two blocks.

Annie O'Donnell had seven points, three rebounds and a block.

Kori Lucero scored six, and had two rebounds, two assists and a steal.

Chantelle Caldwell logged three points, eight rebounds and three assists.

Daveyann Snarr had two rebounds and an assist, and Kylie Ketchum had a steal.

Pagosa made two of six free-throw attempts, and tallied 15 turnovers.

### District tournament

This week, Pagosa Springs is hosting the IML district tournament — the first step in the postseason.

On Tuesday, the No. 4 Montezuma-Cortez Panthers hosted the No. 5 Bayfield Wolverines for the tournament play-in game to see who would advance to the district tournament Friday and Saturday.

The Panthers defeated the Wolverines 51-23 to advance and will take on the No. 1 Centauri Falcons at 5 p.m. Friday.

The Lady Falcons enter the district tournament with a 7-1 league record and 12-7 overall mark.

Centauri's sole IML loss came to the Lady Pirates on Jan. 22.

The Panthers are 10-10 on the season and finished the regular sea-

son with a 2-6 league record.

At 6:30 p.m. Friday, No. 2 Alamosa and No. 3 Pagosa will face off.

Pagosa fell prey to Alamosa twice during the regular season, on Jan. 14 and Jan. 29. The Mean Moose are 11-8 on the season and were 6-2 in league action.

"We're playing a team who has beaten us twice, and we've gotta go out and play our best ball," Rand said. "Every possession matters, so that's how we have to look at it: Every possession will matter, and it does matter."

Rand suggested the team will also have to take quality shots, execute well, read the defense and take opportunities given to them, run when given the chance because Pagosa is the faster of the two teams, and rebound.

One of the biggest things that stands out in the Pirates' previous losses to Alamosa this season, Rand noted, is the disparity of rebounding between the two teams.

He added the Lady Pirates will have to box out and rebound, and focus on just going and getting the

rebounds like everything depends on it.

"Our postseason life does depend on it," he said.

Rand added the Mean Moose are well-coached and are "going to be prepared also."

Alamosa is averaging 44.6 points per game compared to Pagosa's 45.

Rand also hopes the Lady Pirates can take advantage of the fact they're hosting the tournament and playing in front of a home crowd.

"We have to take advantage of that, that's for sure," he said.

The winners of Friday's two games will play for the tournament championship at 4 p.m. on Saturday, while the remaining two teams will play for third and fourth places at 1 p.m. Saturday.

"We just want people to come out and support the kids," Rand said of both the boys' and girls' teams hosting tournament action, adding they're quality kids who love their town, love their school, and will "represent the school with respect and dignity."

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## WRESTLING

# Aucoin claims state title, Pirates end season in Denver

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate wrestling team sent seven wrestlers to compete in the state tournament held in Denver from Thursday, Feb. 17, through Saturday, Feb. 20.

"The big story for us and a huge cause for celebration was the state championship fought for and won by our senior 195 lb Wil Aucoin," coach Dan Janowsky wrote in an email to the *The SUN*.

Aucoin was ranked second in the state's 3A division for the 195-pound weight class going into the tournament, according to rankings released by the Colorado High School Activities Association.

Of the seven Pirate wrestlers competing in the state tournament, Aucoin was the only Pirate to have any prior state tournament experience.

Janowsky explained that during Aucoin's championship match, "He was trailing 3-2 and time was ticking down when he got a clutch takedown with less than 30 seconds to take the lead 4-3.

"He finished the mat with a tough ride to keep his opponent from escaping and won the state championship match in dramatic fashion," Janowsky added.

Aucoin won his opening match by pinning his opponent in 59 seconds.

He then won his next match by pinning his opponent in just 24 seconds.

"Things got tough in the semifinals," Janowsky wrote, explaining that Aucoin won that match by 7-3 decision.

"Wil had a slim one point lead through most of the match but got two takedowns in the last 20 seconds to seal the win," Janowsky added.

Aucoin defeated his opponent, Chris Hinds from The Classical Academy, in the first-place match by a decision of 4-3, earning a total of 26 team points.

Aucoin finished the year with an overall match record of 32-3.

In a later interview, Janowsky explained that Aucoin had to overcome some illness throughout the season.

He explained that about half way through the season, Aucoin suffered some complications from medications.

Janowsky noted that Aucoin was becoming extremely fatigued and was losing a lot of weight.

Aucoin began the season strong, winning multiple tournaments, Janowsky explained, but started to show some concerns when he lost a few matches, one of which was against Hinds in a regular-season tournament.

Janowsky noted that Aucoin had to stop training for some time and that they had to "take our chances" on his strength and conditioning.

He explained that Aucoin was mostly recovered from his illness a few weeks before the state tournament, noting that he had his sense of humor back.

"That was the first thing you noticed," Janowsky said. "It's funny, 'cause you picture wrestlers as these grim warriors."

He noted that Aucoin was in a "great frame of mind" throughout the tournament, and that he was relaxed, not worrying about anything besides giving his best effort.

Janowsky spoke about how, especially at the state tournament, there can be a lot of pressure put on the wrestlers with so much at stake, but that Aucoin was able to stay composed and focused on being in the moment and having fun.

"That was the difference for him — that he was able to stay in that moment and have fun," Janowsky said.

Janowsky noted that Aucoin saw an opportunity at the end of his final match and was able to snatch it and react instinctively to get the win.

Janowsky also mentioned in his email, "One thing we emphasize to our guys is to focus on making sure they give their best effort, and not on winning or losing, the crowd, or the opponent's record or reputation. We think they all did a remarkable job doing this."

As a team, the Pirates tied for 19th place at the state tournament with a total of 37 team points.

Eaton High School claimed the team title for the 3A division with a total score of 127.5 points.

Eaton took second place behind the Pirates at last year's state tournament.

"As a group I think they per-



Tommy Barker looks to pin his opponent in the state tournament last week in Denver. Barker competed in the 138-pound weight class.

Photo courtesy Stacey Barker

formed as well as they have all year, and a step better in many ways," Janowsky wrote of the Pirates.

He explained that the team has been considered underdogs throughout most of this season, but they have "performed without fear and without distraction."

Janowsky also mentioned Griffin Bower and praised him for his performance at the tournament and throughout the year.

Bower competed in the 132-pound weight class and went 2-2 in his matches at the state tournament, earning six team points.

Bower was the only freshman to advance into the top eight of the 132-pound weight class; the other seven wrestlers were all seniors, Janowsky noted.

"Freshman Griffin Bower, 132 lbs, had a great freshman year in a weight that was full of seniors and experienced wrestlers," Janowsky wrote. "He had a strong freshman year for the Pirates and won a lot of big matches throughout the season."

At the state tournament, Bower lost his first match by a decision of 12-7, sending him to the consolation bracket, where he got two pins.

Bower pinned his opponent in his second match in just 28 seconds, and then pinned his next opponent one minute and 55 seconds into the match.

Bower was then pinned in the third round of the consolation bracket one minute and 24 seconds into the match.

Heath Fulbright competed in the 160-pound weight class and went 1-2 in his tournament matches, earning two team points.

Fulbright won his opening match by a decision of 3-1 "against a tough opponent from Berthoud," Janowsky wrote.

Fulbright then lost his second match to the eventual champion by a decision of 2-1.

"He then lost a close match in the consolation round, giving up a takedown in the last seconds to lose 7-9," Janowsky wrote.

Luke Tressler competed in the 120-pound weight class, going 1-2 in his tournament matches and earning two team points.

Tressler lost his opening match by a decision of 2-1 to last year's runner-up from Colorado Springs Christian.

Tressler then won his second match by a major decision of 10-0, but lost his third match due to a technical fall after four minutes and seven seconds.

Janowsky described Tressler's third match as "a hard fought match."

Tommy Barker competed in the 138-pound weight class and "represented himself well, as he always does," Janowsky wrote.

Barker also went 1-2 in his tournament matches, earning one team point.

Barker lost his opening match by a decision of 5-0, sending him to the consolation bracket.

He won his next match by a decision of 12-7, and then lost his third match by getting pinned after two minutes and 10 seconds.

David Morehouse competed in the 170-pound weight class and went 0-2 in his tournament matches.

Connor Kelley competed in the 220-pound weight class and also went 0-2 in his tournament matches.

"Both were underdogs to even

be in the state tournament and both battled throughout, winning moments and positions in each match but not enough to have their hand raised at the end," Janowsky wrote.

Morehouse lost his opening match by getting pinned after two minutes and 38 seconds, and then lost his second match by getting

pinned after four minutes and five seconds.

Kelley lost his opening match by getting pinned after four minutes and 34 seconds, and then lost his second match by a decision of 6-1.

"The quality of wrestling at this state tournament was very strong, and the way our team earned and

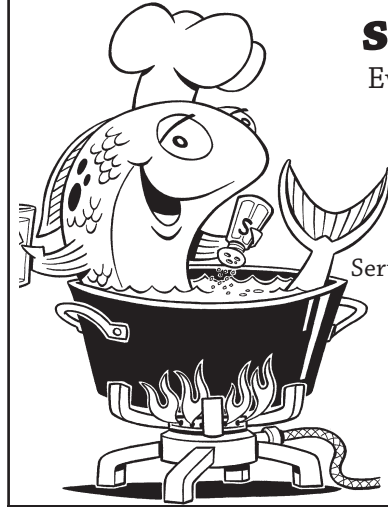
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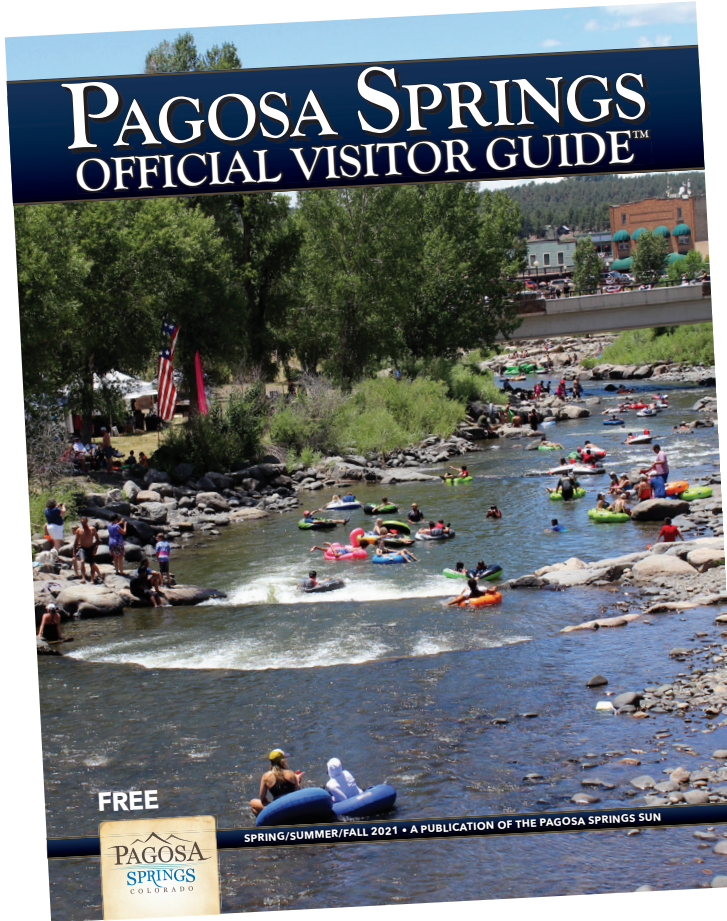
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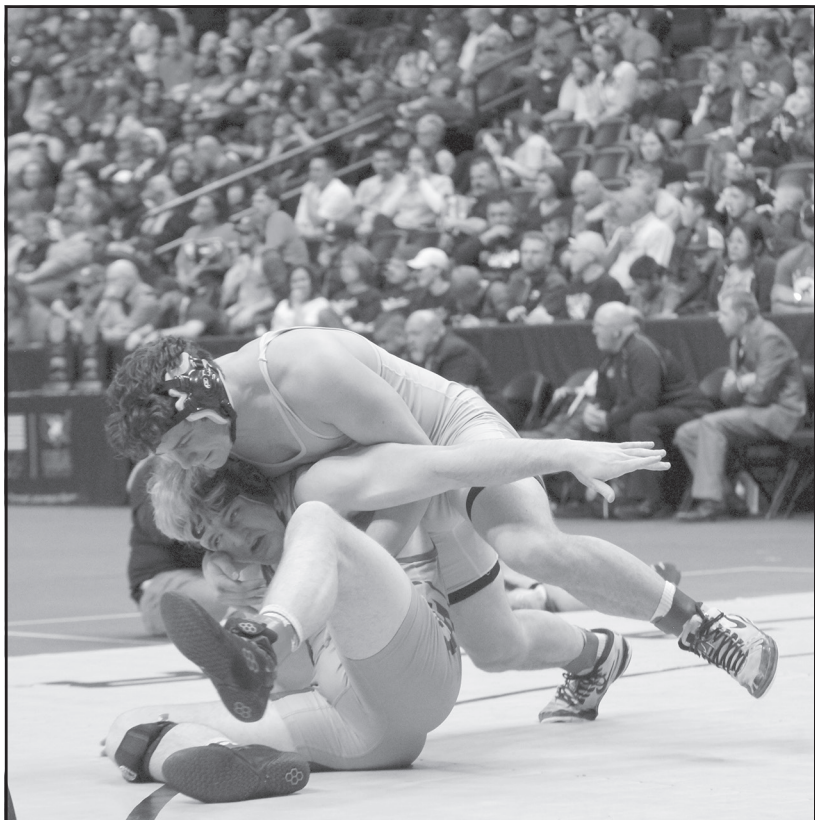


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Wil Aucoin looks to pin his opponent at last week's state tournament. Aucoin claimed the state title for the 3A 195-pound weight class.



