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Property, personal property tax changes highlighted

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At the Archuleta County elected officials' quarterly work session on March 8, County Assessor Johanna Tully-Elliott and County Treasurer Elsa White discussed recent changes to state tax laws and their impacts on Archuleta County residents and departments.

Tully-Elliott described the impacts of Colorado House Bill 21-1061, which altered the rules surrounding the qualifying for residential property assessment rates.

According to Tully-Elliott, the assessment rate for 2022 on an improved property that qualifies for the residential rate is 6.95 percent of market value, compared to vacant land, which is assessed at 29 percent of market value.

Previously, to qualify for the residential assessment rate, the lots only had to be contiguous with a lot containing a residence and under a common owner.

However, Tully-Elliott explained, the new legislation requires that lots that qualify for the residential rate must directly touch the lot on which the residence is located and must contain an essential improvement for the residence, such as a

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Photo courtesy Kevin Bruce/Wolf Creek Ski Area

Wolf Creek Ski Area is extending seven-day-a-week operations until Easter Sunday, April 17, which will also be the ski area's closing date for the season. The spring break crowd enjoyed excellent conditions with two back-to-back storms last week that refreshed the slopes for skiers and boarders. The midway base depth is at 109 inches and Wolf Creek's season-to-date snowfall is 357 inches. Spring break week will wind down with a visit from Smokey Bear today, Thursday, March 17.

Comparing short-term rental costs, processes

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

Short-term rentals (STRs) are one of the most hotly debated subjects in the area.

With Town of Pagosa Springs voters set to consider a ballot issue that could increase fees on short-term rentals within town boundaries at the upcoming April 5 election, The SUN is looking at how the costs, procedures and regulations for obtaining a vacation rental permit compare between the town and county jurisdictions, as well as how the town costs would change if Ballot Question A is approved by town voters.

Both the town's and county's vacation rental permits last for one year and must be renewed every year thereafter.

Archuleta County

All vacation rental permit applications and payments are processed through munirevs.com, a Web platform commonly used by counties for processing business licenses application and tax revenue.

To apply for a permit to begin operating as an STR, the applicant must

produce proof of ownership, agent authorization if there is a property manager, proof of paid property taxes for the property and proof of sales tax registration with the Colorado Department of Revenue (CDOR) unless the property is exclusively rented through Airbnb or Vrbo, which automatically remit tax revenues for their rentals to the state of Colorado.

Additionally, the applicant must complete Vacation Rental Disclosure and Agreement Form, which requires the applicant to detail the size and number of rooms and its safety features, as well as to certify that they understand the occupancy rules and have given or will give the appropriate notices to neighbors, guests and the county.

The applicant must also supply proof that they have notified the neighbors and the homeowners association of the property is within (if applicable) of their plans to use it as a short term rental. Otherwise, this proof can be substituted with an affirmative statement that the property is not within an association.

This proof of notification must be 14

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	County	Town
New rental fees		
Owner occupied	\$400	\$350
Non-owner occupied	\$700	\$350
Renewal fees		
Owner occupied	\$400	\$250
Non-owner occupied	\$700	\$250
Additional fees		
Workforce housing surcharge first year	\$0	\$350
Workforce housing surcharge upon renewal	\$0	\$250
Application fee	\$0	\$50
Percent lodgers' tax paid	2.0	4.9
Percent county sales tax paid split equally between county and town	4.0	4.0
Percent state sales tax paid	2.9	2.9
Town Ballot Question A, if approved		
Owner occupied, per-bedroom, per-month fee	\$0	\$0
Non-owner occupied, per-bedroom, per-month fee	\$0	\$150

County decides to not decide on remaining with San Juan Basin Public Health

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its meeting Tuesday, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) discussed whether or not Archuleta County will remain a part of San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH).

Earlier in the day, at its work session, the BoCC heard a report from SJBPH Executive Director Liane Jollon on the services provided in Archuleta County and the proportions of service activity that occur in Archuleta County compared to La Plata County and other areas served by SJBPH.

Before the afternoon's discussion, during the meeting's public comment period, several commenters urged the BoCC to form another investigative committee on the health district issue or to leave SJBPH entirely.

One commenter alleged that corruption and fraud had been proven within SJBPH and that this rendered the county's contract with SJBPH void.

Later in the meeting, County Commissioner Ronnie Maez opened the discussion, stating, "I don't know why we are making a decision. We never made a decision to leave; we never made a decision to stay."

Maez then acknowledged the public com-

ments and the other investigations into the health district issue that had been discussed before stating, "... But we still never made a definite or even a legal decision for us to leave. I don't see what the point is of us addressing this issue right now."

County Commissioner Warren Brown then highlighted "for the public knowledge" the original purpose of the Health District Investigative Committee (HDIC).

He read the statement he had given the HDIC as liaison, explaining its purpose and what the BoCC wished them to do.

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Body cam footage of Feb. 7 arrest released

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

On Friday, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) released officer body camera footage relating to a Feb. 7 incident that resulted in the arrest of an Archuleta County man and an internal investigation.

Those videos can be viewed on The SUN's YouTube page, available at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUc04A2Z5w_hP-p3IS9RepZg.

The Feb. 7 incident, according

to an incident report released at the same time, began when a neighbor called in an alleged parking violation.

Upon arrival, the report indicates, the deputy spoke to the owner of the vehicle alleged to be violating the county ordinance related to parking. That man is identified as 68-year-old Gerald Manzanares.

As the incident progressed, the report outlines that Manzanares

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Ballots mailed for April 5 town election

By Dorothy Elder
Staff Writer

The Town of Pagosa Springs sent out the ballots for the 2022 regular election on Monday to all eligible registered voters, according to Town Clerk April Hessman.

The ballot will feature the election of a new town mayor. Shari Pierce, town council member, is on the ballot for this position, along with a write-in option for Sara Cole, who submitted a letter of intent to

be a write-in mayoral candidate. Hessman explained that all other write-in entries will not be counted.

Three town council seats are also on the ballot. The candidates are Madeline Bergon and Matt DeGuise, current council members who are running for new terms, and Gary Williams.

The sole ballot measure, Ballot Question A, asks if the Town of

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Photo courtesy Will Gowan

The Oscar Mayer Wienermobile was spotted near Treasure Falls on the afternoon of March 14, leading the photographer to wonder if it was driven over Wolf Creek Pass.

LPEA election canceled

By Hillary Knox
La Plata Electric Association

For the first time since 2004, the La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) Board of Directors has voted to cancel the LPEA director election in all four districts.

In accordance with LPEA By-laws, one seat in each of LPEA's four districts comes up for election annually. If there is only one nominee for a position on the board for a district, the board may cancel the election for that district and, by resolution, declare the sole nomi-

nee elected to the board.

As no challenger applications were received, 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) are re-elected as director of their respective districts for a three-year term as of May 12.

"The past year has been an important one for the LPEA board,

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OUR VIEW

Ballot question misses the mark

Ballots went in the mail this week to registered voters of the town.

Voters are being asked to decide on Ballot Question A, which reads: "Shall the Town of Pagosa Springs Home Rule Charter be amended to initiate a workforce housing fee for short-term rentals amounting to at least \$150 per month for each permitted bedroom with all fees dedicated to creation and sustainability of workforce housing aimed at households earning less than or equal to 100% of Area Median Income, as set forth in Ordinance No. 974 (Series 2022)?"

We have read with interest letters and materials written by proponents of this effort and believe that those backing the initiative truly have the best of intentions. However, if we were eligible to vote in a town election, we would have to vote against Ballot Question A for a few reasons.

First, the question states "at least \$150 per month" and doesn't provide a cap to the amount of fees that can be charged.

Second, the question doesn't provide for how those fees will actually be used to create workforce housing. That is left up to council to decide if this initiative passes. We would like to see more clarity and direction in the ballot language.

Proponents of this citizen-led effort note that residential properties are assessed at a rate of 7.15 percent, while commercial properties are assessed at a 29 percent rate. It seems only fair that if someone is running a lodging business out of their home, they should pay the same rate as local hotels and businesses.

However, the state has never required that people running short-term or long-term rentals pay the 29 percent.

We sat in on some statewide county commissioner meetings recently where this topic was debated. One commissioner suggested that residential and commercial properties all be assessed at 14 percent. Numerous options were batted about.

It seems that most people want to see changes where residential properties are used to generate income, yet no one has come up with a workable solution.

Some locals have built businesses out of running short-term rentals (STRs) for years and years. These local businesses are struggling with what the potential outcome of this ballot question passing would do to their business.

We don't know any business owners who can afford steep increases in fees all at once. Ballot Question A would impact

some STR owners with a huge increase with little time to prepare. We believe that incremental increases would be easier to adjust to and wouldn't put STR owners at risk of losing their properties. Those property owners are already coping with the same high inflation rates that we are all facing.

One disadvantage for STR owners in town is that STR owners outside of the town limits will have an advantage since they will not have to increase rates to vacationers to cover these possible new fees. This is another reason we would not vote in favor of this ballot question. We believe the playing field should be even.

Some local businesses already pay the higher tax rate for their STR as the STR is built into their commercial property. Ballot Question A doesn't take that into account. These businesses already pay 29 percent for their STRs and should this ballot question pass, they would be required to pay this new fee on top of that.

If action is taken at the state level to assess STRs at a higher rate, this ballot question has no language to allow for the fees to be reduced or eliminated.

The Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) conducted a survey of STR owners "to evaluate the impact and proposed reaction of the Owners regarding the citizen-led Town Charter Amendment."

Of the 200 emails sent out, 123 survey responses were received by the CDC. STR owners responding with properties in town totaled 65, with 58 STR owners responding from unincorporated Archuleta County.

One survey response noted that they only rented their house for 19 nights in 2021. Ballot Question A provides no break for people if they rent 19 nights a year as opposed to 365 nights a year; they will pay the same per-bedroom fee for their property. We believe a fee based on a percentage of rental income would be more fair.

Another observation from the survey is that 43 respondents said they would put their properties up for sale at "current market value" should voters approve this question. It is unclear how many of these properties would be considered affordable for the workforce if they are put on the market. This would result in loss of fees and tax revenues to the town's General Fund should these properties be taken off the STR market.

Neither the town council nor the county commissioners got behind this

citizen-led effort when it was presented. Council had already implemented strategies to control the growth of STRs within town limits by enacting limits of 10 percent of units being STRs per zoning district and requiring a 250-foot radius between STRs. You also have to own your STR for two years before you can rent it. Council opted to wait to see the results of these new measures that they put into place in 2021 before considering additional fees or restrictions.

