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Arrest investigation complete, deputies resign

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office announced Tuesday that it had finished its investigations into a Feb. 7 arrest.

Those investigations determined there were sheriff's office policy violations on the part of one of the officers involved, with other claims over use of force and failure to intervene determined to be "unfounded," according to Sheriff Rich Valdez and Undersheriff Mike Le Roux.

"On Monday, Feb. 7, 2022, our officer responded to a parking complaint within the county that resulted in the arrest of Mr. Gerald

Manzanares," Valdez said Tuesday. "Shortly after the incident the sheriff's office got note of it and immediately began reviewing the facts of the case and ... were made aware of a video that was circulating on social media that was depicting a portion of the arrest."

The family released the video and voiced concerns over the incident and the arrest.

The Sixth Judicial District Attorney's Office dismissed the case, with District Attorney Christian Champagne explaining in an email to The SUN that his office "felt that the original infraction did not justify an arrest, and that it was in the interests of justice to dismiss the case."

Le Roux previously explained the incident

was "immediately flagged for review" because the ACSO has a "response to resistance" form that is completed by deputies.

That form is then typically looked at and routed through the office's command-level staff, he noted.

"It wasn't anything different to how we would look into if more than one deputy's involved for a situation that occurred at a call for service," he said previously.

Valdez explained Tuesday that both of the deputies involved in the incident were placed on paid administrative leave until the conclu-

■ See Investigation A8

Fred C. Harman III Judicial Facility slated to open Monday

Eaton Drive offices will be closed March 3 and 4, judicial district lifts COVID restrictions

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

County and district court proceedings will again be held in Archuleta County beginning next week.

The county's new facility at 109 Harman Park Drive, formally dubbed the Fred C. Harman III Judicial Facility, is set to open to the public at 8 a.m. on Monday, March 7.

In the fall of 2017, all court activity for Archuleta County Court and

the Sixth Judicial District moved to Durango due concerns with the air quality in the Archuleta County Courthouse.

According to emails from Eric Hogue, court executive for the Sixth Judicial District, the new facility will be open to the public Monday for all court and probation services.

The initial hours for the Clerk of Court's Office will be 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., he reported, and the initial hours for probation will be 8 a.m.

■ See Facility A8



February Follies

SUN photos/Randi Pierce

Saturday's inaugural February Follies, put on by Curtains Up Pagosa, featured a number of local dancers showing off their talents.

Health department, county discuss future

By **Josh Pike**
Staff Writer

At its Feb. 24 meeting, the San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) Board of Health (BoH) heard an update from Archuleta County Commissioner Alvin Schaaf on the county's plans concerning the health district.

Schaaf said, "It's the same as last time, and I don't know that the [Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC)] is gonna make a decision to leave. I don't know that it takes a decision to go away."

He continued, "But, I would, per the recommendations of our committee that we put together, just ... stress the importance of open communication and maybe movin' forward to the requests that we had that we sent. ... We know we're not going to get everything, but let's try to make this a better relationship and

if it takes better communication, I'm open to it, to better communication, but I don't see any reason to move away. It's worked for a long time. We're just askin' for a few things, and I think it's well within our rights to ask ..."

La Plata County Commissioner and BoH member Marsha Porter-Norton asked Schaaf for clarification, reviewing the conclusions and requests of the Health District Investigative Committee (HDIC) before inquiring, "Is it the commissioner position that you are definitively staying in the district?"

She continued, "Where I'm coming from on this is I think that it's important that we're putting some kind of marker down about stay or go. And I think I understood you correctly that you're interested in staying, but ... you are saying we can improve the communication. And that's where you're landing on? Am I right?"

Schaaf responded, "That's correct."

Schaaf raised the concern that Archuleta County wishes for the BoH bylaws be changed to allow alternates voting privileges since attending meetings is sometimes not possible for the appointed commissioner.

Michael Goldman, lawyer for SJBPH, responded "The statute calls for one representative from each county and our bylaws follow that. And, obviously, the reason for that is to make sure that there is the consistency with the membership ... attending meetings and understanding what's going on between each meeting. So, it has been the position of SJBPH that one representative from each county board should be involved ..."

Goldman then raised concerns that changing this approach could lead to the members of the board not being engaged with the issue

■ See Health A8

'Avoiding a spill' Sanitation board ratifies emergency pump purchase

By **Dorothy Elder**
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District (PSSGID) Board of Directors ratified an emergency pump purchase Tuesday evening after Public Works Director Martin Schmidt expressed great concern over the district's current pump infrastructure.

The existing pumps at the district's sanitation lift stations have long-been problematic, Schmidt explained. This knowledge caused the PSSGID to sign a contract to provide all new pumps for the lift stations in August of 2021.

In addition, some retrofitted pumps were purchased by district staff two years ago as an interim solution for the pump problem, Schmidt stated.

The retrofitted pumps have all failed since their installation. The

remaining pumps continue to have issues with seals, bearings and electrical components. Some of the pumps are able to be repaired by a certified pump technician, but some are not able to be repaired due to the way they failed, he explained.

Together, these strains on the system have caused electrical and odor issues, according to Schmidt.

Worse, a full system-failure could result in a spill, Schmidt warned.

Currently, the district is down to its last spare pump, but there are some complications with using it. Long wait times for some critical components, like a six-week wait for seals needed for installation, have rendered it an unrealistic emergency option, he explained.

Further, the pumps that quali-

■ See Spill A8

Town council approves grant application for workforce housing

By **Dorothy Elder**
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council unanimously approved Resolution 2022-02 at its March 1 meeting, signifying its support of a grant application that would help create a 35-acre workforce housing development within the Mountain Crossings subdivision.

This comes after town staff submitted a letter of interest to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs for its "1271 Affordable Hous-

ing Development Incentives Grant Program." The department then issued town staff a formal invitation to submit a grant application, Planning Director James Dickhoff explained.

If awarded, the grant would assist with installing infrastructure for the development, Dickhoff explained. This infrastructure would be the first phase of the development's construction, and would include the extension of water, sewer,

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OUR VIEW

Looking forward to spring

Spring is in the air in Pagosa County.

We have enjoyed warmer temperatures in the 50s this week. There's been plenty of melting snow and sloppy mud.

However, March can be the snowiest month of the year, and rain and snow are in the forecast for Friday into Sunday.

Even with the pending change in weather, there are some bright things to look forward to.

Friday is the first Fish Fry of the season for the Knights of Columbus. The dinners are served every Friday from March 4 through April 8.

These folks can really fry up some delicious fish.

You won't want to miss out on that delicious fish served with homemade French fries, coleslaw and hush puppies. They offer takeout, drive thru and indoor dining.

The fish fry is the perfect example of a successfully supported community event. The Knights have worked together to coordinate the effort since 1996. This year marks the 26th year of this event and your money goes to a good cause.

Organizing such an event for that length of time is challenging to say the least. Events require dedicated volun-

teers and enthusiastic participants in order to be successful and endure for so many years.

Another event slated for Friday night is the kickoff of the Pagosa Springs Lady Pirates hosting the regional tournament Friday and Saturday. The Lady Pirates will play Valley on Friday at 5 p.m., with Colorado Springs Christian competing against Moffat County at 6:30 p.m.

The winners of those two games will play on Saturday at 1 p.m.

In an interesting side note here, the Lady Pirates made their first-ever appearance in the Class 3A Girls Basketball Championships 25 years ago on March 6, 1997. You can read more about that in Legacies to the right of this column.

With spring comes melting ice, too.

And when you start noticing melting ice on local lakes, the Pagosa Springs Rotary Club's annual Ice Melt Contest gets underway.

Now is the time to submit your guess for when the ice will melt and the huge drum will sink.

The Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA) and the Pagosa Fire Protection District help in the effort to situate the drum on frozen Lake Hatcher.

As the temperatures increase and

the ice melts, the drum will fall through the ice and the attached clock will stop working, signaling the date and time the contest ends.

The three closest guesses are winners. The winners will receive \$1,000 for first place, \$500 for second place and \$250 for third place.

It's time for you to get your tickets and make your prediction for when the barrel will fall.

Contact any Rotarian or get tickets thru the PLPOA Administration Office, PLPOA Rec Center, Chamber of Commerce, Chokeycherry Tree or Ski and Bow Rack. Online purchases can be made at www.pagosaspringsrotary.org. Tickets for your guesses are \$5 each, \$20 for 5, \$40 for 10 and \$100 for 30.

The deadline for ticket purchases is March 17 at 11:59 p.m., unless the barrel falls before then.

Proceeds support the Rotary Scholarship Fund. The club has funded over \$20,000 a year, for over 25 years, to deserving students.

Before you know it, summer will be here. The Pagosa Springs Town Council voted on Tuesday to move ahead with plans for the fireworks and parade on the Fourth of July.

There's plenty to look forward to in Pagosa Country.
Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
March 3, 1922

So many of the small towns are installing the radio sets of wireless telephones that the question of getting in line is being discussed by a good many in Pagosa Springs. There is no cost of maintaining it after it is installed and a set large enough for any building in Pagosa Springs will cost not to exceed \$175.00, so it looks like it would be a good investment for some organization here.

Joe Clay and family have moved from the McCartney ranch east of town into the Himes property in the park. Henry Duncan moved Wednesday to the McCartney ranch where he will have charge the coming season.

Floyd Vader is now convalescent from a siege of typhoid fever. His younger brother, Romey, is now seriously ill with the disease.

W.R. Maloy, mayor of Bayfield, returned to his home Saturday after a week spent at Debs where he has ranch and cattle interests.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
March 7, 1947

In a crowded room at the courthouse last Friday, scores of papers were signed and the REA took over officially from the New Light and Power Co. the Pagosa Springs utility. For a reported price of \$60,000 the REA through its unit, the La Plata Electric Assn., purchased the plant, distribution lines and acquired the franchise.

M.D. Smilay, previously reported as purchaser of the Pagosa Company interests here, has returned to his home in Detroit. According to the best information available, Mr. Smilay held an option to make the purchase of the property here, including the liquor store, hotel, theatre and other property. He still holds the option, according to those familiar with company interests here.

Rod Blacker and Amos Padilla, both members of the Town Team, have been picked to play in an all-star game for the benefit of the Durango hospital. It will be played Saturday night at 8:15 in the Smiley gym in Durango. The Towners lost to Dolores this week, and dropped a hot one to the Ft. Lewis Independents. The independent team tourney starts Tuesday night in Durango.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
March 3, 1972

The Pagosa Pirates are in Denver this weekend playing in the State Class A championship finals in basketball. The squad won its way into the state playoffs last weekend at a district tournament in Durango. They defeated Ridgway and Dolores in the games there. The previous week the Pirates won the sub-district conference. They are also San Juan Basin A League champions in the season's play.

Construction work on U.S. 160 near Turkey Creek is going ahead at a rapid pace. It is now estimated that work there will have progressed to the point where repairs to the town water supply line may start within two weeks. The section of the highway there started sliding last year and eventually required complete rebuilding of a fill. The town water main was in the fill and standby plant operations have been in use since the project started.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
March 6, 1997

The Pagosa Springs Lady Pirates make their first-ever appearance in the Class 3A Girls Basketball Championships of the Colorado High School Activities Association today. The Class 3A championships are being played at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. The Lady Pirates (19-2) advanced to the state finals thanks to their 61-42 win over the Meeker Cowgirls in their regional play-off game in Mamie Lynch Gymnasium Saturday night.

Archuleta County Commissioners will meet with the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council next Tuesday afternoon to discuss the council's plans on developing a gambling facility in Archuleta County at the juncture of Colo. 151 and U.S. 160. While the preliminary plans call for a gas station, a convenience store and a small slot parlor containing 30-slot machines. Commissioner Bob Formwalt said Tuesday he "would like to meet with them (the tribal council) regarding immediate plans, and to also hear about their long-term plans."



From the July 11, 1974, Pagosa Springs SUN.

BEAR POWER — Smokey the Bear had transportation in the Red Ryder Roundup parade this year as he circulated along the parade route warning observers of the extreme fire hazards on the San Juan National Forest.

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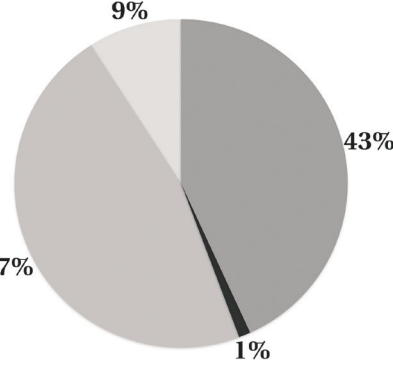
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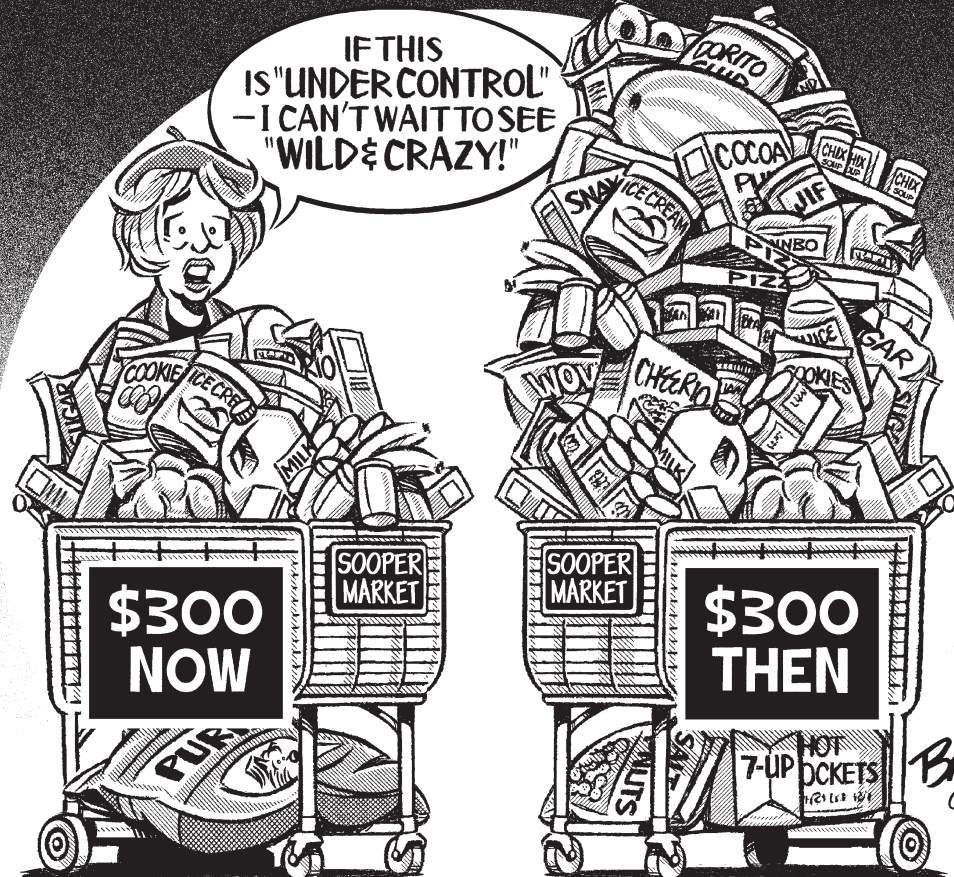
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Vote no on Question A

Dear Editor:
Recent letters supporting "Ballot Question A" presented false equivalencies. The premise that STR's only pay a residential property tax rate of 7.15% ignores the fact that STR's also pay nearly 9% in Occupancy & Sales Tax for each rental. STR owners are paying significantly more in taxes. This comparison ignores that our guests pay the bulk of sales tax collected at local businesses, while creating jobs and income for local residents.

Suggesting that STR's should pay the 29% Commercial Tax Rate is ridiculous and purports that STR's should pay the same rate as Walmart? No STR owner generates the revenues and profit of Walmart. Most are trying to break even or generate modest income to make their future retirement homes economically viable for their personal enjoyment in their later years.

This argument that STR's are causing low income housing shortages in Pagosa is false. Property values and rents have exploded all over the country. These are national issues and STR's are not the cause. "Question A" is a false pretense to the housing challenge; it is a thinly veiled attempt to shut down STR's. It is fantasy to think that STR owners are obligated to subsidize rents for low income populations. I've actually done that in Pagosa and it didn't work out well; the tenants didn't respect the property and cost us far more in repairs. STR owners are not going to sell their primary retirement investment properties at a 50-75% discount to solve the low income housing challenge. What we will do as middle class owners, is sell our properties at their inflated current market values to a wealthier class of owners who will let those properties sit empty most of the year, when they could be housing tourists with discretionary income to spend in Pagosa.

The letter about the history of STRs in this community was relevant. Other than Walmart, what significant employer or commercial business has opened here since the San Juan Lumber Company

closed down in the 1980's? The only growth industry in this community of significance over the past 40 years has been tourism. STRs are economic incubators that support your primary economic engine, which is tourism.

Perhaps consider paying workers a living wage so they can afford a home. Or apply appropriate resources of the entire community (not just placing the burden on STRs) to redistribute wealth by subsidizing housing. Is affordable housing really the issue? Perhaps a minority of malcontents just want to get rid of STRs and the "outsiders" that own them.

"Question A" proposes charging \$5,400/year for a 3 bedroom STR to pay for affordable housing. Unfortunately, after ownership expenses and employing local residents for housekeeping/management services and supporting local businesses for repairs/improvements, most STR owners will not break even and will cease to operate STRs under these onerous excise taxes. My question to you is, once the majority of STRs shutdown, where will you get your "revenue source" to pay for the affordable housing? Vote "NO" on Question A.

Jim Browne

Russian attack

Dear Editor:

The Russian attack on a sovereign democracy was an attack on all democracies of the world. It is an attack on the rule of law and free people across the globe. Unfortunately, we have members of the Republican Party and right wing media actively supporting Putin's move. It's not surprising since the Republican Party has been attacking democracy in this country for years now with voter suppression laws and the ridiculous support of the "big lie" that the 2020 election was stolen.

Russia is a mob run state with Putin as boss and oligarchs as his underlings. He supports their businesses as long as he gets a cut of the action. Like Putin, Trump has no respect for the rule of law, democratic norms or people's rights and wanted to run the US like Putin rules Russia.

His second impeachment was for the very fact he held up arms shipments to Ukraine early in his administration and had advisors that were actively working with the Russians to undermine Ukraine's independence and the NATO Alliance. He even entertained Russian spies and oligarchs in the White House.

Fortunately, the NATO alliance and European Union members have come together in response to this invasion. Usually neutral Switzerland along with other non NATO

members such as Sweden and Norway have joined the sanctions response. Even Germany is shipping arms to another country, Ukraine, for the first time since WWII. At the same time, Tucker Carlson, other right wing media personalities and a number of Republican Senators and Representatives are attempting to undermine the effort. Ronald Reagan is probably turning over in his grave because of his party's flip flop on Russian aggression.

Ukraine was once incorporated into the USSR but became a free country upon the USSR's break up. Ukraine had free elections to rid itself of the Soviet yoke and deserves our support to continue to be a free nation. More than fear of NATO, Putin fears free people and democracies on his borders as the threat to his autocratic rule.

Dave Butcher

Opposing Ballot Question A

Dear Editor:

I am writing as a Pagosa Springs property owner in opposition to Ballot Question A (Ordinance 974) to be voted on April 5.

The affordable housing issue is both a town and county issue which impacts all aspects of the area, and will not be resolved by extraordinarily taxing a small percentage of private property owners. Resolutions will only be found through the county and town working together to find a solution to be shared by the community at large since the whole community benefits from the solution.

The organization that wrote this proposed Ordinance stated their desire was for short term property owners to "pay their fair share". In the most recent Town Council meeting the 2021 lodging tax collections were reviewed, which reflected short term rental properties contributed 35% of the tax collected or \$350,000. Additionally, the city received half of community sales tax receipts of \$17.4 Million or \$8.6 Million for 2021. Owners and guests of short-term rental properties made expenditures which generated portions of these sales tax revenues. Also, there are associated fees already paid to

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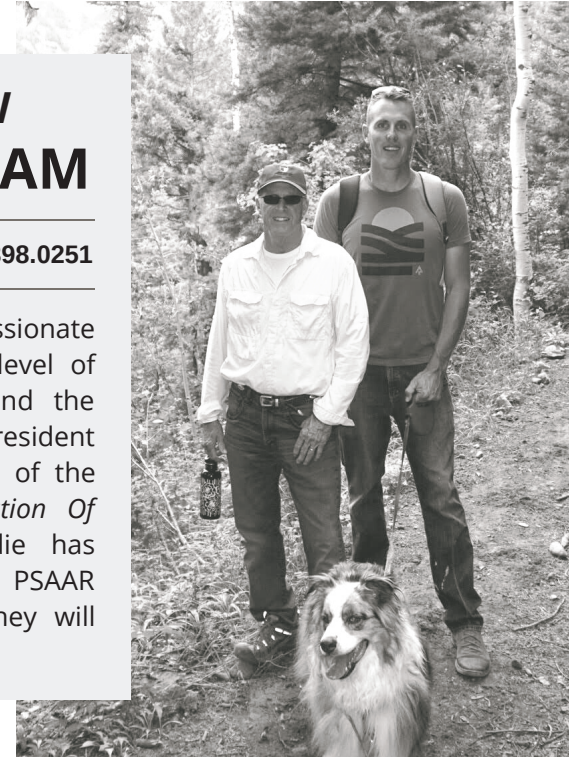
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 the town for the right to operate a short-term rental. Finally, these property owners would have paid property taxes in the ball park of \$250,000. With the lodging tax, sales tax revenues, property tax and other associated fees this group of private property owners has made a "fair share" contribution to the finances of the Town of Pagosa.