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Heath Fulbright attempts to pin an opponent in the state wrestling tournament last week. Fulbright competed in the 160-pound weight class.

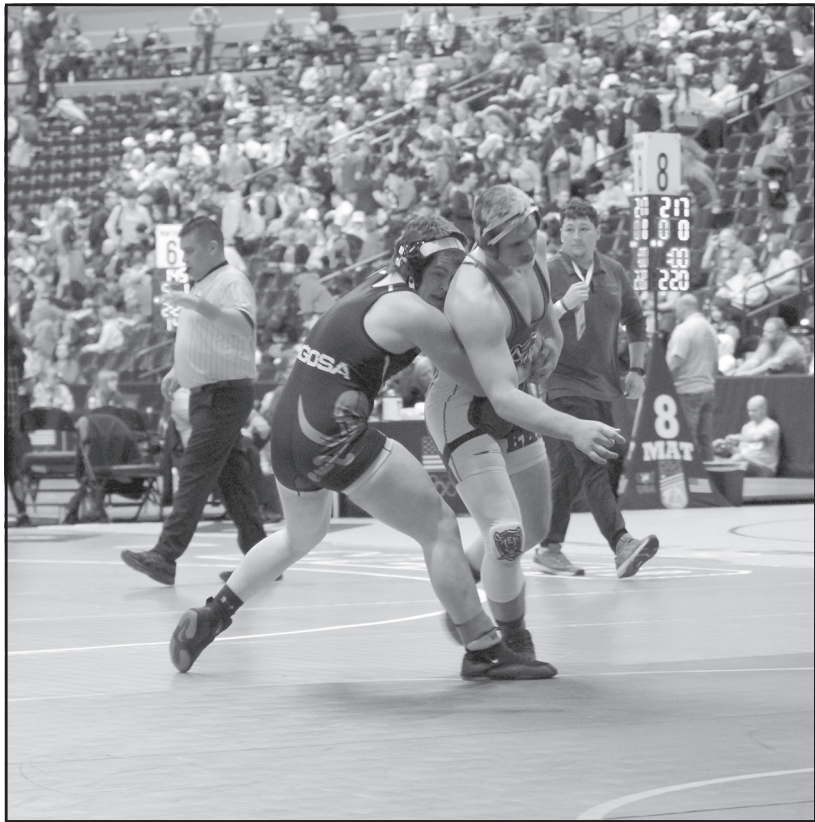


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Connor Kelley grapples with his opponent in the state tournament in Denver last week. Kelley competed in the 220-pound weight class.



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Luke Tressler looks to pin his opponent in last week's state tournament in Denver. Tressler competed in the 120-pound weight class.



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David Morehouse duals with an opponent in the state wrestling tournament held last week. Morehouse competed in the 170-pound weight class.



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Griffin Bower grapples with an opponent in the state wrestling tournament held in Denver. Bower was the only freshman in the final eight for the 132-pound weight class.

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The Presidents Day Holiday brought out 98 racers to compete for medals at Wolf Creek Ski Area. Racers from Italy and Russia joined locals and racers from around the U.S. for the event.

# Wolf Creek sees 98 competitors turn out for holiday race

By Julie Martinez  
Wolf Creek Ski Area

Wolf Creek Ski Area hosted its annual Presidents Day Holiday race on Sunday, Feb. 20. The modified grand slalom course was held on Lower Charisma with a groomed base of packed snow.

The holiday brought with it a turnout of 98 racers, with a lot of new faces in the race from as far away as Moscow, Russia, and Vicinca, Italy, as well as some closer locations such as Los Alamos, N.M. and Simi Valley, Calif.

The overall winner for the day was Thomas Popov, of Pagosa Springs, with the fastest time of 24.84 seconds, with David Sciole, of South Fork, coming in second with

a time of 25.32. Third place went Meredith Jameson, of Amarillo, Texas, with her impressive time of 27.08 seconds.

In addition to Popov and Sciole taking first and second place, respectively, there was a tie for third place between Westin Bruce, of Georgetown, Texas, and Casey Doane, of Albuquerque, N.M., with both racers finishing with a time of 27.24 seconds.

In addition to Jameson's first-place finish at 24.84 seconds in the women's race, Heather Masco, of Evergreen, Colo., took second with her time of 30.73 seconds, and third place went to Callie Dewbre, of Larina, Texas, competing in the Girls 12-14 age bracket, with a time of 31.29.

In the Boys 6-8, Alden Soden placed first with a time of 32.42. Rylan Soden placed first in the Boys 9-11 with a time of 29.11.

In the Men 51-60, Popov placed first with a time of 42.84.

Garry Brewer placed first with a time of 35.17 in the Men 71+.

Wolf Creek will be hosting its annual Mardi Gras Race on Sunday, Feb. 27. The race course will be a modified grand slalom course with two lanes on the lower Charisma run. It is free with the purchase of a lift ticket. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. at the intersection of Turnpike and Charisma, and the course will be open between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Medals will be awarded to the three fastest racers in each age and gender category.

# Wrestling

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received respect from each opponent is something that is satisfying even in the disappointment that is inevitable," Janowsky wrote.

Janowsky mentioned in the interview that even though most of the squad did not have that much varsity experience, they all wrestled like veterans.

"As underdogs from the beginning, our guys surprised one opponent after another. Many times it was with an upset win, but even in defeat our opponents were surprised at the fight our kids bring to the mat. If you beat a kid from Pagosa, you earned it," Janowsky wrote.

The Pirates finished the year with a dual record of 6-1 and won the conference championship.

"It was a great season and something we can build on for next year," he wrote.

The Pirates had five seniors on this year's roster including Aucoin, Barker, Morehouse, Ethan Mazur and Ethan Hart.

Janowsky mentioned in the interview that Barker was a leader by example and that "when you watch him wrestle, you know you're

watching a kid that knows how to wrestle."

Janowsky noted Morehouse was an unlikely qualifier for the state tournament, noting that he did not have a lot of wrestling experience, but worked hard to earn his place in the squad.

Janowsky mentioned that Morehouse was the "number one guy on the team in terms of staying after practice."

Janowsky spoke about Mazur, saying he was a "great guy to have in the program."

Hart was new to the sport as a sophomore, Janowsky explained.

He mentioned that Hart had his best season this year and "made the room and the team better."

Janowsky also spoke about how the coaches and the team strived to not compare this season to last season's championship run.

He explained that after the Pirates won the state title in 2021, the program was going to cherish the moment, but not let it impact this year's season.

"We worked all year — never comparing this year to last year," Janowsky said.

He mentioned that with each

team every year, the kids need and want the same experience.

He mentioned that this year's team "wrestled like veterans" and that they were relaxed, in the moment and fought hard.

Janowsky also mentioned that he "appreciates the coaches and kids" for setting the tone and getting after it since the start of the season.

He noted that the kids' "love of the sport has grown over the season."

He also spoke about how the program will be able to build off of this season and that the returning wrestlers have a lot of enthusiasm and are still energetic to compete.

Janowsky explained that the one thing the team lacked this year was match experience, and with it being familiar with many different styles of wrestling and match scenarios.

He explained that the plan is to "get our guys as many competitions as possible" leading up to next season.

Janowsky explained that the Pirates will also be hosting a camp in June with coaches and wrestlers from around the country.

He noted that the junior high program is also going well and that there may be some "immediate new contributors" on next year's roster.

"I'm really excited for the opportunities," Janowsky said. "It was a great year." [clayton@pagosahun.com](mailto:clayton@pagosahun.com)

## RECREATION NEWS

### Youth volleyball registration ages 9-12

By Darren Lewis

Pagosa Springs Recreation Department

The Recreation Department is accepting youth volleyball registration for the 9-10 and 11-12 age groups through Feb. 25.

The 9-10 division will be an instructional league held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The 11-12 division will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

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PLAINTIFF: ERIK TYSON BROWN  
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION  
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint to Quiet Title Pursuant to Rule 105 filed with the Archuleta County District Court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an Answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the last day of publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be entered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice.

This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado more particular described as follows:  
LOTS 40 AND 41 IN CHRIS MOUNTAIN VILLAGE AT PAGOSA UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD JUNE 4, 1973 AS RECEPTION NO. 77868.

Respectfully submitted this 25th day of January, 2022.  
/s/ Daniel L. Fiedler  
Daniel L. Fiedler  
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DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO  
Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
Phone Number: (970) 264-8160  
Plaintiff: BRIAN REID  
v.  
Defendants: NATIONAL RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, LLC; TETRAN FINANCIAL CORPORATION; PAGOSA LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION; CODY OAKLAND; ELSA P. WHITE as Public Trustee of Archuleta County; and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION.

Submitting Attorney:  
Duke Eggleston, #24965  
Eggleston Kosnik LLC  
556 Main Ave.  
Durango, CO 81301  
Phone Number: (970) 403-1580  
E-mail: deggleston@eklaw.com  
Case Number: 2021CV30077

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION  
PLAINTIFF BRIAN REID  
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:  
NATIONAL RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, LLC  
ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION  
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.

This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado more particular described as follows:  
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PLAINTIFF BRIAN REID  
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:  
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ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION  
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.

This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows:  
Lots 187 and 188, in CHRIS MOUNTAIN VILLAGE AT PAGOSA UNIT TWO, according to the plat thereof filed for record June 4, 1973 as Reception No. 77868;  
Lots 189 and 190, in CHRIS MOUNTAIN VILLAGE AT PAGOSA UNIT TWO, according to the plat thereof filed for record June 4, 1973 as Reception No. 77868; and  
Lot 718, in TWINCREEK VILLAGE, according to the plat thereof filed for record November 5, 1973 as Reception No. 78739.

Respectfully Submitted this 26th day of January, 2022.  
Published in The Pagosa Springs Sun  
First Publication: February 3, 2022  
Last Publication: March 3, 2022  
Eggleston Kosnik LLC  
/s/ Duke Eggleston  
Duke Eggleston, #24965  
556 Main Ave.  
Durango, CO 81301  
(970) 403-1580  
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District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado  
Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
Tel. 970.264.2400  
Eagle's Loft Property Owners Association, Inc.  
Plaintiff  
v.  
Lindsay Carter, et al  
Defendants  
Case No.: 2021CV30046  
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM SHERIFF SALE 2021-27

This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft Condominiums, recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered November 18, 2021, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof Owner(s):

LINDSAY CARTER  
MORGAN CARTER  
GORDON F WARE  
FRANCES C WARE  
NADINE V OVERLEY  
HOMES BY ISABELLA, INC  
JACQUELINE O BURNETT  
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GERRIT H BROUWER, TRUSTEE OF THE BROUWER FAMILY TRUST DATED AUGUST 5, 1998  
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Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft Condominiums, recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.  
Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Eagle's Loft Property Owners Association, Inc.  
Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.  
Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901  
Association Assessments Due to: Eagle's Loft Property Owners Association, Inc.  
Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A" Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A" Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act

THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCLUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.  
The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.  
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST  
THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on April 1, 2022 Sale Number 2021-27 in the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147 sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.  
First Publication: February 3, 2022  
Last Publication: March 3, 2022  
Name of Publication: The Pagosa Springs Sun  
NOTICE OF RIGHTS  
YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF THE STATUTES WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS IS ATTACHED HERETO.  
IF THE SALED DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.  
THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.  
IF YOU BELIEVE THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN §38-38-103.1 OR THE PROVISIONS ON DUAL TRACKING IN §38-38-103.2, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL (1-800-222-4444), THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (1-855-411-2372), OR BOTH, BUT THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.  
The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:  
Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901  
INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147, 970-264-8434.  
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed this 29th day of December, 2021.  
Rich Valdez, Sheriff,  
Archuleta County, Colorado  
By: /s/ Lorena Medina  
Lorena Medina, Office Manager  
EXHIBIT "A"  
Eagle's Loft Condominiums  
Amount of Judgment: \$3,228.19  
LINDSAY CARTER and MORGAN CARTER (C#171103914) Unit Week Number 5, Unit Number 4, Building Number 4, Phase I  
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,725.29  
Interest: \$231.00  
Late Fees: \$50.00  
Costs: \$221.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$3,420.67  
MARLAND G THOMAS and DIANA THOMAS (C#179021357) Unit Week Number 41, Unit Number 35, Building Number 35, Phase III  
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,879.37  
Interest: \$269.40  
Late Fees: \$50.00  
Costs: \$221.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$3,420.67  
GERRIT H BROUWER and JOAN M BROUWER, TRUSTEES OF THE BROUWER FAMILY TRUST DATED AUGUST 5, 1998 (C#179402292) Unit Week Number 5, Unit Number 29, Building Number 29, Phase III  
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,932.63  
Interest: \$282.72  
Late Fees: \$50.00  
Costs: \$221.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$3,487.25  
In Eagle's Loft Condominiums. All as tenants in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Eagle's Loft Condominiums as depicted on the Plat Maps recorded under Reception Numbers 117699, 119118, 130203, 132403, subject to the Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft Condominiums recorded as Reception Number 117700, as has been amended, supplemented, and/or restated, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.  
Published February 3, 10, 17, 24 and March 3, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado  
Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
Tel. 970.264.2400  
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Plaintiff  
v.  
Lindsay Carter, et al  
Defendants  
Case No.: 2021CV30046  
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM SHERIFF SALE 2021-27