STR owners shared how they support the community through the survey: "Our property managers, housekeepers, snow removal business, maintenance people, etc. all live in Pagosa Springs and we pay a portion of their income. When we updated our cabin to do short-term rentals, all of our materials and labor were purchased locally (granite countertops, backsplash tile, etc.). Both our property taxes and the taxes that our renters pay go right back into the local economy, and our family regular (sic) frequents many local businesses to make purchases (grocery stores, restaurants, spas, bakeries, gift shops, leisure activities, etc.). In addition, the people who rent our cabin also patronize these same local businesses."

Another owner wrote about how they support local causes: "We are in PS 4 months a year. We live as we do at home shopping our local businesses, eating out and so on. Most importantly to me I have become friends at church and I now offer a \$30,000.00 match with Our Savior Lutheran School for scholarships. This match has been meet (sic) by other supporters of the school."

A long-time resident added: "I created my STR to supplement my 'good' job here. I am not considered 'workforce' housing, but even being 'average' income ... in Pagosa I can't afford to live here anymore w/o my STR. I need 2 jobs to survive."

Another survey respondent wrote: "There will be a lot of second and third homes that are left sitting empty, when they could potentially be rented out with tourists who would be spending money in our town. I do not believe it will solve the housing issue, and in fact, it's going to push out the families who own 1 short term rental as a means to provide here for their families."

No one can deny that we need affordable workforce housing. We don't think this ballot question is the right method to achieve that goal.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
March 17, 1922

Petitions are being circulated for signatures to place two tickets in the coming town election, which will be held on Tuesday, April 4th. Fifty signers are necessary on each ticket and must be obtained not later than Saturday to ensure the tickets being placed upon the ballot. The proposed tickets are entitled the Taxpayers and Citizens respectively, but if there are any weighty issues at stake, those in the know are keeping them a dark secret. We hope and believe that a good business administration is the keynote of both parties.

The Liberty theatre was sold on Wednesday by Fidel A. Archuleta to Chas. F. Rumbaugh of this city. He will take possession on April 1st. Mr. Archuleta will assume charge of the big Archuleta ranch at Edith the coming season and found it necessary to dispose of his local interests.

Mr. Rumbaugh will maintain the high standard the theatre has attained and is contemplating adding improvements, among which will be the installation of a radio-phone receiving station for the benefit of his patrons.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
March 21, 1947

The town-wide controversy on a question of whether children of newly arrived parents here should pay school tuition was settled to the satisfaction of all concerned when the State Department of Education, at the request of the school superintendent and school board, ruled against such payment. In a letter received here Wednesday by Marion H. Hays, superintendent, Nettie S. Freed, state superintendent of public instruction, cleared up the question. Previously the school board had held that two families, connected with the incoming oil drilling operations, must pay tuition. They sought the ruling to establish a policy which would cover future cases. Mrs. Freed points to a decision which reads: "A child living with a domiciled resident and taxpayer of a school district as a member of his family, with the expectation on the part of all parties that this relation will continue permanently, has a 'residence' there for school purposes and cannot be compelled to pay tuition as a non-resident."

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
March 16, 1972

No candidates had filed for any position in the town election by the deadline for filing. Town attorneys are now researching the legal aspects of such a situation. Whether the present town board will continue on until the next election is to be decided. The situation is a bit more complicated this year because an ordinance has been adopted providing for four year terms on the board. The Town Board met last night to discuss the matter and to arrive at a course of action.

Control of the Wolf Creek Pass Ski Area was transferred to a Dallas group of investors last Saturday. Completing the initial payment with a \$60,000 check were Ben Pinnell, Mike Ditka and Dave Edwards. The three men represent other interested investors. Ditka and Edwards are well known for their playing ability on the Dallas Cowboys Professional Football Team. The purchasers said that plans will be formulated to make Wolf Creek one of the major ski areas of Colorado.

25 years ago

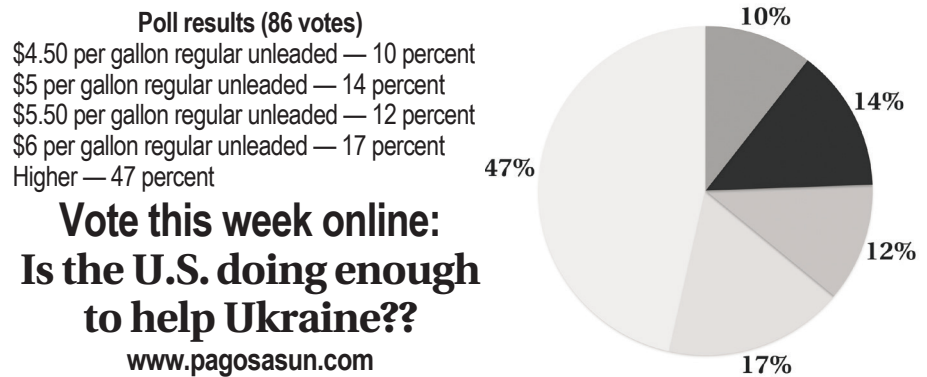
Taken from SUN files of
March 20, 1997

The county commissioners Tuesday approved allocating \$2,500 for a victim's assistance program in Archuleta County. Whereas the town of Pagosa Springs budgeted a similar amount for the program in the town's 1997 budget, the commissioners will take the money from the county's general fund reserves and amend its 1997 budget. (The Violence Prevention Coalition of Colorado accepted the application for consideration with the understanding the town and county would each provide \$2,500 towards the program's proposed \$37,000 budget.)

Deputy Debbie Tully, a Pagosa Lakes Public Safety employee who submitted the grant application, had requested the funds on Dec. 10, 1996 and again on Dec. 23. Tully administered a similar \$20,000 grant in 1996 as director of the county's victim's assistance program on a part-time, 20-hour-per-week basis. Tully said the 1997 victim's assistance program will be housed in the Public Safety office in Pagosa Lakes, it will be supervised by Larry Bass, Public Safety Director who is deputized by the county and it will offer its services county-wide.

WHADDYA THINK?

How high do you think
gas prices will go?



Letters

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'Back the Blue'

Dear Editor:

Back the Blue? Yes. Back the Blue, because it is Blue, various actions were possibly not justified or the Blue is utilized to harass a public citizen? Hold on. I am not a police officer. Never have been but, I have been friends with law enforcement officers over the past several decades.

This publication has reported regarding an incident between the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office deputies and a local citizen (Mr. Manzanares). After an investigation by the Sheriff's Office, two deputies resigned, and all charges were dropped against the complainant.

Some have spoken out. I must speak up and inform of my knowledge prior to this incident. Mr. Manzanares and his wife have been harassed over the last several years. The dispute is over access and parking to, through and within a county cul-de-sac, found in the Pagosa Lakes Vista subdivision. Four properties are situated within this cul-de-sac. Two properties have driveways and two do not. The two that do not, including Mr. Manzanares' are restricted to parking within the confines of the cul-de-sac. The dispute has, over the years, involved who can park where and access through the cul-de-sac to the other two properties. On many occasions, both the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office and the Pagosa Lakes Property Owner's Association (PLPOA) have been involved in discussions with this dispute. The PLPOA Board and Mr. Manzanares agreed that his tow truck in question was allowed to park at a specified location in the cul-de-sac, with no expiration date, that also allows passage for the neighbor. Mr. Manzanares has religiously followed where he can and cannot park. The neighbor with a driveway apparently was not satisfied with the PLPOA decision and has called the Sheriff's office to continue complaining the placement of the tow truck and him not able to pass numerous times. This most recent call to the Sheriff's office brought out an officer who claimed Mr. Manzanares was in some violation of parking. Mr. Manzanares was asking the deputy to show him how and where he was in violation when the elderly Mr. Manzanares was tackled to the ground, restrained, and arrested

him. Were those and following actions by the deputy deemed justified to determine an outcome?

I do not discredit any law enforcement agency, including the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, nor the words of Mr. Zenthofer. Anyone speaking out without full knowledge of this or any situation casts shadows upon themselves. Thus, I am in short, compiling the past several years of knowledge of these unfortunate events to inform what I know happened and to understand why it happened. I do believe there are corroborating facts and circumstances determined by the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office investigation that are not available for this forum.

I fully believe the continued harassment and threats of fines and actions against Mr. Manzanares is unacceptable when a precedent of parking and passage has long ago been established.

Drew Arrington
Sugar Land, Texas

'Green' technology

Dear Editor:

The cost of gasoline has now topped the four dollar mark in Pagosa. Joe Biden and his climate god worshipping crowd of fools in Washington want everyone to quick run out and buy an all electric vehicle. Before you drop \$50,000 or more on one of these devices you might want to think about how "green" they actually are.

It is currently true that about 40 percent of America's electricity is generated by coal-fired power plants. That means that your "green" EV is burning coal for nearly half the miles driven. To produce the batteries used in EV's, cell phones, and wind turbines requires the purchase of rare earth minerals. Unfortunately, 95 percent of the world's rare earth minerals are produced in China. There are some rare earth minerals mined in Africa, but they use children in mining the materials and this exposes them to extraordinarily toxic chemicals which has caused the death of many of these youths.

If you're interested in preserving the rain forests of the world, it may interest you to know that the Rio Tuba nickel mine in the Palawan rain forest of the Philippines continues to destroy the habitat at rapid rate due to the need for nickel in the lithium ion batteries that will power your new all electric vehicle.

According to the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, the three electrical grids in this nation can only support a maximum of 24 million EV's. Of course, in California they already have rolling black outs so your mileage (pun intended) may vary. The Biden regime wants to spend \$170 million on a coast-to-coast electrical charging system, but that does not help produce electricity to power them.

Meanwhile, the US is sitting on the largest petroleum depots in the

world. There is a fallacy promoted by the green zealots in Washington that you must make a choice between fossil fuels and renewable resources. It is entirely possible to have clean burning fossil fuels and we have already proven that over the last five decades. Clean air standards have been met and exceeded in this nation for years. This hasn't stopped the Green New Deal crowd from cancelling the XL Pipeline, closing federal lands to oil production, and going hat-in-hand to Iran, Venezuela, Saudi Arabia, and even Russia to purchase their petroleum products when we can use our own if we'd just be allowed to do so.

What's the solution? Quit selling false "green" technology to the American people, and elect leaders in 2022 and 2024 who aren't willing to lie to us about their so-called "green" EV's and instead let us use our own resources to power our clean air fossil fueled vehicles.

If you want time to think about it, then when you're spending eight hours at some midwestern truck stop waiting for your EV to charge up, maybe you'll figure it out.

Richard Bolland

Godly right conservatives

Dear Editor:

Obviously, Americans have at least noticed or maybe have become wholeheartedly deeply concerned that we are losing America we patriots love. This Leftist-Socialist Biden Administration, Congress and Senate Majorities, and sadly some Republican "Rhinos" do not love America. They are chopping away our fragile freedom. Their motive is power and control. For some of you who vote for this kind, it is no doubt, hard to believe what you're getting. But, there are ways to get America back on track. The Putin-Ukraine Invasion-War is an eye-opener of fragile freedom and what evil is and can do.