The majority of private property owners that use the short-term rental market to defray the cost of owning their property did not purchase their property as an investment for short term rental purposes. They purchased the home for themselves, their family and friends to own due to their desire to enjoy what Pagosa Springs has to offer as their main motivation.

My wife and I purchased our property primarily for personal use, with personal days of use far exceeding short term rental days last year. We used the short-term rental to defray some of the cost of home ownership, and netted enough funds for the year to pay for a couple tanks of gas. I believe I can state that if you had conversations with the approximately 150 property owners who own short term rental properties, a majority would be in the same situation wherein private use far exceeds short term rental use and they operate at a negative cash flow or small positive in the majority of cases.

In closing, I am requesting the citizens of Pagosa to vote no on this proposed ordinance to continue to support local businesses, and the financial life blood of the community, which is tourism.

Thanks for taking time to read this letter.

Jim Drumwright

STRs: Pagosa's industry

Dear Editor:
 I have lived in Pagosa Springs since 1999 and have been in the short-term rental business since 2000, years before VRBO and Air B&B became well-known. Providing STR's is a fun business that allows meeting people from all parts of the Country. They are visiting Pagosa Springs for a few days or a week and having a great time discovering the pleasures that we full timers get to experience every day. They are happy and love being here in Pagosa Springs. That's the same way I and many of your

readers discovered this beautiful place to live.

Having family in Oklahoma and Texas, my wife and I travel a lot through the county sides of Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. We are saddened by all the empty small towns that once flourished with activity but now are basically ghost towns. Beautiful old masonry brick and stone buildings that are now empty and lifeless. Closed and boarded up stores, restaurants, and all sorts of businesses that now only have a faded sign of a business that once flourished in that location. Big glass windows with nothing behind them except empty space. Why is this the case?

These small towns lost the industry that built them. Now they struggle and slowly deteriorate without enough businesses and sales tax revenues to support them. Families are forced to move away because there are no jobs. They have no supporting industry. The Town simply Dies. No one wants that for Pagosa, I hope.

Pagosa's one and only real "Industry" is tourism. There are, apparently, people that want to make our tourism industry suffer. The industry we must have, to support this town, is under attack by those that want to stymie Tourism by limiting how many STR's we can have in our town and charge outrageous fees to STR owners that provide the beds for Tourist's that play here, spend their money here, and support our Town.

I am a business owner and I'm speaking for most businesses in Pagosa. When the tourists are not here, Pagosa businesses lose money...every day. And, every day until the Tourists' return. I employ over 40 hardworking Pagosans. Without Tourists, I would have to close and over 40 great people would lose their jobs. Multiply that by many other businesses in town. Pagosa would soon be one of those empty, suffering towns.

Affordable housing. Yes, we have a big problem with a shortage of housing for the hard workers of Pagosa Springs. Tourism has increased by 300% in the last 12 years. Tourists have brought a lot of sales tax revenue to Pagosa Springs. We should be setting aside a portion of those increased sales tax revenues or implement a small increase in the sales tax rate, (largely paid by Tourists) for the purpose of subsidizing housing for people that have jobs and work in this community. Please Vote "NO". Don't let Pagosa's "Industry" be damaged.

Bob Hart

Forest health and Boebert

Dear Editor:
 I would make a guess that forest health in Colorado is of widespread concern. None of us like to see out of control beetle kill damage and wildfires, and the resulting damage of fire: mudslides, and soil erosion, and polluted skies. On this much we agree.

These concerns become muddled when political blaming enter the picture. Rep Lauren Boebert's campaign tries to persuade that she is a hero of forests. According to her new ad campaign, the "real" enemy of forest's is "ecoterrorism" and "far-left lawsuits".

She neglects to mention two important facts in her attributing cause to the problem. One: climate change has vastly increased the drought conditions in the Southwest. Higher temperatures and lower amount of precipitation enable the pine beetle population to explode in numbers. Heightened warming also increases the size, duration, and severity of wildfires. Two- Boebert also neglected to mention she personally benefits from gas and oil industry revenue. Last year news broke that her hus-

band's income as a consultant for the fossil fuels industry was not reported on her campaign disclosure forms, amounting to close to one million dollars in a two-year period. I am guessing that sum of money would not slip my mind very easily.

I am also guessing this is a case of conflict of interest, as her reputation as a forest health advocate would be diminished as a forest destroying carbon pollution greenhouse gas contributor.

Jo Kopke

Biden's debacles

Dear Editor:
 With the Russian invasion injuring and killing men, women and children in the Ukraine, we again are seeing the results of a weak American president. After the Afghanistan debacle, our enemies all around the world have decided to take advantage of our leader. One would think that Democrat Biden's regime would have learned some lessons from Afghanistan, but alas no. According to the Wall Street Journal (WSJ) we have again abandoned 400 Ukrainian U.S. Embassy workers while American workers were evacuated. As is happening in Afghanistan, these people could be executed.

In addition to the human tragedy unfolding in Ukraine, Americans are experiencing some fallout from these events. This has shown up in another jump in gasoline, natural gas and propane prices that burden lower income families. According to the WSJ Biden said, "I will do anything in my power to limit the pain the American people are feeling at the gas pump." Alas, this is not true. If it were, Biden would quit trying to stop oil and gas drilling on public land thus restricting new supplies of oil and gas to Americans. As any fifth grader knows, if you increase the supply of something (finding new oil and gas), the price goes down.

However, Biden did take one step to get gas prices down by asking Russia to increase oil production. Hmm. A thinking person might wonder why our president would encourage our enemy to increase oil production while trying to reduce our oil production.

In any event, the debacles of the Biden regime continue. One shudders to think about what will happen next to Taiwan as the Chinese now know we will do nothing. Our only hope is to vote Biden's Democrats out of office this November. Until then, the question remains: "How many more debacles and needless loss of life will occur?"

Charles Newton

Acting on what we know

Dear Editor:
 Over the last few months, I have asked the motoring public to join the Colorado State Patrol in driving down the number of fatalities on our State's roadways. While I firmly believe this effort can only be realized through a majority of our drivers consciously participating through safe driving behavior, I also want to share how your Colorado State Patrol members are taking action.

Law enforcement agencies across the nation are experiencing the same strain on their workforce that most industries are facing, so the Patrol is working strategically to do more with less. We have leaned into what our agency's crash investigation data is telling us, so we can focus our enforcement on the most predictable behaviors that cause serious crashes in Colorado.

In addition, we are advancing our use of data to pinpoint where and when crashes are most prevalent. In late 2021, the Colorado State Patrol initiated surge operations in predictable, high crash

areas and these efforts yielded the best possible result – no fatalities in those areas.

Troopers continue to couple what we learn from our data with their knowledge of local traffic patterns and problem areas. This complete approach, allows our members to build a more impactful enforcement plan and remain visible. Yet, we will always need your partnership.

As we continually improve what we can gain from our data, implement intermittent surge operations and steadily grow back our number of troopers, we also have to accept that the quality of our lives greatly depends on individuals.

Drivers collectively decide how safe or how dangerous our roadways will be each time the ignition turns over. Whether there are 100 Colorado State Troopers or 10,000, there will never be a law enforcement officer at every mile marker to catch every bad action.

Your Colorado State Patrol will commit to working smarter with every resource at our disposal, now, this is where you come in. Join us in making Colorado a safe place to drive again.

Col. Matthew C. Packard
 Chief of the Colorado State Patrol

Ukraine

Dear Editor:
 In the time I spent in the Ukraine I came to admire this peoples' endurance, peacefulness, and courage. From the devastation of Stalin's famine to the rage of Putin's insanity they have persevered with grace and humility. We owe it to this nation to support it's right to exist as a free people, free to be what its citizens desire just as we desire for ourselves, from Kyiv to Kharkiv to Odesa. After all, are we not brothers?

As the Ukraine poet laureate Taras Shevchenko wrote in The Plundered Mound: Placid earth, O my dear land/ O my dear Ukraine/ Why have you been plundered.

And shame, shame on those who cheer for its defeat.

Terry Pickett

Successes

Dear Editor:
 Congratulations to the Democrat Party: Successes of the past year:

- Runaway Inflation (Gas bills up 70%)
- Runaway Debt - over 30 trillion Dollars
- Millions of Illegal immigrants invading the USA.
- Flood of drugs across the Southern Border
- 100,000+ deaths from Fentanyl made in Mexico from Chinese ingredients
- Total defeat in Afghanistan; Taliban captures billions in arms
- Abandonment of energy independence to OPEC and Russia
- Stopping of drilling for oil on public lands, making oil shortages worse
- Exploding crime and murder in Democrat controlled cities
- Covid phobia and irrational lockdowns with CDC politicization
- Cancellation of Operation Warp Speed increasing spread of Covid
- Creating American weakness, prompting the invasion of Ukraine by Putin

Please, no more Democratic Party Successes.

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Obituaries

Virginia Ellen Northrop Inkoff

Virginia Ellen Northrop Inkoff, 89, of Indianapolis, passed away on Feb. 17, surrounded by family. She was born on Dec. 14, 1932, in Clinton, Ind., to the late Albert H. and Florence (Satterlee) Northrop. Her father was a Methodist minister and a career Air Force chaplain. She grew up in Indiana, Ill., New York and England. Virginia graduated from Orange County Community College, New York and Saint Vincent's Radiography in Indianapolis. She worked as an X-ray technician and office manager for Dr. Leo Kammen and Methodist Occupational Health for 35 years. Virginia was a member of the Irvington United Methodist Church. She loved to spend time with her family and was engaged in civic organizations.



Virginia was active in Smyrna and held many leadership positions including the Maharani role. Virginia had previously been very active in the American Legion Auxiliary. She was a lifelong animal lover who never met a dog, cat or domesticated skunk she did not love, while making several her beloved pets.

Virginia married Pete Garza in October 1952 at Marlboro, England. With Pete, she had three children. In July 1963, Virginia married Thomas L. Simpson, who worked for the U.S. Postal Service. Tom died in 1971. In August 1989, she married George Inkoff, who operated Inkoff Tavern in Indianapolis. George died in 2007.

Virginia is survived by her children, Andrea Berg, James Garza, and Robert Garza; grandchildren Michelle Henry, Amy Slater, Roberto Garza, Joshua Thornburgh, Amanda Greene-Kaufman, Michael Berg, Nydia Saltsman, Terry Berg and David Garza. She leaves 21 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. Virginia is also survived by a sister, Eleanor Hall, of Indianapolis; a brother, Albert W. (Karen) Northrop, of Pagosa Springs, Colo.; and a brother, Joseph S. (Lynne) Northrop, of Huntington, Ind., as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her husbands, all mentioned above; her sister, Florence E. Mote; and grandson Gregory William Bennett.

Visitation was Monday, Feb. 28, at Legacy Cremation and Funeral Services, 5215 N. Shadeland Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

Robert D. Lindner Sr.

Bob Lindner was born Aug. 5, 1920, in Dayton, Ohio, to Carl and Clara Lindner. He was the second of

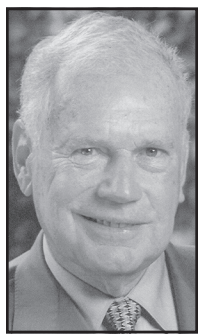
four children: Carl Jr., Richard and Dorothy (Kreuzman). The family moved to Indianapolis and later Cincinnati, as his father started dairy businesses in each city, with varying success. They were a very close, hardworking family that required everyone's involvement to make their ventures successful. During the great depression, Bob dropped out of Withrow School after the eighth grade to work full time in order to support the family business. He was always proud of the fact that a kid who never graduated high school could end up being successful in the business world. The family finally found success when they opened United Dairy Farmers in 1940. Bob's sister, Dorothy, always said the "United" in UDF was chosen to represent the family unity necessary to find success.

In 1942, Bob joined the Army Air Corp and was trained as a weatherman/cryptographer. He was eventually stationed in the South Pacific. It was the military that instilled his life-long dedication to physical fitness, a practice he kept up until his final days, through a weekly schedule of home fitness instructors. His military experience also established his love of country and support for our veterans. He was an active supporter of the USO and was proudly awarded "the spirit of hope." Bob was stationed on the islands of Guam and Saipan before returning home on the USS West Virginia after three years of service.

It was also the war that led to the introduction of his future wife. An Army buddy gave him the name of a girl he knew from El Paso, who had recently moved to Hamilton, Ohio. Bob and Betty (Johnston) Lindner were later married and were inseparable as they spent the next 66 years raising four boys. They loved traveling the world with friends and family, boating in Florida and enjoying the majestic beauty of Colorado.

Bob spent his early years at UDF managing milk and ice cream production. He was instrumental in R&D, developing ice cream flavors, hot fudge and UDF malt base. Under the leadership of Carl Jr., the company ventured into other businesses, including Thriftway Supermarkets, Hunter Savings and Loan, Provident Bank and American Financial. As the business and families grew, the brothers went in different directions and Bob remained at UDF, his first business love. He oversaw UDF's operations until what he would refer to as "his proudest moment," when his sons were old enough to join him and eventually oversee the business.

A family camping trip to Colorado in 1969 exposed Bob to the



beauty of the Rocky Mountains. He fell in love with the western way of life and spent the next several decades acquiring over 15,000 acres of ranch land in northern and southern Colorado. He often referred to them as "his Rembrandts." Establishing the land as a cattle ranch operation, Bob discovered his passion for ranching. Bob was a steward of the land and was committed to maintaining the ranching heritage. Preserving these properties from development became a priority that led him to place the land into a conservation easement, establishing his "legacy of the west," by protecting it from future development.

Most importantly, Bob's life was defined by his faith. His life-long dedication to Christ started as a young boy, was strengthened during the war and grew even deeper through his marriage to Betty. He was a generous man who realized his good fortune came by blessings from God. As a result, he spent his energy and resources sharing this message in an effort to lead others to expand their Christian faith. He was honored to be awarded the Masonic 33rd Degree.

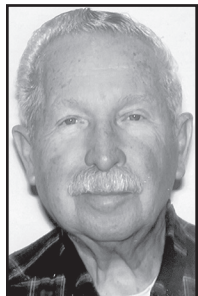
Bob passed on early Wednesday morning, Feb. 16, in his home surrounded by his four boys. He was 101.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Johnston Lindner. He is survived by children: Robert (Paula) Lindner Jr., Jeff Lindner, Brad (Marsha) Lindner, David (Joann) Lindner; grandchildren: Jolie Lindner, Jill (JP) Boldt, Trisha Flynn, Robert (Kali) Lindner III, Leela (Martin) Metz, Sita Lindner, Emma (John) Gill, Will (Lee) Lindner, Sadie Lindner, Avery Lindner, Andrew Lindner, John Lindner; great-grandchildren: Olivia, Nate, Keira, Hayden, Campbell, Brooks, Thea, Trevor, Huxley, Piper, Frankie and Arlo.

A private visitation was held on Monday, Feb. 21, at Montgomery Community Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library, 811 San Juan St., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

Donald Moody Palmer (Don)

Donald Moody Palmer (Don), 88-1/2, passed away on Feb. 25 at Mercy Hospice House in Durango, Colo. Don was born on Aug. 22, 1933, in Syracuse, N.Y., the oldest son of Moody Edison Palmer and Helen Kelly Palmer. After graduating from Batavia High School in 1952, Don enlisted in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict (spending two years in Japan). After his honorable discharge, he earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineer-



ing from Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT). Upon graduating in 1963, Don was recruited by Aerojet Electro Systems in Azusa, Calif. He enjoyed problem-solving projects and the great outdoors: skiing, camping, hiking, traveling, photography, planting trees and riding motorcycles.

On Dec. 28, 1963, Don married an equally adventurous spirit, Barbara Ruth Palmatier (Barb), and they drove from New York to Monrovia, Calif., carrying skis on the back of their VW Bug and stopping to ski in Colorado. Their two daughters were born in 1965 and 1967 and they enjoyed family time, camping, hiking and skiing with cousins and friends throughout California. In 1977, Don and Barb rode their BMW motorcycle to the International BMW Rally in Colorado Springs. They enjoyed tent camping so much that on their way home, they became enamored with Pagosa Springs and purchased Elk Meadows Campground (The Camp) in 1979.

Don left Aerojet and started working in Los Alamos, N.M., for the Los Alamos Labs (The Lab) in 1980. He drove his 1963 red Plymouth Sport Fury three hours each way every weekend to help Barb manage The Camp and use his yearly season pass at Wolf Creek Ski Area. After retiring from The Lab in 1995, Don and Barb moved to Pagosa Springs and managed The Camp full time. Don loved the San Juan River that flowed along the north side of The Camp, and enjoyed many Palmer family reunions, special events and hosting campers from all over the world there. After more than 20 years, Don and Barb sold The Camp and built their dream home in Pagosa Lakes Ranch, and continued to enjoy riding their motorcycles throughout Colorado. Don enjoyed driving his red Plymouth in several Pagosa Springs parades and car shows in Creede. He was a member of Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County.

Don is preceded in death by his sister, Nancy Palmer Harwood, and cousin Robert (Bucky) Sickler, and survived by his brother, David Wayne Palmer, and wife of 58 years, Barbara Ruth Palmer, and two daughters: June Lee Palmer and Janice Palmer Kelleher.

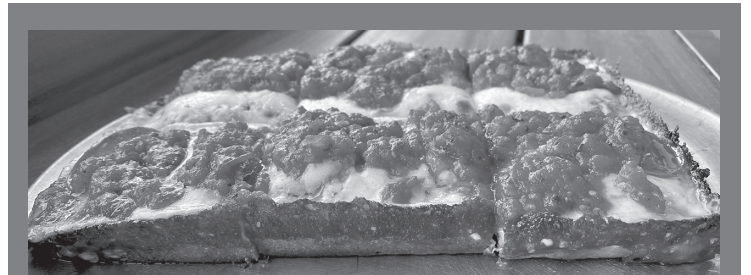
It is good to be 75!

Thank you so much Toni Ann, Naquita, June, Los Mitotitos, family and friends for showering me with so much love on my birthday. You worked so hard to make sure my birthday party was a grand one! A big thank you for all the texts, calls and gifts. I am deeply grateful and appreciate it.

Lala Willingham



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Candidate packets available for 2022 LPEA director election

By Hillary Knox
La Plata Electric Association

LPEA members interested in running for a seat on the La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) Board of Directors have access to the 2022 Board Director Candidate Packet at lpea.coop/board-director-candidate-information.

To be considered, prospective candidates must return all completed materials by 1 p.m. on March 14. Materials may be mailed to LPEA's Durango office or dropped off at LPEA's office in Durango or Pagosa

Springs.

To be eligible to run for the LPEA Board of Directors, candidates must:

- Be a member of LPEA for at least one year immediately prior to becoming a director;
- Be a bona fide resident of the district you plan to represent for at least 120 days prior to becoming a director and;
- Not be employed by, or have a spouse or child employed by, LPEA in any position.

Directors are elected for three-year terms. Incumbent directors up

for re-election in 2022 are Holly Metzler (District 1 — Archuleta County), Dan Huntington (District 2 — South and West La Plata County), Joe Lewandowski (District 3 — City of Durango), and John Witchel (District 4 — North and East La Plata County).

Eligible candidates will be added to the official ballot to be mailed to LPEA members in early April. Ballots will be due on May 11 and the election results will be announced at LPEA's annual meeting on May 12. For more details on the director election process, visit lpea.coop/board-director-candidate-information.



Kindergarten Round-Up

at Our Savior Lutheran School

Tuesday, March 8 • 6 PM • 56 Meadows Drive

Please plan on arriving around 5:45 PM and signing in. Kindergarten teacher, Karla Choat, will describe a day in Kindergarten and lead her students in various recitations highlighting what they have learned this year. She and Pastor Weslie Odom, OSLS's Headmaster, will then take questions and meet with parents. Registration forms for the 2022-2023 academic year will be available at that time. Please plan on joining us!

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Club 20 to host Watershed Summit

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Pagosa Springs Area
Chamber of Commerce

We are grateful for the snow that Pagosa gets during the winter months. We should be grateful as that snowfall is our water supply during the other times of the year.

The San Juan Headwaters also flow out of our surrounding mountains. With typically warmer temperatures, increasing population growth and increased recreational activity, water accessibility, not only in our community but all over the state, is a growing concern.

Western Colorado houses all the headwaters for the state. Western communities all face threats such as wildfires, population growth and downstream water demands. As a region and state, we must collaborate to help address water and forest mitigation issues along with many other concerns.

On March 24 and 25, Club 20, an organization representing communities on the Western Slope of Colorado, will host the Watershed Summit in Grand Junction, Colo. While the event is held outside of our community, the conference is important enough that we felt it should be announced to our community. Pagosa has a number of water-related groups already working on our community's water concerns and our water future. Perhaps some of these organizations' representatives would be interested in attending.