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Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.  
Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901  
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First Publication: February 3, 2022  
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This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed this 29th day of December, 2021.  
Rich Valdez, Sheriff,  
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By: /s/ Lorena Medina  
Lorena Medina, Office Manager  
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GERRIT H BROUWER, TRUSTEE OF THE BROUWER FAMILY TRUST DATED AUGUST 5, 1998  
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against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint, without any further notice to you. This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows: Lots 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 365, 366, 367 and 368, Pagosa Trails, according to the plat thereof filed September 13, 1971, as Reception No. 74885, in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado ("642 Trails"); Lots 407, 408 and 409, Pagosa Trails, according to the plat thereof filed September 13, 1971, as Reception No. 74885, in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado ("672 Trails"); Lots 311, 312, 313, 314, 325, 326, 327 and 328, Pagosa Trails, according to the plat thereof filed September 13, 1971, as Reception No. 74885, in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado ("107 Landau"). Respectfully submitted this 31st day of January, 2022. Clayton M. Buchner, Attorney at Law, LLC /s/ Clayton M. Buchner Clayton M. Buchner, #50996 444 Lewis St., P.O. Box 3855 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 (970) 507-0227 Published February 10, 17, 24, March 3 and 10, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and to Whom It May Concern, and more especially to: McCaleb Lorraine Q. 3171 WEST LOS REALES ROAD TUCSON, AZ 85746-8232 McCALEB, ROBERT E. 3171 WEST LOS REALES ROAD TUCSON, AZ 85746-8232 McCALEB, JERRY A. 3171 WEST LOS REALES ROAD TUCSON, AZ 85746-8232 McCALEB, RHONDA L. 3171 WEST LOS REALES ROAD TUCSON, AZ 85746-8232 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 1st day of November 2018, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to CHARLENE J SANDOVAL the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit: A tract of land in Lot 4, Section 7, Township 32 North, Range 5 West, N.M.P.M., Archuleta County, Colorado, described as follows:

BEGINNING in the Southwest corner of said Lot 4 which is a point in the center line of the intersection of State Highway 151 and a County Road;

Thence running North along the West side of said Lot 4, a distance of 623.7 feet to a point;

East 230 feet to the true point of beginning; South 90 feet;

East 208.71 feet; North 208.71 feet; West 208.71 feet;

South 118.71 feet to the true point of beginning; Account Number: R017375 Schedule Number: 616107300050

Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2018-04537 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to CHARLENE J SANDOVAL That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2017

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of McCaleb Lorraine Q and McCaleb, JERRY A, and McCALEB, RHONDA L, and McCALEB, ROBERT E, for said year 2017.

That said CHARLENE J SANDOVAL on the 13th day of January 2022, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to CHARLENE J SANDOVAL On the 29th day of June 2022, unless the same has been redeemed.

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed. Witness my hand this 31st day of January 2022

/s/ Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published February 10, 17, 24, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and to Whom It May Concern, and more especially to: PAGLAND INVESTORS INC 1133 NORTH 18TH STREET GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 1st day of November 2018, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to MCCULLISS OIL AND GAS, INC the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit: Situs Address: 129 SNOW CIRCLE, PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81147 Subdivision: PAGOSA HIGHLANDS EST LOT: 73 PHE Sec: 25 Twn: 36 Rng: 2.5W Account Number: R000963 Schedule Number: 558325302038 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2018-04229 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to MCCULLISS OIL AND GAS, INC That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2017

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of PAGLAND INVESTORS INC for said year 2017.

That said MCCULLISS OIL AND GAS, INC on the 13th day of January 2022, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to MCCULLISS OIL AND GAS, INC On the 29th day of June 2022, unless the same has been redeemed.

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed. Witness my hand this 31st day of January 2022

/s/ Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published February 10, 17, 24, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Anna T. DeGraft, also known as Anna Theresa DeGraft, Deceased Case No. 2022PR30006

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before June 10, 2022, or the claims may be forever barred.

Claudia Faubion, Personal Representative 590 Handicap Avenue Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147 Published February 10, 17, 24, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Thomas William Marschall, Deceased Case No. 2022PR30009

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before June 17, 2022, or the claims may be forever barred.

Russell Lombardy - Monarch Wealth Attorneys 1114 Neon Forest Circle Unit 5 Longmont, CO 80504 Published February 17, 24 and March 3, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Tel: 970-264-2400

Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc. Plaintiff v. Darvin Patrick, et al Defendants Case No.: 2021CV30037

COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTERESTS AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM SHERIFF SALE 2021-28

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

Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered November 15, 2021, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof Owner(s): DARVIN PATRICK EMMA PATRICK ROBERT F OVERYBY REDA OVERYBY CATHERINE UNDERHILL DEBORAH K DYER, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF DENICE A MACMILLAN VIOLET C CARPER GORDON I MCPHERSON HELEN W MCPHERSON ELIZABETH A PARR WILLIAM M SEARS NEDRA C SEARS MICHAEL DAVID PRICE MAXINE COOK BOBBY COOK JOE W GIVENS SHARON GIVENS MARK MUNSELL MARY W KOEPP ETHAN DEUTENBERG JANET HARRIS LEO HOEHN DEBORAH BALLWEG GWENDOLYN E ASHTON LAWRENCE J ASHTON BRANDON J JARAMILLO JACLYN JARAMILLO CHARLES PORTILLOS MARY V PORTILLOS LUIS ROMERO JEAN ROMERO NATHAN NOTAH KEVIN ARP DEANNE ARP HORACE SEBORN CALAHAN, JR, TRUSTEE OF THE HORACE SEBORN CALAHAN, JR AND MABLE JUNE CALAHAN REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST MABLE JUNE CALAHAN, TRUSTEE OF THE HORACE SEBORN CALAHAN, JR AND MABLE JUNE CALAHAN REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST GEORGE BEN HONAKER SCOTT ALAN ROSENTHAL, TRUSTEE OF THE ROSENTHAL FAMILY TRUST, DATED MARCH 14, 2000 SHELLEY ANN ROSENTHAL, TRUSTEE OF THE ROSENTHAL FAMILY TRUST, DATED MARCH 14, 2000 DONALD M KNUDSON HELEN H KNUDSON JOE SILVA SR DANIEL D CORPUZ FRANCISCA N GUMATAOTAO ANDREW STITELMAN EILEEN M HEMPLING WILLIAM K VEAZEY JANE D VEAZEY JOHN MAC CARPENTER BARBARA PUCKET CARPENTER Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses, recorded on August 2, 1990, at Book 303, Page 104, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc. Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorney's fees and costs. Judgment Amount: \$2,724.34 DEBORAH BALLWEG (C#170603690) A 35,000 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7807-7810 in Building Number(s) 4 & 5, Unpaid Assessments: \$783.26 Costs: \$221.67 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$2,004.93 GWENDOLYN E ASHTON and LAWRENCE JASHTON (C#17960504) A 49,000 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7807-7810 in Building Number(s) 4 & 5, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,132.39 Costs: \$221.67 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$2,354.06 BRANDON J JARAMILLO and JACLYN JARAMILLO (C#170502785) A 154,000 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7817-7820 in Building Number(s) 9 & 10, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,868.78 Costs: \$221.67 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$3,090.45 CHARLES PORTILLOS and MARY V PORTILLOS (C#179706981) A 105,000 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7817-7820 in Building Number(s) 9 & 10, Unpaid 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Building Number(s) 7 & 8, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,101.92 Costs: \$221.67 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$2,323.59 MAXINE COOK and BOBBY COOK (C#179706957) A 199,000 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7817-7820 in Building Number(s) 9 & 10, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,695.45 Costs: \$221.67 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$2,917.12 JOE W GIVENS and SHARON GIVENS (C#179710173) A 84,000 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7817-7820 in Building Number(s) 9 & 10, Unpaid Assessments: \$762.58 Costs: \$221.67 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$1,984.25 MARK MUNSELL (C#179804174) A 84,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7825-7826 in Building Number(s) 13, Unpaid Assessments: \$816.41 Costs: \$221.67 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$2,038.08 MARY W KOEPP (C#179810254) A 84,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7833-7834 in Building Number(s) 17, Unpaid Assessments: \$659.40 Costs: \$221.67 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$1,881.07 ETHAN DEUTENBERG (C#179905732) A 154,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7847-7848 in Building Number(s) 24, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,210.51 Costs: \$221.67 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$2,432.18 JANET HARRIS (C#179909882) A 154,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7851-7852 in Building Number(s) 26, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,011.46 Costs: \$221.67 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$2,233.13 LEO HOEHN (C#420003055) A 210,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7873-7874 in Building Number(s) 37, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,502.67 Costs: \$221.67 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$2,724.34 DEBORAH BALLWEG (C#170603690) A 35,000 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7807-7810 in Building 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DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION DATE FILED: January 19, 2022 Case No. 2021DR38 In re the Marriage of: KRISTINE DIANE RUE, Petitioner and MARIO RUE, Respondent Action for Dissolution of Marriage TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT: A copy of the Petition and Summons may be obtained from the Clerk of this Court during regular business hours. Default judgment may be entered against Respondent, if Respondent fails to appear or file a response within thirty-five days after date of Publication. COMBINED COURT ARCHULETA CO., COLO. /s/ Debbie Tully Debbie Tully Clerk of the District Court Archuleta County 46 Eaton Dr, Suite 1 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Published February 24, March 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

INVITATION TO BID

Separate sealed BIDS for the 2022 Asphalt Maintenance Project will be received by Archuleta County, Colorado at the office of Davis Engineering Service, Inc. located at 189 South 8th Street, P.O. Box 1208, Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147, until 2:00 P.M. local time on March 31, 2022, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud. The base project involves typical asphalt maintenance methods on Archuleta County roadways including, and not limited to County Road 500, Meadows Drive, Piedra Road, South Pagosa Boulevard, North Pagosa Boulevard and Talsman Drive. The project includes removal of HMA, excavation, sub-grade preparation, sub-grade stabilization, HMA paving of full roadway widths, HMA full depth patching, milling and overlay, traffic control and other items typically associated with road construction. The Owner has a set budget with asphalt maintenance locations and quantities to be adjusted for priority roadways. Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS and PLANS may be obtained on or after February 28, 2022, at the office of Davis Engineering Service, Inc. located at the address mentioned above, upon payment of \$30.00 for each set. No refund will be made for returned copies. A mandatory pre-bid conference and inspection trip for prospective Bidders will be held at the office of Davis Engineering Service, Inc. (phone number (970) 264-5055), located at the address mentioned above, at 2:00 P.M. local time on March 22, 2022. Date: February 24, 2022. Published February 24 and March 3, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON MARCH 1, 2022.

KATHRYN CHENAULT, has applied for a FINAL PLAT APPROVAL for the PAGOSA HILLS SUBDIVISION NO 3 AMENDMENT 2022-01, at 93 Brookhill Dr, Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN21-153). The property is zoned RESIDENTIAL (R). The application is to subdivide and create two parcels where there is no only one. Comments regarding this proposal may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or PFlowers@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta Board of County Commissioners on March 1, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Administration Office Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link. Public comment will be taken at the meeting. Published February 24, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON MARCH 1, 2022.

KAPPA CONSULTING, has applied for a Board Conditional Use Permit and Height Variance for the VERIZON WIRELESS CMRS TOWER, on RURAL PARCEL IN SEC 9 TWN 35 RNG 2W at 329 CLOMAN BLVD, Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN21-118 & PLN21-120). The property is zoned AGRICULTURAL RANCHING (AR). The proposal is to install a 90' Monopine Commercial Mobile Radio System Tower and associated equipment on a 50'x50' leased area on the south end of the parcel. Comments regarding this proposal may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-8381 or to pflowers@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta Board of County Commissioners on March 1, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Administration Office Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs. Public comment will be taken at the meeting. Published February 24, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

The Town of Pagosa Springs has received an application for "Preliminary Major Subdivision" associated with the

# Outdoors

## Bird-proofing your home against window strikes

By Josh Pike  
Pagosa Wetland Partners

One of the greatest risks that birds face from human habitations is the risk of strikes against windows and transparent surfaces. Research suggests that an estimated 1 billion birds a year die from such collisions in the United States.

The problem is especially severe during the quickly approaching spring migratory season, which brings large numbers of traveling birds through potentially hazardous human neighborhoods.

This article examines the causes behind bird strikes and looks at some of the measures you can take to “bird-proof” your home to prevent such collisions.

Bird strikes occur for different reasons during the day or night. Daytime collisions are typically caused by birds seeing the reflections of vegetation or trees in the window or seeing plants indoors. No matter the source, the vegetation the birds perceive in the window convinces them that the area where the window is actually contains desirable habitat. Believing this, they then fly into the window, expecting to land on the trees or plants they can see, and collide with the window.

Birds will also occasionally see themselves reflected in a window. Such a sighting will often lead to the bird confronting the intruder they see in the window and attempting to attack it. Although such behavior rarely leads to fatal collisions, it can be disturbing for homeowners and wastes time that the bird could otherwise spend foraging or breeding.

Nighttime collisions tend to be driven by birds seeing the lights emanating from a window. For rea-

sons that are partially unknown, birds flying at night tend to be diverted from their courses by seeing such light and spend time circling near the light. This circling behavior can often lead to them colliding with the lighted window.

When considering how to prevent bird strikes, the first step is to determine which windows should be prioritized for strike mitigation. Large picture windows, windows placed at right angles to another window and windows near feeders are especially likely to cause bird strikes, as are windows which clearly reflect nearby vegetation.

Measures to prevent bird strikes largely focus on adding visual indicators to make the window more apparent to birds or on reducing the reflectivity of the window. The spacing of visual indicators is crucial and must be adapted depending on the type of species colliding with the window. For songbirds, indicators spaced 4 inches apart are appropriate. However, for hummingbirds, the indicators should be spaced 2 inches apart.