This is an "everybody problem". The first reminder is that our freedom comes from Creator Almighty God, not the government. That's Jesus Christ shouldering our country and exemplified in the Constitution. Then duly elected Godly, Bible-believing, Constitution-lov-

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LET'S BREAK UP THE GOOD OL' BOY CONTINGENT!

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Business

Businesses encouraged to complete short survey

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Pagosa Springs Area
Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber just finished our 2022 Career Day at the High School on March 8. Over 25 businesses and organizations attended, giving our youth an idea of careers that are available right here in Pagosa Springs. These careers included jobs that need certification and others that require some type of continuing education or degree.

First, we want to thank those

individuals that gave up their time to speak to our youth. We also want to thank the high school staff for working hard to coordinate the classes and time frames. This is a project that certainly takes a village.

The new saying is, "You don't know what you don't know." This is true in the arena of looking toward the future, a possible career or even areas of interest to work in. If we could interest or shed light on some industries for even a few students, it is well worth our time.

These business leaders spoke about not only careers, but also about possible intern programs so that students can get their feet wet. Many of the industries require that students be 18 years of age to intern, but our young adults can work toward that end.

Many of our businesses look for young adults to mentor and orient into the workforce. If your child has a particular interest or skill, contact a related business and inquire if they take on the younger population.

You can also have your child contact the Career and Technical Education (CTE) program at the high school. It works with our businesses to have intern programs during the school year. It will be looking at signing up students later this month or early next month for the next school year. In addition, businesses can contact the Chamber if they are interested in taking on students. We can also direct them to the school and set up the nexus for an intern program.

The Chamber is also working with Region 9 Economic Development District, Pueblo Community College, and local and regional private vendors to increase access to CDL training and certification. Not only Pagosa Springs, but southwest Colorado is short of certified CDL drivers. Many industries including government agencies, construction and related product industries, energy suppliers and many more are short of qualified drivers. We are working to try and expand the training opportunities to the public to qualify individuals and set them up for employment opportunities. Look for more information as we develop options in the next few months.

Business survey

Why is the Chamber working on workforce development and housing issues? In January of 2020, just before the pandemic shut down regular business operations as we know it, the Chamber conducted a survey of our business community

asking what its three top business priorities were. Housing, broadband and qualified workforce were the top three answers. All of these issues affect our business community, so the Chamber wants to help try and solve some of the issues our businesses are facing.

The Community Development Corporation has been working diligently on broadband; thus, they should continue to take the lead with this initiative. Therefore, the Chamber has been trying to broaden opportunities related to the other two issues. However, two years have passed since that survey. Are these concerns the same, and does our business community feel we should be working on these issues?

A very short survey will be released on March 18 and run until April 1 asking these questions of our membership. We hope that you will take just one minute to take the survey. You can access it in a number of ways. The easiest is to go to the Chamber's homepage at www.pagosachamber.com and click on the survey link.

If these are not the issues you feel we should be working on, then what issues do you think we should be working on? Again, please just take a few minutes to complete the survey and help us develop our strategic plan to better work for our business community.

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Obituaries

Diana Roselee Millan

Sept. 24, 1938-Feb. 4

Diana Millan went Feb. 4 to join the Lord in heaven along with her parents, Laura and Ray Millan; oldest son, Rick Touchstone; three brothers, George, Ray and Eddie; and sister Candy Millan. Diana was raised in Redondo and Hermosa Beach, Calif. She was a mother to five children, four of whom are still living: Dan Touchstone, Jamie Miller, Liz Bishop and Matt Bishop. Her large family, including 17 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren, will miss her greatly.



She loved and cared for her community here in Pagosa Springs, Colo., along with her community back in California. She truly left an impact. Her life was filled with volunteer work, some of which included Pacific Coast Little League, Waleria PTA, proud to be a Girl and Boy Scout Leader and March of Dimes, all in Southern California. Diana won Woman of the Year in the 1970s for all of her work.

Since moving to Pagosa in 2006, she's been very involved with American Legion Auxiliary, Audubon and Pagosa Seniors (known for running games), which she loved. Diana was also proud of being voted Queen of the Red Hats. Her joy and laughter will be missed greatly here in our community. Very important and dear to her heart was her church and its community, John Paul II Catholic Church.

There could never be enough words to memorialize the bigger part she played in lives of so many. She was full of love and for those that wish to join the celebration of her life, our family will be having a memorial and tree planting for her this summer. Date to be announced.

"Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end."

Rev. Louis Richard O'Hare

The Rev. Louis Richard O'Hare, of Bayfield, Colo., formerly of Pagosa Springs, Colo., was the oldest of five children born to Evelyn Frances Luger O'Hare and John Augustus O'Hare. He was born in Milwaukee, Wis., on Sept. 14, 1931.



His early years saw him not only in Milwaukee, but a short stay with paternal grandparents in Paxton, Ill., and for several years in St. Paul, Minn., until he completed the eighth grade. No matter where he lived, he was always an altar server.

From there, he entered the Maryknoll Junior seminary around September of 1945 in Palo Alto, Calif. With high school completed, it was off to the Maryknoll College in Glen Ellyn, Ill., where he received a B.A. in philosophy with a minor in psychology. His studies with the Maryknolls ended in 1956.

With the consent of Archbishop Edwin Vincent Byrne, of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, N.M., he changed over to be a diocesan priest for the archdiocese of Santa

Fe. At the archbishop's request, he moved to Conception Seminary, Conception, Mo., and received an M.R.A. in theology and an S.T.B. in psychology. He was ordained to the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church by Archbishop Edwin Vincent Byrnes on May 24, 1958, in Santa Fe, N.M.

He was assigned to serve at several parishes in New Mexico: Our Lady of Guadalupe in Santa Fe, N.M., San Antonio of Padua in Penasco, N.M., and San Miguel in Socorro, N.M. With the blessing of the archbishop, he entered the military. After combat training in the Navy, his first assignment as a chaplain was to Iceland. And then as a chaplain for the Marines in Vietnam. As the troops were being withdrawn from Vietnam by President Nixon, his tour of duty ended in 1969. The secretary of the Navy awarded him the Navy Achievement Medal, stating, "He willingly, courageously and regularly traveled through hostile territory to bring the comfort and consolation of religion to those in a combat environment."

By the time of his military discharge, a new archbishop had been assigned to the archdiocese of Santa Fe, James Peter Davis. Archbishop Davis gave him an extended leave of absence as of Dec. 31, 1969. The archbishop stated, "I thank you for making known so sincerely your desires and your concerns. In accord with your expressed wishes, I grant you an indefinite leave of absence for such study and work as will fit you to serve the needs of people in dire need."

With the sanction of the archbishop, he devoted much time and effort on inventions to alleviate harsh conditions of the Third World. His inventions for the benefit of those in need started with shock tubes for earth drilling of water wells, to solar power water pumping and sterilizing. He soon realized he would need a better understanding of chemistry and calculus for the inventions he had in mind.

For these, he signed up for classes at the Catholic University of America. He also realized there was a real need to rejuvenate the soil in the Third World. So, he set to work on five simpler ways of nitrogen fixation for the soil. He was also well aware of the lack of commercial electric power in the Third World, which is evident by his inventions that used wind to power a turbine, variable capacitors to produce electricity, thermal energy to drive an electric power generator and a convection-powered solar engine.

The list goes on and on, but the lack of funds and sponsors kept him from putting these patents into production and getting them to the Third World. Altogether, over a 19-year period, his inventions covered many different needs for which he was awarded 39 patents. The inventions slowed down when he took upon himself the care of our mother with chronic COPD for approximately 20 years.

Not only did he keep his brilliant mind ever active with new inven-

tions, he produced in-depth theological essays and other writings on topics such as: The Cultured War, Free Will, Men of Nature, The Occult Religion of Nature, The Truth Barrier, to name a few. We hope to get some of them published.

He had a passion for aircraft and flying. In his spare time, he took to the sky. Perhaps this was his way of being closer to the lord. After receiving his solo pilot's license, he dropped in on several of the towns in New Mexico. As soon as he had a multi-engine, passenger and instrument rating, he flew his mother to Minneapolis, Minn., to visit relatives. Looking at his logbook, he was still flying at age 65 and probably beyond.

I believe his fascination with radios led him to be a ham operator for many years. He enjoyed communicating with others, especially fellow priests in mission territories. To get the distance and right wavelengths, he put up his own antennnas, sometimes strung from tree to tree.

He had in-depth knowledge of radio communications and later in life, his adventurous spirit took him to Alaska, where after obtaining a first-class FCC license, he was able to work on commercial aircraft radios. Alaska also saw his use of his airframe and power plant certification license from Colorado Aero-tech to inspect and repair aircraft.

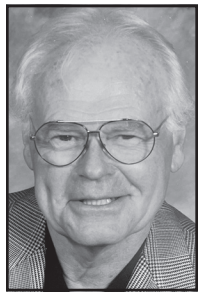
Fr. O'Hare would not let his medical problems slow him down. Early on, he had quadruple bi-pass surgery and later the replacement of a heart valve. Atrial-fibrillation was an everyday, not-to-worry, occurrence. After two broken hips from falls, he was restricted to a walker. His one regret was failure to secure funding and sponsorships to get his inventions into production and to the Third World. This is not surprising because there is not much profit in supporting charitable work.

We can say for sure Fr. Louis was a multitaleanted, in-depth thinker. He saw the needs of others and found a way to satisfy those needs while not neglecting family needs. He was keenly aware of the trauma for men in a combat zone and stepped up to help. He had a mind set to serve God by serving others. Church formalities and government conditions did not stop him. As a memorial to Fr. O'Hare, the plan is to find sponsors, get a few of his inventions into production, and then to the Third World.

May he rest in peace.

Farrell C. Trask Jr.

On Saturday, Feb. 19, Farrell C. Trask Jr., of San Antonio, Texas, passed on into God's graces. After living with well-managed Parkinson's for the last 10 years of his life, we finally lost him at 84 years of age.



Born in Moses Lake, Wash., on April 10, 1937, he

spent his early life in Washington state and Boise, Idaho. Raised primarily by his paternal grandmother and aunts and uncles on both sides of his family, he eventually attended Northrup Aeronautical Institute in Englewood, Calif. Enlisting in the United States Air Force, he was stationed at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas, and Laughlin AFB in Del Rio, Texas.

While stationed in Del Rio, he met and married Roberta Robertson Trask, with whom he had a daughter, Tara. They lived in Corpus Christi, Denver and Phoenix while he worked with Western World Foods as a regional manager for multiple Whataburger stores across the southwest. In 1980 after 17 years of marriage, he lost Roberta to cancer.