The event will be filled with guest speakers who are nationally and regionally renowned. Topics will

include: impacts to communities across the West; elevating the value of watersheds to drive land management practices — impacts of unhealthy watersheds on the western communities; climate resilience; landscape sale projects: barriers, tools and scalability; vegetation management opportunities create fire suppression opportunities; modifying forest vegetation to protect water supply; and much more.

There will be breakout sessions, panel discussions and the opportunity to speak with a number of experts in the field of forest, vegetation and water management. The summit will be held at Colorado Mesa University, or there is a Zoom meeting option so you can attend from the comfort of your office.

You can register for the conference by visiting www.club20.org and clicking on the Upcoming Events tab. The cost for the event is \$65 for the full day on Thursday including lunch and reception, and \$45 for the half day on Friday including grab-and-go lunch. The Zoom registration is \$25 for either day or only \$35 for both days.

Founded in 1953 by Western Slope business leaders, Club 20 was originally organized for the purpose of getting rural roads paved. At the time, the state of Colorado had been spending only 10 percent of its highway funds west of the Continental Divide, even though more than half the roads were there. With each community lobbying for its own roads, small towns were simply drowning each other out. It finally became clear that only by agreeing on a single priority

list could all the counties be heard.

The process worked. Within a few years, the state was spending 37 percent of its highway funds west of the divide and by the end of the 1950s finally had paved most of the major highways on the Western Slope.

The organization continued to grow, incorporating in 1955, and began working on other issues of mutual concern to all the Western Slope communities. Its activities included water, agriculture, natural resources, energy issues including uranium in the '50s and oil shale in the '70s and, more recently, economic development, public lands, air service, tourism, energy, trails, recreation and telecommunications.

A board of directors makes Club 20 policy, which includes voting membership for each of the 22 counties in Western Colorado. Each has an equal voice, their delegations elected by the members in each county. Management decisions are made by the executive committee, which is composed of the elected officers of the board of directors.

Archuleta County, the Town of Pagosa Springs, Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation, the Chamber and other organizations and businesses are all members of Club 20. Mary Jo Coulehan is the Club 20 county board representative and also serves on the executive committee representing the Region 9 region. Todd Weaver is the first alternate and JR Ford the second alternate. There are many issues affecting our

Western Slope community.

If your business or you personally are interested in learning more about Club 20, the subcommittees and the issues that are addressed, please contact Coulehan at director@pagosachamber.com or at (970) 264-2360.

We invite individuals and groups to learn more about how we can protect our forests, agricultural lands and water sources by attending this conference. Perhaps you or your organization would like to get more involved in some of the issues that are facing Western Colorado and have a voice at the table. To find out more about Club 20 membership, please contact Coulehan.

Career Day rescheduled to March 8

The Chamber and community businesses have been working with Pagosa Springs High School to host Career Day 2022. This event includes over 20 businesses presenting on career opportunities to the entire high school. Not only do they describe possible careers, but they speak about career paths, education, certification and hiring opportunities. Businesses give half a day plus preparation time to help guide students who might be interested in particular fields of study or employment.

Categories of interest include health sciences, technology, fine arts, forestry, emergency management, various business interests including entrepreneurship, business ownership and money management, building and other career trades.

Southwest Water Seminar: Navigating Shortage set for April 1

By Elaine Chick
Southwest Basin Roundtable

The summer of 2021 saw severe water shortages affecting agricultural producers, the environment, recreation and towns in southwest Colorado. It's heartening to know that as we face an uncertain hydrologic future, local water champions are tackling shortage from every angle to ensure a resilient future for our communities.

The Southwestern Water Conservation District's (SWCD) 38th Southwest Water Seminar will discuss these challenges, strategies and successes under the umbrella of the theme "Navigating Shortage." Among the planned presentations, regional and local climate

experts will discuss data showing southwest Colorado squarely in the bullseye of a regional aridification trend.

Keen local negotiators will discuss Colorado water's holy grail: striking the balance between multiple needs in times of drought. How do we keep agricultural producers in business, protect the environment, provide water for our communities and maintain water-based recreational opportunities? We'll also discuss several local efforts to improve water quality while flows drop, including a regional effort to list designate reaches as "outstanding waters."

These topics will be discussed at the annual Water Seminar hosted by the SWCD on April 1 from 8 a.m.

to 4 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel, 501 Camino del Rio, in Durango. A hybrid format is being offered for those participants who wish to attend virtually.

This year also marks the centennial of the Colorado water compact. We'll hear from a panel on the implications of this 100-year-old document and what the next 100 years looks like in the Colorado River Basin.

Since 1981, the SWCD has held the seminar to bring together members of other water districts, water users, tribal representatives, environmental advocates, recreation enthusiasts and many interested citizens to discuss hot topics in water management. In recent years, the seminar has seen

record attendance—an indication of the growing importance of water resources to the public.

To register in person for \$45 or virtually for \$20, visit <https://sw-wcd.org/more/southwest-water-seminar/> before March 30. Walk-in registration may not be available if advance registration reaches capacity. The cost at the door will be \$50.

The SWCD was established by the Colorado Legislature in 1941 to protect, conserve, use and develop the waters in the San Juan and Dolores river basins. For more information about the SWCD, please visit <http://sw-wcd.org/about-us>.

For more information, contact Elaine Chick, water information program manager, at (970) 759-8818 or elaine@waterinfo.org.

Archuleta County 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. 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 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 Dem-

ocratic 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 various 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.



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Anyone with information is asked to contact Archuleta County Combined Dispatch at (970) 731-2160 and leave a message for Archuleta County Sheriff's Office Detective Jason Hibbert.



Mayor Don Volger, right, swears in the Pagosa Springs Police Department's new sergeant, John Brogan, Tuesday evening.

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The Blotter

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Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Calls for service for two weeks: 399.

Feb. 13 — Second-degree burglary, criminal mischief, County Road 500.

Feb. 14 — Agency assist, South 10th Street.

Feb. 15 — All other thefts, County Road 600.

Feb. 16 — County warrant, county warrant, Vista Boulevard/U.S. 160.

Feb. 16 — Violation of restraining order, violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, Vista Boulevard/U.S. 160.

Feb. 16 — Domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Bermuda Court.

Feb. 17 — Abandonment of motor vehicle, Capitan Circle/North Pagosa Boulevard.

Feb. 17 — All other thefts, first-degree criminal trespass-theft from vehicle, Lakeside Drive.

Feb. 17 — Information only, County Road 982.

Feb. 18 — All other thefts, County Road 200.

Feb. 19 — County warrant, San Juan Street.

Feb. 19 — First-degree introducing contraband, Harman Park Drive.

Feb. 20 — Information only, Jaunty Court.

Feb. 20 — Information only, Oak Drive.

Feb. 21 — Domestic violence, information only, Rainbow Drive.

Feb. 21 — Dog at large (first offense), Snow Circle.

Feb. 21 — All other thefts, first-degree criminal trespass-theft from vehicle, East Golf Place.

Feb. 21 — Warrant arrest, warrant arrest, warrant arrest, warrant arrest, Eagle Drive.

Feb. 22 — Violation of restraining

order, violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, Flicker Lane.

Feb. 23 — Information only, County Road 700.

Feb. 23 — Forgery, Harman Park Drive.

Feb. 23 — Criminal mischief, Aspenglow Boulevard.

Feb. 24 — Information only, County Road 700.

Feb. 24 — Found property, Edgewater Drive.

Feb. 24 — Possession of weapons by previous offenders, County Road 500.

Feb. 24 — Criminal mischief, reckless driving, left scene after striking an unattended vehicle-hit and run, Cool Pines Drive.

Feb. 25 — Third-degree assault-simple assault, domestic violence, harassment-stalking-misdemeanor, County Road 500.

Feb. 25 — Information only, Navajo Trail Drive.

Feb. 25 — Mental health-protective custody, Bonanza Avenue.

Feb. 25 — Information only, Harman Park Drive.

Feb. 25 — Information only, Lake Street.

Feb. 25 — First-degree introducing contraband, Harman Park Drive.

Feb. 26 — Found property, Lake Forest Circle/Vista Boulevard.

Feb. 26 — Model Traffic Code-stopped/parked/abandoned vehicle on paved portion of roadway, Park Avenue.

Feb. 26 — Possession of handguns by juveniles (first offense), menacing-felony-aggravated-weapon, Woodsman Drive.

Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

No report.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Feb. 15 — Victoria Abernathy, failed to give information/aid after damaging another vehicle, failed to notify police of accident, following too closely, 30 points off, fines and costs — \$446.

Feb. 15 — Juvenile, marijuana prohibited, 30 hours community service, three months unsupervised probation, fine and costs — \$335.

Archuleta County Court:

Feb. 10 — Marlene Vangie Abeya, driving under the influence, 425 days jail, 365 days jail suspended imposition, 48 hours community service, two years probation, fines and costs — \$2,520.50.

Feb. 23 — Jose L. Macia-Castillo, false reporting-false identification, fines and costs — \$424.50.

Feb. 23 — Jose L. Macia-Castillo, driver's license-driving without, fines and costs — \$362.50.

Feb. 23 — Stephen Lee Evans, speeding 1-4 over, fines and costs — \$120.

Feb. 23 — Austin D. Rovillo, stop sign-fail to stop, fines and costs — \$142.50.

Feb. 23 — Noah I. Zinn, obedience to official traffic control device, fines and costs — \$170.

Feb. 23 — Pace Connor Blanchard, turning improperly, fines and costs — \$140.

Feb. 24 — Chad A. Hamilton, spilling load/highway-car/pickup-without cover, fines and costs — \$277.50.

Feb. 24 — Brandin Shane Whomble, driving under the influence, 100 days jail, 365 days jail suspended imposition, three years probation, 48 hours community service, fines and costs — \$1,450.50.

Feb. 24 — Brandin Shane Whomble, driving under the influence, 100 days jail, 365 days jail suspended imposition, 48 hours community service, three years probation, fines and costs — \$3,363.20.

Feb. 24 — Mark A. Pacheco, driving while ability impaired, 15 days jail suspended imposition, 24 hours community service, 12 months probation alcohol evaluation and supervision, fines and costs — \$796.50.

Feb. 24 — Jairus Monaleto Lopez-Lehi, driving under the influence, 15 days jail suspended imposition, 48 hours community service, 12 months probation alcohol evaluation and supervision, fines and costs — \$1,340.50.

Feb. 25 — Joseph Ryne Gambill, exceeded safe speed for conditions, fines and costs, fines and costs — \$155.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

No report.

Feb. 16 — David G. Portillo, driving under restraint, deferred sentence 12 months unsupervised probation, fines and costs — 168.50.

Feb. 16 — Michael D. Andring, no insurance-owner, fines and costs — \$799.50.

Feb. 16 — Bruce E. Kerr, careless driving, fines and costs — \$238.50.

Feb. 16 — Samantha A. Trujillo, unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$128.50.

Feb. 16 — Joshua S. Schouweiler, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$155.50.

Feb. 16 — Carly J. Own, failed to stop at stop sign, fines and costs — \$140.

Feb. 16 — Jacob C. Holyfield, speeding 20-24 over limit, fines and costs — \$314.50.

Feb. 16 — Nicholas Patrick Miller, harassment-strike/shove/kick, 12 months probation, fines and costs — \$892.50.

Feb. 16 — Chashtidy Aeisha Rivas, harassment-strike/shove/kick, 18 months probation, fines and costs — \$1,261.50.

Feb. 17 — Carlos Raymond Manzanares, speeding 25-39 over limit, fines and costs — \$345.50.

Feb. 22 — Jeffrey E. Barkoff, seat belt not used, obstructed view-windshield, fines and costs — \$144.50.

Feb. 23 — Sarah Fiorenza, driving while ability impaired, 15 days jail suspended imposition, 12 months probation alcohol evaluation and supervision, 24 hours community service, fines and costs — \$849.30.

Feb. 23 — Jess C. Wilton, driving while ability impaired, 15 days jail suspended imposition, one year probation alcohol evaluation and supervision, 24 hours community service, fines and costs — \$798.25.

Feb. 23 — Jason Robert Vaught, theft-\$750-\$2,000, one year probation, fines and costs — \$903.50.

Feb. 23 — Susan M. Reinacher,

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Health

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brought before the board because their meeting attendance would be more sporadic.

BoH member Dr. John Bruss then commented, "So, what I'm hearing is that you want consistency. So, can you have somebody appointed by the board of county commissioners to be the representative who's actually responsible, but then ... as the need arises, have somebody sit in for them but that person who's appointed is still responsible for what happens?"

BoH Vice President Karin Daniels commented, "We tried that before and that is outside of board responsibilities as well as it's not available in the bylaws."

The BoH members then had an extensive discussion concerning techniques for improving communication and better reporting program outcomes. This discussion included conversation on clearer budgeting on a county level, improving the affordability of septic permits and inspections, and methods for more clearly articulating the impact of SJBPH programs on the health of the community.

The discussion concluded with the decision that these issues, particularly in terms of communication, would be further discussed at a work session to be held in place of the BoH's next meeting on March 24.

The BoCC discussed its future with the health district at its March 1 work session.

Schaaf began by briefly recounting the Feb. 24 SJBPH meeting before asking for discussion among the commissioners about the future of the health district.

Commissioner Warren Brown commented that "out of courtesy and respect for the [HDIC]," he felt that the county needed to have "some kind of go-forward plan" regarding its future with SJBPH.

Brown then commented that the two major issues he saw in terms of leaving SJBPH were the required one-year notice the county would have to give to SJBPH before leaving and the potential costs of starting a health district for Archuleta County.

In response to a query from Commissioner Ronnie Maez about whether the cost analysis had been included in the work of the HDIC, Brown explained that the committee had been unable to perform the analysis due to the time constraints on their work.

Brown then proposed the creation of a new committee to specifically determine the potential costs.

Maez commented that this committee should be smaller because "sometimes you get too many cooks in the kitchen."

Brown then commented that the HDIC had been unable to reach a decision because the committee found the issues involved to be complex and was not able to reach internal agreement on whether the county should stay in or leave SJBPH.

Brown continued to state that he felt, if the county stayed with SJBPH, that the county should request that SJBPH "provide accounting to us, so we can be accountable to our community, our constituents. Provide the number of folks from Archuleta County that they are serving."

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He added, "I don't see these as big requests in my mind because they are what we are expected to provide back to the community. How did we spend your money? How many people were ... serviced for those monies?"

Maez then raised the issue of alternates, suggesting that the BoH rules should allow alternates to have voting privileges.

He commented that "there's sometimes that we're scheduled out way too far, can't make a meeting although there may be a monetary decision that needs to be made at that meeting, so our alternate can carry the task out."

He then mentioned that alternates being allowed to vote could be restricted only to county commissioners on BoH and added, "but what's the point of having an alternate ... if the alternate is not a voting factor?"

Brown then mentioned that he believed the La Plata County commissioners met with SJBPH twice a month and stated that he would like to have a meeting with SJBPH once a month to discuss these issues as he felt that the BoH meetings weren't "the appropriate place, necessarily, to have those discussions."

He added, "It needs to be with the board. One board with another board. Because, if we don't communicate, we're never going to come ... to a result, whether that's stay or to go. In my opinion, if we can't communicate with one another on a regular basis, I ... think we're just doomed to fail."

Schaaf agreed, but stated that his preference would be for the meetings to be with the staff in-

stead of with the BoH.

Schaaf then commented that he had told the SJBPH that at the Feb. 24 BoH.

He also stated, "I'm tired of hearing about COVID. It's been two years and that's the only thing we've talked about. There are other things affecting the health of our community. Those are the things I want to hear about."

Maez voiced his agreement with this comment and emphasized the importance of knowing what exactly SJBPH is doing for the citizens of Archuleta County.

Brown then attempted to conclude the discussion by soliciting agreement from the other members of the BoCC that the county would remain with SJBPH for the time being, given the need to give one year of notice before departure.

Maez commented, "There is no choice, unless we do legal action or something."

County Attorney Todd Weaver then reiterated that the statute required one year of notice.

Schaaf agreed with Brown's proposal, stating he told the BoH that "we're not opposed to staying and working this out."

However, he expressed he also felt that looking into other options

for local control was valuable.

Maez inquired if there is interest in forming another commission.

Brown replied that, if another committee is formed, he would "like to see very specific asks ... that they are given with a specific end date and then the county has to provide the support to them to get that job done."

Brown emphasized that having a committee make decisions for the BoCC was "not a good policy," but that having a committee looking for factual data to support the BoCC's decision making would be acceptable.

County Manager Derek Woodman then proposed that there might be value in hiring a consultant to investigate the cost of forming a health district in Archuleta County.

Although Maez expressed his skepticism about consultants, he agreed that there might be value in looking into the cost of hiring a consultant since the BoCC members were not experts on health care.

Brown commented, "I just don't want to make a decision that's not based on facts, and the facts as I see them would be from a layman's terms for the most part and I don't

want to make the wrong decision on behalf of the entire county and affect our future with the quality of the care we're receiving, the frequency and the cost."

Maez responded, "I know very little about health care, but I do know what our citizens want, and that's who we serve."

Weaver recommended that the county "get the info and then you can make the proper decision" on hiring a consultant.

Maez added, "We're as good as the information we're given in making a proper decision."

Weaver then proposed that "the focus [of the consultant's work] can be the county starting its own health district or ... possibly joining another one ... who might be more aligned with ... the values of Archuleta County."

Weaver and Schaaf then raised concerns about the potential cost, to which Maez responded, "There'll be federal funding and grant funding for our county which will help offset the costs for Archuleta County taxpayers."

Schaaf concluded by adding that the initial startup and housing for an Archuleta County district would be the "big cost."

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Housing

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electric and roadways to the area.

Essentially, it would stage the development of future build-out phases, he stated.

"This grant opportunity is pretty rare," Dickhoff said.

Preliminary engineering estimates the cost of this initial infrastructure to range between \$2.75 million to \$3 million, according to Dickhoff. The maximum grant amount the town can request is \$3 million, with a minimum of match requirement of 20 percent by the town.

Town staff recommended the grant application ask for the full \$3 million, and therefore commit to matching \$600,000 through the grant's expiration date, which is June 30, 2024.

Dickhoff stated the plan is to

build a variety of different types of housing for a range of income levels, such as cottages, duplexes and single- and multifamily homes like condos, apartments and townhomes.

"We could get hundreds of units," Dickhoff said.

Located off U.S. 84, Dickhoff stated the location is an ideal, natural extension of the town. It's close to downtown, it'll be walkable as the trails continue to expand within the construction's timeline and it's within 2 miles of a grocery store, the high school and other essential businesses, he explained.

According to Dickhoff, the grant requires that the new houses accommodate rental units up to 80 percent of the area median income (AMI), meaning that qualified applicants of the new housing could

make no more than 80 percent AMI. Ownership models shift to a requirement of up to a 140 percent AMI.

The town would seek to control the new housing, but is open to business and community investments in the new properties, Dickhoff stated.

In addition, Dickhoff expressed potential for a variety of other partnerships in the development of this housing, such as additional grant opportunities.

The grant application is due on Monday. After approving the grant application, town council entered into an executive session to discuss the land acquisition.

No further updates were given on the topic after the end of the session.

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Spill

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pumps for repair recently have not been fully rejuvenated because of a 20- to 30-week wait time for impellers and volutes, which are essential components of a full repair for the pumps, he stated.

The continued issues with the current pumps, the long turn-around time on rebuilt pumps and the lack of spares has caused staff to be concerned with the long-term ability to pump sewage, according to Schmidt.

With a lack of other options, town staff made a \$46,469 emergency purchase to buy a new interim pump to bridge the gap between now and when the new contracted pumping system can be installed, which won't be until summer, Schmidt explained.

This recently ordered pump works with the current control system, piping and will produce good flow, but is almost identical to the original pumps, so its longevity is questionable, Schmidt indicates in his brief to the board. That pump should be here in four to six weeks, he stated.

In addition, Schmidt mentioned another option for ensuring the system's stability until the new

pumps can be installed, which is to acquire a rented diesel-powered transfer pump.

The pump is less than ideal because it has to be manually operated and therefore can't function without staff on site, but staff has worked out a deal with the rental company for a "standby rate" that would mean that the company would deliver the pump but not install it for use, he stated.

This would allow the pump to be on-site in an emergency instance, but not cost the full rental fee. That way, if the existing pumps fail, there is a way to pump sewage, Schmidt explained. Staff is waiting on a rate from the company.

"We're living on — we're on borrowed time. We hate to keep purchasing pumps that are not gonna get us to our final solution, ..." District Manager Andrea Phillips said, "but at this point, it's just a matter of avoiding a spill."

Board member Mat deGraaf noted that the concern now is for inflow and infiltration — something that was previously discussed by the board in October 2021.

"Right now, in a 24-hour period, we are anywhere between about 215,000 and 260,000 gallons,"

Schmidt said regarding sewage flows in October. "That usually holds steady through the winter where we are somewhere around that quarter-million-gallon-a-day mark."

He explained that the issue was going into spring, when there are high flows.