These indicators can take many forms. One simple method is using tempera paint or soap on the window surface. These can be applied to the windows in simple grid patterns or in artistic patterns and will allow birds to avoid the window surface. A similar effect can be achieved by placing decals, stickers or sun catchers on the window surface. There are also a range of commercial products that can be applied to windows to provide similar indicators.

Another approach is to place netting, mosquito screens or rope curtains on the outside of the windows. These objects similarly provide an indicator to birds that the window is present and deter them from flying into it.



Photo courtesy Randy McCormick

A yellow-headed blackbird in flight.

Measures to reduce the reflectivity are similarly varied. Some of the simplest involve placing blinds or curtains on the window interiors to break up the reflections in the glass. There is also a wide variety of treatments and specially designed window glass products

which make the window appear more opaque from the outside while keeping it transparent on the inside. This allows birds to easily identify the window as a solid surface while having a minimal impact on the experience of human viewers inside.

Picking what bird-strike-prevention measures are best is highly dependent on your specific circumstance and preferences. Depending on the specific circumstances and design of your home, all these measures can be effective. By implementing them,

you can make your home secure for birds and reduce the impacts of your habitation on the surrounding environment. If you want more information on bird-strike protections, contact Pagosa Wetland Partners at [pagosawetlands@gmail.com](mailto:pagosawetlands@gmail.com).

## Sixth annual Science on Snow Day held

By Keith Bruno  
Audubon Rockies

Fifth-grade students from Pagosa Springs Middle School (PSMS) participated in the sixth annual Science on Snow Day last Friday.

Students from Mr. Couch's science class identified 25 bird species along stretches of the San Juan Riverwalk, effectively contributing viable data to the Great Backyard Bird Count, a global inventory of birds conducted every year for four days over Presidents Day weekend and housed on the eBird platform.

Additionally, students cycled through stations where they learned principles of avalanche science with Wolf Creek Ski Patrol captain Eric Deitemeyer, constructed animals of their own creation in the snow that exhibited adaptations of the San Juan Mountains with Joan Rohwer, inventoried the snowpack for density measurements and discussed the correlation to water needs in our community with Keith Bruno.

The biggest facet of this field day for PSMS fifth-graders is getting them outside, learning about different career options and showcasing different ways that they can care for the ecological integrity of their community. Ultimately, people will only conserve what they care about. And if we want our future generations to care about a healthy and thriving San Juan River, that means we have to provide them with familiarity with the representative indicators and many factors that affect that environment. Students now know how to identify a number of bird species along the river that they did not know. They also have more tools in their bucket for safe traveling with their families in the local backcountry. And, lastly, they know

that water is the collective lifeblood for so many creatures that call this beautiful locale in the San Juan Mountains home.

A special thanks to the fifth-grade teachers that corralled students on Friday and to the volunteers (not previously mentioned) that made the day a special learning opportunity for the students: Ben Bailey, Aaron Couch, Dottie George, Herb Grover, Charles Martinez, Randy McCormick, Roger Organ, Josh Pike, Lisa Tedder and Jean Zirnheld.



Fifth-grade students from Pagosa Springs Middle School participate in the sixth annual Science on Snow Day last Friday. The event included birding with Weminuche volunteers on the Riverwalk as part of the Great Backyard Bird Count.



Photos courtesy Herb Grover and Keith Bruno



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# Inaugural February Follies on tap this weekend

Curtains Up Pagosa

Hey, Pagosa: This Saturday, Feb. 26, is the inaugural February Follies presented by Curtains Up Pagosa.

Tickets are \$5 more at the door, so we encourage you to get your tickets in advance online at: <https://our.show/feb-follies>.

We have 25 acts performing this year. Some are familiar to our stage and some are making their Curtains Up debut. The audience will be able to vote alongside a panel of distinguished judges. Our judges this year are Mary Jo Coulehan, Ali Whitman and Sherry Phillips.

We are breaking the follies into two categories,

Music and Dance. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three acts in each category. The acts are also competing for who can sell the most tickets in advance, so on your ticket reservation, please comment which act you are coming to support, as the act that sells the most tickets in advance will also receive a cash prize.

Come out and support Curtains Up Pagosa and all your local talent this weekend at the February Follies. The event takes place on Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. The doors of the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium will open at 6 p.m. to welcome our audience into the lobby, and seating will begin at 6:40 p.m.

## Healthy Archuleta to host food system summit April 9

By Rose Chavez

Food System/Food Equity Coalition

Healthy Archuleta is excited to host an upcoming regional food summit right here in Archuleta County this spring. Please save the date for April 9 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the CSU Extension fairgrounds.

The event is being coordinated in conjunction with a statewide food summit in November.

Healthy Archuleta has organized this event to continue to form and strengthen connections

between local food system stakeholders and to deepen our work around food equity and nutrition security in Archuleta County as we prepare for the statewide food summit.

“The regional food summit will be free of charge and open to the public with a primary goal of bringing together diverse food system stakeholders and the community to learn about the food system work and to find opportunities to leverage policies and practices that can support a shared vision for Colorado both on the local and

state level. We hope this event will move Archuleta County forward in advancing our local food system and enhance the regional food resources that can support nutrition security in our community,” said local resident and volunteer summit organizer Emily Haefner.

Additional information about the upcoming summit can be found on the Healthy Archuleta website: <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/archuleta-food-summit.html>. For more information, please email [fsfearchuleta@gmail.com](mailto:fsfearchuleta@gmail.com) or call (401) 371-3227.

### Friday

**Tennyson Building Event Center:** Elder Grown, 7 p.m.  
**The Springs Resort lodge atrium:** Jackson Mountain Ramblers, 5 p.m.

### Saturday

**Pagosa Springs High School:** February Follies, 7 p.m.  
**The Springs Resort lodge atrium:** San Juan Mountain Boys, 5 p.m.

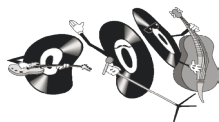
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**The Springs Resort lodge atrium:** Terry Rickard, 5 p.m.

### Wednesday

**Coyote Moon Bar and Grill:** Karaoke, 8 p.m.

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# Support group for loved ones of drug addicts, alcoholics announces local meetings

By Amy LaRue  
Finding Hope

Addiction: This is a subject most people do not want to talk about. More than 165 million Americans ages 12 and up are currently abusing drugs and/or alcohol. This number continues to grow year after year. Of those 165 million Americans, there is a mom, dad, sister, brother, wife, husband, son, daughter, grandparent praying and pleading that they would stop.

Addiction in families is often a subject that is kept secret behind closed doors. The shame, guilt, hopelessness, fear, sleepless nights and worry are just a few things these families experience daily. They will do whatever it takes to get their loved one clean and sober, and neglect their own needs. But the reality is, these families need their own support, community and tools to navigate this storm.

Finding Hope is a support group for loved ones of drug addicts and alcoholics. It is a safe and confidential place for families to learn that they are not alone on this journey. At Finding Hope, they learn that others are walking the same path as them. Families learn that there is nothing they did or did not do to make their loved one an addict. But, at Finding Hope, they will learn, there is hope.

Robin S. said, "When we walked into our first Finding Hope meeting, we felt at home. We knew we were with people who were walk-

ing the same road of addiction as we were. They 'got it.' They all had experienced the same emotions as we were experiencing and knew this group would become our lifeline and family."

If you are living in shame, guilt, hopelessness and fear by your loved one's addiction, we urge you to get connected to Finding Hope. You will walk into a safe room full of

people who understand. You will finally be able to take the mask off that you have been hiding behind for so long. You will learn that you are not alone, it's not your fault and there is hope.

You can attend a local meeting at Grace in Pagosa on the first and third Tuesdays at noon. To learn more about Finding Hope, go to [Findinghope.today](http://Findinghope.today).

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## Rugby's Rescue House announces 'Brews for Rescues' beer fest April 23

By Shane Lucero  
Special to The PREVIEW

Rugby's Rescue House, a local nonprofit dog rescue, is excited to announce "Brews for Rescues" beer fest — a cause for paws.

On April 23, Rugby's Rescue House ([www.rugbysrescue.com](http://www.rugbysrescue.com)) will be hosting a day for the dogs that will include a dog walk, dog costume contest, dog training demos, vendors and then will wrap up the day with a dog-friendly brew fest that will showcase great beer from regional breweries.

Rugby's Rescue is a small nonprofit rescue dedicated to "Rescuing, saving, and repeating" the process.

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Colorado 4-H District 5 met Friday, Feb. 11, to plan its leadership camp for this coming spring. After the meeting, members enjoyed a soak. District 5 is represented by members of Montezuma, La Plata and Archuleta counties, pictured here.

## Rescue

■ continued from previous page all listed on our Petfinder account or our Facebook and Instagram pages: <https://www.facebook.com/rugbysrescue> and <https://www.instagram.com/rugbysrescue/>.

Everyone is welcome to join the register for the dog walk and enter the costume contest and at-

tend the training demos; however, the brew fest is a 21-and-older event. Please come out and help raise some money for an amazing organization.

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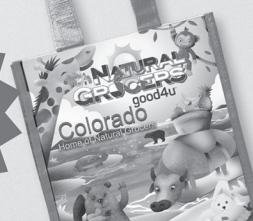
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# Sarah Platt Decker Chapter hands out Sunshine Boxes

By **Tanice Ramsperger**

Sarah Platt Decker Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution

To kick start the celebration of Presidents Day, the Sunshine ladies of the local Sarah Platt Decker Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution gave out more than 400 Sunshine Boxes to local first-grade students in Pagosa Springs, Bayfield, Ignacio and Durango, Colo., an area covering over 65 miles.

The students and teachers were delighted with the surprise.

As Pagosa Peak Open School teacher Kelle Bruno said, "This is the perfect time of year to remind the kids about respecting materials, and new supplies is a great way to do that. Teachers also received their own Sunshine bag containing a few sweet treats, eye glass cleaning cloth, hand sanitizer, sticky

notes, scissors, tape, lip balm, Kleenex, along with a reference copy of 'Our Patriots' coloring book."

The program, called Community Classrooms, is a National Society initiative begun in 2017 designed to work with teachers to provide additional support to the children in classrooms and schools in the communities. It is also designed to provide lesson plans rich in historical facts, enabling teachers to relay the story of the developments of the United States.

The Sarah Platt Decker Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is a nonpolitical service organization meeting August through May. Membership is open to all women over the age of 18 who can prove lineal, direct line descent from an ancestor who aided in achieving the American independence.

For more information, please contact Tanice Ramsperger at SP-DRgent@gmail.com. If you have any questions about the Community Classroom Program, please direct them to Chairman Jeannine Dobbins at (970) 749-0956 or Linda Hobbs at (713) 304-2028.



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## Sunday devotionals offered by the Baha'i Faith

By **Paulette Heber**

Baha'i Community of Archuleta County

The Baha'i Community of Archuleta County hosts weekly devotionals every Sunday morning from 10 to 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. All are welcome.

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/884668836?pwd=bkdEeVlaSWN0bFRMdFhidXpzWjV5Zz09>, call-in number: (669) 900-6833, meeting ID: 884 668 836.

A weekly theme is reflected in the prayers, music, poetry and selections from world religions and various sources. All are encouraged to contribute inspirational pieces. This Sunday, Feb. 27, our theme is "The Essence of God Within You."

"O Son of Being! With the hands of power I made thee, and with the fingers of strength I created thee; and within thee have I placed the essence of My light." — Baha'u'llah.

The Baha'i Faith is an all-embracing world religion founded on the principle of unity. It recognizes humanity's spiritual nature and the innate nobility of every hu-

man soul. Among the teachings of the Baha'i Faith are the investigation of truth; the oneness of God; the oneness of mankind; justice; universal peace; the conformity between science and divine revelation; the equality of women and men; and the abandonment of racial, religious, worldly and political prejudices. It is in this spirit of community that we cordially invite you to our devotionals.

To learn more about the Baha'i Faith, please visit the official international website of the Baha'i Faith at [www.bahai.org](http://www.bahai.org). Our local contact is [archuletabahais@gmail.com](mailto:archuletabahais@gmail.com).

To obtain the passcode for our Sunday devotionals, call Paulette Heber at (970) 731-8610 or email to the above email address.

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# Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship to feature Durango service

By Joan Ward  
Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

While the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is having its own services on the first and third Sundays of the month, we have the opportunity to join the UU Fellowship of Durango service on Zoom this next Sunday, Feb. 27, at 10 a.m., to hear the Rev. Gary Kowalski. We will be watching it at the Pagosa Fellowship or you can watch it at home on Zoom — their website link is below.

Kowalski will be presenting “Calvin, Hobbes and the Meaning of Life.” As stated on the Durango Fellowship website: “Bill Watterson’s classic cartoon characters often faced weighty existential problems, while their namesakes (French theologian John Calvin and English political theorist Thomas Hobbes) continue to shape our views of human nature with their gloomy estimates of society. Are people basically trustworthy and cooperative, or otherwise? Is life really as Hobbes described it, “mean, nasty, brutish and short”? This morning Rev. Kowalski takes a look at the evidence, with some help from the Sunday funnies.”

If you are watching from home, the link is: <https://durangouu.org/worship/upcoming-worship-services/>.

vices/.

Kowalski is author of many books, including “Revolutionary Spirits,” “Science and the Search for God” and “The Bible According to Noah.” He has also served congregations in Vermont, Washington, Tennessee and Massachusetts and currently is co-pastor at the Taos congregation.