Farrell relocated to Dallas, Texas, with Tara and opened Aero-Specialists at Addison Airport, a successful aircraft maintenance business he ran for many years. During that time, he met and married the love of his life, Barbara Burns Trask on March 16, 1991. That union, complete with Barbara's three daughters, Julia, Martie and Emily, would prove to be the foundation of his greatest joy in life — his family. In 2000, Farrell and Barbara "pre-retired" to Pagosa Springs, Colo., where they owned and operated a retail lighting business together. In their actual retirement, they moved to San Antonio, Texas, to be closer to family.

An avid outdoorsman all his life, Farrell was a skilled angler who enjoyed all kinds of fishing. He was partial to mountain streams and rainbow trout. In his late years, he loved to watch his grandchildren perform music and play sports.

He is survived by many loving family members: his wife, Barbara Burns Trask; children Tara Trask, Julia and Amir Weiner, Martie Maguire and Clem Moore, Emily and Martin Strayer; and grandchildren, Berta and Baden Bunch, Ya'el and Naomi Weiner, Eva, Katie and Harper Maguire, Gus, Julianna and Henry Robison, and Violet Strayer. He is also survived by Lee Lihou, Carlene Lalumondier, Jennifer Ely and Gayle Reeves. He was preceded in death by Farrell Trask Sr., Mary Skogerson Johnson, Todd Trask, Roberta Robertson Trask, Kerry Workman and Eitan Michael Weiner.

An interment service will be held at Fort Sam Houston Cemetery, Shelter No. 2, San Antonio, Texas, on Friday, March 25, at 9:15 a.m. A memorial service will be held at Colonial Hills Methodist Church on March 26 at 2 p.m. All are welcome to attend both services; more information is available at farrelltrask.forevermissed.com.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to American Parkinson Disease Association, email: adpa@adpapakinson.org; Gifts of the Heart, Community United Methodist Church, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, (970) 264-5508; or Colonial Hills Methodist Church, San Antonio, Texas, at https://pushpay.com/g/chumcsanantonio.

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Community Marijuana Offset Impact Fund grant deadline nearing

By Mary Helminski
Archuleta County

Archuleta County is accepting applications for grant funding from the Community Marijuana Offset Impact Fund.

Applicants for award funding may be a graduating high school student or an organization providing programs that provide an alternative to marijuana use.

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PSMC takes steps toward upgrading mammography services

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Following the recommendation of its Facilities Committee, on Feb. 22 the Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors unanimously approved moving forward with the purchase of 3-D mammography equipment at Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC).

The effort to purchase the equipment began in November 2020, when the board approved a fundraising campaign to bring 3-D mammography to PSMC.

According to the resolution approved by the board on Feb. 22, "received generous donations from its donors and has sufficient cash on-hand to pay for the 3D mammo equipment" and issued a request for proposal for 3-D mammography equipment, ancillary equipment, biopsy equipment and specimen imaging.

The resolution further indicates that PSMC staff, including the contract radiologist, advised the board pursue the lowest-cost response, from Hologic, both because of the cost and "because of its rating..."

The cost associated with that equipment is \$429,412, according

to the resolution.

Facility renovations to house the equipment are anticipated to cost a maximum of \$30,000, the resolution notes.

On Tuesday, PSMC CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb explained the process is being impacted by supply chain issues, with the equipment delivery currently at least 15 weeks out.

Until it arrives and the construction takes place, Webb noted PSMC will continue using its current mammography equipment.

2021 accomplishments

At the same meeting, Webb presented PSMC's 2021 accomplishments to the board, touching on topics such as the COVID-19 pandemic, financial stability, clinical services and more.

Those accomplishments are also outlined in a six-page document that was provided to the board.

"We got a lot done," Webb said.

Among those things Webb told the board were that, during 2021, PSMC administered approximately 8,804 COVID vaccine shots and PSMC lab staff processed 4,602 COVID tests, with 4,578 of those processed in-house.

The report also notes that PSMC EMS responded to 2,131 calls and maintained operations "despite significant staffing challenges" and that members of the EMS team were recognized by the Emergency Medical Services Association of Colorado.

"We are in a very stable financial position," Webb told the board, with the document stating, "Despite COVID, at the end of 2021 PSMC is in the most stable financial position it has been in since the hospital opened in 2008 as evidenced by PSMC's days cash on hand at the end of December was 135.95 (at the end of 2020, PSMC had 61.1 days cash on hand)."

The report outlines that PSMC refinanced its 2006 bonds, which were associated with the initial construction of the hospital, resulting in a net savings of \$1,838,409.

Other business

In other business at the Feb. 22 meeting, the board convened an executive session about PSMC's annual report of 2021 peer-review activities and the annual evaluation of Webb.

Following the executive session, the board unanimously approved the annual report of peer-reviewed

activities (which must remain confidential per state statute), as well as amending Webb's contract to be consistent with latest case law.

According to the resolution on the matter, "the CEO's contract contains provisions requiring forfeiture of her paid time off at separation from employment and at the end of each year..."

That resolution further explains the Colorado Supreme Court concluded in a 2021 case "that employers do not have to offer vacation pay and employers offering vacation pay can cap the amount of vacation pay; however, employers cannot require an employee to forfeit such vacation pay even at termination of employment. Further, any contractual agreement that purports to forfeit earned vacation pay is void."

The approved resolution adds, "the Board of Directors and the CEO desire to modify her contract regarding the forfeiture provisions to be consistent with Colorado law."

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County's unemployment rises slightly in January

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

According to a March 14 press release from the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Archuleta County's unemployment rate for the month of January rose to 3.8 percent after dropping to 3.4 percent for the month of December 2021.

This rise in unemployment is a change from the general trend of declining unemployment across 2021.

After the start of the pandemic, the county's unemployment rate rose to 6.2 percent in March 2020, then to 15.1 percent. The county's unemployment rate declined every other month last year, with the exception of June, when it was reported at 5.3 percent after dropping to 4.8 percent in May, and November, where the unemployment rate rose from 3.6 in October to 4.0.

From December 2021 to January 2022, Archuleta County's labor force shrunk from 7,258 to 7,121.

For the month of January, there were 6,849 individuals employed in Archuleta County, according to the press release. This figure is down slightly from the December 2021 report of 7,008 individuals employed in Archuleta County.

County-level unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

According to the press release, the county with the highest unemployment rate for January was Huerfano County at 7.2 percent, followed by Pueblo County at 6.3 percent.

Next is Rio Grande County at 5.7 percent, then Las Animas and Rio Grande counties at 5.6 percent.

The state's unemployment rate

dropped from 4.2 percent in December 2021 to 4.1 percent for January.

The state's labor force grew from 3,170,700 for December 2021 to 3,187,400 in January.

The press release notes, "According to the survey of households, Colorado's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased in January to 4.1 percent from the revised December rate of 4.2 percent. Colorado's unemployment rate of 4.1 percent marks the lowest level since it was 2.8 percent in February 2020. The national unemployment rate moved upward by one-tenth of a percentage point from December to 4.0 percent."

Employers in Colorado added 6,700 nonfarm payroll jobs from December 2021 to January, bringing the total number of jobs in Colorado to 2,812,500.

Nonfarm payroll jobs measure the number of workers excluding farmers.

The private sector added 6,300 nonfarm payroll jobs and the government sector added 400 jobs.

The press release notes that, over the past 21 months, Colorado has gained back 368,400 of the 374,500 nonfarm payroll jobs lost between February and April of 2020.

"That translates to a job recovery rate of 98.4 percent, which exceeds the U.S. rate of 86.9 percent," the press release states.

The press release also states, "After annual revisions and the January gain of 6,300, Colorado's private sector has fully recovered jobs lost in early 2020. Since May 2020, the state has added 370,000 private sector payroll jobs, compared to losses totaling 358,800 in

March and April 2020. That translates to a job recovery rate of 103.1 percent and outpaces the U.S. rate of 89.8 percent."

Private-industry sectors with significant job gains in January included:

- Construction at about 2,000.
- Professional and business services at about 1,900.
- Trade, transportation and utilities at about 1,100.
- Manufacturing at about 1,000.

The press release notes there were no industries with significant over-the-month declines.

It further notes, "Since January 2021, nonfarm payroll jobs have increased 147,500, with the private sector growing by 134,200 jobs and government adding an additional 13,300 jobs," the press release notes.

Since January 2021, the largest private-sector job gains include:


- Leisure and hospitality at about 64,800.
- Professional and business services at about 30,800.
- Trade, transportation and utilities at about 11,000.

No industry experienced significant job losses over this period of time.

The press release notes that Colorado's rate of job growth over the past year is 5.5 percent, compared to the U.S. rate of 4.6 percent.

According to the press release, "Over the year, the average workweek for all Colorado employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased from 33.5 to 33.6 hours, while average hourly earnings rose from \$31.12 to \$34.27, two dollars and sixty-four cents more than the national average hourly earnings of \$31.63."

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County commissioners award funding to local nonprofits

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its March 15 meeting, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved funding requests for several local nonprofit organizations.

These included funding awards to the Pagosa Springs History Museum, Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation and the Veterans Memorial Park Charitable Foundation (VMP).

The BoCC unanimously voted to award an annual allotment of \$10,000 for 2022 to the Pagosa Springs History Museum.

However, as County Attorney Todd Weaver explained, the county was not capable of satisfying the museum's initial request for an ongoing yearly allotment of \$10,000 since the county cannot approve funding awards that extend beyond the current fiscal year.

However, he did suggest that the museum can apply for the funding again in a year.

According to a letter from mu-

seum board director Loretta Ross discussed by the BoCC at its Feb. 15 meeting, the funding will be used to help address the financial shortfalls the museum has suffered due to its closure during 2020 and to fund lighting, air conditioning and security improvements to the museum building. The funding will also assist the museum in hiring a full-time manager and a seasonal employee to assist in running the museum.

The letter mentions that the museum is seeking additional grant funding and a matching \$10,000 allotment from the Town of Pagosa Springs.

The BoCC unanimously voted to award \$20,000 to the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation as the first portion of its request for \$100,000 in county funds over five years.

Similar to the museum, the county was unable to fund the entire requested amount because the request extended over multiple fiscal years. However, as Weaver indicated, the library will be able to

reapply for funds next year.

This funding will support the foundation's ongoing capital campaign to expand the library building and services. This expansion will include the addition of a community room, new and improved spaces for children and teens, and a new reading garden. The expansion will also include library programming and study spaces for the library.

The BoCC also voted to award \$50,000 to the VMP.

According to the presentation given by the foundation at the March 8 BoCC work session, this funding will be used to help fund work on completing the remainder of the parking lot for the park, located off Vista Boulevard.

The parking area improvements will include the expansion of the gravel parking adding roughly 30 additional parking spaces; surrounding sidewalks, curbs and gutters; and settings for future parking lot lighting.

According to VMP president Karin Daniels, the total cost for

the parking area expansion will be \$226,000.

However, according to VMP treasurer Jim Van Liere, the true cost would likely be less than this as many contractors would be willing to donate time and materials once the project has begun.