"In the spring, that 24 hours shrinks to six to eight," he said. "That's because of the saturation of the soils, water getting into manhole lids — inflow and infiltration that is what it's called: I&I."

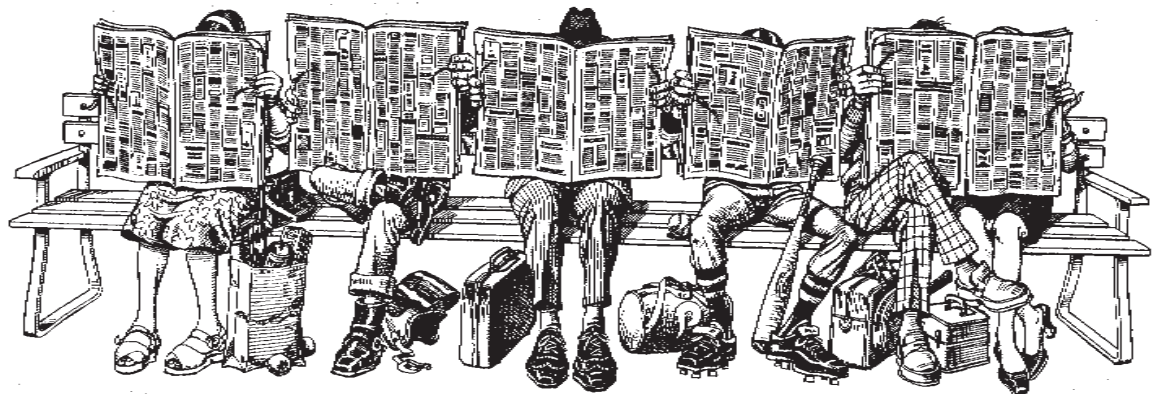
On Tuesday, Phillips stated that the district needs backup in case of an emergency.

"We are going to be reaching out to Justin at [Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District] because at this point, we need all of the backup that we possibly can in an emergency situation. We're getting to the point that this could be just right around the corner."

"With our overflow vault, we've got eight to 10 hours before ... we're spilling into the old lagoons, potentially, which are no longer lined appropriately."

She noted staff would be meeting with consultants to work on emergency plans.

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Facility

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The leased offices at 46 Eaton Drive will be closed March 3 and 4 for relocation, Hogue notes.

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Hogue's email later notes, "This project would not be complete without the commitment from current and past Archuleta County Commissioners. The Sixth Judicial District is thankful for the collaborative relationship that fostered

this new facility."

Calls to Archuleta County officials seeking comment were not returned by press time Wednesday.

Courts lift COVID restrictions

On Monday, Sixth Judicial District Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson issued an administrative order suspending restrictions that were put in place for court and probation operations due to COVID-19.

The order explains that, beginning in March 2020, a number of issued orders "significantly" changed and limited the normal court and probation operations of the Sixth Judicial District in order to "protect the health and safety of all persons entering the court and probation facilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic."

The order further points out that, in January of this year, the rate of new COVID infections in La Plata County, as reported by San Juan Basin Public Health, exceeded 2,200 cases per 100,000 persons over a

seven-day period and the positivity rate of COVID testing reached 29 percent.

It notes Archuleta and San Juan counties also "reported dangerously high COVID-19 testing positivity rates, as well as extremely high rates of new infections."

It continues, "Since the middle of January 2022, the positivity rates for COVID-19 tests and rates of new COVID-19 infections have declined continually and significantly."

After stating the case and positivity rates for the counties as of Monday, the order states, "For the foregoing reasons, the undersigned finds that the immediate public health emergency has abated ..."

It then notes the administrative orders requiring, among other things, the wearing of facial covering and limitations on normal court and probation operations, are suspended.

The order explains the orders are subject to reinstatement "should public health conditions warrant."

Investigation

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sion of the investigation.

"Over the course of the investigation, our office conducted an internal investigation, which was also reviewed by outside use-of-force experts to give a outside review," Valdez said. "The investigators were basically tasked with examining for any potential criminal and/or sheriff's office policy violations."

That, he noted, includes the use of force and failure to intervene.

At the conclusion of the investigation, Valdez reported, it was determined there were no policy violations for use of force or failure to intervene by Deputy Cody Civiletto.

Le Roux explained the look into Civiletto was more specifically for failure to intervene because he was

the second to arrive at the scene, with that deemed unfounded.

"The investigation determined there were no policy violations relating to use of force by Sgt. Reis, but there were additional sheriff's office ... policies that violations ... were sustained," Valdez said of Sgt. Brian Reis.

Le Roux reiterated that the use of force claims were unfounded.

He added later the sheriff's office policy violations that were sustained related to conduct and performance.

"At this point, both have resigned their positions with the sheriff's office," Valdez said.

Le Roux explained the review was conducted from Feb. 7-28.

"It's extremely important that everybody gets fair treatment on both sides and, you know, ultimately

... we were just making sure that due process was served and done correctly and that the law —," Le Roux said.

"And it was guided by the law," Valdez added.

"Everybody needs to get a fair hearing on both sides," Le Roux said, acknowledging the patience of the Manzanares family, the community and the two deputies.

"These types of investigations do take time," Valdez said, adding that staff worked hard to ensure a positive result for all involved.

Valdez explained the information and findings will be submitted to Colorado Peace Officer Standards and Training for that agency to do its own review and determine any next steps.

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COVID-19: CDC launches new levels, county continues to make progress

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The good news continues regarding COVID-19 levels in Archuleta County and the region, though the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's updated guidance released Friday, Feb. 25, still recommends community-wide indoor masking.

That guidance, according to the CDC and San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH), includes prevention steps based on revised metrics for determining a county's level of COVID-19 risk. In addition to transmission rates, the CDC now accounts for regional hospital capacity and COVID-19 hospital admissions when determining a county's risk level.

Previously, a SJBPH press release explains, the CDC's guidance was based only on the case incidence rate transmission metrics.

"In revising their guidance, the CDC cited a need for community risk levels to reflect the amount of severe disease present in a community and hospital capacity available," the SJBPH press release states.

On Tuesday, SJBPH announced that it amended its local public health advisory to reflect the new community levels and guidance provided by the CDC.

According to an updated map released by the CDC, as of today both Archuleta and La Plata counties fall into "High" per the new guidance.

According to the CDC's guidance for "High," community members are advised to wear a mask in public indoor spaces, stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and get tested if symptomatic.

According to the press release, the CDC plans to update its COVID-19 Community Levels once per week.

SJBPH COVID-19 Public Information Officer/Communications Director Chandler Griffin noted both counties are anticipated to reach "Medium" this week or next.

"Both of our counties are really knocking on the door of 'Medium,'" he said, later adding the community deserves a lot of credit for weathering the Delta and Omicron waves without breaching health care capacity.

The metric putting both counties in "High," he explained, is the seven-day total of new COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 popula-

tion, with that metric at 22.9 as of Wednesday. To move to "Medium," that figure needs to be less than 20.

The CDC advises community-wide masking in public indoor spaces in the "High" category. At "Medium," the CDC recommends that individuals who are high risk for severe infection consult with their health care provider about whether they should wear a mask or not.

"We're happy to see the CDC revise its guidance to include these important hospitalization metrics. With vaccines that protect against severe illness widely available, the risks we face as a community and as individuals are more closely tied to severe infection and healthcare capacity than case counts alone," SJBPH Executive Director Liane Jollon said via the press release.

"Hospital capacity is a resource that impacts everyone in the community, whether care is needed for COVID-19 or another health emergency. While cases and hospitalizations have dropped quickly, at this time the CDC risk metrics indicate that hospital capacity in Southwest Colorado continues to be strained. SJBPH advises our community to continue to mask in public indoor spaces, stay up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccinations, and get tested if you are symptomatic or exposed. These precautions will help keep us safe, keep our children in school and will speed up how quickly we drop from 'High' to the next CDC risk level of 'Medium.'"

"It provides a good roadmap for cautiously turning the page, which we all want to do, and we're anticipating and looking forward to dropping down out of 'High' as much as anyone else is," Griffin said of the new CDC levels and guidance, adding that it also provides a good framework for if a new variant begins driving infections back up.

More on the county's level can be found at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>.

SJBPH emphasizes in the press release that the best protection against COVID-19 "continues to be overlapping multiple strategies to reduce exposure. These strategies include staying up-to-date with COVID-19 vaccination (including booster shots when available and recommended), wearing a face covering when appropriate, maximizing indoor ventilation, holding social gatherings, organized events and business activities out-

side when possible, washing your hands, and staying home when you're sick."

Local numbers

As of Wednesday, SJBPH's data dashboard showed a one-week cumulative incidence rate of 37.40 new cases per 100,000 people — up from Tuesday's 29.90, but down from 67.30 a week prior.

Colorado's rate was 211.3 as of Wednesday, and the nation's was 144.4.

SJBPH showed Archuleta County was at 3 percent positivity Wednesday, down from 9 percent the prior week.

As of Wednesday, SJBPH listed 2,846 total cases of confirmed COVID-19 among permanent Archuleta County residents since late March 2020, up from 2,840 a week prior.

SJBPH and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) indicate Archuleta County has three outbreaks: Pagosa Springs High School, Pagosa Springs Middle School and Pine Ridge Extended Care Center.

The county has had 14 deaths among COVID cases.

For more information about COVID-19 locally, as well as about vaccines, current eligibility, details on vaccine clinics and providers, visit: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/>.

Free rapid tests, masks available through SJBPH

SJBPH continues to offer free COVID-19 at-home rapid tests and high-quality masks for the public at its offices in Pagosa Springs and Durango, with Griffin explaining the agency has given out more than 7,000 test kits, including handing out thousands in Pagosa Springs.

The iHealth antigen test kits were provided to SJBPH by the CD-PHE and can be self-administered at-home, with results generated in 15 minutes, according to the press release. Up to four test kits (eight tests total) are provided per person while supplies last. Supply is limited and tests will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

"Although the tests are reliable and accurate, they are not as sensitive as lab-based tests and may give a false negative result," SJBPH's press release states. "A negative result can be confirmed with additional testing, or through a molecular assay test (PCR) which is available at community testing sites in La Plata and Archuleta counties and through other testing

providers. If positive for COVID-19, patients should isolate following the guidance on SJBPH's website."

The press release further notes at-home test users are encouraged to report positive results via the state's website, <https://covid19.colorado.gov/for-coloradans>. Positive results can also be reported to SJBPH directly via email (covidreports@sjbpublichealth.org) or by calling SJBPH at (970) 585-6185.

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.

Governor announces next chapter

On Feb. 25, Gov. Jared Polis and his administration released "Colorado's Next Chapter: Our Roadmap to Moving Forward."

That roadmap, according to a press release from the state, outlines the four main steps the state will be taking to "maintain a level of preparedness and agility in order to keep Coloradans safe and healthy in the event of exacerbated or new public health challenges," and includes:

- "Establishing Hospital Readiness Standards, Surge Planning and Normalizing COVID Patient Care in Traditional Medical Settings: Ensuring health care systems are prepared for future response efforts and normalizing COVID-19 treatment and prevention back into traditional healthcare settings.

- "Ensuring Public Health Readiness and Surge Capacity: Building on lessons learned so the public health and emergency management fields can expand and contract for disease control and other emergency needs.

- "Investing in Healthcare Workforce Stabilization and Expansion: Stabilizing the current workforce and building and maintaining a sustainable health care workforce for the future.

- "Engaging the Federal Government in National Endemic Response, Pandemic Readiness and Needed Reforms: Striving for a national plan for pandemic readiness and response, and investing in the public health system, including an updated and interoperable national surveillance system, and flexible, non-categorical funding to allow flexibility and increase the public health workforce."

Local district joining wastewater monitoring

The Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District will soon be participating in a statewide effort of COVID-19 wastewater surveillance.

Wastewater surveillance, Griffin noted, can be a good early indicator for if COVID resources such as testing should be scaled back up, as well as helping to monitoring for new variants.

Durango, he noted, began wastewater surveillance in January.

PAWSD Manager Justin Ramsey explains in an email to The SUN PAWSD was asked by the state to participate.

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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>.

Tuesday, March 8

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/elected officials quarterly work session. Noon, Archuleta County admin-

istration 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 School District Board of Education regular meeting. 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School library, 309 Lewis St.

Public meeting information should be sent to editor@pagosasan.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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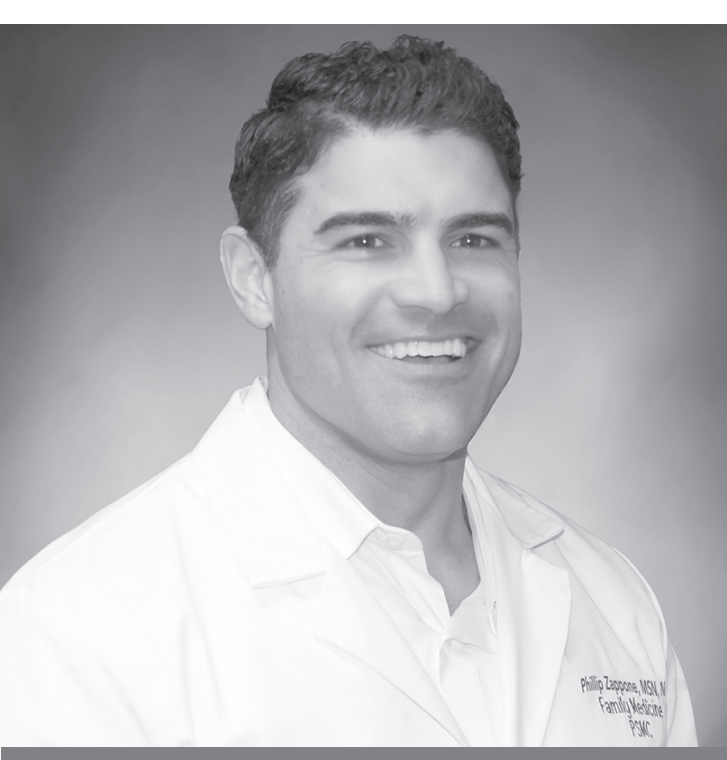



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Education

School boards approve revised budgets

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

A pair of local school boards recently amended their adopted budgets for the current fiscal year, with both entities noting lower-than-anticipated student enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year.

The Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education approved its revised budget during a special meeting on Jan. 25.

ASD Finance Director Mike Hodgson presented the revised budget to the board, with the board then unanimously approving it, as well as a resolution appropriating funds and a resolution authorizing the district to use beginning fund balance for onetime expenditures.

Hodgson began his presentation by explaining the revised budget has a different enrollment count than was estimated in June.

The budget document shows a funded pupil count of 1,697.9, which is less than the estimated 1,701.5 that was in the district budget approved in June 2021.

"This is a worst-case scenario budget," Hodgson told the board, explaining that he doesn't expect that the district will spend every dollar listed, and actual revenues are anticipated to be higher than what is included in the document.

Hodgson then outlined changes included in the budget, including four "substantial" changes to revenue projections for the General Fund.

He explained the district received about \$1 million more in property tax revenue due to higher property values and received a little over \$1 million less in state support. That decrease in state support included a loss of about \$200,000 in funding for at-risk students due to a decrease in families filling out paperwork related to the Free and Reduced Lunch Program due to all lunches being free currently.

He added that is something the governor's supplemental budget is trying to fix.

He further noted that the revised budget includes a fund transfer for the Capital Projects Fund, which is working to reset the timing for purchases relating to capital funds in order to bid projects and award contracts sooner to get more done before the new fiscal year begins on July 1.

"And so, we are putting some extra money into this year's budget so we can get some things done that would normally have, in prior years, been included in next year's budget," Hodgson said.

Budget documents show expenditures from the Capital Projects Fund totaling \$1,275,100 projects, up from \$121,007 spent in 2020-2021.

The revised budget, he continued, also includes an enrollment count for Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS, the district's charter school) of 121 instead of the original 135 estimated, which causes a decrease of \$134,000 in funding to the school.

The beginning fund balances were also changed to match the audited financial statements after the district's audit was completed, he informed the board.

Hodgson's presentation also walked the board through changes to other district funds before explaining each resolution being presented for board consideration.

The board ultimately approved a total appropriation of \$33,473,415, with \$24,518,116 of that falling within the General Fund and the following breakdown by special revenue fund:

- Food Service Special Revenue Fund: \$952,945.
- Governmental Designated-Purpose Grants Fund: \$5,693,923.
- Pupil Activity Special Revenue Fund \$311,573.
- Capital Reserve Capital Projects Fund: \$1,689,463.
- Private Purpose Trust Fund: \$307,395.

The approved resolution relating to the beginning fund balance authorizes the use of a portion of the beginning fund balance for the General Fund totaling \$998,988.

It authorizes "funds unspent in 2019-20 and 2020-21 due to the COVID-19 pandemic" to be used for onetime capital project expenditures.

Hodgson noted the state requires the resolution to ensure the board is aware the district is spending into reserves.

"This is a budget with a negative," he said, noting it is something to watch, but that the district has needs.

He added that hopefully interest rates will increase, and the district has a little overstaffing in areas that will need to be looked at as vacancies come up.

He later explained that the staff-to-student ratio at some schools is out of line with other schools and that staff hadn't been cut since kids began going to PPOS.

Then-superintendent Dr. Kym LeBlanc-Esparza also noted that schools lost kids during the pandemic, but that staff was not reduced, adding there has been federal funding and having smaller class sizes has been "advantageous."

Hodgson further informed the board during his presentation that the district's mill levy override (MLO) is up in 3.5 years and suggested the district go back to the voters before it ends.

Another thing he suggested the board keep on its radar is PPOS's expanded enrollment that will begin next school year.

He noted that the charter school would get about \$1 million more in funding and a larger percentage of the MLO with its expansion approved by the Board of Education.

He added that if those additional students come from ASD schools, ASD would have a smaller budget than if the additional students are drawn from those who would otherwise home school.

PPOS adjusted budget

Later that week, on Jan. 27, the PPOS Board of Directors heard about and approved the school's adjusted budget and appropriations as presented by PPOS Business Manager Chenni Hammon.

Hammon informed the board at the beginning of her presentation that there could be some more changes to the budget by the end of the fiscal year, which should be positive changes.

The adjusted budget presented by Hammon includes a student count of 120 with per-pupil revenue at \$9,023.29, compared to the 133 students included in the original budget with per-pupil revenue at \$8,601.

Hammon noted the importance of the school hitting its fundraising target and explained that to help make up the difference, PPOS adjusted its salary expenditures downward, adding that Title I funds also helped.

Year to date as of the meeting, she added later, the school had raised \$12,088 — 45 percent of its target, with that target being on par with what the school has historically raised.

Hammon also explained that the school would begin paying on the school's renovation work this fiscal year, with construction set to begin in May.

The adjusted budget shows total revenue across all funds at \$2,669,514.39, compared to the original budget's \$1,813,422. Revenues in the adjusted budget total \$2,581,970.54, compared to the original budget's \$1,837,118.25.

Following the presentation of the adjusted budget, board president Ursala Hudson commented on the budget document formatting, noting that she is less confident in the budget because it is not as easy to read as other charter school budgets and ASD's budget — a sentiment other board members echoed.

According to the appropriation resolution approved by the board, the school's General Fund budget was originally \$1,399,133 and is now \$2,058,834; the Pupil Activities Fund was originally \$11,500 and is now \$10,100; the Grant Fund was originally \$426,484 and is now \$565,837; and the total appropriations originally totaled \$1,837,117 and now total \$2,634,771.

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Pagosa Rotary funds teachers with mini grants

By Carol Stuart
Pagosa Springs Rotary Club

Congratulations, Kara Assid, Linda Lutomski, Becca Gartman, Angela Reali-Crossland, Amanda Schweitzer, Katrina Thomas, Malinda Burnett, Dale Scrivener, Carrie Steadman and Lynn Wiggers.

The Pagosa Springs Rotary Club Teacher Mini Grant program is a long-standing annual program for our club, and this year was no different.

Twelve applications were received from seven different schools and 10 teachers were selected. We are so fortunate to have such innovative creative

teachers with the desire to inspire and expand the learning opportunities for our children.

Some of the educational and fun projects we were able to fund include robots for programming and coding; cardio drum storage; assistive technology for special needs students to enable better communication; a Cricut maker and supplies for students to design, produce and sell items for the school spirit; reusable Gelli plates for printmaking projects now and in the future; materials to construct terrariums for small critters as part of learning science; and materials to construct costumes for a school production. To make our

available funds go to as many teachers as possible, we chose to partially fund some requests and suggest other community resources to others.

The mini grant program awards a limited number of grants with a maximum award of \$400 for special classroom projects to individual teachers in kindergarten through 12th grade in Archuleta County. The mini grant provides working capital to innovative teachers who want to develop new ideas to enrich the student classroom experience. The mini grants also provide funds to teachers for materials or projects that would not otherwise be available through the

school district or for teachers who would have to use their own money to fund them.

The teacher mini grants are just one of the many community service projects that are funded through the Pagosa Rotary Community Assistance Fund, which is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The majority of the funds come through business partnerships. It also provides for the scholarships to graduating seniors.