Please be prepared to wear a well-fitting mask at all times while inside the building, regardless of vaccination status. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided for you at the door. Social distancing will be encouraged and to that end, the maximum capacity of the fellowship has been reduced to 25 — a very good reason for arriving a few minutes early.

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is located in Greenbrier Plaza, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., Unit B-15, which is on the north side of the building. It faces Greenbrier Drive.

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

For more information about the fellowship, please see the website [www.pagosauu.org](http://www.pagosauu.org).

## New Thought topic: ‘How Buddhists View Death and Dying’

By Shayla McClure  
New Thought Center for  
Inspirational Living

Sunday service is at 11 a.m. with Dr. Elaine Harding: “How Buddhists View Death and Dying.”

“Every day, think as you wake up, today I am fortunate to be alive, I have a precious human life, I am not going to waste it. I am going to use all my energies to develop myself, to expand my heart out to others; to achieve enlightenment for the benefit of all beings. I am going to have kind thoughts towards others, I am not going to get angry or think badly about others. I am going to benefit others as much as I can.” — Dalai Lama.

### Upcoming events

Meditation Mondays are at 11 a.m. with Madison Humes.

Spirit Heart Band practice is every Tuesday at 6 p.m. We welcome musicians and singers to join our band. Please text Shayla White Eagle McClure at (970) 510-0309 for band information.

### About us

The New Thought Center promotes living a spiritually centered life, and promotes philosophies similar to Centers for Spiritual Living and Agape Centers. We honor all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the divine. The vision of the New Thought Center is to empower possibility through revelation of spiritual truth and to have our members experience self-empowerment, inner peace and feeling part of a community.

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

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

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# ‘Living with Alzheimer’s’: Three-part interactive program set for March 19

By Jim Herlihy  
Alzheimer’s Association

The number of Americans living with Alzheimer’s disease is staggering: an estimated 6.2 million today, with the total expected to reach nearly 13 million by 2050 if no cure is found.

The disease remains a mystery to many families, in part because roughly half of those living with

Alzheimer’s are never diagnosed. A number of other treatable illnesses, including urinary tract infections, diabetes, Lyme disease, vitamin B12 deficiency and depression can often mimic the symptoms of Alzheimer’s, which has no prevention or cure.

To help families better understand Alzheimer’s disease, what a diagnosis means and what resources are available, the Alzheimer’s Association has developed a

special one-day interactive virtual program, “Living with Alzheimer’s.” This three-part program, scheduled back-to-back on March 19 will provide practical answers to questions regarding all stages of

■ See Program on next page

# Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs to offer ‘Experience HU, the Sound of Soul’

By Lynzie Sutton  
Spiritual Experiences Group  
of Pagosa Springs

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

HU is an ancient name for God, a sacred sound and a carrier of love between soul and God. It has been sung for thousands of years and in many places for spiritual unfoldment. It can uplift people of any religion, culture or walk of life.

Singing HU acts as a tuning fork, aligning soul to higher states of love, creativity, healing and awareness. When sung or chanted with an open heart, it opens the lines of communication to the most sacred part of yourself.

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

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

The event will include singing HU for 15 to 20 minutes, a few minutes of quiet contemplation and a discussion group where you can participate in spiritual conversation with others of like heart. Find out more about HU at [www.TheSoundofSoul.org](http://www.TheSoundofSoul.org).

The event will be held Sunday, Feb. 27, at 1 p.m. at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. This event is sponsored by Eckankar and is free of charge. People of all faiths and beliefs are welcome.

Other in-person and online events offered in Pagosa Springs can be found at: <https://www.meetup.com/pagosa-springs-spiritual-experiences-group/events/>.



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# An overview of Alzheimer's warning signs

By Jim Herlihy  
Alzheimer's Association

Family members and friends may not have seen one another for months or longer due to COVID distancing. When they do gather, the signs of memory loss or behavioral change may become obvious.

Changes in memory or behavior that seem gradual to those in daily contact can appear as abrupt declines in cognition to out-of-town visitors.

The Alzheimer's Association has developed a helpful checklist of 10 signs to aid in the early detection of Alzheimer's. Why is early detection important? Without it, the ones we love may wait too long to make necessary lifestyle changes that are important to ensure that all medical care options are explored, ranging from medications to research. Other considerations include personal safety as well as quality of care, and to make necessary financial and estate planning adjustments.

Here is a brief overview of the 10 signs:

1. Memory loss that disrupts daily life. A typical age-related memory change is occasionally forgetting names or appointments but remembering them later. A common sign of Alzheimer's disease, especially in the early stages, is forgetting recently learned information. The increasing need to rely on memory aids (reminder notes, electronic devices) or family members for things that one previously handled on their own is a sign.

2. Challenges in planning or solving problems. Making occasional errors, such as checkbook balancing, is not uncommon. If a person experiences changes in the ability to follow a plan or work with num-

bers, or has difficulty concentrating and completing a task, that may be a concern.

3. Difficulty completing familiar tasks. People with Alzheimer's often find it hard to complete daily tasks. They may have trouble driving to a familiar location, managing a budget or remembering the rules of a familiar game.

4. Confusion with time or place. Losing track of dates, seasons and the passage of time is another indication. Sometimes people with Alzheimer's can forget where they are or how they got there.

5. Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships. For some individuals, vision problems can be a sign of Alzheimer's. They may have difficulty reading, judging distance and determining color or contrast, which may cause problems with driving.

6. New problems with words in speaking or writing. People with Alzheimer's may have trouble following or joining a conversation. They may struggle with vocabulary, have problems finding the right word or call things by the wrong name (such as calling a "watch" a "hand clock").

7. Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps. Putting things in unusual places and being unable to find them. Sometimes, they may accuse others of stealing — with more frequency over time.

8. Decreased or poor judgment. People with Alzheimer's may use poor judgment when dealing with money, giving large amounts to telemarketers. They may also pay less attention to grooming and personal cleanliness.

9. Withdrawal from work or social activities. Some individuals may avoid being social because of changes they're experiencing,

removing themselves from work projects, hobbies and sports.

10. Changes in mood and personality. Increased incidences of confusion, suspicion, depression, fear or anxiety can be a sign. Individuals can become more easily upset at home, work, with friends or in places where they are out of their comfort zone.

If you or someone you care about is experiencing any of the 10 warning signs of Alzheimer's disease, please contact the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 bilingual Helpline at (800) 272-3900 for more information (with translation services offered in more than 200 languages and dialects) or go to [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org). The Helpline is staffed by trained professionals and offered at no charge.

## Alzheimer's Association

The Alzheimer's Association is the premier source of information and support for the more than 6.2 million people in the United States with Alzheimer's disease, their families and caregivers. The Alzheimer's Association offers education, counseling, support groups and a 24-hour helpline at no charge to families.

In addition, contributions help fund advancements in research to prevent, treat and eventually conquer this disease. The Alzheimer's Association advocates for those living with Alzheimer's and their families on related legislative issues, and with health and long-term care providers. For information, call the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 bilingual Helpline at (800) 272-3900 or visit [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).

## Program

■ continued from previous page Alzheimer's disease.

The first session, from 9 to 10:30 a.m., will focus on the disease's early stages. Memory loss that disrupts daily life, difficulty completing familiar tasks, and changes in mood or personality are just a few of the most common signs of Alzheimer's. The importance of an early diagnosis will be discussed as well as questions to ask your physician and how to get support after a diagnosis.

The second session, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., will address "Living with Alzheimer's: Middle Stage." The middle stages of Alzheimer's are typically the longest and can last for many years. As dementia progresses, the person with the disease will require a greater level of care. The session will address the importance of the caregiver receiving the support they need, as well as anticipating the changes in their

loved one, including difficulty in expressing thoughts and performing routine tasks, frustration and unexpected behaviors.

The third session, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., will address the late stage of Alzheimer's. The late stages may last from several weeks to several years. As the disease progresses, intensive, around-the-clock care is usually required. A person with late-stage Alzheimer's usually will have difficulty eating and swallowing, be more vulnerable to infections, and need full-time help with personal care. However, there are still opportunities to connect with loved ones through music, visual tools, favorite foods, physical contact and more.

Like all programs and services of the Alzheimer's Association, "Living with Alzheimer's" is offered at no charge to the public. For more information or to register, call the Association's free 24/7 Helpline at (800) 272-3900.

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# Tax help for seniors available in Durango

By Cheryl Wilkinson  
PREVIEW Columnist

Due to COVID-19, the Internal Revenue Service's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program will not be coming to Pagosa Springs to prepare federal and state income tax returns this year.

VITA will be preparing 2021 tax returns at no charge as part of the VITA program in Durango. Please register at: DurangoVITA.org.

## Desk volunteers needed

The Community Café in the Pagosa Senior Center is requesting volunteers to help with the lunch desk. Please call (970) 264-2167 to volunteer or for more information.

## Meals on Wheels volunteers needed

The Senior Center Meals on Wheels program delivers approximately 3,000 fresh and frozen meals a year. We deliver fresh Meals on Wheels five days a week (and provide frozen Meals on Wheels for weekends) to homebound Archuleta County residents to help them stay healthy and independent in their own homes.

This program is vitally important because many seniors have little to no access to nutritious meals. They are often too frail or have health complications that prevent them from preparing meals for themselves or from using the Senior Center's Community Café drive-thru meals pick-up site Monday through Friday.

The Senior Center needs volunteer Meals on Wheels Drivers for one day a week (or become part of our substitute driver team). Please join us as part of our driver team and build wonderful relationships with the seniors in our community. Call (970) 264-2167.

## Take-out meals continue at Senior Center

In order to continue providing meals, the Senior Center is offering take-out hot meals and a salad with a drive-up option under the portico at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

These meals will be available Monday through Friday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. There is a \$4 suggested donation for lunch for those age 60 and better. If you need to have your meal delivered, please

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call (970) 264-2167 to see if this option is available in your area.

The cost per meal for the public age 59 and under is \$8.50. The meals include a salad, hot meal, drink and dessert or bread.

Please call (970) 264-2167 to make a reservation for pickup. We are also continuing our Meals on Wheels program.

There will be no games, classes or presentations during this time. The staff will be available by phone. If you need to speak to a staff member, please call (970) 264-2167.

## Community Café menu

Thursday, Feb. 24 — Beef stew, green beans, biscuit, milk and salad.

Friday, Feb. 25 — Chicken and dumplings, roasted carrots, milk, salad and brownie.

Monday, Feb. 28 — Beef Frito pie, charro beans, milk, salad and Key lime pie.

Tuesday, March 1 — Chicken and sausage jambalaya, collard greens, milk, salad and bread pudding.

Wednesday, March 2 — Vegetarian meal to be announced.

Thursday, March 3 — New England seafood chowder, roasted carrots, cheddar biscuit with butter, milk and salad.

For your convenience, you can make your reservations in advance or have a standing reservation on days you know you will always pick up. Please cancel if you cannot attend on your standing reservation days. We want to thank everyone for their support by observing our reser-

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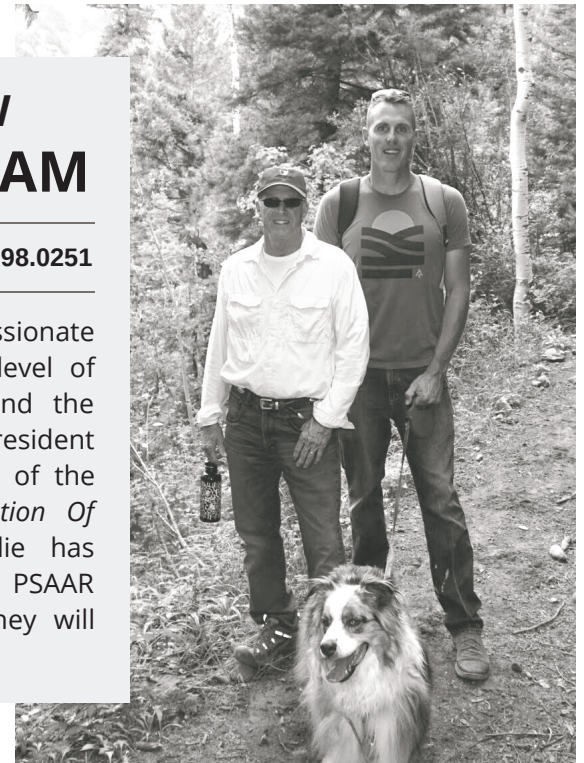
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## How young children's vocabularies benefit from being read to

Special to The PREVIEW

A recent study from researchers at The Ohio State University found that the disparity between the number of words young children who are frequently read to have heard compared to those who have not been read to is significant.

The study first appeared online in the Journal of Development and Behavioral Pediatrics and found that young children whose parents read them five books a day entered kindergarten having heard roughly 1.48 million words.

By comparison, children whose parents never read to them had heard just over 4,600 words by the time they entered kindergarten. Even children who are read to daily hear significantly fewer words than children whose parents read them

five books a day. Such children hear just under 300,000 words prior to entering kindergarten.

Exposure to a larger vocabulary is not the only benefit kids reap from being read to.

Reach Out and Read, a national nonprofit that champions the positive effects of reading daily and engaging in additional language-rich activities with young children, reports that language-based interactions help children develop communication skills, patience, empathy and literacy. Reading to young children also enhances their understanding of the world by transporting them to places and times they have never experienced.

One study also noted the effects that reading to young children can have on the relationship between parent and child.

That study, authored by researchers at the University of Wollongong in Australia and Boston University and published in the journal Archives of Disease in Childhood, found that reading to young children supports a strong relationship between parent and child.