However, Van Liere explained that initial funding of approximately \$145,000 would be required to complete engineering and begin construction.

Once the construction is initiated, Van Liere stated, interested contractors and donors could begin scheduling work and donations to the park.

Van Liere described the situation as a "vicious cycle" where "there's no activity in this park because there's no money. And there's no money, so there's no activity."

The \$50,000 in county funding will supplement the VMP's pre-existing fund of approximately \$71,000 and its broader fundraising efforts for the project, according to Daniels.

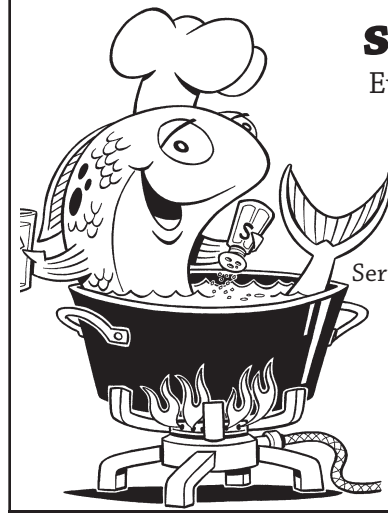
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Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board approves more funding for events

By Dorothy Elder
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board approved funding for seven more 2022 community events during its review of applicants for the board's event funding at its March 8 meeting.

The board approved \$15,000 to the Town of Pagosa Springs for 2022 holiday festivities, most of which will go toward the purchase of new lights for the Streets Department in town. The rest will fund prizes for the town's annual lighting contest and the second annual Old Fashioned Christmas Celebration, according

to the event's application.

The board will also give \$2,500 to fund the returning Mountain Chile Cha Cha, which is set to happen on Sept. 24. It will also give the same amount to the Pagosa Farmers Market, which will begin in June and last until September, and to KSUT's Four Corners Folk Festival, which is happening Sept. 2-4.

In addition, it approved \$1,500 in funding to the Conquer Pagosa Springs Adventure Race, which will happen on June 25.

Two new events were also approved for funding by the board. Art! Pagosa was given \$2,500 for its Sept. 10 event, which will feature a juried

art show, children's art and music in a community festival. Additionally, the Wolf Song Trail Running Series, which will hold four trail races spaced out over the summer, was approved for its request of \$4,880.99.

The board will now hear applications on a rolling basis as they come in, following the recommendation of Tourism Director Jennifer Green.

After all of the approvals that took place at its March 8 meeting, the board has about \$45,319 left for event funding, according to the funding chart provided to the board by Green.

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Spring Fling Fun Race results announced

By Julie Martinez
Wolf Creek Ski Area

Wolf Creek Ski Area kicked off its spring break week by hosting its Spring Fling Fun Race on Sunday, March 13. There was a good turnout of 63 racers from as far away as Weisbaden, Germany, with local racers taking the two fastest times of the day.

The race course was immaculately groomed with the new snow from the storm last week which, along with the cooler days, made the base almost perfect for racing.

The overall winner for the day was David Sciole, of South Fork, with the fastest time of 26.28 seconds, with Rich Carson, of Pagosa Springs, right behind him with a time of 26.85 seconds. Third place went to Jesse Schedler, of Albuquerque, N.M., who crossed the finish line in 28.15 seconds.

In the women's race, Meredith Jameson, of Amarillo, Texas, took first place with her time of 29.40 seconds, while second place went to Madeline Watkins, of Houston, Texas, with a time of 30.63 seconds. Megan Harris, of Amarillo, was right behind for third place with a time of 32.16 seconds.

Shepard Williams placed first in the Boys 6-8 with a time of 35.08.

In the Men 61-70, Carson placed first with a time of 26.85.

Tom Kisko placed first in the Men 71+ with a time of 34.41 and Gary Brewer placed second with a time of 36.48.

Merci Williams placed third in the

Girls 9-11 with a time of 38.25.

Wolf Creek will be hosting the second-to-last Fun Race of the season, on Sunday, March 20. The race course will be a modified grand slalom course on the lower Charisma run. It is free to all ages and ability levels 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.

Biz Beat

Pagosa Brewing Company

Ukraine strong! To help support the Ukrainian refugees, Pagosa Brewing Company will be donating all beer sales Sunday to José Andrés World Central Kitchen, an amazing humanitarian organization feeding needy people around the world, that is already on the Ukraine-Poland border.

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Pagosa Springs Elementary School Scholars of the Week



Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs Elementary School

Neitzey Shepherd is a strong math student. He pays attention to detail in his math as well as his writing. His growth on the recent NWEA assessments was outstanding.



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Liam McRae is a student who is always pushing himself to improve.

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County commissioners hear trail, Extension updates, oppose pesticide legislation

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its March 1 work session, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard updates from DUST2 and the Colorado State University (CSU) Extension Semi-Annual Report and discussed a letter of opposition to SB22-131, which would revise Colorado pesticide laws.

DUST2 member Annie Sewell provided an update on the group's progress in developing a mountain bike trail system on Jackson Mountain.

According to Sewell, the group recently completed the first phase of a contract with the International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA) Trail Solutions team to define potential trail locations on the mountain.

This first phase, completed in 2021, involved fieldwork with the IMBA team mapping trails on the mountain as well as meetings and discussions with research groups and stakeholders conducting work on the mountain.

From this work, IMBA produced a catalog of potential trail corridors as well as a science-based proposal requesting a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis for the trail system.

According to Sewell, this catalog was larger than previously expected as the IMBA team was able

to find many new potential trail corridors during its fieldwork.

Sewell stated that this work has been submitted to the U.S. Forest Service, which will consider the viability of the proposal and potentially perform NEPA analysis for trail areas it considers viable.

Sewell commented that the first phase of the project was "a super good experience for everyone involved" and a "really good success."

Sewell also explained that the next portion of DUST2's contract with IMBA, which would involve flagging trails specified for NEPA analysis, could cost up to \$22,695 more than expected due to the large number of potential trails identified. Sewell stated that DUST2 felt IMBA's quality of work justified the cost and that the organization would seek additional grants and funding to make up the difference.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez commented that DUST2's progress was "good work."

CSU Extension update

During the CSU Extension update, Archuleta County CSU Extension Director Robin Young explained that the extension's activities would focus on four core areas in 2022 based on the Community Needs Assessment done in 2021.

The first area is community and economic development to "address the growth and the threat of wildfire and ... other hazards with

increased population and visitation," Young explained.

The second area is student agriculture.

Young commented, "We basically know that we need to grow food and healthy access to it."

The third was natural resources, where Young mentioned that promoting water conservation is a core priority.

The fourth is personal-property and small-acreage management.

Young stated, "That's the big one. We've got a lot of people moving into the county that don't understand that you can't run five cattle on one acre; you can't sustain anything like that."

Young also explained that her office is working on developing a naturalist and stewardship program to educate citizens "about our natural environment and taking care of it" with Weed and Pest Supervisor Ethan Proud and Audubon Rockies Community Naturalist Keith Bruno. This program also includes collaboration with Mountain Studies Institute and San Juan Mountain Association.

Young mentioned that she hopes the program will launch in 2023.

Pesticide legislation

In discussion of state Senate Bill 22-131, dubbed "Protect Health Of Pollinators And People," Proud reported that the county had already

voiced opposition to the bill when it had been presented in 2019.

He explained that, while other clauses, including new regulations on the usage of pesticides on school grounds, had been introduced to the bill, the main purpose was still to end state preemptions on local governments in Colorado regulating pesticides.

According to Proud, this change would shift the responsibilities for pesticide regulation to local governments, at considerable expense to them.

Proud suggested that this would enable "knee-jerk reactions" and "politicize the use of pesticides."

Proud also commented that the use of pesticides is already heavily regulated at the federal and state levels and that the revision of the Pesticide Applicator Act, which is "sunsetting" in 2023, would be the ideal context to consider the concerns about pesticides raised in SB22-131.

The commissioners expressed agreement with Proud's concerns.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez commented that SB22-131 is "another unfunded mandate."

At the BoCC meeting later that day, the board unanimously approved a letter of opposition.

On March 3, the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources postponed the bill indefinitely.

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Viewpoints

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and is a growing problem for commodity farmers. Its genome has been sequenced thanks in part to an international weed genomics consortium that Gaines also leads.

Antisense oligonucleotide technology is better known in life science applications because of its promise as a targeted therapeutic device for a host of diseases, including neurological and autoimmune disorders. But Aishwarya has long seen the potential for these single-stranded DNA molecules to be useful in agricultural settings and he wants to expand his company in that direction.

"Since our gene silencing products use a non-GMO and non-permanent approach, this makes this technology very attractive for such applications," said Aishwarya in a press release announcing the partnership.

A chance encounter with Gaines at an agricultural biotechnology conference several years ago paved the way for the partnership; now, AUM LifeTech's proprietary gene silencing technology will form the basis of the RNA-targeting system he and Gaines will develop and test together.

"Todd's work in collaboration with AUM LifeTech in RNA targeting to develop next-generation

herbicides is an exciting example of CSU's leadership in life science breakthroughs for agricultural applications," said Alan Rudolph, vice president for research and a former program manager at DARPA. "The awarding of DARPA funds to address the intractable problem of herbicide resistance speaks to the extraordinary work of Todd and his team in developing new, molecular strategies to combat the worst effects of invasive plant species on our food supply."

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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Search and rescue accepting applications for volunteers

By Donna Wynn

Upper San Juan Search and Rescue

Upper San Juan Search and Rescue (SAR) is a branch of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office. Volunteering for SAR is unlike any other volunteer opportunity you will be involved in. Volunteers respond to backcountry injuries, lost person reports, di-

saster and emergency situations, and more.

SAR has recently revised its membership application process.

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Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs Middle School

On Saturday, March 5, Pagosa Springs Middle School hosted 10 wrestling teams in the sixth annual Wolf Creek Rumble. The Pagosa Pirates ended up winning the very competitive tournament featuring teams from the San Juan Basin as well as the San Luis Valley. The very next weekend, the Pirate wrestling team was crowned league champions at the San Juan Middle-Level League Wrestling Tournament.

Soccer

Lady Pirates kicking off season today against Salida

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate soccer team will kick off its spring 2022 regular season this afternoon against Salida.

The game is set to start at 4:30 p.m. in Salida.

Coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason explained in an email to The SUN that this year's team features five seniors, five juniors, five sophomores and two freshmen.

He mentions that the team traveled to Canyon City earlier this month for a scrimmage day, where it competed in four scrimmages.

"Each game had good improvement from the last. It was great to play outside on grass in sunny

weather for the first time this season," Kurt-Mason wrote.

He went on to explain that Salida's home field is made out of turf instead of natural grass, and that has an effect on how the ball moves.