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Pagosa Springs Elementary School Principal Cowan named as one of three finalists for Aguilar superintendent

Special to The SUN

In a press released received Feb. 25, Aguilar School District announced three finalists for the superintendent position of the district: Justin Cowan, Olivia Bachicha and Victoria Santistevan.

Cowan is currently the principal of Pagosa Springs Elementary School. Bachicha is the vice president of field services for Generation Schools Network. Santistevan serves as the vice principal and elementary literacy teacher of Aguilar Elementary School.

According to the release, when Dr. Stacy Houser notified the Board of Education in August that he would be retiring at the end of the 2021-2022 school year, the board

contracted with Colorado Association of School Executives (CASE) to conduct the superintendent search process for his replacement.

On Thursday, March 10, the school board will host a meet-and-greet event from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Aguilar High School library for the community, school students and staff to meet and visit with the three candidates.

Interviews for the district's next superintendent will be conducted on Friday, March 11.

The Aguilar Board of Education is expected to meet on Monday, March 14, to vote on the hiring of one of the finalists. The person selected will assume the position and responsibilities of superintendent on July 1.



Justin Cowan

19th Hole Concerts grant application open, deadline March 29

By Janis Johnson
Community Foundation
serving southwest Colorado

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado is announcing a grant opportunity for Archuleta County nonprofits to participate in this summer's 19th Hole Concerts at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club. The nonprofit grant application opened March 1. The deadline to apply is March 29.

The 19th Hole Concerts benefit the Archuleta County nonprofit community and promote southwest Colorado's talented music scene by featuring a different nonprofit and music talent on five evenings in June at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club. A cash bar and food from the grill will be available for purchase.

The cover charge for each concert is a \$10 donation to support the five nonprofits selected. Proceeds from the cover charges will be pooled and distributed equally to the five featured organizations. In 2021 the concerts netted a grant of a little over \$2,000 to each of the nonprofits selected.

The 19th Hole Concerts will kick off at 5:30 p.m. on June 2 with The Jackson Mountain Ramblers opening the season. Subsequent Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. will feature: June 9 with Bob Hemenger, June 16 with Bo

DePeña, June 23 with San Juan Mountain Boys, and closing out the season on June 30 will be Jack Ellis and Out on Work Release.

"We are excited to be supporting our local nonprofit organizations by facilitating these fun concerts. I've been involved since the inception of the Archuleta committee and it has been rewarding to see how the community has embraced the 19th Hole Concerts each summer" said Archuleta committee member Diane Levison. "And, being outdoors at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club with the spectacular mountains as the backdrop is the very best way to enjoy the music of our local musicians."

The application for nonprofits to apply can be accessed under the "Nonprofit Resources" tab on the Community Foundation's website, swcommunityfoundation.org. The selected nonprofits will be announced in mid-April.

New members to serve on the Archuleta Committee are always welcome. Contact Tracy Pope through the Community Foundation website if you would like more information. As a community facilitator, the Community Foundation works to increase sustainability and success for nonprofits while maximizing effective grantmaking for philanthropists in our region. The Community Foundation serves Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan counties.

Kindergarten Round-Up planned at Our Savior Lutheran School

By Weslie Odom
Our Savior Lutheran School

All are invited to Kindergarten Round-Up at Our Savior Lutheran School (OSLS), located at 56 Meadows Drive, in the gym on Tuesday, March 8, at 6 p.m. Please plan on arriving around 5:45 p.m. and signing in.

Kindergarten teacher Karla Choat will describe a day in kindergarten and lead her students in various recitations highlighting what they have learned this year. She and Pastor Weslie Odom, OSLS's headmaster, will then take questions and meet with parents.



Karla Choat

Pagosa Springs Elementary School Scholar of the Week



Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs Elementary School

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Kaylan Stoering

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- ✓ There are better alternatives to address workforce housing; 254 dwelling units already in progress or planned.
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Correction

The Feb. 24 article "SJWCD hires outreach consultant" misstated the amount San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) agreed to pay Project Resource Studio, stating the board had agreed to pay the consultant \$44,450 instead of the correct figure of \$10,000.

The SUN regrets this error.

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Sports

BASKETBALL

Lady Pirates claim league title, will host regional action

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School claimed the Intermountain League championship Saturday evening with a one-point overtime win over the Centauri Falcons.

"The kids played well. I'm gonna give all the glory to the kids and God. They played well. ... It could've went soft easily. The kids, they stuck with the plan, they kept playing hard-nose defense," coach Charles Rand said after the win.

Pagosa led 13-8 at the end of the first quarter, but trailed 20-17 by halftime.

"They went zone on us," Rand said of the change between the quarters, indicating it threw the Pirates off, made them be in too big of a hurry and took them back a couple steps.

Both teams scored 15 in the third quarter, leaving Pagosa down 35-32 at the end of the third thanks in part to a last-second 3-pointer by Karsyn Shahan.

"That was huge. ... It gave us a shot in the arm and gave us a chance to make the kids believe 'cause we were kinda down a little bit there, but they kept battling," he said.

The Pirates were able to tie the game in the fourth, then traded leads with Centauri as time ran down.

With 1:03 left in the game, Centauri hit a 3-pointer to take a 45-42 lead.

"When we had the ball, I think it was 4.5 seconds to go in the game and we were down, and I told the kids, 'I am absolutely proud of you. ... I'm just proud of how you guys battled back and gave yourself a chance,' and that's what I told them in the huddle," Rand said, adding the team's response was, "Well, we're not done yet."

Rand noted the team set good screens and Shahan knocked down a 3-pointer just before the buzzer to take the game to overtime.

"When you've only got like 1.8 seconds left to go, you can't do nothin' but catch and shoot," Rand said. "And, they can't foul you 'cause they don't want you to shoot free throws."

Pagosa went on to outscore Centauri 6-5 in overtime to claim the league title.

Shahan led the team with 14 points in the game, which included two 3-pointers. Shahan also contributed eight rebounds, four assists, two steals and a block.

Elizabeth Currier and Trista Tully each tallied 13 points in the game. Nine of Currier's points came off 3-pointers in the game. She also had a rebound and two assists.



The Lady Pirate basketball team poses after claiming the district title Saturday evening. The team defeated the Centauri Falcons 51-50 in overtime.

SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Tully also logged nine rebounds and two assists.

Chantelle Caldwell picked up eight points, and had 10 rebounds and two assists.

Annie O'Donnell scored two points, and had three rebounds and a steal.

Kori Lucero scored one and logged a pair of rebounds.

Pagosa made 10 of 21 free-throw attempts and turned the ball over 21 times.

"They're a quality team," Rand said of the Falcons, noting he has a lot of respect for Centauri's program.

He added he's elated for his seniors, as well as the rest of the team, to get a taste of the post-season.

The previous evening, the Lady Pirates defeated the Alamosa Mean Moose for the first time this season.

"We felt great. I think we had a great practice last night. The kids were just locked in and attentive, listening and learning, and it showed today. It really did," Rand said following the game.

The Lady Pirates sailed to a 41-

20 victory in the game.

"Once we relaxed and let the game come to us, it kind of took off for us," the coach said.

Rand noted he felt the team fed off its defense, holding Alamosa to 20 points after allowing them to score 38 in each of the other two games this season.

"That's defense right there," he said, pointing to the single-digit Alamosa totals in the stat book.

"When we played them over there they had 14 offensive rebounds. They had three tonight," Rand said, also pointing out the Lady Pirates did better with turnovers, having more than 20 in Alamosa and 14 on Friday — the goal was 15 or fewer.

He also noted everyone logged a defensive rebound in the game.

"Lots of high energy, high effort. I can't say enough for the kids. They played well," Rand said.

Caldwell tallied 11 points, three rebounds and a steal.

Tully picked up seven points in the game, as well as six rebounds, two assists and four steals.

Lucero and O'Donnell each

scored six. Lucero also contributed three rebounds, an assist and a steal. O'Donnell had four

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The Lady Pirates celebrate after defeating the Alamosa Mean Moose 41-20 in the semifinals of the district tournament Friday. It was Pagosa's first win over Alamosa this season.

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BASKETBALL

Pirates defeat Mean Moose, seeded 13th for state playoffs

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Down by nine with about two minutes left to play in the semifinals of the Intermountain League (IML) district tournament Friday, it looked like the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate basketball team was headed to the consolation bracket and the Alamosa Mean Moose were headed to the championship game.

Coach Wes Lewis indicated the Pirates wanted “another crack” at the Mean Moose at the district tournament after losing to them twice in the regular season.

“They kinda had our number the first two meetings,” Lewis said of the Mean Moose. “We played ‘em really tough at home, kind of got away from us over there at their place.”

Lewis said the Pirates felt they had some favorable matchups if they could take advantage of them Friday.

“At times we did, at times we didn’t,” he said. “Obviously, everybody who was at the game saw that we were kinda on the ropes with a couple minutes to go.”

Pagosa led 9-4 at the end of the first, but were outscored 11-5 in the second quarter, leaving them down 15-14 at halftime.

“We didn’t shoot real well in the early going,” Lewis said.

Pagosa was down 28-23 entering the fourth quarter.

“I think a lot of people had wrote us off, and maybe rightfully so,” the coach said, “but the kids really did a great job of staying after it and not giving up, and just slowly chipping away. And then, kinda felt like maybe as we chipped into in that last minute and a half, the pressure kept building for Alamosa and they just ... they turned the ball over and it led to easy buckets for us and we were able to basically shave nine points off in a minute and a half and come away with the win. Pretty impressive.”

With 5.8 seconds left on the clock, Pagosa tied the game at 41.

By the final buzzer, Pagosa had scored 21 points in the final quarter compared to Alamosa’s 13, leaving the Pirates with a 44-41 win.

Lewis added the Pirates had steals that led to points, both layups and 3-pointers, in the final minutes.

Free throws following an Alamosa technical also helped the Pirates top the Moose.

“I thought that Blake Laner and Colt [Lewis] were both really big in those closing minutes. They both had some key steals that led to points, and it was certainly a group effort,” the coach said, adding that everyone was involved in the press that led to the turnovers.

Lane Harper led the team in scoring with 11 points on the night, which included a trio of 3-pointers. Harper also had two assists and a steal.

Joseph Lord also landed three 3-pointers in the game, leaving him with nine points.

“I thought that Joey Lord was really big hitting some shots and ... keepin’ us in the game, and his 3s were timely and very much needed, so really good job from Joey in the early going to ... keep us within striking distance,” Wes Lewis said.

Breck Wilson scored seven, and had six rebounds and steal.

Gunner Dozier, Laner and Kayson Shahan each contributed five points. Dozier’s points all came in the fourth quarter on a 3-pointer and a pair of free throws. Shahan also hit a 3-pointer in the fourth quarter, and Laner logged three of his points on fourth-quarter free throws.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Pirate Kayson Shahan plays the ball off to a teammate during the Pirates’ 44-41 victory over Alamosa Friday during the semifinals of the district tournament. It was Pagosa’s first win over Alamosa this season.

Dozier also had two rebounds, three assists and two steals. Shahan had four rebounds, two assists and a steal. Laner had four rebounds and a steal.

Colt Lewis had two points, a rebound, three assists and three steals.

Aaron Aucoin had one rebound. Pagosa made six of 13 free-throw attempts in the game, and made six of nine attempts in the fourth quarter.

Pagosa turned the ball over 11 times.

“It was a lot of fun to be a part of that,” the coach said. “It was very nerve-wracking, but it was a lot of fun at the same time.”

The win meant the Pirates would face Centauri on Saturday in the IML championship match.

“We just really like our chances,” Wes Lewis said. “We beat ‘em at home the first time and felt like we played ‘em pretty close the first half at their place and then things kind of got away from us in the third quarter over there at Centauri.”

The coach noted he felt if the Pirates cleaned up their offense a little bit, their defense would keep them in the game.

Unfortunately for the team, the

Pirates found themselves down 14-7 by the end of the first quarter, and 27-17 at halftime.

A 20-point third quarter for the Falcons put the Pirates even further behind, 47-25, by the end of the third, and 58-35 when the final buzzer sounded.

“I know we got beat, and fairly handily, and I still don’t think our defense was the problem,” the coach said. “We’ve just gotta get better offensively.”

The coach also noted the team had “way too many turnovers again against Centauri.”

Pagosa turned the ball over 25 times in the game — 14 times in the first half and 11 in the second.

Lewis noted some of the turnovers were the Pirates’ fault, while Centauri also deserves credit.

“They’re well-coached, they’re very, very athletic, they match up very well at any position, they do a really good job with their switching man-to-man defense. They’re ... poised to make a run, that’s for sure,” he said.

Dozier led the team in scoring with 11 points in the game, which included a 3-pointer. He also had a rebound, a block and two steals.

Laner put up eight points, and

had five rebounds and two steals.

Wilson logged five points, nine rebounds, an assist, a block and a steal.

Colt Lewis scored four, and had three rebounds and two assists.

Harper put up a 3-pointer and logged an assist.

Shahan and Aucoin each scored two in the game. Shahan also had three rebounds and an assist. Aucoin also had a rebound and a steal.

Nate Kinsley contributed with a rebound.

The Pirates made 11 of 19 free-throw attempts — a 58 percent success rate.

The coach also offered a thanks to the school administrators and parents for their work in hosting the tournament and providing a “phenomenal” hospitality room.

The postseason continues

On Sunday, the Colorado High School Activities Association released the 3A state tournament bracket, with the Pirates earning the 13 seed in the 32-team bracket.

This week, the Pirates will travel to Colorado Academy in Denver for regionals (the first two rounds of

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Eric Smith, local seventh-grader at Pagosa Springs Middle School, wins gold at the Monarch Mountain IFSA freeride snowboard competition last Friday.

Tribute Race will honor Charity Jane and Kingsbury Pitcher

By Julie Martinez
Wolf Creek Ski Area

Wolf Creek Ski Area hosted its annual Mardi Gras celebration and Fun Race on Sunday, Feb. 27. Seventy-two competitors signed up for the race, with some of the fastest racers coming from Texas, Florida and Louisiana, as well as some winning times by many of our local racers. The course was meticulously groomed and the snow was a little softer and slower than usual due to all the wonderful powder snow we received last week.

The overall winner for the day was Grayson Jones, of Austin, Texas, with the fastest time of 27.49 seconds. The men's race was extremely close with several racers crossing the finish line in less than 28 seconds. William Wagner, of Silverthorne, took second place at 27.69 seconds, with Thomas Popov, of Pagosa Springs, right on his heels with a time of 27.70 seconds.

In the women's race, the top racer was Katie Lopez, of Gainesville, Fla., who posted a time of 29.68 seconds. She was followed in second place by Nikki Horrocks, of South Fork, with a time of 30.89 seconds, with third place going to Corinne Gagnet, of New Orleans, with a time 33.94.

Leilani Snell placed first in the Girls 9-11 with a time of 39.51.

In the Girls 12-14, Ruby Snell placed first with a time of 42.69.

Laurence Dean placed third in the Women 21-25 with a time of 43.24.

In the Women 41-50, Joanne Snell placed third with a time of 40.32.

Donna Lewis placed first in the Women 51-80 with a time of 36.50.

JJ White placed first in the Boys 6-8 with a time of 36.50.

Abram Snell placed first in the Boys 9-11 with a time of 46.20.

In the Men 51-60, Popov placed first with a time of 27.70.

In the Men 61-70, Rich Lewis placed second with a time of 35.36.

Garry Brewer placed first with a time of 42.51 in the Men 71+.

Wolf Creek will be hosting the Tribute Race on Sunday, March 6, as Wolf Creek pays tribute to Charity Jane and Kingsbury Pitcher. In commemoration of their heritage, lift tickets will be at local appreciation rates for everyone, \$60 for adults, \$41 for seniors and \$31 for children.

The Tribute race course will be a modified grand slalom course on the lower Charisma run. It is free with the purchase of a lift ticket.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. at the top of the race course, 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.



Photo courtesy Brent Christians

The Pagosa Rangers Club Team won the Classic FC Spring Cup soccer tournament last weekend in Albuquerque, N.M. Pictured, from left to right, are Kameron Winkler, Carson Young-Martinez, Jordan Pham, Jordan Heaton, Milo Deitemeyer, Kaylor Christians, Jonathan Nasralla, Noah Slingerland, Clayton Hubbs, Samuel Kinsley, Kelton Christians, Joah Dunn de Pulido, Luis Monterroso, Alex Pham, Christopher Young-Martinez and coach Trevor Gian. The team won their respective games 3-0, 2-1 and 1-0, defeating two New Mexico Academy teams and one team from Phoenix.

Clear skies slated to cede to storms in Pagosa Country

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

Resplendently blue skies reigned across Pagosa Country on Wednesday, March 2.

According to forecasts from AccuWeather, skies should remain clear through Thursday, March 3.

The National Weather Service (NWS) concurs, forecasting that Pagosa Springs should continue to experience clear conditions for Wednesday and Thursday.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Water and Climate Center's snowpack report, the Wolf Creek summit, at 11,000 feet of elevation, had 29.8 inches of snow water equivalent as of 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2.

That amount is up 3.9 inches from the snow water equivalent depth of 25.9 inches reported Feb. 22.

The Wolf Creek summit is at 120 percent of the March 2 snowpack median.

The San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan river basins were at 97 percent of the March 2 median in terms of snowpack.

Avalanche conditions

According to the Colorado Avalanche Information Center (CAIC) website, the southern San Juan range, including Wolf Creek Pass was at level two — moderate — in terms of avalanche danger, as of 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2.

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

"You can trigger an avalanche on northwest through north to northeast facing terrain steeper

than 35 degrees near and below treeline where a slab rests on weak collapsible snow layers below. Avoid potential trigger points like steep open rollovers and high sides of concave terrain features. Above treeline, you can initiate an avalanche where winds drifted or stiffened hollow feeling slabs against rocky outcroppings or adjacent ridgelines. Seek out lower angled terrain, as backcountry travel is tough to manage today. Warm temperatures ensue after another mild freeze overnight, adding complexity to our avalanche problems. Think about pulling off steep sunny slopes by early afternoon if you find heavy-wet snow; see fresh rollerballs, pinwheels, or small sluffs," the website states.

The CAIC website also notes that avalanche conditions to remain similar until the next chance of measurable precipitation arrives on Friday.

"The late Winter sun angle combined with warm temperatures will continue to push our recreational interests toward colder, more desirable snow conditions, where the primary concern of triggering a dangerous avalanche will remain," the CAIC website stated.

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

Weather outlook

According to the NWS, today, Thursday, March 3, temperatures in Pagosa Springs are forecasted to reach a high of 59 degrees with sunny skies. The forecasted low is 27 degrees with partly cloudy skies.

For Friday, March 4, the forecasted high is 55 degrees with

partly sunny skies turning into a slight chance for thunderstorms later in the day. The forecasted low is 9 degrees with likely rain and snow turning to snow showers overnight.

For Saturday, March 5, temperatures are forecasted to reach a high of 22 degrees with snow showers likely throughout the day. The forecasted low is 19 degrees with snow showers likely at night.

For Sunday, March 5, the forecasted high is 38 degrees with snow showers likely during the day. The forecasted low is 10 degrees with a chance of snow showers turning to mostly cloudy skies overnight.

Water report

According to a Feb. 28 press release from the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Manager Justin Ramsey, Lake Forest is now full.

Pagosa Lake is now 1 inch from

full and Village Lake is 4 inches from full.

Stevens Lake is the lowest of the five local lakes at 27 inches from full.

Hatcher Lake is currently 16 inches from full.

Total diversion flows for the district are listed at 4.5 cubic feet per second (cfs).

The West Fork diversion flow is listed at 2.5 cfs and the Four Mile diversion flow is at 2 cfs.

Water production from Feb. 18 through Feb. 24 was listed at a total of 12.22 million gallons. The Snowball water plant contributed 2.72 million gallons, while the Hatcher plant contributed 9.50 million gallons.

The San Juan plant was shut down for winter on Sept. 30, 2021. Last year, total water production was listed at 10.64 million gallons for those dates.

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rebounds.

Currier and Shahan each scored four. Currier also had a rebound and six assists. Shahan had six rebounds, an assist and four steals.

Daveyann Snarr landed a 3-pointer and logged a rebound.

"I gotta give my kids credit that we were ready to play," Rand said, adding he is proud of the team.

Pagosa landed 10 out of 17 free-throw attempts in the game.

"It's fun," Rand said. "This is postseason and for my young kids to experience this is really good. It's really good."

Lady Pirates to host regional action Friday and Saturday

With the league title comes the opportunity for the Lady Pirates to host regional action (first- and second-round state tournament play).

The Lady Pirates earned the No. 6 seed on the 32-team bracket and will face the No. 27 Valley Vikings at 5 p.m. Friday.

The Vikings are 12-11 on the season, though Rand pointed out

the Vikings play in what he considers the toughest 3A league this season in the Patriot League.

Also hailing from the Patriot League are No. 1 Platte Valley, No. 2 University and No. 9 Eaton, he noted.

"They're very well tested," he said, adding, "We've gotta play well."

If the team is "blessed and lucky enough to get out of round one," Rand said, "it doesn't get any easier."

He added the community should go support the team, adding that the Lady Pirates play better at home.

"So, we do have that going for us," he said.

Following that game, the No. 11 Colorado Springs Christian Lions will face the No. 22 Moffat County Bulldogs.