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# Free ESL classes to resume March 1 as new teacher is hired

By Carole Howard

PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Your library has hired a new teacher with impressive academic credentials and teaching experience for our free English as a Second Language (ESL) classes.

Chris Hicklin will lead the sessions beginning Tuesday, March 1. They will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with 4 to 5 p.m. reserved for beginners and 5 to 7 p.m. for both intermediate and advanced students.

She has taught adults in the Republic of the Marshall Islands and children both there and in New Mexico. She has a BS in elementary education and reading specialty from Minnesota State University, Mankato; an MA from Adams State University in curriculum and assessment; a certificate from the University of Phoenix in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages); and a Colorado teaching certificate in elementary education.

Hicklin has lived in Pagosa for 17 years. She enjoys running, skiing, mountain biking and yoga when not at work.

"I'm thrilled that Chris is joining our team and that this vital resource for our community will be resuming next week," said Meg Wempe, library director. "Chris has so much valuable experience and she brings a lot of enthusiasm, ideas and expertise to our program."

## Library closure

Your library will be closed tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 25, for staff education.

## Creede Repertory Theatre show for preschoolers

Children ages 5 and under are invited to a special free performance of "Ms. Joy" at your library next Wednesday, March 2, from 10 to 11 a.m., put on by Creede Repertory Theatre, rescheduled by the theater from Feb. 16.

"Ms. Joy" is about a woman who has a very strict daily routine — until one day she receives a visit from an unexpected dog who turns her routine upside down. The story is told through clowning, puppetry and sound. It teaches children the power of play, friendship and laughter.

## Teen DIY

Fourth- through 12th-graders are invited to a free in-person teen DIY session on Wednesday, March 2, from 4 to 5 p.m., when we'll make masquerade masks.

## Getting started with Universal Class

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cational service providing a diverse offering of intellectually stimulating courses for people interested in the lifelong pursuit of knowledge for either personal or professional reasons. To get started, join us for an in-person orientation on Tuesday, March 1, from 1 to 2 p.m.

## Free HIV rapid tests

Simple, finger-stick HIV rapid tests are available free from San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) at your library next Wednesday, March 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. You'll also receive a \$5 gift card. Call SJBPH at (970) 335-2015 if you have any questions.

## Spanish conversation today

This evening, Thursday, Feb. 24, from 6 to 7 p.m., we will gather in person at the library to practice speaking and listening skills together. Note the new day and time. There is no minimum skill level required to attend.

As an alternative, you can learn Spanish and many other languages using the Transparent Language Learning database available at: <https://pagosalibrary.org/online-resources/>.

## LEGO Club on Saturday

Kids aged 6 to 12 are invited to bring your imaginations — LEGOs are provided — on Saturday, Feb. 26, from 11 a.m. to noon for the free LEGO Club. LEGO challenges also are posted on Facebook if you can't make it to the library.

## Dungeons and Dragons

Join us Tuesday, March 1, from 4 to 6 p.m. for our ongoing Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults on Google Meet every other Tuesday. Contact [claire@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:claire@pagosalibrary.org) to learn how to join.

## S.T.E.A.M. enrichment kits

Participants in this free enrichment program for youngsters aged 5 and up receive a kit guiding you through science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (S.T.E.A.M.) projects. The kits are available all month, but registration is required by calling your library at (970) 264-2209.

## Family storytimes

Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m., join us for free in-person children's

stories, games and plenty of reasons to get up and move.

The next Discovery Time takes place Saturday, March 5, on Facebook at 2:30 p.m.

## Tech Time

Free in-person slots are available from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and 2- to 4 p.m. Thursdays. Brad will help you resolve issues with your computer, smartphone, tablet and other electronic devices.

## Adult education

Our free PALS (Pagosa Adult Learning Services) sessions take place on Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m., when Mark helps with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more.

## In-person gaming

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## Writing challenge

A new all-ages writing challenge will be posted Feb. 28 on the library's Facebook page. We hope you will challenge your creativity by participating in this free all-ages activity.

## Library hours

Most of our programs are happening in person. Also, our hours have returned to pre-COVID levels — and even more on weekdays:

- Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, the library is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Tuesdays and Thursdays, the library is open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Saturdays, the library is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

As well, curbside service continues. Phone (970) 264-2209 when you are in the parking lot so staff can bring the items out for you. If you put a hold on something, please wait for your usual alert (email, phone call or text) before coming to pick it up.

## Activities calendars

To be sure you don't miss any of the free library activities available to you and your family, we encourage you to pick up a copy of the events calendar each month. There are three versions — children, teens and adults.

## Books on CD

"The Paris Detective" by James Patterson and Richard DiLallo contains three cases. "Rogue Asset" by W.E.B. Griffin begins with the kidnapping of the secretary of state. "Ruby-Fruit Jungle" by Rita Mae Brown is a coming-of-age story set in the South. "The Long War" by David Loyn is an analysis of America and Afghanistan since 9/11. "The Starless Crown" by James Rollins is an epic sci-fantasy.

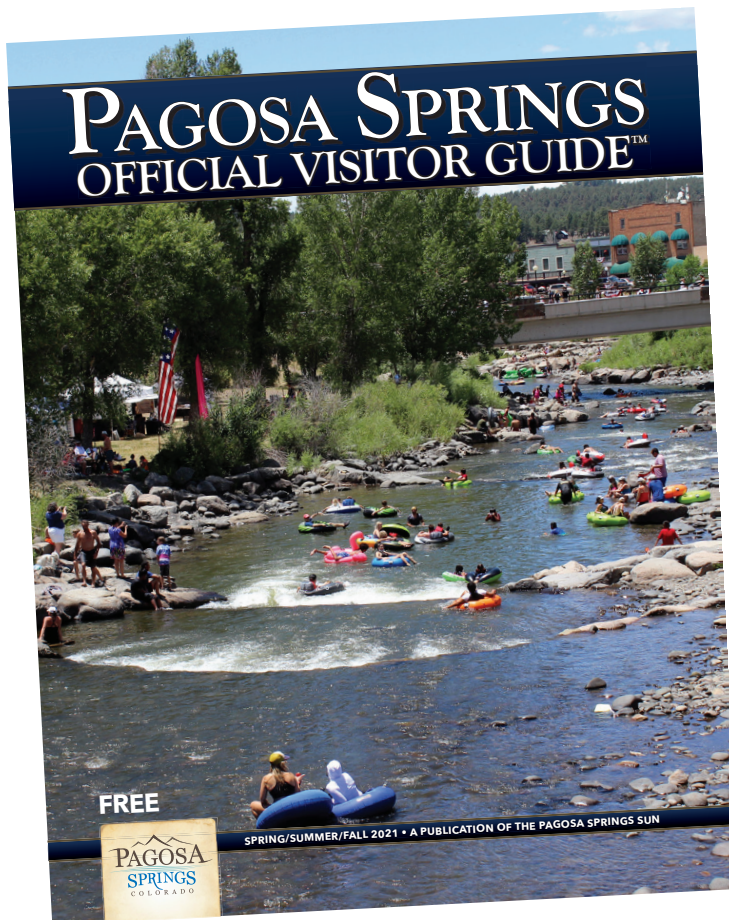
## Nonfiction

"The Vaccine" by Joe Miller reveals how the two creators of the BioNTech-Pfizer vaccine were able to build on 30 years of research to create the COVID-19 vaccine so quickly. "Home/Land" by Rebecca Mead is a memoir exploring life in New York City and England. "The Power of Regret" by Daniel H. Pink draws on research and science to explain why understanding our regrets helps us make a better life for ourselves.

## Mysteries and thrillers

"A History of Wild Places" by Shea Ernschaw is set in a reclusive community called Pastoral. "Steal" by James Patterson and Howard Roughan is a story of a triple-cross. "Violin Conspiracy" by Brendon Slocumb begins when the valu-

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able violin of a Black professional musician is stolen. “City of the Dead” by Jonathan Kellerman is an Alex Delaware thriller. “Win” by Harlan Coben opens with a family’s long-lost objects being found at a murder scene. “Greenwich Park” by Katherine Faulkner centers on the meeting of two women at a prenatal class.

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# How to avoid computer eye strain

Special to The PREVIEW

Workplace hazards are a part of life for people in various professions. Office workers might not consider themselves vulnerable to injury when they're at work, but individuals who spend much of their day staring at a computer screen are at risk of developing computer eye strain.

According to The Vision Council, nearly 60 percent of individuals who routinely use computers and digital devices experience symptoms of computer eye strain.

The health care experts at Cedars Sinai note that computer eye strain symptoms can include dry eyes, headache, blurred vision and eye twitching.

Despite the prevalence of computer eye strain, office workers and others who spend long periods of time at their computers can take steps to reduce their risk.

- Redo your work environment. Cedars Sinai recommends individuals concerned about computer eye strain create a better work environment to reduce their risk. The online vision health and wellness resource All About Vision notes that eye strain is often a byproduct of excessively bright light. That light could be natural light coming in through a window or from interior lighting that is harsh on the eyes. If exterior light is making your office excessively bright, close drapes, shades or blinds to keep that light out. Excessively bright lighting fixtures can be remedied by using fewer light bulbs or fluorescent tubes or replacing existing bulbs with lower-intensity alternatives. All About Vision also notes that some individuals find floor lamps

that employ soft white light from LED bulbs are less taxing on their eyes than overhead fluorescent lighting.

- Schedule vision checkups. Cedars Sinai notes that uncorrected vision problems are a major cause of computer eye strain. The American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) recommends individuals get a complete eye exam once in their 20s, twice in their 30s and then again when they turn 40. A comprehensive eye exam at 40 is necessary because the AAO notes that this is when early signs of disease or changes in vision may appear. Diseases or changes can contribute to computer eye strain, among other issues. After conducting a comprehensive eye exam, ophthalmologists will then tell patients how often they should have their vision tested, and individuals should heed this advice and keep appointments.

- Upgrade your tech. All About Vision notes that flat-panel LED screens with antireflective surfaces are preferable to computer screens with cathode ray tubes, which can cause an imperceptible flicker of images that contributes to computer eye strain. A large display screen, whether it's a desktop computer or a monitor connected to a laptop, also can reduce risk for computer eye strain.

Computer eye strain can make workdays difficult for office workers. Individuals who think they might be dealing with eye strain can try various strategies to prevent it or reduce its severity.

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Level: Beginner

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

## Thursday, Feb. 24

**Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. Serving spaghetti with salad, bread and dessert to go at the front doors of the Parish Hall. In addition, frozen prepared meals, meat and other staples are available for those in need. Masks and social distancing are required.

**Pickleball.** 1:30-4 p.m., Community Center. Beginner lessons. Loaner paddles will be available.

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

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## Friday, Feb. 25

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

## Saturday, Feb. 26

**LEGO Club.** 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For kids 6-12 years old. We have the LEGO bricks, all you need to bring is your imagination. Call (970) 264-2209 for further information.

**Curtains Up Pagosa February Follies.** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Contact Dale Scrivener at

director.curtainsup@gmail.com for more information.

## Sunday, Feb. 27

**Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs: 'Experience HU, the Sound of Soul.'** 1 p.m., Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. A free event sponsored by Eckankar with a discussion open to all. Find out more about HU at [www.TheSoundofSoul.org](http://www.TheSoundofSoul.org).

## Monday, Feb. 28

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

## Tuesday, March 1

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**Getting Started with Universal Class.** 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Universal Class is an online educational service providing a diverse offering of intellectually stimulating courses for people interested in the lifelong pursuit of knowledge for either personal or professional reasons. To get started, join us for an in-person orientation.

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## Wednesday, March 2

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

**Performance from Creede Repertory Theatre: 'Ms. Joy.'** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Children ages 5 and under are invited to a special free performance of "Ms. Joy," about a woman who has a very strict daily routine until one day she receives a visit from an unexpected dog who turns her routine upside down. The story is told through clowning, puppetry and sound. It teaches children the power of play, friendship and laughter. We hope you'll bring your

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**Free HIV Rapid Tests.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Sisson Library. Simple, finger-stick HIV rapid tests are available free from San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) at your library. You'll also receive a \$5 gift card. Call SJBPH at (970) 335-2015 if you have any questions.

**Teen DIY: Masquerade Masks.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 4th-12th grade. A free in-person teen DIY session when we'll make masquerade masks.

**Thursday, March 3**

**Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. Serving hot meals to go at the front doors of the Parish Hall. In addition, frozen prepared meals, meat and other staples are available for those in need. Masks and social distancing are required.

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**Friday, March 4**

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**Gaming.** 2:30-3:45 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect with all of your friends and family. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Saturday, March 5**

**Discovery Time.** 2:30 p.m., Facebook. For all ages. Join us every first and third Saturday for new games, art ideas, science experiments, history, activities and more.

**Sunday, March 6**

**Bingo.** 5:45 p.m., Parish Hall. 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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**Thursday, March 10**

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**Saturday, March 12**

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**Mountain High Garden Club Seed Swap and Library Discussion.** 10 a.m.-noon, CSU Extension building, 344 U.S. 84. For more information, visit <https://mountain-highgardenclub.com/>.

**Thursday, March 17**

**Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. Serving hot meals to go at the front doors of the Parish Hall. In addition, frozen prepared meals, meat and other staples are available for those in need. Masks and social distancing are required.

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# 'It's a good thing I like to decorate cupcakes'

By Daris Howard  
Special to The PREVIEW

Mary and Sally were neighbors and best friends. But, sometimes, Mary shook her head at things Sally did. It was, as Mary described her friend, that Sally thought with her heart and not always with her head. Sally would get caught up in something and not think it through.