"The ball does different things outdoors on grass, turf and indoors. Salida has a turf field which will take some getting used to, but from what I have seen from this bunch is that they will embrace the challenge," he wrote.

Schedule

The following schedule is accurate as of Wednesday, but is subject to change.

The Lady Pirates' season will continue on Tuesday, March 29,

with another away game against Ignacio at 4 p.m.

The Lady Pirates will then host their first home game of the season on April 2 against Manitou Springs at 11 a.m. at Golden Peaks Stadium.

On April 8, the Lady Pirates will take on the Bayfield Wolverines at 4 p.m. in Bayfield.

The following day, on April 9, the Lady Pirates will host Lake County, with the match starting at 11 a.m.

On April 14, the Lady Pirates will host Montezuma-Cortez, with the match starting at 4 p.m.

On April 16, the Lady Pirates will travel to Alamosa to take on Alamosa at 4 p.m.

On April 19, the Lady Pirates will host the Durango Demons at

Golden Peaks Stadium, with action starting at 4 p.m.

On April 22, the Lady Pirates will host the Bayfield Wolverines at 4 p.m. at Golden Peaks Stadium.

On April 26, the Lady Pirates will be traveling to Cortez to take on the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers at 4 p.m.

On April 29, the Lady Pirates will be traveling to Gunnison to take on Gunnison at 3:30 p.m.

On April 30, the Lady Pirates will host Ignacio at Golden Peaks Stadium at 11 a.m.

The last regular-season game is scheduled for May 5, with the Lady Pirates set to host the Alamosa Mean Moose at Golden Peaks Stadium at 4 p.m.

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Track

Pirate track and field team set to start season at Bayfield Invitational

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The season for the Pagosa

Springs High School Pirate track and field team will commence at the Bayfield Invitational tomorrow, Friday, March 18.

On Tuesday, coach Connie O'Donnell explained that the girls' team will be the largest she has ever coached, numbering "about 35," while the boys' team numbers "about 25," which is "less boys than ... a normal year before COVID but way more than last year."

O'Donnell added that last year's delayed season resulted in many athletes not participating due to the season continuing into June.

According to O'Donnell, the teams contain both a large number of freshmen and 12 seniors, who she believes will provide "a lot of good leadership."

"I also think the seniors have ... definitely gotten the short end of the stick when it comes to track and field in high school. ... I think that they're ready to make it a normal

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Three Lady Pirate basketball players recently garnered all-conference honors for their work on the court this season. From left to right are Karsyn Shahan, Chantelle Caldwell and Trista Tully.

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Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library expansion enters public campaign phase

By Dorothy Elder
Staff Writer

Looking to expand the programming, available space and resources for Pagosa Springs' Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library, the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation has entered the public phase of its expansion and renovations campaign and is calling on community members to support and donate to its efforts.

The planned construction would expand the library by 50 percent, taking it from its current 7,300 square feet to 11,000 square feet, Cindi Galabota, executive director of the foundation, said.

The process for the proposed expansion started shortly after the foundation's 2018 founding, when, in 2019, the foundation held a financial feasibility study, she explained. They hired a consultant who interviewed more than 60 people to figure out the community's interest and potential in funding the expansion.

That was followed by a design feasibility study, which focused more on what the community would want to see featured and added in the expansion, she stated. From that, the foundation was able to create a big-picture, rough design for the library's renovation.

Both of the studies resulted in the campaign's goal of raising \$4 million, she explained. Of that, \$3 million would go directly to the construction and service needs of the library, and \$1 million would be set aside for an endowment for upkeep of the new programs and features.

Among some of the new rooms that the expansion will include is a children's discovery room that will feature an updated children's book collection, a designated spot for the library's storytime program and a bathroom designed for children and families, Galabota said.

Connected to the children's room will be an outdoor children's exploration garden, designed for children's programming. The access to the garden will be through the library only, making it a safe place for children, she stated.

Separately, the library will also add a reading garden meant for library programs and outdoor reading space for community members. It will connect to both the library and the planned Town-to-Lakes trail and will include artwork, such as sculptures, she explained.

Additionally, a new community and multipurpose room will be built that will hold up to 150 people. The room will be able to be broken up into smaller rooms if necessary, and will hold a small catering kitchen, Galabota described.

Galabota explained that, currently, the library's community room isn't very big and is within the library, making it so that the time and space is limited for the community to take advantage of the room. This new room will be disconnected from the main library, therefore making it usable to the public outside of library hours, she stated.

The expansion will also feature two smaller rooms, she explained. The first is a "collab lab"

meant for open, free-use space, such as skill-building classes, art and 3-D printers. The second is a teen room, meant for teenager use and new programming that's designed for the age group.

"Teens often feel like they're a little bit lost in libraries," she said. "They maybe don't know where they fit within a library, and so this will give them a space that's their own."

The last element of the expansion is to add a couple of study spots, meant to hold one or two people in them. These will be ideal for community members in need of a quiet place for things like business meetings, Zoom classes and studying, she explained.

"The pandemic has really highlighted the need for that space within our community," Galabota said.

All of the new space will allow the library to add new programs and increase capacity for its more popular current programs, such as the Pagosa Adult Learning Services program, which offers tutoring for community members for things like obtaining GED diplomas, commercial driver's licenses and assists with college preparation, an English as a Second Language program and the lifelong learning lecture series, Galabota mentioned.

"The library does so much more than just provide books," she said.

Currently, the campaign has raised about \$1.15 million from pledges and actual gifts, she stated. A community member who wants to offer a pledge can pledge up to five years.

The current goal is to raise the rest of the needed money by the end of 2023 and to start construction in 2024.

Much of the campaign so far has been in its "silent" phase, meaning the efforts have been on securing larger gifts that go toward things like naming opportunities, she explained.

As the campaign progresses into its public phase, more fundraising events will start to happen. One such event is the upcoming April 9 kickoff event for the public campaign. The event, called The Library Affair, will feature 17 creatively decorated, book-themed tables by table decorators in the Pagosa Springs area.

Beginning this week, the public can vote online for their favorite table for \$1 per vote, Galabota stated.

On the actual night of the event, which takes place at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association clubhouse from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., attendees can bid in a silent auction on the tables, and the highest bidder for each table will go home with all of the table's contents. The event will feature live music, a cash bar and food made by the Pagosa Springs High School culinary class. Tickets are available for \$50.

For more information on the foundation, visit: <https://pagosalibrary.org/library-foundation/>.

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Calls for service for week: 213.
March 7 — Information only, West U.S. 160.
March 7 — Second-degree burglary, all other thefts, Flatiron Drive.
March 7 — First-degree introducing contraband, Harman Park Drive.
March 8 — Dog at large (first offense no injury), Lake Forest Circle.
March 9 — Recovered property, information only, Harman Park Drive.
March 9 — Obstructing highway or passageway, stopping, standing or parking prohibited, County Road 326.
March 10 — Rabies vaccination required (first offense), dog at large (third plus offense, summons), unlawful ownership of dangerous dog-misdemeanor, Roxanna's Court.
March 10 — Dog at large (first offense no injury), Aztec Drive.
March 10 — Federal warrant, Aspen Village Drive/West U.S. 160.
March 11 — Found property, Navajo Trail Drive/Vista Boulevard.
March 11 — Operated vehicle with improper/unsafe tires, vehicle with defective or no stop light(s), possession of handguns by juveniles first offense, vehicle had defective, improper or no mufflers, Aspenglow Boulevard/County Road 600.
March 12 — Information only, dog at large (first offense), Jaunty Court.
March 13 — Speed exhibition, Eagle Drive.
- Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department**
Calls for service for four weeks: 303.
Feb. 13 — Turned left in front of approaching traffic, drove vehicle when license suspended, drove vehicle without insurance, County Road 600.
Feb. 13 — Careless driving, failed to present evidence of insurance, 8th Street Alley.
Feb. 13 — Agency assist, U.S. 160.
Feb. 15 — Careless driving, Lewis Street.
Feb. 15 — Animal at large, Pagosa Street.

- Feb. 17 — Weaving, drove vehicle when license revoked, Pagosa Street.
Feb. 18 — Violation of restraining order, Boulder Drive.
Feb. 18 — Criminal trespass, trespass warning, Eaton Drive.
Feb. 19 — Careless driving, hit and run, 7th Street.
Feb. 19 — DUI, weaving, Eagle Drive.
Feb. 19 — Assault, San Juan Street.
Feb. 20 — Criminal mischief, trespass warning, San Juan Street.
Feb. 22 — Criminal mischief, 5th Street.
Feb. 23 — Criminal mischief, 8th Street.
Feb. 25 — Violation of restraining order, 9th Street.
Feb. 26 — Menacing, Hot Springs Boulevard.
Feb. 27 — Violation of restraining order, violation of bond condition, 8th Street.
Feb. 27 — Failed to notify police of accident, Aspen Village.
Feb. 28 — Criminal mischief, violation of restraining order, violation of bond condition, 15th Street.
March 1 — Possession while under the influence, DUI, resisting arrest, harassment, failure to use turn signal, obstructing peace officer, weaving, unlawfully carrying a concealed weapon, U.S. 160.
March 3 — Trespass warning, Pagosa Street.
March 3 — Information only, Hot Springs Boulevard.
March 3 — Following too closely, careless driving, 14th Street.
March 4 — Fraud by check, Eagle Drive.
March 6 — Harassment, trespass warning, Aspen Village Drive.
March 6 — Assault, U.S. 160.
March 7 — Found property, Hot Springs Boulevard.
March 7 — Assault, disorderly conduct, Hot Springs Boulevard.
March 7 — Failed to give information after damaging another vehicle, failed to notify police of accident, operated vehicle without insurance, Eagle Drive.
March 7 — Careless driving, Lewis Street.
March 7 — Theft, Hot Springs Boulevard.
March 7 — Stripping, 5th Street.
March 8 — Criminal mischief, 9th Street.
March 9 — Unauthorized use of

- financial transaction device, Aspen Village Drive.
March 10 — DUI, careless driving, Apache Street.
March 10 — Violation of restraining order, assault, 8th Street.
March 11 — Failed to give information after damaging another vehicle, Hot Springs Boulevard.
March 11 — Warrant arrest, Hot Springs Boulevard.
March 11 — Animal at large, Pagosa Street.
March 11 — Theft, Hermosa Street.
March 12 — Assault, Pagosa Street.
- Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Justin P. Fay**
March 7 — Daniel Valdez, unsafe backing, two points off, fine and costs — \$72.
March 7 — Robert Bucher, changed lanes when unsafe, three points off, fine and costs — \$146.
March 7 — Delvin Chama, changed lanes when unsafe, three points off, fine and costs — \$146.
March 7 — Clayton Prichard, stopped, stood or parked on designated snow route, costs — \$35.
March 8 — Linda Rivas, animal running at large prohibited, fine and costs — \$85.
March 8 — Michele Montoya, possession of drug paraphernalia, fine and costs — \$185.
- Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay**

- March 10 — Linda Spargo, illegal weapon-possession, 12 months probation, fines and costs — \$844.50.
March 10 — Anthony Victor Poma Jr., criminal mischief-under \$300, 12 months probation, fines and costs — \$36.
March 10 — Merlin Smith, driving under restraint-alcohol-related, 60 days jail, fines and costs — \$254.50.
March 10 — Tyler Jay Goldman, driving under restraint-outstanding judgment, fines and costs — \$148.50.
March 11 — Christian Beck, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$210.50.
- 6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson**
March 7 — Flavio L. Garcia, violation p/o-criminal, 18 months probation, fines and costs — \$1,203.50.
March 7 — Megan Celeste Marez, violation p/o-criminal, violation of bail bond conditions-felony, 18 months probation, 18 months probation, fines and costs — \$1,366.50.
March 7 — Christian Victor Tuller, vehicular assault-DUI, public servant-attempt to influence, six years Department of Corrections, four years Department of Corrections, fines and costs — \$643.50.
March 8 — Flavio L. Garcia, trespass 1-dwelling, 18 months probation, fines and costs — \$1,373.50.