The Lions are 18-4 on the season, while the Bulldogs are 14-8.

The winners of Friday's games will face off in Sweet 16 action at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Centauri earned the No. 14 seed and Alamosa is moving on as the No. 23 team.

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the state tournament). Tomorrow, March 4, No. 4 Colorado Academy will face No. 29 Moffat County at 6 p.m.

The Colorado Academy Mustangs are 17-3 on the season, while the Moffat County Bulldogs are 13-8.

Following that game, at 7:30 p.m., No. 13 Pagosa will take on No. 20 The Academy.

The Academy Wildcats are 16-6 on the season, and the Pirates own a 14-7 record.

"They're playing really well right now and ... I think they're a lot better than their No. 20 seeding. They've gotten hot late," Wes Lewis said, adding The Academy won its district tournament, but was too low in the Ratings Percentage Index to be able to host. "They are a district champion who's playing really well right now."

The coach added the Wildcats

have a lot of size and several players well over 6 feet tall in their starting lineup and off their bench.

He added he hopes Pagosa's pressure will get to the Wildcats.

"We're very disciplined on defense and I think that may give them some fits," the coach said. "I think they're going to have a hard time gettin' open looks, and they like to get early open looks, so I think if we can maybe get after them with some full-court pressure and be really solid in our half-court man, I think we'll have a good opportunity."

The winners of Friday's games will play in the Sweet 16 round at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Other IML teams making the state bracket are No. 5 Centauri and No. 21 Alamosa, with both teams set to play in La Jara (hosted by Centauri) for regional action this week.

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SUN photo/Randi Pierce

The crowd reacts to the Pirates' play during their win over the Alamosa Mean Moose Friday. The Pirates won 44-41.

RECREATION NEWS

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By Darren Lewis
Pagosa Springs Recreation Department

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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
LAINIFF: 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.

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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.
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Respectfully Submitted this 26th day of January, 2022.
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Eggleston Kosnik LLC
/s/ Duke Eggleston
Duke Eggleston, #24965
556 Main Ave.
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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
Lindsay Carter, et al
Defendants
Case No.: 2021CV30046
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM SCHEDULED FOR SALE 2021-28
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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:
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MORGAN CARTER
GORDON F WARE
FRANCES C WARE
NADINE V OVERLEY
HOMES BY ISABELLA, INC
JACQUELINE O BURNETT
LUKE B GRANGER
TIMOTHY E GRADY
JAMES M DOLGE
JULIANN L DOLGE
RICARDO CHAPARRO
DORIS DALTON SINGER
CAM M STEELE A/K/A CAM STEELE
DON HARRIS
JEANNINE HARRIS
LAURENCE T HAMMOND
ELIZABETH HAMMOND
GERRIT H BROUWER, TRUSTEE OF THE BROUWER FAMILY TRUST DATED AUGUST 5, 1998
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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
TO ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION
YOU ARE 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 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 entered 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 situated 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 ("642 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
444 Lewis St., PO 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 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
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Tel: 970.264.2400
Recreation Property Owners Association, Inc.
Plaintiff
Darvin Patrick, et al
Defendants
Case No.: 2021CV30037

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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 personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof:
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EMMA PATRICK
ROBERT F OVERBY
REDA OVERBY
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 MUNSSELL
MARY V KOEPP
ERIK TYSON BROWN
JANET HARRIS
LEO HOEHN
DEBORAH BALLWEG
GWENDOLYN E ASHTON
LAWRENCE J SHATTON
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
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SCOTT ALAN ROSENTHAL, TRUSTEE OF THE ROSENTHAL FAMILY TRUST, DATED MARCH 14, 2000
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HELEN H KNUDSON
JOE SILVA SR
DANIEL D CORPUZ
FRANCISCA N GUMATAOTAO
ANDREW STITELMANN
EILEEN M HEMPFING
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JANE D VEAZEY
JOHN MAC CARPENTER
EMBARA PUCKETT 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 shall be deemed to be the debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.
Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
Association Assessments Due to: Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc.
Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A" Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A" Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act
THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.
The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST
THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will, at 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 SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.
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SENIOR NEWS

Tax help for seniors available in Durango

By Cheryl Wilkinson
SUN 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.

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

Friday, March 4 — Turkey Bolognese with noodles, baked Parmesan zucchini, focaccia bread with butter, milk and salad.

Monday, March 7 — Pork posole, roasted cauliflower snowflakes, flour tortilla, milk and chocolate mousse.

Tuesday, March 8 — Tandoori salmon, roasted butternut squash, milk, salad and kheer (Indian rice pudding).

Wednesday, March 9 — Turkey wild rice soup, wilted spinach, cornbread with butter, milk and salad.

Thursday, March 10 — Beef meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, milk, salad and brownie.

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 reservation policy. This helps ensure that everyone with reservations receives a meal and enables us to provide additional and healthier meals.

Due to COVID-19, food supplies have been affected. Substitutions will be made accordingly.

EXTENSION VIEWPOINTS

Understanding the cost of noxious weeds

By Ethan Proud
SUN Columnist

Who really cares about noxious weeds? A select group of weed managers? Ranchers? While many people may not actively participate in weed control or even understand what invasive species can do to an ecosystem or a property, everyone should care.

Noxious weeds degrade native communities, alter migration routes, increase the frequency of fires and may harm human health.

But, they are plants, how can they be bad? Many supporters of weeds will argue that it's a plant and it is serving some role in the ecosystem, but invasive plants are biological litter. They would not have established a foothold without help from humans — the damage they cause is a direct result of human activity.

In their native range, they compete with other plant species, pathogens, insects and animal herbivory. In their invaded ranges, they have left their competitors behind, and our native plants and animals have not adapted to their presence. This means that

without human interference, they will run rampant and create dense monocultures that outcompete other plants. The key to a healthy environment is a diversity of plant species to support multiple mammal, bird, reptile and insect species (this also means that a lawn of Kentucky bluegrass is not a healthy environment).

A 2014 study by W. Marshall Frasier conducted by the Colorado Weed Management Association, Colorado departments of Natural Resources and Agriculture, and Colorado State University addressed the cost of noxious weeds in Colorado. The article is titled "Economic Impact of Invasive Weed Species in Colorado."

Loss of value was calculated by three use components: the average economic value of uninvaded parcels, proportion of diminishment of economic value due to the presence of one or more weed species (only 10 noxious species were included on this study), and the proportion of invaded land which displaced value activity. The product of these three values identified the cost of weed presence.

The total cost of these 10 species

was \$13,838,920 when the cost to agricultural land, wildlife habitat and recreational lands were combined. The data that was considered in this report came from one source: county weed managers. Mapping is voluntary and not all programs have weed districts, meaning that the data has many gaps and should be considered a conservative report.

This analysis did not take into consideration the cost of controlling noxious weeds by private landowners and public agencies, but rather the degradation of value to land due to the presence of noxious weeds. Simply put, noxious weeds by virtue of being here cost Colorado nearly \$14 million before control measures are considered. The cost of doing nothing to control weeds is monumental.

Archuleta County Weed and Pest is your local resource for managing noxious weed populations.

Volunteers needed

Archuleta County 4-H needs volunteers. We are looking for short-term commitment for super-intendents at the county fair. Please contact our office at (970) 264-5931

or contact 4-H Coordinator Becky Jacobson at rjacobson@archuleta-county.org.

Shredding event

The shredding event has been canceled until further notice. Due to new ownership of the shredding company, we can no longer offer our biannual shredding event. We used this service, too, so we understand the inconvenience. We will work on bringing another shredding event to Archuleta County. Thank you for your past participation.

CPR and first aid classes

CPR and first aid certification classes are offered every other month starting Feb. 21 and 23 from 6 to 10 p.m. The cost for the classes is \$80 for combined CPR/first aid, and \$55 for CPR, first aid or recertification. Call the Extension office at (970) 264-5931 to register.

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Volunteer opportunities available with Weminuche Audubon Society

By Jean Zirnheilt
Weminuche Audubon Society

Members of the Weminuche Audubon Society are inviting any interested community members to join us in two organizational meetings being held on Friday, March 4, at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library. Please bring a mask.

At 1 p.m., Pagosa Wetland Partners, a committee of the local Audubon chapter, will be getting together to formulate and discuss priorities for the coming season. This meeting will take place in the large meeting room.

The mission of this advocacy group is to work with the Town of Pagosa Springs to protect and enhance valuable wetland areas with a primary focus on those located along the popular Riverwalk.

Volunteer opportunities exist in several areas as we work to foster an awareness and appreciation of this rich habitat right in the middle of town.

Last summer, we initiated Riverwalk Naturalist Tours beginning at the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership site and continuing along the Riverwalk to the Ross Aragon Community Center. We invite you to share the experiences of these trained guides and discover if you would like to become a member of this dedicated team. Join us to find out what we are about or email pagosawetlands@gmail.com.

Following this meeting, at 2:30 p.m., we will be moving to the small meeting room to begin planning for our second year of monitoring the nesting success of those amazing songbirds that swim under

water, the American dipper. For American dippers to thrive, they need availability of suitable nesting habitat and food. Their diet consists of aquatic macroinvertebrates, like larvae of caddisflies, mayflies and stoneflies, as well as small fish, fish eggs and worms. In their natural habitat, dippers build nests of moss, grass, algae or twigs. Preferred nest sites are close to water, safe from predators and often on cliffs from 1 to 10 meters above a flowing river. Dippers also build nests on bridges and other human-made structures.

Dippers may nest from mid-March to mid-July, depending primarily on elevation. You don't need to be an expert birder to join us in the fun of locating and observing nests of these incredible birds. For more information, email us at

weminuche.audubon@gmail.com.

If you can't join us in person, Zoom links will be posted on our website, weminucheaudubon.org. Audubon events are open to the public.

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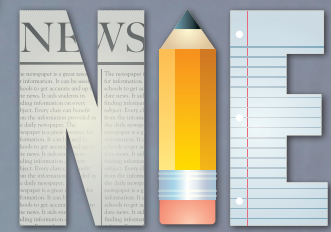
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Rotary's Ice Melt Contest



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Rotary's annual Ice Melt Contest underway

By JoAnn Laird
Pagosa Springs Rotary Club

Just when you thought the dead of winter couldn't get any more boring, ta-da: Rotary to the rescue. The organization's annual Ice Melt Contest is underway, and the time is now to submit your guesses to have a chance to win some easy money.

Held in cooperation with the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA), year after year this contest proves to be a community favorite while being very profitable for three entrants.

Simply put, this is a contest of precise timing. These crafty Rotarians, in concert with the fire department, will take a huge drum with a clock attached to it and set it on the now-frozen Lake Hatcher. As we head toward March 17, the lake will thaw, the drum will fall through the ice, the clock will stop working and that will signal the date and time to end the contest and award the winners. How fun is that?

The top three guesses closest to the date and time the clocks stop will win \$1,000 for first place, \$500

for second place and \$250 for third place. Tickets for your guesses are \$5 each, \$20 for five, \$40 for 10 and \$100 for 30.

Get your tickets to make your predictions soon, as the ice will historically melt in mid-March. Contact any Rotarian or get tickets through the PLPOA administration office, PLPOA Rec Center, Chamber of Commerce, Chokecherry Tree, or Ski and Bow Rack. Online purchases can be made at www.pagosapring-srotary.org. Before the clock stops, all tickets must be purchased and turned in to be counted. The latest date would be March 17 at 11:59 p.m. if the barrel hasn't already sunk to the icy depths of the lake.

All net proceeds will go toward the Rotary Scholarship Fund for Pagosa Springs High School graduates. Rotary has proudly funded over \$20,000 a year for over 25 years to deserving students.

Believe it or not, spring is fast approaching and here's a chance to supplement that adventure you have been thinking about for the last two years. Do you think March 13 at 11:04 a.m. will win? Or maybe March 19 at 1:33 p.m.? Or when?

High school to perform 'The Music Man' March 15-19

Pagosa Springs High School

There has been a boys' band being assembled over at Pagosa Springs High School to the sum of "76 Trombones."

This year's high school musical is Meredith Wilson's "The Music Man." Come out and support your local high school music and theater departments by attending this year's show.

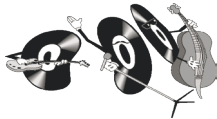
After having a couple years off due to COVID, the students are excited and ready to perform. The show is music directed by Dan Burch, Music Department chair, choreographed by Hayley Hudson and directed by Dale Scrivener. With vocal coaching by Venita Burch, acting coaching by Gus Palma and costuming by Nanette Cheffers, this show is sure to be a hit.

The show will take place March

15-19 at 7 p.m. each evening in the high school auditorium. Tickets are \$15 in advance and can be purchased online at: <https://our.show/pshs/musicman>. Tickets will be \$18 at the door, so we encourage you to get your tickets in advance.

You don't want to miss this parade of high school students marching through the theater. The parade will pass by before you know it, so get your tickets now.

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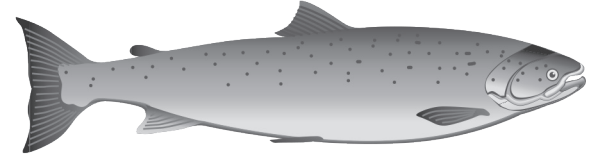
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Foundation gala event kicking off library fundraising

By Sally Neel
 Ruby M. Sisson Memorial
 Library Foundation

It's time to put on your Ruby slippers in honor of the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation's Library Affair, a gala fundraising event April 9 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association clubhouse.

The evening offers a unique bidding opportunity for 17 beautiful and creative table settings for up to eight people. The table designs will be based on themes from books ranging from children's to adult literature. The winning bidders will take home the complete content of the tables, including china, stemware, silverware, napkins, tablecloths, centerpieces and book.

"Each table is being designed

by teams of one to three people, specially chosen for their incredible artistic and creative skills," said chairperson Lynne McCruden. "The tables will carry out the theme of a selected book of their choosing. Some tables will be whimsical, others elegant, but all will be something wonderful to take home and enjoy."

In addition, beginning March 15, for a donation of \$1 per vote, you will be able to vote online for your favorite table. The table that

receives the most votes by April 8 will receive the prestigious Pagosa Pulitzer Prize, with permanent recognition displayed at the library. Tickets and voting will be available at pagosalibrary.org/library-foundation/campaign or at the library (cash or check only) beginning March 15.

Come and enjoy a fun evening with friends and supporters of our wonderful library and be prepared to bid on some truly amazing table creations.

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February Follies winners announced

Curtains Up Pagosa

The inaugural February Follies put on by Curtains Up Pagosa was a smashing success with about 200 audience members present to watch the 25 acts compete for cash prizes.

Our judges, Mary Jo Coulehan, Kylie Ross and Sherry Phillips, decided first- and second-place winners. The audience also voted to name their People's Choice Award.

Curtains Up would like to congratulate our winners of the February Follies.

In the music category, first place went to Katrina Thomas for her renditions of "This Place is Mine" from Maury Yeston's "Phantom." Second place was awarded to Regina Sikes and Raleigh Odenbach for their sisters' rendition of "Can't Take My Eyes Off of You."

People's Choice was given to Lillian Buchner for a beautiful acoustic cover of Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah." Our dance winners are first place, Penelope Peck doing a smashing version of "All That Jazz" from the Broadway musical "Chicago." Second place was awarded to Sophie Martinez for her contemporary dance to "Electric Love." And the People's Choice Award went to the Pagosa Springs Dance Academy's Jazz Small Group for their performance of "The Stray Cat Strut."

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The Southwest Organization for Sustainability is planning Earth Day activities, with the community event set for April 23.

Earth Day celebration planned for April 23

By **Pauline Benetti**
Southwest Organization for Sustainability

The Southwest Organization for Sustainability Earth Day planning committee has begun its work and wants the community to save this very important date: April 23.

Our celebration in honor of the planet will begin at 10 a.m. and run until 1 p.m., and will take place

along the Riverwalk in Centennial Park; this year roughly between the two foot bridges — unless participation requires that we move further downriver. Everyone is invited — every individual, church, business, nonprofit (does that cover it?) that wishes to celebrate with a booth or table and a giveaway of some type appropriate to the celebration.

And everyone else is invited to

come out and stroll the Riverwalk, and greet friends and neighbors and just have a good time on this important day. To register or to join the planning committee, please email your intention to pagosa100percent@gmail.com.

For the international events of this year, check www.earthday.org. This year's campaign theme is "Invest in the Earth."

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offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of person(s) responsible for vandalism of St. John the Baptist Catholic mission church in Pagosa Junction on County Road 500. The vandalism occurred on February 14, 2022.

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Photography Club presentation: 'Wildlife Photography in the San Juan Mountains'

By Gregg Heid
Pagosa Springs Photography Club

The March meeting of the Pagosa Springs Photography Club will be held on Wednesday, March 9, at 6:30 p.m., at the Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Our topic this month is "Wildlife Photography in the San Juan Mountains," presented by Deirdre Rosenberg.

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

Rosenberg is a wildlife photographer with a deep passion for the alpine environment. Her work with alpine and subalpine wildlife shines a light on how our changing climate and growing outdoor recreation impacts these beings and the ecosystems they call home.

When Rosenberg isn't in the high mountains, she is working closely with red fox to shine light on their dynamic family structures and how they fit into our changing planet. Rosenberg resides in the rugged San Juan Mountains with her husband and dog.



Photo courtesy Deirdre Rosenberg

An American pika exhales. Deirdre Rosenberg will present "Wildlife Photography in the San Juan Mountains" at the March 9 meeting of the Pagosa Springs Photography Club.

In her presentation, she will show and discuss some of her stunning images of the wildlife that make the San Juan Mountains their home, including pika, mountain goats and red fox.

The Pagosa Springs Photography Club promotes educational, social and fun interactions between all who enjoy making and viewing great photography. The club spon-

sors educational programs and outings to help photographers hone their skills. The Photography Club's membership year begins in January. For new members, dues are at \$25 per year (\$35 family).

For more information about the club, and to download a membership application, visit our website at: <https://pagosaspringsphoto-club.org/about/>.

Mountain High Garden Club spring kickoff set for March 16

By Laura Lunsford
Mountain High Garden Club

Are you getting spring fever and feeling ready to get your hands in the dirt? Are you new to Pagosa Springs and wondering if it is even possible to have a garden here? Come join a group of green-minded individuals for sharing and learning.

The Mountain High Garden Club's spring kickoff is March 16 from 10 a.m. to noon at the CSU Agricultural Extension building, 344 U.S. 84, by the fairgrounds. We

are starting the season with a seed exchange and a presentation by the Extension office director, Robin Young, on developing a seed library and its purpose. This is a great way to learn about plant varieties that work well in our area. Bring any seeds you have to share and join us for this great event.

With the exception of our garden tours, which are held on the weekends, we meet on the third Wednesday of the month from 10 a.m. to noon at the CSU Extension building. Our season aligns with the gardening season, from

March through October. Below is a preview of our schedule for 2022:

- March 16 — Seed swap and seed library presentation.
 - April 20 — Plant swap and discussion on finding and transplanting plants.
 - May 18 — Preparing to plant including amending soil, vermiculture and composting.
 - June (date to be determined) — Field trip to the Durango Garden Tour. Stay tuned for dates and details.
 - July 9 — Pagosa Springs Flower
- See Garden on next page

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Food coalition offers Vista Lake Park and community garden update

By Rose Chavez

Food System/Food Equity Coalition

The Vista Lake Park community garden project, a half-acre garden and park site located behind the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association's administrative offices at 230 Port Ave. is an ongoing effort to support health and wellness in the Vista neighborhood.

The project is being led by Vista residents and surrounding neighbors through a community learning and leadership circle (CLLC) that meets weekly to oversee the development of the garden and park. The group is taking into consideration everything from the infrastructure to the programming that will activate the community garden and bring it to life not only through the growing of plants, but also the deep desire to grow community through all the activities tied to this effort.

Big kudos to the group for having arrived at a preliminary design this week for the garden. There are still multiple components of the garden/park and programming that need the insight and expertise from residents. The community is invited to reach out to Healthy Archuleta and review the design, share comments and connect to find ways to get involved in the CLLC moving forward.

The talent and skills the CLLC



Photo courtesy Food System/Food Equity Coalition

The Healthy Archuleta community learning and leadership circle discusses the Vista Lake Park community garden project.

group exudes week after week is nothing short of hopeful and exciting for what is being dreamed of and envisioned for the Vista neighborhood and greater community. The group envisions for this project “a Vista Lake Park that is community led, generating solutions and building community while honoring culture, heritage, history and place to increase access to fresh foods and health/wellness using equity centered practices, learning, sharing and education.”

That dream includes the dis-

tribution of bags of fresh, locally grown foods for all being transformed into delicious and nourishing meals that bring the neighborhood and community around the table to share in the harvest of the earth, and the labors of love of this effort to nurture systems change in support of nutrition security and health equity in Archuleta County.

The Vista Lake Park CLLC members look forward to sharing more about the developments of the project at future community events coming up this spring, so please stay tuned.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact us at fsfearchuleta@gmail.org or visit our website at: <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/vista-lake-park.html>. To donate to support the work of Healthy Archuleta doing business as the FSFE-Food Coalition, please visit our website: <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/donate.html>.

geraniums, dahlias and other plants.