For example, one day, a radio DJ talked about how someone had suggested that the signs for animal crossing should be moved away from the interstate since the interstate was a dangerous place for animals to cross. Sally heard this and didn't realize he was expressing it as humor. She was working on a letter to her congressional representative to get the signs moved when Mary came calling. Sally explained what she was doing, and it took Mary a good week to convince her that it was all in fun because animals can't read.

One day, Sally was busy trying to find a way to have braille put on the dashboard of cars so blind people could tell what speed they were going. Mary sighed at the thought of it. She wasn't even sure where Sally came up with that idea. She had probably heard someone lamenting they couldn't drive because of their failing eyesight, and she had thought it was because the person couldn't read the dashboard.

But even though Mary often shook her head at the things Sally came up with, she knew it was because Sally had such a big heart and wanted to help everyone. Though Sally often didn't think everything through, she was always first to take something to a sick neighbor or help a stray animal. Sally was always there for her own five children, but she didn't forget friends and neighbors either.

Mary couldn't count the number of times Sally had brought over cupcakes for one of Mary's children's birthdays. There was always an extra big bunch for Mary's birthday. Cupcakes were Sally's specialty, and she seemed to get a girlish delight in decorating them. And there were always lots of sprinkles.

That's why, when Mary was put in charge of the Parents' Baked Food Sale to raise money for new books at the grade school, she wasn't surprised to have Sally immediately volunteer to bring cupcakes. Mary gratefully accepted and then busied herself calling other mothers to bring different items. Soon, the list was all filled out, and the day was quickly approaching.

*Cupcakes were Sally's specialty, and she seemed to get a girlish delight in decorating them. And there were always lots of sprinkles.*

Mary didn't know why she grew concerned about Sally's food donation. Maybe it was because the episode of the football fundraising was still fresh on her mind. Sally didn't understand football and had come up with the idea that if they

could raise enough money, they could buy more footballs so the two teams wouldn't have to fight over the same one.

Mary knew the cupcakes were critical to a good baked food sale, and as her concern grew, she decided to make some as a backup. She would just leave them in her car where they could be retrieved if they were needed.

The day of the fundraiser soon came. The mothers were asked to have their items there a half hour early so they could be set out for display. All were there on time except for Sally's. It was almost time to open the sale when she finally showed up. The cupcakes were beautiful, and Mary laughed at herself for doubting her friend.

"I'm so sorry these are late," Sally said, all out of breath. "Fluffers, our dog, licked all the frosting off of them, so I had to refrost them."

"Fluffers licked the frosting off of them?" Mary asked, trying not to gag.

Sally nodded. "And then he got sick as usual and threw up. You'd think he'd learn his lesson as often as he's done it."

"How often has he done it?" Mary asked.

"I think about every time I've made cupcakes," Sally said. "He just can't seem to control himself." Then Sally laughed. "It's a good thing I like to decorate cupcakes."

As Sally continued talking, it was all Mary could do not to gag as she thought about how many of Sally's cupcakes she had eaten. But somehow, when Sally finished, Mary still managed a weak smile and a thank you. Then, after Sally left, Mary dumped all the cupcakes into the garbage and retrieved the ones she made.

But she considered that she might never eat another cupcake again for as long as she lived.

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# Sharing your passion with the world

In our writers' group, I challenged the writers with words from David, the psalmist: "Have you ever felt your heart on fire, boiling over with passion? Building up within you with beautiful lyrics as a lovely poem to be sung for the King? Like a river bursting its banks, are you overflowing with words, spilling out into your sacred story?" — (Psalm 45:1, TPT).

I'm certain the group I was speaking to thought I was having another one of my moments, but I continued. "Have you ever been so passionate about something that you felt like you needed to share it with the world?"

I waited for a response to no avail. Could it be that I was speaking to writers who didn't feel a passion toward their talent? Perhaps they didn't know their words were golden to the heart of someone who needed to hear them. Words so sacred they engage others.

Years ago, a man from a church we attended rebuked me. "You're too zealous. You are a threat to the leadership. Take it down a notch or two."

I wondered how anyone could be too zealous, especially in church? Apparently, someone thought so. For me, the words of the Gospel became a sacred story. The zeal of others who told their stories bubbled

## Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



up from inside them.

Flash forward. The passion I have for writing and sharing the written word is similar to the passion I have as a painter. There is a story to be told or a picture to behold.

Challenge comes, however, when thirst for the share becomes laborious. When interest is lost because the task of delivery becomes more burdensome than the joy of fulfillment.

I saw that years ago when I taught painting. Many would come to class, curious about what they could produce, but stop far short of simmering over, let alone boiling.

They would buy the best supplies on the market then push expensive paint across a palette with a Kolinsky sable brush — prepared to be a da Vinci, with a paint-by-number desire.

Learning how to paint can be hard for some. But, when something becomes too hard, too com-

plicated or you just can't appreciate luscious rich color, it is undoubtedly because your heart isn't in it.

As someone who has taken on many projects, I can assure you that passion has less to do with effort and more to do with a strength that develops on the inside that can't wait to be released. It's in our DNA.

It's very similar to a spiritual call. Holding a title, a position or even a seminary degree is likened to a name tag. It may denote who you are, but has little to do with what you can produce. Like a God-given gift, there is a call that is answered that has a way of propelling us beyond our own abilities if it is from a true place of desire.

We have to take our offering to the next level, living gifts and talents outrageously and generously.

Final brushstroke: Today, I challenged writers to write the words that burn in their hearts, to give without reservation. Not because I want to hear a good story, but because I want to experience what only they can share, to feel the heat of passion that comes from the depth of a soul. If you're not ready to do that, know that the world is missing out on knowing who you are at your core.

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# A Lenten meal the kids will love

Special to The PREVIEW

Crunchy fish sticks are a meal the entire family can enjoy, especially during Lent.

Religious Christians make the commitment to avoid meat in their Friday meals for the duration of Lent, signifying a sacrifice for their faith that recalls the ultimate sacrifice Jesus Christ made during the crucifixion.

Vegetables and pasta dishes are a staple of the Lenten season, and seafood also serves as a popular substitute for meats and poultry. As parents of picky eaters can attest, encouraging children, particularly toddlers or early grade-schoolers, to dig into a seafood meal can be a struggle.

However, fish sticks can make a fish dinner more attractive to youngsters. You don't need to buy the frozen variety at the store. This recipe for "Fish Sticks with Fries and Tartar Sauce" from "Danielle Walker's Eat What You Love" is a crunchy, homemade alternative.

## Fish Sticks with Fries and Tartar Sauce

Makes 12

### Tartar Sauce

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon minced cornichons (gherkin pickles)
- 1 tablespoon chopped capers
- 1 teaspoon champagne vinegar
- 1 teaspoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon coarse-grain mustard
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

### Fries

- 1 large parsnip, peeled
- 1 white-fleshed sweet potato (such as Hannah), scrubbed but unpeeled
- 3 tablespoons avocado oil
- Kosher salt

### Fish sticks

- 1 pound haddock or cod fillets
- 4 ounces plantain chips
- Fine sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

- 2 egg whites, beaten until frothy
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- Preheat the oven to 450 F.

To make the tartar sauce, in a small bowl, mix together the mayonnaise, cornichons, capers, vinegar, lemon juice, mustard, parsley and pepper. Place in the refrigerator to chill while you make the fries and fish sticks, or up to three days.

To make the fries, cut the parsnip and sweet potato into matchstick fries. In a bowl, toss the vegetables with the oil. Spread in a single layer — not touching — on a large rimmed baking sheet. Bake for 20 minutes, turning once during baking, until browned.

To make the fish sticks, meanwhile, cut the haddock into 3-by-1/2-inch strips. Place a wire rack on top of a clean kitchen towel and brush the rack lightly with avocado oil.

In a food processor, or using a mortar and pestle, pulse the plantain chips a few times until they resemble coarse sand. Pour the ground chips into a shallow bowl and combine with 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. In a separate bowl, whisk together the egg whites and mustard.

Pat the fish dry with paper towels and season generously with 3/4 teaspoon sea salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. One at a time, dip the fish strips into the egg mixture and shake gently, allowing any excess to drip back into the bowl, then dip the fish into the plantain chip mixture, turning to coat each strip and shaking off any excess. Place the fish strips on the prepared wire rack.

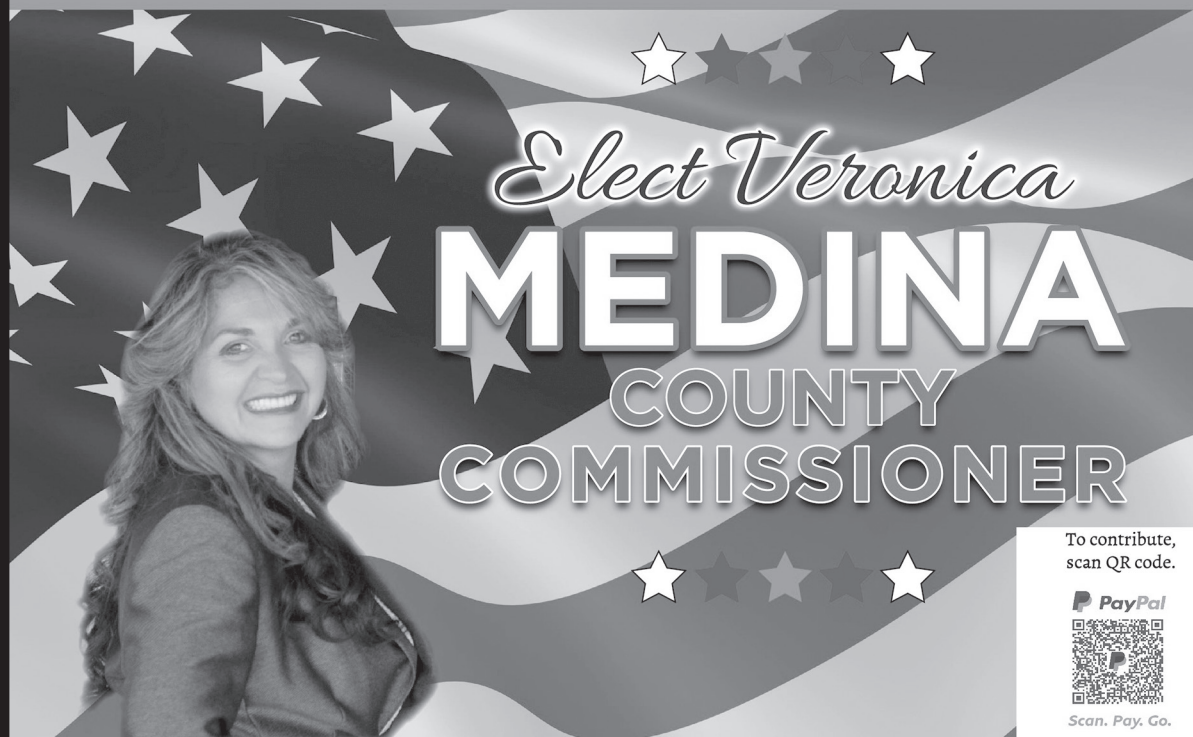
Remove the baking sheet from the oven and scoot the fries over to one side. Position the rack with

the fish sticks on the baking sheet and return to the oven. Bake the fish and fries together for 10 to 12 minutes, until the fish is crisp and cooked through. Season the fries generously with the kosher salt. Serve the fish sticks and fries immediately with the tartar sauce on the side.

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*Answer: Bouquet*

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# Spring is coming too soon

By Pepper Trail  
PREVIEW Columnist

Ah, what a beautiful day! The air has that magical quality it sometimes gets in spring, a caressing softness on the skin. The buds on the plum trees are swelling and the robins have ascended to the tops of the trees, where they're singing with abandon.

But — it is February. Today's high temperature was 72 degrees, almost 20 degrees higher than normal and a new record.

At this time of year, the mountains surrounding my southern Oregon valley should be deep in snow. The high country lakes should be full, but frozen. The sky should be gray and, ideally, snowing.

Winter weather is the price we pay — gladly — for the mountain wildflowers; the lakes full of trout; the water that irrigates our farms, orchards and gardens through the long hot summer; and for the lush, green forests that are not on fire.

But as the great naturalist Aldo Leopold remarked, "To be an ecologist is to live in a world of wounds."

These days, the same could be said for meteorologists, or for any of us trying to find uncomplicated

## Writers on the Range

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pleasure in the beauty of a spring day in mid-winter.

For this too-warm day reveals

that we are in another drought year. Almost all the precipitation in my region of southern Oregon falls from October through March, and we need as much of that as possible to be in the form of snow — snow that piles up deep in the mountain forests and slowly melts through spring and early summer, soaking into the soil and filling the streams.

That hasn't happened this year, or last year, or the year before that. Since Jan. 1, we have received just 0.61 inches of rain, 2.11 inches less than normal. For the "water year" that started Oct. 1, we are at 8.54 inches, most of which came in a near-blizzard in late December. That storm gave us a nice white Christmas and hope for a wet winter at last — but since then, nothing. Normal for this time of year would be about 12 inches. And the long-term forecast doesn't look good.