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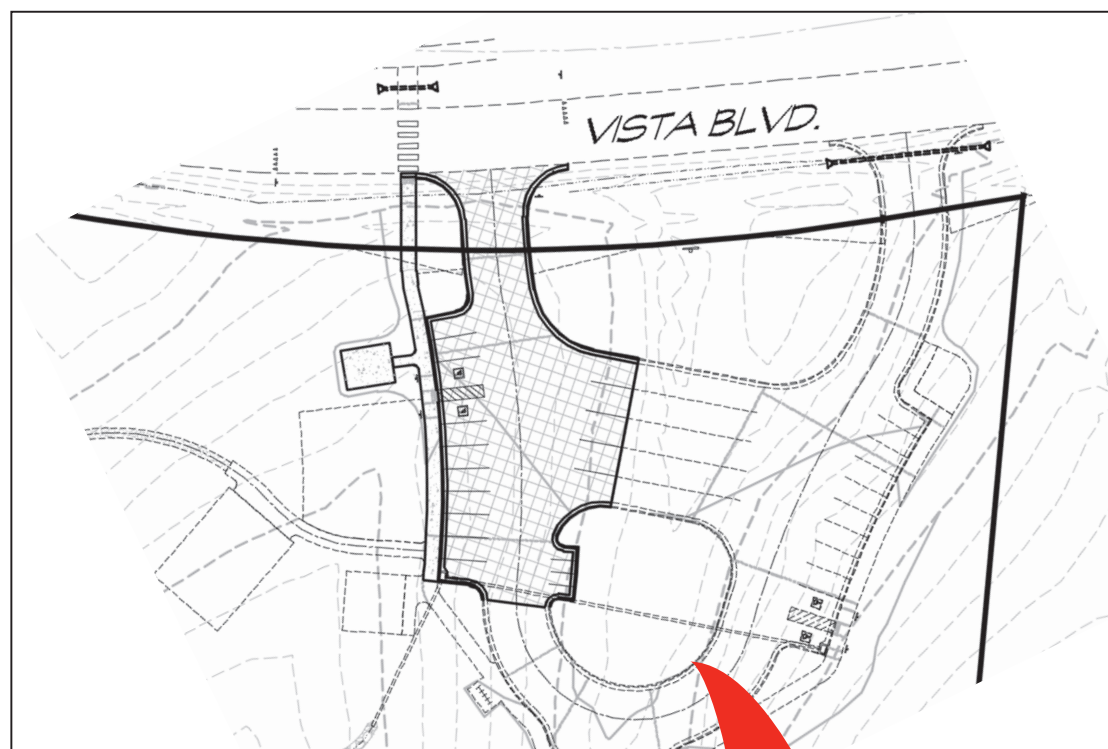


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St. Patrick's Irish Festival

Saturday, March 19 • 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. • St. Patrick's Episcopal Church parking lot, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.



St. Patrick's Irish Festival and parade set for Saturday

By Nicki Rippee
St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

Mark your calendars for a fun family time on Saturday, March 19, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the St. Patrick's Episcopal Church parking lot, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

The weather is predicted to be in the 50s with sunshine. There will be a parade, vendors, children's activities, free chili dogs and non-alcoholic drinks (beer and Irish coffee for \$5 with ID). Activities for children include riding on St. Patrick's float, face painting, games and more.

The "world's shortest" St. Patrick's Day parade will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the north end of the parking lot and traverse to the south end of the lot. Participants, please line up on the north side of the Parish Hall by 11 a.m. The parade will be led by bagpipers, followed by St. Patrick's float (children needed), a fire truck, a trash truck, the Shriner's little cars and what else? Come see for yourself, but don't be late or you'll miss it.

Free vendor spaces and spaces for nonprofits are still available. Call Lynne McCrudden at (970) 731-5801 as soon as possible to reserve your spot. The entire event is free of charge, though nonperishables such as canned goods, peanut butter and jelly, cereal and 1-pound bags of rice for the church's food pantry will be gratefully accepted.

Please park in the hospital's or John Paul II Catholic Church's lots. Handicapped parking will be available at St. Pat's. Dogs are welcome, but must be kept on a leash. Snow or shine, come join the fun and shamrock your world.



Photo courtesy St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

St. Patrick's Irish Festival and parade is set for Saturday afternoon at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. The event will feature the "world's shortest" St. Patrick's Day parade, activities for kids, food and more.

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Pagosa Springs Rotary Ice Melt Contest coming to an end

By JoAnn Laird
Pagosa Springs Rotary Club

St. Patrick's Day is upon us and spring is surely around the corner, even though people are still skiing and ice fishing.

However, with great anticipation, the Pagosa Springs Rotary, in conjunction with Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA), is waiting for the ice to thaw enough that a huge barrel will drop into Lake Hatcher and stop an attached clock. The astute person guessing the closest day, hour, minute and second of when the clock stops will win a cool \$1,000, second place will garner \$500 and third place will get \$250.

To be counted, entries must be turned in to Rotary no later than midnight, March 17. You're in luck, as the ice still has not melted enough to sink the barrel and stop the clock. Even though the deadline is fast approaching, your guess could be in April and if the lake doesn't thaw by then, you could still win. Tickets for your guesses are \$5 each, \$20 for five

and \$100 for 30.

Guess forms are available through links at www.pagosapragosarotary.com and www.plpoa.com, and ticket guesses can be gotten through the PLPOA administration office, PLPOA Recreation Center, The Choke Cherry Tree, Chamber of Commerce and

Ski and Bow Rack.

As in most fundraisers that Rotary presents, all net proceeds will go to the Pagosa Springs Rotary Scholarship Fund.

The clock is still ticking, so you better hurry with those guesses. May the luck of the Irish be with you.



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Back Country Horsemen to hear about health, well-being of horses

By Annie Pack
San Juan Back Country Horsemen

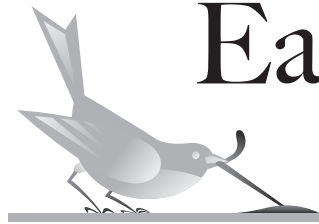
The San Juan Back Country Horsemen will have their monthly general meeting on Monday, March 21, at the Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. .

The potluck will be at 6 p.m. and the general meeting will follow at 7 p.m.

Our speaker this month will be Dr. Cara Finstad, of San Juan Veterinary Hospital, discussing the health and well-being of our equine friends.

Please join us, meet members and see how we're making a difference in our community. Any questions? Contact Annie (210) 215-9566.

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Registration is now open for the Whatchamawhozits Children's Theatre Summer Camp, set to run July 5-15. The camp will conclude with public performances of "The Music Man Kids."

Registration open for Whatchamawhozits Summer Theatre Camp for Kids

By Amy Wolfe
Thingamajig Theatre Company

The Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts is a lively place in the summers, this year with three major musicals running in repertory: "Bright Star," "Guys and Dolls" and "The SpongeBob Musical" with over 40 professional artists, design-

ers and performers rehearsing and performing — dancing, singing, acting — for four months straight.

And right in the middle of it all is the Whatchamawhozits Children's Theatre Summer Camp. This super fun and wildly popular summer camp is in its 11th summer at the Center for the Arts.

The camp works with 7- to

12-year-olds (you can inquire about special requests for 6- or 13-year-olds) and is taught by the professional performers that come in for Thingamajig's main stage shows. From singing to costume design, from dancing to character development and storytelling, from painting with lights to aerial

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Tickets on sale now for the Library Affair

By Sally Neel
 Ruby M. Sisson Memorial
 Library Foundation

If you haven't bought your tickets for the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation's Library Affair, scheduled to take place on April 9 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse, located at 230 Port Ave., don't wait. Due to space limitations, only 200 tickets are available.

You do not want to miss this wonderful opportunity to enjoy an evening with friends while supporting the exciting new building expansion of the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library. Tickets are \$50 each and may be purchased both online and at the library (cash or check only).

The evening will feature 17 dining tables designed by some of Pagosa's most creative artists. Each fabulous table design will be based on a book theme and the entire contents will be auctioned to the highest bidder.

In advance of the event, you may go online to get a peek at the table designs and, for only \$1, vote for your favorite tables. The table that wins the most votes by April 8 will receive the prestigious Pagosa Pulitzer Prize. You may vote, buy tickets, make donations and learn more about the upcoming library expansion at: pagosalibrary.org/library-foundation/campaign.

"This is such an exciting time for

our public library," said Lynne McCrudden, event coordinator. "You only have to look at the weekly library updates in The Pagosa Springs SUN to realize the importance our library plays in the daily lives of our community."

The Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library is a community resource that offers free services to the young and old alike. The current building opened its doors in February of 1989 and underwent its first major expansion in 2005. As the needs and services of our ever-growing community evolve, the library now is preparing to expand its current building by 50 percent to 11,300 square feet.

The addition will offer community meeting space, dedicated space for children's literacy programs, a room exclusively for teens and tweens, private study rooms, an intergenerational hands-on learning space, easy access to self-checkout and drop off, and a beautiful outdoor reading garden.

Nearly \$1.5 million has already been raised toward this \$4 million project. The goal of the Library Affair is to bring the fundraising closer to its initial \$2 million goal so that construction can begin. The Library Affair is being underwritten by numerous generous sponsors so that the auction proceeds and other donations can go directly to the campaign.

The Library Affair offers a fun evening with friends, the opportunity to see and bid on the beautiful

table settings designed by teams of local artists and, most importantly, the opportunity to enable the continued growth of our wonderful library. If you are unable to attend the event, please consider making a generous contribution in support of one of Pagosa Springs most valuable treasures, the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library.



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This summer the two-week camp runs from July 5-15, Monday through Friday (Tuesday through Friday the first week) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with public performances of "The Music Man Kids" on July 16 and 17.