For information on how to join meetings, please go to the Mountain High Garden website, <https://mountainhighgardenclub.com/>, or contact us at info@mountainhighgardenclub.com.

Garden

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- Aug. 13 — Pagosa Springs Vegetable Tour. Stay tuned for locations.
- Sept. 21 — Wildscaping and permaculture discussion.
- Oct. 19 — How to overwinter

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San Juan Stargazers accepting new members for an exciting summer at Chimney Rock

By Joan Mieritz
San Juan Stargazers

The San Juan Stargazers are starting to gear up for a full and exciting summer at Chimney Rock National Monument. We will begin telescope training this month.

There are Star Parties scheduled for Fridays, March 4, 11, 25 and April 1. These are for members only, which is why there is this opportunity to join the club.

Membership costs \$25 each year for an individual, couple or family. This includes membership to our local club and to the National Astronomical League with a subscription to Reflector, the quarterly magazine that adds much learning for our club.

If you want to join, call (303) 995-2888 and leave a message with your name, phone number and some information about yourself. You will receive a call back about joining.

This is a brief summary of plans for the summer of 2022. There will be five Night Sky Programs called Stars and Galaxies, one each month, taking place close to the time of having no visible moon so we can see more deep-sky objects

such as star clusters, nebula and, the most interesting, other galaxies. There will also be four Night Sky Programs titled Our Solar System which are timed to have great views of the moon and planets. We will also have one night, on Aug. 12, to view the Perseid meteor shower.

To make sure club members are well prepared to use their telescopes, there also will be seven practice sessions during the summer, some with guest astronomer teachers.

The wild card for this summer will be whether or not we will be using our telescopes with the general public. This will depend on the state of COVID-19 each date. We will determine the safety each time we have a program. We will always provide the program, but telescope use will be in question. The difficulty is that the virus can be passed on the eye-piece, which can endanger members and guests using the scope.

The San Juan Stargazers Club is part of the National Astronomical League, celebrating its 75th year of service and includes over 250 clubs from all over the U.S. Our local group also has a website, www.san-juanstargazers.org. Check it out.

We welcome everyone to learn more about our amazing universe. We hope to see you as a member or guest to our programs.



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Great Decisions Durango to hold third discussion in person on March 8

Great Decisions

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Moderator Dick White will present background materials and a film by the Foreign Policy Association and lead participants in a discussion of the issues.

The public is invited to attend this free discussion. Participants

should be vaccinated and wear masks.

More information about Great Decisions and the Foreign Policy Association can be found at <http://www.fpa.org> or at the League of Women Voters of La Plata County website, <http://www.lwvplata.org>.

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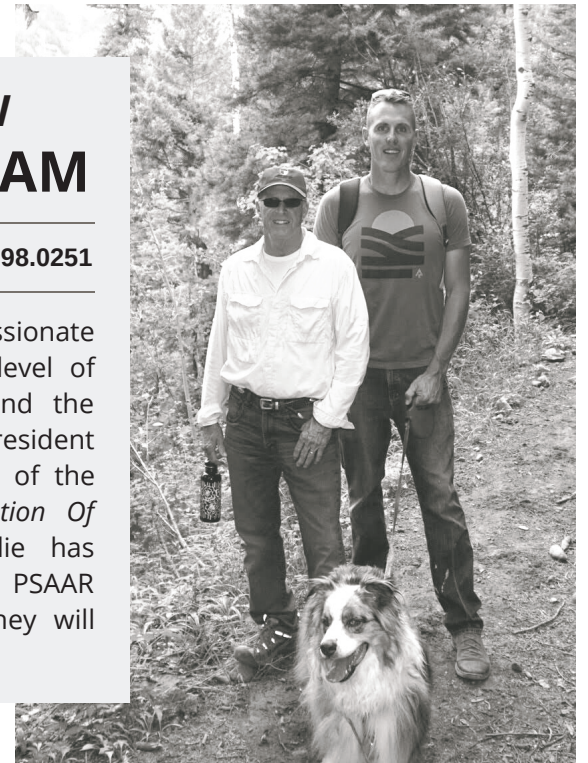
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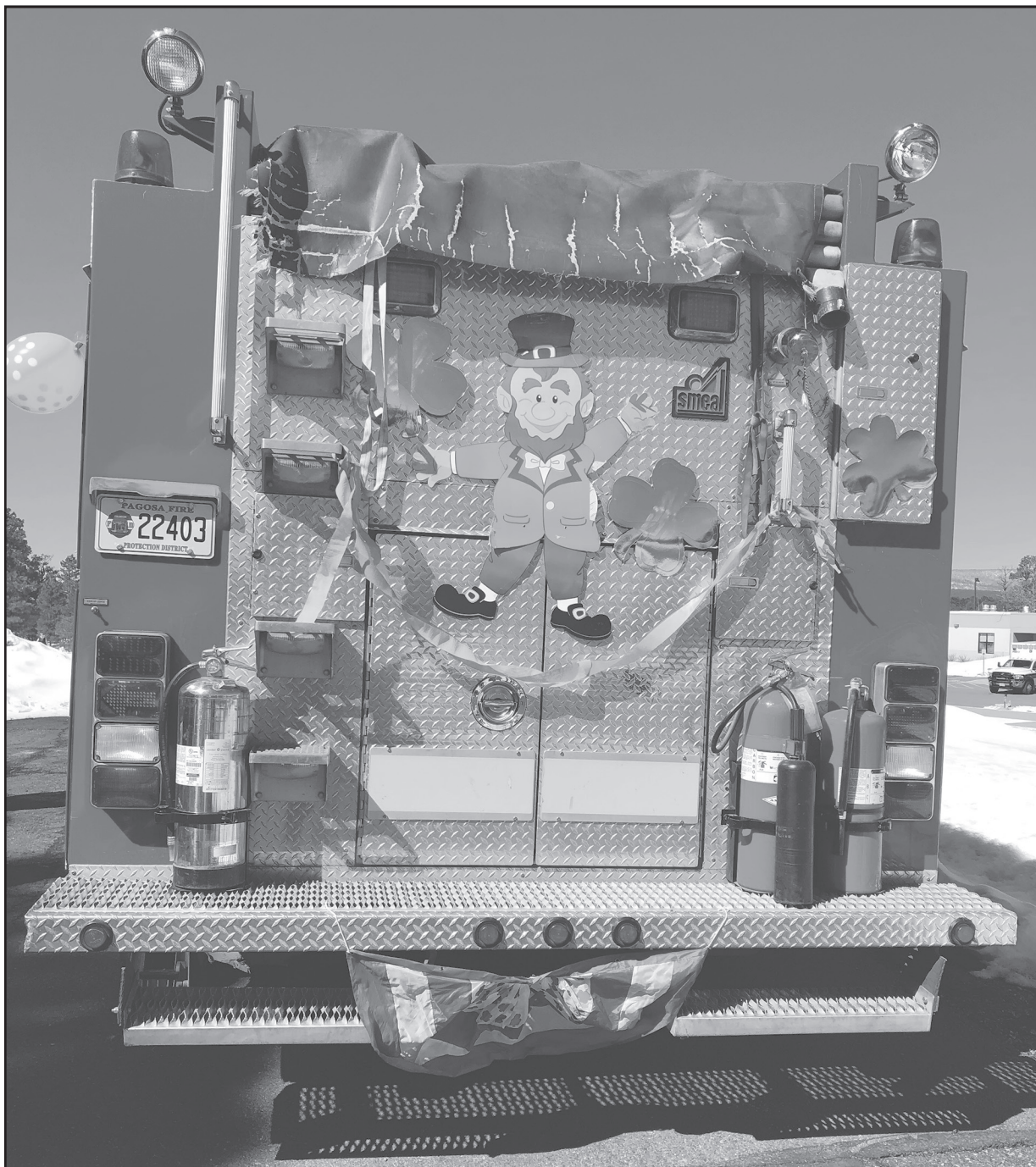


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The world's shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade is making a comeback at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church on March 19, with the St. Patrick's Patron Day Festival following.

'World's shortest' St. Patrick's Day Parade slated to make a comeback

By **Nicki Rippee**
St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

The world's shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade is making a comeback at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church on March 19. What could be more exciting than a parade with a tractor, a trash truck and a fire engine? Bagpipers, of course.

The parade will begin at one end of St. Patrick's parking lot and proceed to the other end. Don't blink or get distracted or you will miss it. The Rev. Wren Blessing will play the part of St. Patrick, dressed in St. Patrick's bishop finery, as her float leads the parade. Children are needed to ride the float with her.

After the parade, St. Patrick's Patron Day Festival will continue outside to reduce the risk of COVID. There will be booths featuring local nonprofits and vendors, along

with beer, Irish coffee and great food. Other fun activities are being planned. So, start getting your Irish outfit and green together and watch for another article in The SUN with further information.

Booth spaces for vendors are free of charge and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Vendors and organizations must provide their own tables,

chairs and tent coverage (if desired). Nonprofits are also welcome. To reserve a spot or if you would like to participate in the parade with a float, please email st.patrickspagosa@gmail.com or call (970) 731-5801.

The festival will begin at 11 a.m. and end at 2 p.m., snow or shine, in the church parking lot, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd., next to the hospital.

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Oh, the burden of expectations

When the woman of the house is sick, what happens? Nothing. Dust appears alongside muddy paw prints. Am I the only one who notices that the house is begging to be cleaned?

The doctor gave me a choice, “You can live with ‘this’ or have surgery. Now or later, something will have to be done.”

I surprised myself at just how much I was grabbing at a table or chair to pass through a room. I was struggling to walk, which you could tell by the grinding of my teeth. I had become complacent with my health and now had to deal with the consequences.

One of our daughters picked me up the afternoon after my surgery. I didn’t feel horrible, but told her, “I’m going to milk this sick thing for everything its worth. It’s time I get pampered.”

She said, “OK, but for now, just take your pain pills. Just not before a Zoom call because you get loopy.”

Thank you, I think. Don’t say anything stupid. But be loopy if you feel like it.

I had to have a double hernia repaired and was sent home with very clear instructions: “Nothing over 15 pounds.”

You have any idea how many things around you are at least 15 pounds push, pull, lift or otherwise?

I told my Sweet Al that he would have to wait on himself for a few weeks while I recovered. His response, as heartfelt as it was, made me laugh.

“I don’t need anything. I can take care of myself. But, if you don’t mind, I’d be happy with two slices of toast and a couple of eggs for breakfast in the morning.”

“Al, did you hear me? Did you hear yourself?”

“If you don’t want to do it, I’ll do it myself. Besides, you said nothing over 15 pounds. How much does an egg weigh?”

His logic can be ill-timed. Life’s logic can be ill-timed. Our son was born just a few days before Christmas. We had several friends and family come for a visit. After an overnight stay in the hospital, I was off to the grocery store to pick up everything we would need for the next several days.

Christmas day came and there I was, making a full meal with all

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Betty Slade



I’m not sure why we put certain expectations on ourselves or allow others to. Maybe we feel we need to meet a certain standard of productivity and please others while we are at it.

of the trimmings. I still remember how I felt that day. Everyone was laughing and having a good time, and I was in the kitchen just days after having a baby.

Thankfully, I bounced back after those days, especially when I think about how I often found myself: reeling from life while picking up all of the pieces as I provide for those around me.

Today, I’m not bouncing back so fast. But, it seems like all of life’s expectations are still there, waiting to be cared for. There are still meals to prepare and a house to pick up, even if I’ve been instructed not to lift even a Crock Pot or mop bucket.

I’m not sure why we put certain expectations on ourselves or al-

low others to. Maybe we feel we need to meet a certain standard of productivity and please others while we are at it. Knowing what I can do for my husband or family brings its own level of pride. I like knowing they think I can stand up to the universe, even if we all know I would paint it purple and mess up all natural order.

Years ago, someone said to me, “It’s freeing to be unimportant.” That was a foreign concept at the time. I thought everyone wanted to be important. What I have learned since is that being important often comes with a burden of expectation that may not be so “freeing.”

I’m thankful that my husband and children still need me, even if their timing is off or they poke fun at me in the moment. It could be the gentle nudge I need to help keep my head in the game. Through thick and thin.

Final brushstroke: Burdens of expectations can be a part of healing if seen in the right light. After all, life happens. And, it will either defeat us or cause us to find strength we may not know we have. One thing is for certain: If we sit around and grow too comfortable with life, it has a way of sidelining us. That is, unless we have people around us who insist on keeping us on our feet.

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Unitarian Universalists to hear from Rise Above Violence

By **Pauline Benetti**

Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Please join the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in person or on Zoom on Sunday, March 6, at 10:30 a.m.

The Zoom link is <https://us-02web.zoom.us/j/86176360552>, meeting ID: 861 7636 0552 or phone (346) 248 7799.

What is unique about Unitarian Universalism is that it is a religion without a creed. In the place of creed, it has what are called the Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism, which we hold as strong values and moral guides.

The message of our service almost always catches one of our principles in action and so it is with this Sunday's message, which will be delivered by Carmen Hubbs, executive director of Rise Above Violence, our local nonprofit organization serving victims/survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and abuse. As we shall see, the principle in action is "The inherent worth and dignity of every person."

Hubbs will be speaking with our fellowship on the agency's new Flexible Financial Assistance Program. The key word here is "flexible." With this program, financial aid is distributed as quickly as

possible with a minimum of barriers and respecting the autonomy and agency of a survivor to identify ways that their household's needs and barriers to safety and stability might be addressed. In other words, the program respects the inherent worth and dignity of the survivor and, as we shall hear, it is also very successful.

This program was initially developed through a pilot project funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation out of Washington state. The program was so successful in stabilizing and raising a survivor's self-sufficiency that organizations around the nation are now adopting similar initiatives, including the state of Colorado.

Hubbs will detail the project's successful outcomes and initiation of the program here in Pagosa Springs. Come learn of the wonderful work Rise is doing for our community and come away smiling at the good news in this time of seemingly perpetual bad news.

We are currently experimenting with a hybrid format, which will allow those who feel comfortable to continue to attend in person, while others may prefer to participate remotely via Zoom. Please bear with us in the coming weeks as we work to refine the experience of

those on Zoom.

To protect our most vulnerable, we ask that you please consider attending only if you are vaccinated and will wear a mask. 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. You are welcome to remain after the service for fellowship.

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

Religious Exploration (RE) classes will not be resumed until more normal conditions exist. For more information about RE, contact Anna Ramirez at afrancis@hotmail.com.

Find us in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza. From North Pagosa Boulevard, turn right onto Park Avenue and right again into Greenbriar Plaza, then turn left and continue around the complex until you see the Unitarian Universalist sign as it faces the mountains. Join us. For more information about the fellowship, please see the website www.pagosauu.org

New Thought to meet Sunday

By **Shayla McClure**

New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

Sunday service is at 11 a.m. with Shayla White Eagle McClure: "Life After Life and Many Lives, Many Masters," a blend of Dr. Raymond Moody, minister, and Dr. Brian Weiss, doctor of psychology.

"A life cannot be rushed, cannot be worked on a schedule as so many people want it to be. We must accept what comes to us at a given time and not ask for more." — Weiss.

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.

Thursday, March 3, 6 p.m.: "Basic Healing Techniques 101," with White Eagle McClure. Astrology, Voyager Tarot and Akashic records with Rebecca Cortez.

Friday, March 4, 6:30 p.m.: Channel circle with spiritual guides.

Library

The New Thought Center has a large library of inspirational and spiritual books. To borrow or donate a book, please come to the New Thought Center prior to Sunday service or Meditation Circle.

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. Our mission is to create a world that works for all and to create a joyful life through awareness of a higher power. We are a "Good Vibe Tribe" that connects a collective

spiritual journey.

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; 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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Countywide Women's Bible Study open to all women

By Stan Counsell
Special to The PREVIEW

Calling all ladies living in and around Pagosa Springs: Did you know there is a long-standing evangelical/born-again bible study tailored just for you? And, the attendees come from many of the Christian churches in town.

Denominationalism isn't taught, for such can be divisive to sincere believers in Christ. Instead, it is just plain Bible, void of "hair-splitting" dogmas, one of the worst being the denigration or marginalization of women. After all, didn't Jesus say, "You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free"?

By removing flesh-driven opinions, the Word of God is made clear to everyone, eyes are opened to what was really being taught in biblical times. And, these ladies

encourage those questioning or curious about biblical topics to wholeheartedly join them. This women's group has prospered for nearly 50 years right here in beautiful Pagosa Springs.

The ladies just finished an extensive, yet easy-to-understand study of the books of Daniel and Revelation, opening many an inquiring mind. This popular gathering is not a lecture-driven study, rather a place with rich laughter, feedback and insightful questions.

Now, they have been undertaking an eye-popping study of Galatians. Just why did the apostle Paul feel such an urgency to clear up many misunderstanding in a new and developing church?

The teacher-facilitator, going on some nine years now, is Bert Counsell. She is a soon-to-be ordained

evangelical women's minister, having served churches in California and Colorado. Currently, she and her husband have made Pagosa Springs their home for 15 years.

Counsell is a former chaplain with the American Red Cross, U.S. Border Patrol and the first Christian-owned/operated AIDS hospice in San Diego, Calif. She is also a worship composer and women's counselor.

She has been married 37 years to her soulmate, an evangelical pastor, chaplain and counselor. Her passion is to advance the Gospel of Jesus Christ through teaching deep-but-easy biblical topics and doctrines with an extensive knowledge of theology, biblical languages and cultures.

The Countywide Women's Bible Study has an open door to all believers and seekers. They meet every Tuesday morning from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall graciously provided by CrossRoad Christian Fellowship. The address is 1044 Park Ave., across from the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Recreation Center. For more information, please call 264-9931.

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, March 6, our theme is "Achieving Peace (part 1)."

"Use your understanding to promote the unity and tranquility of mankind, to give enlightenment and civilization to the people, to produce love in all around you, and to bring about universal peace." — Abdu'l-Baha.

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 human 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. Our local contact is 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.

39th annual Monte Vista Crane Festival to be held March 11-13

By Diane Underwood
Monte Vista Crane Festival

Sandhill crane enthusiasts are invited to attend the 39th annual Monte Vista Crane Festival March 11-13 in Monte Vista.

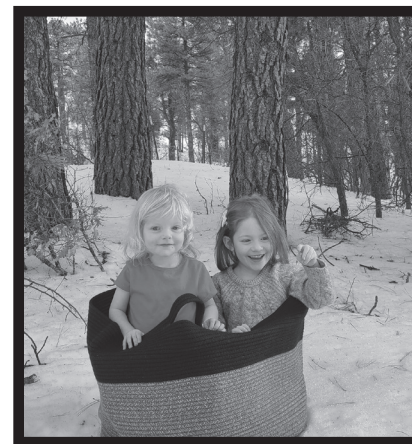
This year's festival will be a hybrid format, with attendees invited to join us online, in person or both as thousands of sandhill cranes migrate through the San Luis Valley.

Participants are invited to visit <https://mvcranefest.org/> to sign up for tours along beautiful trails and wetlands, watch presenta-

tions from experts, attend photography workshops and more. All events, both in person and virtual, are free.

As always, the Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge will be open one hour before sunrise and one hour after sunrise for crane viewing. Just bring a pair of binoculars and head out to the refuge.

The Monte Vista Crane Festival is a collaborative effort by Friends of the San Luis Valley National Wildlife Refuges, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce and City of Monte Vista.



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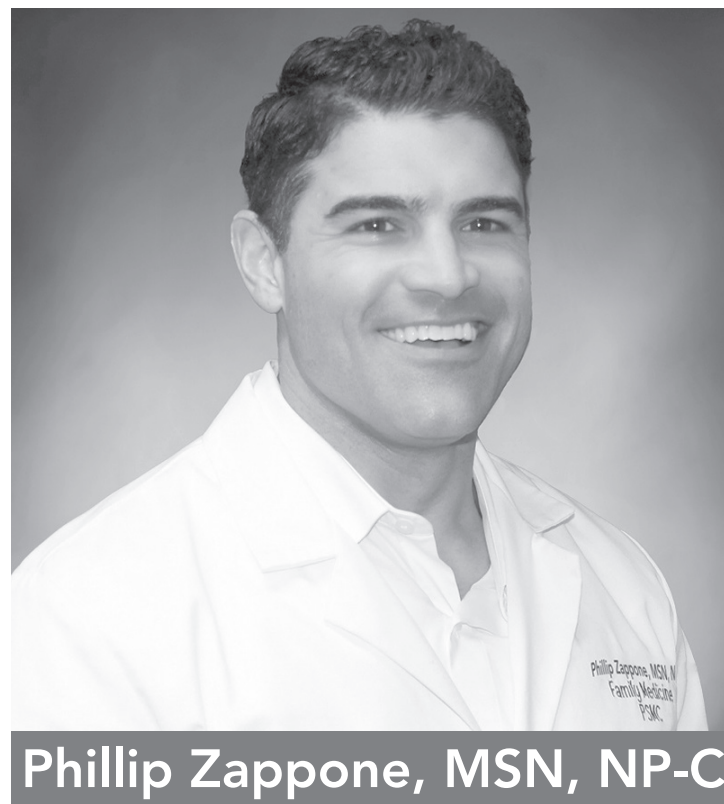
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All events listed in The PREVIEW Calendar are free of charge unless otherwise noted.