The snow has melted except at the highest elevations and there is no precipitation in the extended forecast. According to the federal Drought Monitor map, we are on the border between Severe Drought and Extreme Drought. Just on the other side of the Cascades to the east, there is a huge

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- **1815:** NAPOLEON BONAPARTE ESCAPES FROM EXILE.
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ANSWER: CHERRIES

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**TART**

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Answers: 1. Cherry juice on top of pie 2. Extra cream 3. Fork 4. Missing syrup on plate

## How they SAY that in...

**ENGLISH:** Cherry

**SPANISH:** Cereza

**ITALIAN:** Ciliegia

**FRENCH:** Cerise

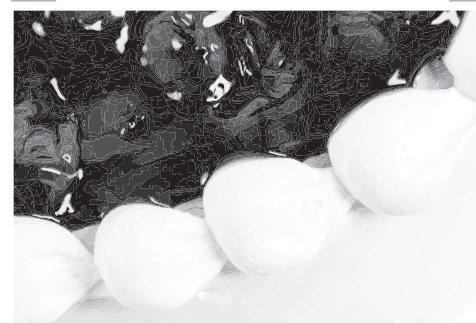
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## GET THE PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: CHERRY-TOPPED CAKE

# Writers

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 dark blob of Exceptional Drought, the highest category. These catastrophic drought conditions are unfortunately shared by Nevada, Utah, Montana, Colorado and New Mexico.

Should we be surprised when scientists tell us the West is the driest it's been in more than a thousand years?

On the Oregon-California border, the drought forced a complete shutdown of water deliveries to farmers in the Klamath Basin this year. The basin's great national wildlife refuges — used by 80 percent of the migrating ducks, geese and swans on the Pacific Flyway — are almost completely dry, their lakes nothing but expanses of cracked mud.

The Klamath River, normally fed by mountain snowpack, is running low and there are great fears of massive die-offs in salmon returning to spawn this summer.

Closer to home, the mountain

lakes that feed our streams and supply our irrigation districts are all at less than 10 percent full, just sad little puddles.

Looming over all this bad news is perhaps the biggest fear of all:

*Closer to home, the mountain lakes that feed our streams and supply our irrigation districts are all at less than 10 percent full, just sad little puddles.*

fire. Without snowpack to keep the mountain forest hydrated into the summer, the risk of wildfire is extreme. My town is nestled against conifer forests that come within a few hundred yards of the city limits. Our recent summers have been plagued by weeks of eye-burning smoke and, in 2020, a wind-driven fire devastated the Oregon towns of

Talent and Phoenix, even though they're surrounded by orchards.

Back in the moment, I sit on my deck, sip my tea and enjoy this glorious day. Each year, I know, gives us just a few days like this and when they come — whenever they come — they must be savored with gratitude. Yet this beautiful day carries the knowledge of what it may cost us in the months to come.

So, to whoever this prayer could be addressed, thank you for this day. Now, please, how about a few weeks of gray skies and wet snow?

*Pepper Trail is a contributor to Writers on the Range, writersontherange.org, a nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. He is an ecologist in Oregon. Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN.*

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# Important ways music education benefits students

Special to The PREVIEW

Music education plays an important role in childhood development and acquisition of skills in and out of the classroom.

Researchers increasingly are finding that “do-re-mi” may be just as essential to children’s development as “A-B-C.” Music education, which was once required in the classroom, is increasingly absent from school curriculums. However, proponents feel there should be a greater push for musical education as part of school curricula because of the many benefits students reap from music education.

## Taps into multiple skill sets

Music participation goes beyond playing an instrument or singing notes from a page. Experts at Music Together, an early childhood music development program, say that participating in music education involves many different skills, including listening, vision, fine motor skills, problem solving, and utilizing large and small muscle groups.

## Transformative effects

A growing body of research points to music for its transformative effects on youngsters. Participation in music education may help improve communication skills, foster better memory and help children focus their attention more effectively, according to the instrument retailer Zing Instru-

ments. Music may provide the common ground to unite children in pursuit of a common goal.

## Improves language skills

Neurobiologist Dr. Nina Kraus participated in “The Harmony Project,” which involved a series of experiments among second and third graders.

Kraus discovered conclusively that music enhanced sound processing and cognitive skills (memory and attention). Music helps students develop the left side of the brain, which is known for processing language.

A 2014 study by Arete Music Academy found children who study music tend to have larger vocabularies and more advanced reading skills than those who do not participate in music education.

## More consistent attendance rates

The National Association for Music Education determined that schools that offer music education have better attendance rates (93.3 percent) than those that don’t (84.9 percent).

## Higher grades

A study in The Journal for Research in Music Education found that students who participated in excellent music programs scored higher on tests in mathematics and English/language than students enrolled in lower-quality music programs or none at all. Researchers concluded there is a correlation

between music education and better retention of material.

## Support from parents and teachers

Both educators and parents strongly believe that music education has a positive impact on overall academic performance, indicates NAMM Foundation and Grunwald Associates LLC. They also feel that budget cuts in music education or deficits in supplies and insufficient allocation of resources is detrimental to students.

## Increased IQ scores

An experiment published in a 2004 issue of Psychological Science conducted by E. Glenn Schellenberg at The University of Toronto at Mississauga found that, over the course of nine months, 6-year-old participants who were given piano and voice lessons tested on average three IQ points higher than those who had drama lessons only or no lessons at all.

Music education plays an important role in the lives of students, paying dividends that might surprise even those devoted to ensuring school curriculums include it.

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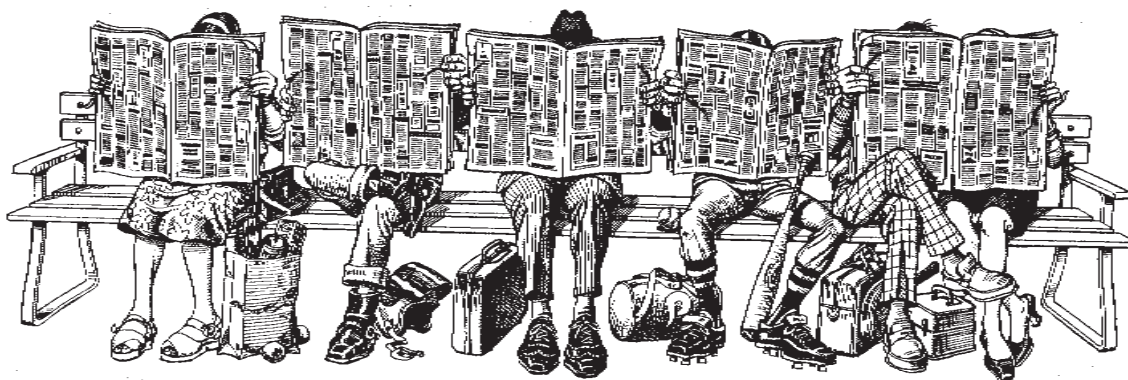
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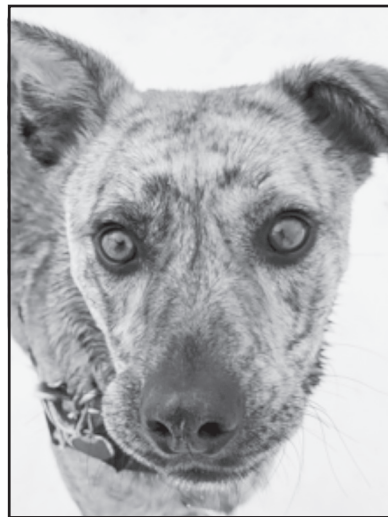
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**ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE.** Experienced Line Cooks Grill and Sauté. Hourly based on performance and experience minimum \$16 per hour. 4-5 nights. Must be able to work weekends and holidays. Send applications and resumes to [Contact@alleyhousegrille.com](mailto:Contact@alleyhousegrille.com) or stop by and speak with Chef Beau Tuesdays- Fridays, 1p.m.-4p.m.

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Our multimedia organization has an opening for advertising sales person. Willingness to learn various multimedia platforms and a desire for growth in this position are a must.

We are taking applications for a part-time (up to 30 hours per week) business development position.

Successful applicant will have computer experience, creativity, organizational skills and demonstrate proficiency with spelling and grammar. Ability to use Adobe InDesign is a plus.

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Submit your resume to [helpwanted@pagosasun.com](mailto:helpwanted@pagosasun.com) or drop off at 457 Lewis Street. Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. No phone calls.

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**SMALL HOTEL HIRING** part-time housekeeper, \$17/ hour. Must be flexible. Sign on bonus available. Call for details (970)731-5345.

**HOUSING COORDINATOR.** The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking to hire a Housing Coordinator. The individual selected for this position will be performing duties related to planning, directing, organizing, and controlling the administrative processes necessary to carry out the Town's workforce housing program. 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](http://www.pagosasprings.co.gov) and select Job Opportunities.

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

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**OFFICE MANAGER POSITION.** Our office manager is moving. Applicants should have experience in A/R, A/P, Payroll, Bookkeeping and other office skills. Position includes tow dispatching, billing, etc. Experience with QuickBooks or similar software. Email resume to [PiedraAuto@gmail.com](mailto:PiedraAuto@gmail.com) or apply in person at 505 County Road 600, Pagosa Springs.

**ROADRUNNER HEALTH SERVICES** is looking for EMT/ Paramedic/ LPN for FT, PT and PRN positions at Rio Arriba County Detention Center in Tierra Amarilla. Housing is offered with no fee. Wages: Basic EMT \$22-\$23 per hour, Intermediate EMT \$24-\$25 per hour, Paramedic EMT \$26-\$27 per hour, and LPN \$35-\$40 per hour. Apply at [roadrunnerhealthservices.com](http://roadrunnerhealthservices.com) website. Call Lindy, Office Manager, at (575)588-7350 or email [l.dugar@roadrunnerhealthservicesnm.com](mailto:l.dugar@roadrunnerhealthservicesnm.com) for more information.

**PART-TIME MASSAGE THERAPIST-Healing Waters Resort & Spa** is looking for a licensed therapist who would like to work Saturday & Sunday and possibly some late afternoon/evening hours. We are a small but busy resort with a friendly team of therapists and staff in place. We are looking for someone who enjoys their work, is genuinely interested in the health and well-being of their clients and who is looking for a place that is the right fit for them. Medical or sports therapy background is a plus. If this sounds like you, let's talk! Email Kanaka at [sales@pshotsprings.com](mailto:sales@pshotsprings.com) or drop your resume by Healing Waters Resort & Spa at 317 Hot Springs Blvd.

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**SUB-CONTRACTORS WANTED!** Living Space Design & Construction is currently booking our 2022 build season and we are looking for high quality, skilled, motivated contractors to help us build our custom home lineup. Looking for: Excavation, concrete, framing, roof and siding contractors. Interior trim, painters, flooring and more. All Sub-Contractors must be insured and ready for a busy season. Please contact our office at: [LivingSpaceDandC@gmail.com](mailto:LivingSpaceDandC@gmail.com) (970)903-0520.

**CDL DRIVERS NEEDED:** Vacation pay, 401k, PTO for birthdays, flexible hours, competitive pay rates, year round work. Drivers needed for material and equipment hauling. (970)585-1021, ext. 2 or apply in person at 172 Goldmine Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO.

**NEW OPENING: ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NEW CAREER?** If you are a self starter, with the ability to multi-task, The Pagosa Springs SUN has an opportunity for you with our multimedia organization. Successful applicant will have computer experience, creativity, organizational skills and demonstrate proficiency with spelling and grammar, ability to use Adobe InDesign is a plus. We are currently taking applications for a part-time advertising position up to 30 hours per week. Position offers salary, plus commission. Reliable transportation is a must. If you like getting out in the community, meeting new business owners and developing relationships, this is the perfect job for you. We offer a fun and challenging, team-oriented work environment. Email your resume to [helpwanted@pagosasun.com](mailto:helpwanted@pagosasun.com). Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. No phone calls, please.

**JONES MECHANICAL. EXPERIENCE PREFERRED** but will train right person. Excellent opportunity to learn the HVAC trade. (970)731-3046.

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**NORTH PAGOSA MARATHON** is hiring a full-time cashier and a full-time deli cook. Deli hours are Monday thru Friday, 5a.m.-1p.m. Please come apply in person at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

**SAN JUAN BOCES** is seeking a full- or part-time OT/COTA position for the 2022/23 school year. To apply, visit: [www.sjboces.org](http://www.sjboces.org).

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**NOW HIRING FOR A PART-TIME HOME HEALTH RN ROLE IN PAGOSA SPRINGS!** Work where you are encouraged to live your purpose at Centura Health. Our RN role helps build whole person care and flourishing communities. We are now offering a \$20,000 sign on bonus for qualified external applicants with a minimum of 1 year of experience. Enjoy highly competitive pay, comprehensive insurance (includes medical, dental and vision), 401 (k) plan with generous match, a supportive team and opportunities to grow. This role requires a Nursing Diploma or Associates Degree, a current state nursing license or a RN license from a participating state in the National Licensure Compact, BLS American Heart Association and a valid Driver License. One year of RN experience is preferred. Learn more and apply at: <https://qrco.de/RNhomehealth>.

**COLORADO DREAM HOMES** is looking for a few quality team members. High end starting wages for crew work, excellent incentives for leads. Whether you are entry level or experienced in framing, painting, exterior or interior finish, we have a place for you. We are custom home builders with a 27-year tradition of providing high quality homes and quality jobs in Archuleta County. We offer full-time work (40 hours and optional overtime), weekly pay, paid time off/ holiday pay, performance and annual bonuses. Come by our offices at 2283 Eagle Drive to fill out an application or call (970)731-3071 for more information.



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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR.** The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking to hire a Community Development Director. The individual selected for this position will oversee the major functions of the Town's Community Development Department which includes the Planning Division, Building and Fire Safety Division, and the Town's workforce housing activities. 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.pagosaprices.co.gov](http://www.pagosaprices.co.gov) and select Job Opportunities.

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Several Building Sites  
2620 & 2676  
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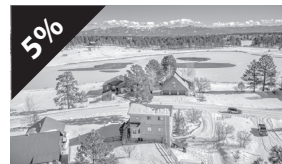
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