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.

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.

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

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

Friday, March 4

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

Weminuche Audubon Society Committee Meetings. 1 p.m., Sisson Library. The Pagosa Wetlands Partners committee will be getting together to formulate and discuss priorities for the coming season at 1 p.m. At 2:30 p.m., planning will begin for the second year of monitoring the nesting success of the American dipper. Please bring a mask. If you can't join us in person, Zoom links will be posted on our website, weminucheadubon.org.

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.

Tuesday, March 8

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

Tech Time. 10 a.m.-noon, 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.

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

Ruby's Book Club. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. This month, the book club will be discussing "Madhouse at the End of the Earth" by Julian Sancton. Copies are available to pick up at your library.

Dungeons and Dragons. 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens and young adults. Come to the library and participate in our new in-person game every other Tuesday. Registration is preferred as space is limited.

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

Wednesday, March 9

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

Family Storytime: Silly Stories with Miss Lisa. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Join our guest presenter, Miss Lisa and her friend, Fluffy Dog, for some puppets, storytelling and lots of silly fun. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Teen Gaming. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks. For teens in the 6th-12th grade. Contact the library at (970) 264-2209 for further information.

Pagosa Springs Photography Club Meeting. 6:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Our topic this month is "Wild-life Photography in the San Juan Mountains," presented by Deirdre Rosenberg. This will be a hybrid meeting, also available on Zoom. The Zoom link will be emailed to members; others who wish to attend may request the link by email to abulter@mac.com. If attending in person, feel free to arrive any time after 6 p.m.; the actual presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 10

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.

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, March 11

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

Therapy Dog Visit. 1:30-2:15 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Stop by and visit with a certified therapy dog; it's a great way to relax or boost your day. Visits with the therapy dog should be limited to 10-15 minutes. In that time, you can pet the dog, read to the dog or just say "Hi."

Free Legal Clinic. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Registration required. Privately meet with a volunteer attorney via Zoom at the library or by phone to ask questions about all areas of

civil law. Visit <https://checkerboard.co/> anytime to access many legal forms and other useful legal information. To schedule an appointment with the volunteer attorney, please contact the library at (970) 264-2209 or send an email at the beginning of the month to ruby@pagosalibrary.org. The clinic takes place on the second Friday of every month, but available appointments are limited, so please contact the library early in the month to reserve your spot.

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 12

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.

Tuesday, March 15

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

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

Finding Hope. Noon, Grace in Pagosa, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., unit B-18. 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. To learn more, go to findinghope.today.

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

Dungeons and Dragons. 4-6 p.m. For teens and young adults. Join us on Google Meet for our ongoing game. Contact claire@pagosalibrary.org for details on how to join.

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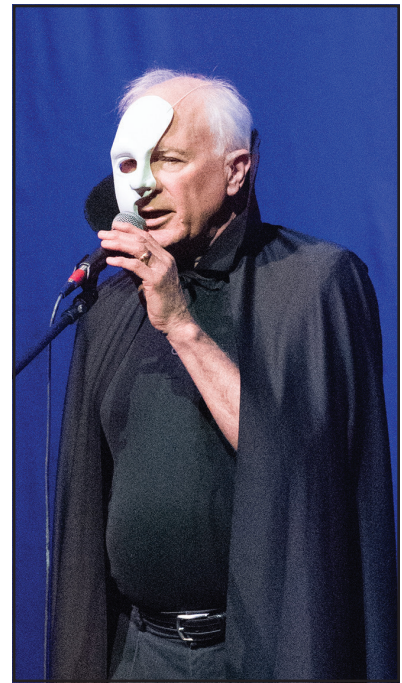
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Scene ... taking in a night of follies and talent. Curtains Up Pagosa held its inaugural February Follies even on Saturday evening at Pagosa Springs High School. Community members sang, danced, played instruments, told jokes and more, with judges and the audience picking the night's winners.





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Pagosa Springs High School Presents 'The Music Man.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. Tickets are \$15 in advance and can be purchased online at <https://our.show/pshs/musicman>. Tickets will be \$18 at the door.

Wednesday, March 16

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

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

Mountain High Garden Club Spring Kickoff. 10 a.m.-noon, CSU Extension Office, 344 U.S. 84. We are starting our season with a seed exchange and presentation on developing a seed library and its purpose by Robin Young, the Extension office director. It will offer great information for both new and experienced gardeners. For more information, visit <https://mountain-highgardenclub.com/>.

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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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Friday, March 18

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

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.

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Saturday, March 19

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.

St. Patrick's Day Parade and Patron Day Festival. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. The "world's shortest" parade will be followed by the festival, with booths featuring nonprofits and vendors, along with beer Irish coffee and great food. For more information, email st.patrickspagosa@gmail.com or call (970) 731-5801.

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.

Pagosa Springs High School Presents 'The Music Man.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. Tickets are \$15 in advance and can be purchased online at <https://our.show/pshs/musicman>. Tickets will be \$18 at the door.

Sunday, March 20

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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Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the Eurasian collared-dove.

It's hard to imagine that a bird so commonly seen and heard here now was not found in North America prior to the 1980s. The Eurasian collared-dove, which first showed up in North America in Florida, has colonized the United States at a rate unmatched by any other non-native species. It is now found in every state except in the far northeast.

Several factors have contributed to the success of these birds. They mainly eat seeds and grains, which they can store in the crop for later digestion. Bird feeders and agricultural fields provide a readily available food source, so these doves are most commonly found living around people.

Although the female typically lays only one or two eggs at a time, in warmer climates, these doves nest year-round. Pairs may raise from three to six broods per year — a factor in their abundance. In some cases, they may start a new nest even before their fledglings are completely independent.

These birds are not dependent on insects to provide the added protein and fats needed by hatchlings. Instead, both parents produce a rich substance in their crops known as crop or pigeon milk to feed young for the first 10 days. Chicks stick their bills deep inside a parent's bill to stimulate regurgitation of this nutritious food.

The chunky Eurasian collared-dove is pale gray tinted with pinkish tones and has a black half collar on the back of the neck. It is found walking across the ground in search of food or singing its three-note call while perched on poles, wires or high in a tree. So far, negative impacts to native birds from the spread of this species seem to be minimal.

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

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Squander
- 6 Blood flow blockage
- 10 Ice mass
- 14 "Password" host Ludden
- 15 Derriere
- 16 Skater's jump
- 17 Artificial leg?
- 18 West-to-east wind
- 20 Bonds had 762
- 22 Live, after "in"
- 23 Wind indicator
- 24 Censor sound
- 25 Running late
- 28 Smoothie makers
- 31 Blue bloods
- 33 Caviar source
- 34 Farrah co-star
- 35 Droning sound
- 36 Paul Bunyan's blue ox

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- 37 Sixth sense, briefly
- 38 Portable warmer
- 42 Editor's concern
- 44 Overage
- 45 Don't just stand there
- 46 Grilling site
- 47 Seward's state
- 49 1948 Bob Hope comedy, "The _____"
- 53 Don Juan, e.g.
- 55 Competitor
- 56 CBer's sign-off
- 57 Doberman daddy
- 58 Senior dances
- 59 The life of Riley, say
- 60 Some tributes
- 61 On edge

- 5 Competitor
- 6 Frasier's surname
- 7 Telescope part
- 8 Feedbag morsel
- 9 One of three in the delivery room
- 10 Type of owl
- 11 Try the patience of
- 12 Make over
- 13 Secluded valley
- 19 Low double digits
- 21 Menu option
- 24 Point a finger at
- 25 Like some beans
- 26 Expunge
- 27 Top 40 lists
- 28 Wayne, aka Batman

- 38 Satisfy a thirst
- 39 "Three Musicians" artist
- 40 Command to Fido
- 41 Selected passage
- 43 Streetcar name?
- 46 Copenhagen natives

- 47 Burn soother
- 48 Molten flow
- 49 Peel with a knife
- 50 Calling company?
- 51 Rotating parts
- 52 Word in a threat
- 54 Prefix with life or wife

DOWN

- 1 Neighbor of B.C.
- 2 Type of sax
- 3 2019 film, "Queen & _____"
- 4 Put on the air
- 29 Judges' attire
- 30 Clairvoyants
- 32 Crowd's call
- 36 Boomerang, as a plan

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to kidney health. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 2 = I)

- A. 12 2 16 7 23 20**
Clue: Body organ
- B. 15 11 16 24 18 23 7**
Clue: Body area with digestive organs
- C. 19 2 3 9 23 14**
Clue: Device that removes impurities
- D. 21 15 2 7**
Clue: Discomfort

Answers: A. kidney B. abdomen C. filter D. pain

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Friends' book sale in new location and Creede Theatre show today

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Planning already is underway for the Friends of the Library annual book sale, one of the highlights of the summer for locals and visitors alike.

This year's book sale will open on Thursday evening, June 23, at 6 p.m. for members (memberships are available at the door), and then open to the public on Friday and Saturday, June 24-25. It will be in a new location — in the Fellowship Hall at the Community United Methodist Church downtown. And it's a new time of year as well, moving to June to avoid the month of August which is so busy with community events, including the Archuleta County Fair.

The Friends' book sale is an ideal venue for finding treasures for yourself and gifts for family and friends. You'll find lots more than books to buy at great bargain prices — there are audio books, DVDs, puzzles and games, as well. While you enjoy these treats, you'll be contributing to the health of your library.

The proceeds from the book sale are gratefully received by your library to ensure ongoing excellence of our collection, our facilities and our service to you. Last year in two and a half days, the Friends' book sale raised more than \$2,000.

The Friends always need help sorting, boxing and preparing for the sale. As well, year-round our volunteers go to the library to sort through donations to find the ones appropriate for the annual sale. If you would like to volunteer with the Friends, please contact Wennona Brown at wennona@centurylink.net. And we hope you'll put the Friends book sale dates on your calendar for a fun summer outing.

Free tax forms

Tax forms are available free at your library while supplies last.

Ruby's Book Club next Tuesday

Ruby's Book Club meets in person from 2 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, to discuss "Madhouse at the End of the Earth" by Julian Sancton. Copies are available for pickup at your library. This book club is held the second Tuesday of each month, alternating between fiction and nonfiction titles.

Teen gaming

Free teen gaming happens on Tuesday, March 9, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for teens in the sixth through 12th grades. Enjoy Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks.

Dungeons and Dragons

Join us every other Tuesday

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from 4 to 6 p.m. for our in-person Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults. The next one is Tuesday, March 8.

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. Special guests Lisa Baker and her friend Fluffy Dog will provide puppets and storytelling on March 9.

The next Discovery Time takes place Saturday, March 5, on Facebook at 2:30 p.m.

ESL classes

Free in-person evening classes take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with 4 to 5 p.m. reserved for beginners and 5 to 7 p.m. for both intermediate and advanced

students. Please help us spread the word about these classes to others in our community who would be interested, and contact us by phone or email if you have any questions.

Las clases de ESL

Clases nocturnas gratuitas de inglés como segundo idioma se llevan a cabo los martes y jueves en la biblioteca. 4 a 5 p.m. está reservado para principiantes y 5 a 7 p.m. es para los estudiantes intermedios y avanzados. Por favor, ayúdanos a correr la voz sobre estas clases a otros en nuestra comunidad que tienen interés. Contáctenos por teléfono o correo electrónico si tiene cualquier pregunta. Se habla español.

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.

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Writing challenge

A new all-ages writing challenge was 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.

Large print

"A Trail of Lies" by Kylie Logan is book three of the 4 Jazz Ramsey mystery series. "A Good Day for Chardonnay" by Darynda Jones is book two of the Sunshine Vicram mystery series. "Reckless Girls" by Rachel Hawkins is a mystery set on an exotic island. "Savage Sunday" by William W. and J.A. Johnstone is a Duff MacCallister western. "Librarians of the West" edited by Hazel Rumney contains four westerns by award-winning authors.

DVDs

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Nonfiction

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Other novels

"Mickey 7" by Edward Ashton is a sci-fi story.

Books on CD

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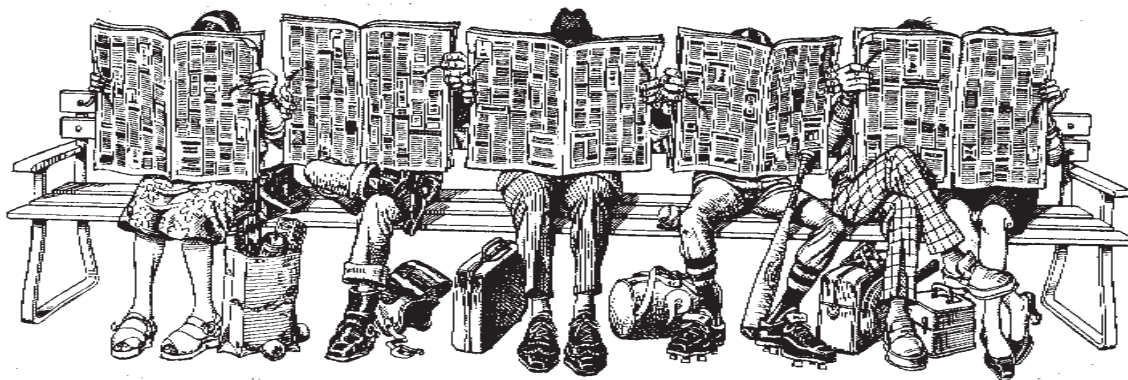
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Stand up for public access

By Mark Squillace
PREVIEW Columnist

Eighty-year-old Roger Hill used to go fishing on the Arkansas River in Colorado. But he sometimes had to duck baseball-size rocks thrown at him by landowners who insisted he was trespassing. When he got back to his car, he sometimes found notes threatening him with arrest if he returned. Worse, a fellow fisherman was shot at by a landowner, who got 30 days in jail for the attack.

Rather than risking either injury or arrest, Hill sued the landowners, claiming that the bed of the Arkansas River is navigable. If that assumption is true, then Hill can legally stand on the riverbed and fish.

But Hill's fight is not just about his right to fish. It is about pushing back against the creeping tide of wealth-driven privatization that seeks to deny public access to our waterways and other public resources.

Here's Hill's case in a nutshell: When Colorado became a state in 1876, it entered the Union on an "equal footing" with other states. Among other things, the equal footing doctrine gives states title to the beds of all navigable streams within their borders.

As the U.S. Supreme Court explained in a case called *Illinois Central Railroad v. Illinois*, "It is a title different in character from that which the state holds in lands intended for sale ... It is a title held in trust for the people of the state, that they may enjoy the navigation of the waters, carry on commerce over them, and have liberty of fishing therein, freed from the obstruction or interference of private parties."

History buffs might be interested to know that these public rights in navigable waterways date back at least to the time of the Roman Empire.

You might assume that Colorado would join this case on Hill's side. Instead, the opposite happened. Attorney General Phil Weiser, a Democrat, joined the case on the side of the private landowners and has moved aggressively against Hill, seeking not just to deny his right to fish from the bed of the river, but also to claim that Hill doesn't have the right to even be in court.

At various times, Weiser has somewhat astoundingly argued that there are no navigable rivers in Colorado and that even if there were, the state may deny public access to navigable riverbeds. So much for the Supreme Court's holding that the state holds title to the bed of navigable streams "in trust for the people, that they may ... have the liberty of fishing

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For that reason, it is alarming that the state's attorney general seeks to deny public access to Colorado's navigable waterways. If he were to prevail, Colorado would be alone among the 50 states — including all of its Western neighbors — in denying these rights.

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In Colorado, opportunities to get outside and explore are celebrated. For that reason, it is alarming that the state's attorney general seeks to deny public access to Colorado's navigable waterways. If he were to prevail, Colorado would be alone among the 50 states — including all of its Western neighbors — in denying these rights.

Recently, the Colorado Court of Appeals offered Hill a glimmer of hope that Weiser can be stopped. The court held that Hill has standing to pursue his claim in state court and made the important finding that if "the relevant segment of the river was navigable at statehood, then the ... defendants do not own the riverbed and would have no right to exclude [Hill] from it by threats of physical violence or prosecution for trespass."

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Although it seems unlikely, Weiser now has an opportunity to switch sides and support public rights in navigable waterways, including Hill's right to fish while wading the bed of the Arkansas River. Coloradans should expect and demand that he do so.

The Colorado Constitution proclaims that "water of every natural stream ... within the state of Colorado, is ... the property of the public ..." When the framers dedicated Colorado's natural streams to "the use of the people," they surely did not expect that the state's attorney general would aggressively try to block public use.

Hill's fight is everyone's fight. Let's hope that he prevails.

Mark Squillace is a contributor to *Writers on the Range*, writersontherange.org, a nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. He is the Raphael Moses Professor of Natural Resources Law at the University of Colorado Law School, and he and Alexander Hood are representing Hill, pro bono. Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of *The SUN*.

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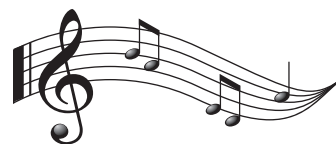
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THE TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS has received applications for "PRELIMINARY Major Subdivision" and "FINAL Major Design Review" at the intersection of Boulder and Rock Drive (460 Boulder Drive), for the townhome development project known as Sunridge Villas. The Planning Commission and Design Review Board will consider the applications at a **public hearing scheduled on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 5:30p.m. Town Council will then consider the Preliminary Major Subdivision application, Planning Commission's recommendation, Town Staff's analysis, and public comment at a public hearing scheduled on Thursday, March 17, 2022, at 5p.m.** The Public hearing will be held in person at 551 Hot Springs Blvd and available by the Zoom online meeting platform and accessible to anyone in the public from the Town's online portal at this link <https://zoom.us/j/91425469027> or to listen only, dialing 1 669 900 6833 and accessing webinar ID 914 254 5469 027. **Please note:** the Town does not and cannot guarantee internet service or online broadcasting for remote attendance. Remote attendance is at the risk of the attendee as the public meeting will continue in person regardless of the Town's broadcast capability. To access the meeting agenda and staff report, click the **Meetings and Agendas** tab on the left-hand side on the Town's website home page at pagosasprings.co.gov. You may also view the application at mypagosa.org/proposed-development-projects. We encourage interested parties to contact the Planning Department prior to the meeting date, with any questions or comments via phone at (970)264-4151, x221 or email at cschultz@pagosasprings.co.gov. Written comments will be forwarded to the Design Review Board for their consideration.

PAGOSA AA: M-W-F 5:30P.M.; Sunday 10a.m., noon M-F; Saturday 7p.m. Zoom Sunday 10a.m., ID 858 319 763, password 754 234, 315 N. 2nd St., County Road 200 (.2 miles off 160). Information, call Marcia (970)946-8475, Kathi (970)946-1482, or Central Office (888)333-9649.

AL-ANON TRADITIONAL FAMILY GROUP. Mondays, 7p.m., Tennyson Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail. Contact (970)903-9690.

THERE IS A SOLUTION GROUP of Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30-6:30p.m. at the Restoration Fellowship Church, 264 Village Drive. Questions? Contact Richard at (970)903-1456 or Diamond at (970)264-1073. More resources at www.aa.org, www.aa-westerncolorado.com, (970)245-9649, or (888)333-9649 (24 hours).

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CONTENT MANAGER. The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking to hire a Content Manager in our Tourism Department. The individual selected for this position will be responsible for developing and editing content in support of visitor information and educational efforts of Visit Pagosa Springs, social media and website management, and graphic design. This is a full-time position with benefits. For more information on the position and to apply, go to the Town's website at www.pagosasprings.co.gov and select Job Opportunities.

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PAGOSA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT. Public Education Specialist. The Pagosa Fire Protection District has an opening for a part-time Public Education Specialist. The P.E.S. will coordinate public education events for the Fire District as well as monitor social media, manage our webpage, and do presentations on fire and life safety. PFPD will train the right person in all aspects of fire and life safety to present information to a wide variety of our community. The person filling this position must have a valid driver's license and be willing to work a flexible schedule. Apply in person at the PFPD Administration Building at 165 North Pagosa Blvd. or applications can be found on our web page pagosafire.org.

STATE OF COLORADO Department of Natural Resources-San Juan and Piedra River Water Commissioners. Two part-time positions with benefits. Positions regulate the diversion and use of water on the San Juan and Piedra Rivers in Archuleta County. See the full announcement at: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/colorado/jobs/3421681>.



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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.pagosasprings.co.gov and select Job Opportunities.

PHYSICAL THERAPY AIDE- No experience necessary. Competitive pay/ benefits. Energetic, dependable, multi-tasker a must. Submit resumes to Rocky Mountain PT, 35 Mary Fisher Cir.

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Office Hours: Monday — Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Classified Deadline: Tuesday 10 a.m.

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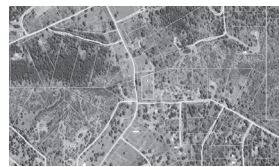
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Buildable Wooded Lot
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Aspen Springs Lot
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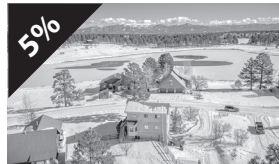
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