Camper's registration includes an invitation to see the main stage production of "The SpongeBob Musical" Wednesday, July 13, at 2 p.m., which features all the camp counselors.

To register, please visit www.pagosacenter.org. The cost is \$375 for the camp and spaces are extremely limited.

For additional questions on the best summer activity in southwest Colorado, please contact Educational Director Laura Moore at laura@pagosacenter.org. Watch for information about ThingamaWHO's Teen Program coming in April.

What parents say

"Thank you for your awesome work with the kids during the improv class. It was great fun to watch their growth."

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Vista Lake Community Garden invites community for garden reveal on April 7

By **Rose Chavez**
Food System/Food Equity Coalition

Members of the Vista Lake Park and community garden, alongside Healthy Archuleta, invite the greater community to come see the progress that has been made in preparation for the growing season ahead on April 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Community members from the Vista neighborhood and surrounding community have been meeting regularly to plan for a future community garden and park at 230 Port Ave., to be located behind the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association administrative building.

Save the date for a fun and family-friendly event and learn more about the opportunities to get in-

involved with the community garden programming and upcoming events.

The evening's activities will include: seed planting, rock painting, a scavenger hunt, drawings and healthy refreshments. You will also have the chance to weigh in on design and programming components and learn about opportunities within the community garden effort to increase your access to freshly grown local, affordable and nutritious foods.

Best of all, come meet and get to know the local leaders from the Vista neighborhood and around Pagosa who are committed to creating a community gathering space that is focused on food sustainability, nutrition security and education in Archuleta County.

Archuleta County Food Summit to feature local food heroes

By **Rose Chavez**
Food System/Food Equity Coalition

The upcoming food system summit, to be held April 9 at the CSU Extension building from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., will feature a selection of local food heroes.

These local food heroes are exceptional individuals, businesses and/or organizations making a positive impact on the local/regional food system in our area. These honorees nurture our community through food, service and

socially and environmentally sustainable business practices.

The opportunity to meet in person and hear from these local chefs, growers, artisans, advocates and other food professionals is not to be missed at the first annual Archuleta County Food System Summit.

Those planning to attend, please register by visiting the Healthy Archuleta website event page: <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/archuleta-food-summit.html>. Please register before March

24 to help us with planning. Your registration ensures we have adequate supplies for your full participation in the day's activities and for the delicious locally prepared lunch that will be served.

For additional information, please contact us at fsfearchuleta@gmail.com or call (401) 371-3227. To donate to support the work of Healthy Archuleta, doing business as FSFE-Food Coalition, please visit our website: <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/donate.html>.

Update provided on Nutrition Security and Healthy Equity Assessment effort

By **Rose Chavez**
Food System/Food Equity Coalition

This past Monday, I joined the weekly meeting of the Healthy Archuleta Community Learning and Leadership Circle (CLLC), which is a group of diverse community members who are committed to co-leading the ongoing Archuleta

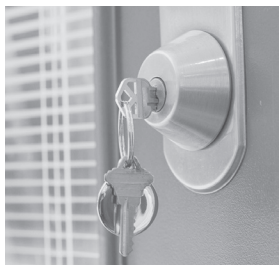
County Nutrition Security and Health Equity Assessment.

The process began in Decem-

ber 2021 and will run for the next three years. Over the past weeks

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Sunday devotionals offered by the Baha'i Faith

By Paulette Heber

Baha'i Community of Archuleta County

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

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

A weekly theme is reflected in the prayers, music, poetry and selections from world religions and

various sources. All are encouraged to contribute inspirational pieces. This Sunday, March 20, our theme is fasting.

"Fasting is essentially a period of meditation and prayer, of spiritual recuperation, during which the believer must strive to make the necessary readjustments in his inner life, and to refresh and reinvigorate the spiritual forces latent in his soul." — Baha'i writings.

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.

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.

Update

continued from previous page and going forward, CLLC members have been and will be engaging in intensive capacity building by learning through module presentations facilitated by Healthy Archuleta and partner organizations about the concepts of nutrition security and health equity and what that means in terms of the services and resources available in Archuleta County. The CLLC members identify questions as a result of their participation in these presentations that will then be included and will help guide

the assessment.

Monday's activities included a brief presentation by Angela Reali-Crossland from Pagosa Peak Open School about the school and community health-based efforts followed by small group activities and discussion that generated lots of additional learning and questions.

The types of questions that the CLLC is grappling with include understanding what additional types of information is needed to understand how primary health care access and utilization can be

improved and how a robust system can be created and reinforced in Archuleta County.

Do you have a question about primary health care access and utilization that you want to be included in the assessment? For additional information and to submit your questions, please contact us at fsfearchuleta@gmail.com or call (401) 371-3227. To donate to support the work of Healthy Archuleta, doing business as FSFE-Food Coalition, please visit our website: <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/donate.html>.

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Get fit, have fun and support a great cause with Rise Above Violence's Push-Up Challenge

By Ashley Wilson
Rise Above Violence

The 30-day push-up challenge will launch April 1. Rise Above Violence for the ninth year is hosting the Push-Up Challenge during the month of April, which is Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Over the last two years, the challenge has taken on a new life as a 30-day challenge that people can do on their own time, from wherever they are. Registration for the event is \$25, which covers your shirt and access to the tracking app to count all of the push-ups you complete.

For those that would like to fundraise to support victims and survivors in our community, we have a great platform that you can utilize to share out with friends and family.

Our goal this year is for our community to complete 35,490

push-ups — someone in the U.S. is sexually assaulted every 73 seconds, so 35,490 represents the number of victims in the 30 days of April.

As a participant, you can commit to any number of push-ups, you can complete each day or follow one of our plans to build up your strength. We have created a beginner, intermediate and advanced month-long challenge that will push you to increase your level of fitness. You can also register and find more information on our website, www.riseaboveviolence.org.

Through the challenge, we are hoping to raise \$15,000 that will go directly toward supporting victims of sexual assault in our community with resources and support to help with their healing.

On April 1, our launch party will be held at CrossFit Pagosa at 6 p.m. where you can get registered, learn how to use the fundraising platform and the app, and have a coach check your form to ensure a successful month of push-ups.

There is a Facebook event and group page to increase community around the challenge and where you can post all of your pictures for the prize categories we have like the person who does push-ups in the most unusual place. Other prize categories include: for the person who recruits the most people to participate in the challenge; for the person who wears the best costume while doing push-ups; for the person who does the most regular push-ups in the month; and for the person who raises the

most money during the month.

Join us for the month of April to support victims and survivors in our community. Challenge someone to do the Push-Up Challenge with you as a team or compete with someone to keep you motivated. If we have 30 challengers do 40 push-ups per day, we will hit the goal of 35,490.

Upcoming dates to remember

April 1, 6 p.m.: Push-Up Challenge Launch Party at CrossFit Pagosa.

April 5: Wear teal day.

April 27, noon: Denim Day Walk, at the bell tower.

About Rise

Rise is a nonprofit organization which promotes the belief that all people have the right to live free from violence. Rise provides 24-hour support and advocacy services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or other forms of violence, serving more than 350 victims each year. Rise also works to eliminate violence through education for youth and our community. All programs and services are free and confidential, including emergency prevention education and empowerment programs.

Visit www.riseaboveviolence.org for more information or call (970) 264-9075 to talk to an advocate today. If you want to be part of the team to help those in our community, volunteers for advocacy are always needed and welcomed.

Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship to celebrate spring

By Pauline Benetti
Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Please join the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in person or on Zoom on Sunday, March 20, 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.

Our in-person services at the fellowship hall are on the first and third Sundays of the month. This Sunday, join our fellowship and Michael Demchak as he leads us in a celebration of the spring equinox which occurs this Sunday, March 20. As the earth awakens from winter, may our spirits be reborn and renewed as well. We'll draw inspiration from nature and focus on the spiritual aspects of this season. We'll also discuss different ways to inaugurate and welcome spring into our lives.

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

Our fellowship offers each individual support in our unique spiritual path and an opportunity

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Countywide Women's Bible Study studying Galatians

By Stan Counsell
Special to The PREVIEW

Regardless of your denominational background or being unaffiliated, if you are looking for Bible answers or just plain curious, this weekly study heartily welcomes you. Yes, this evangelical/born again Bible study is for every woman in and around Pagosa Springs. This ministry has existed for some 50 years.

Do you desire to know more of God's Word, the "difficult" being made easy to understand? In this study, you can let your hair down and kick up your feet in a joy-filled, casual and unstructured environment that's just for you. It could be the answer to your prayers or desires.

'Bert (Roberta) Counsell has been a women's pastor, chaplain, encourager, worship composer

and counselor for over 35 years. Her ministering license will soon be elevated to full ordination by a worldwide (116 nations) Christian organization that endorses her. She guides each study with humor and God-honoring simplicity without any monotone lecturing. All ladies are totally free to laugh, ask questions, make comments and share experiences. She has been married to a now-retired ordained pastor for 37 years.

Currently, the topic of learning is the Book of Galatians. All are discovering why the apostle Paul was worried that so many new Galatian believers were being confused by numerous false doctrines about the Gospel. Why did Paul say, in Galatians 1:7, "You are being fooled by those who twist and distort the truth regarding Jesus Christ"? Doesn't that sound familiar today?

Why were some Jewish Chris-

tians and gentile converts spiritually struggling with each other? Why did Paul openly confront the apostle Peter over his surprising actions towards gentile believers in Galatia? Who are now the true children of Abraham? Why is there no longer Jew nor gentile, slave nor free, male nor female? Why is there now one body of Christian believers and not two, none holding privilege over another?

These questions and many others are easily addressed each Tuesday morning from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at CrossRoad Christian Fellowship in the spacious confines of their fellowship hall. The address is 1044 Park Ave., right across the street from the Recreation Center. For additional information or questions, please call Counsell at (970) 264-9931. She'll be happy to take your call. Remember, bring the Bible of your choosing.

Spiritual Experiences Group to discuss inner guidance

By Laurah Brock Young
Eckankar, the Path of Spiritual Freedom

Inner guidance has always been available to me and to all of us if we choose to follow it. Help can come as a nudge, a dream, a vision or a quiet voice within us.

Have you experienced anything like this? While wondering whether it was the right idea to move to Colorado, I asked the question inwardly, "Should we move to Colorado?" Soon after, I was driving in my car and I pulled up to vehicle where the entire back window was covered, in huge letters, with the word "future." That made me aware to pay attention and, sure enough, the next vehicle I saw had a moving company website pasted to the back window. I knew immediately that we were moving to Colorado and I begin to prepare in earnest.

These experiences happen to us all the time. We can tune into these types of experiences by learning how to connect with our ever-present divine guidance, often called the Holy Spirit.

During this in-person discussion offered by the Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs, we will discover how to listen to the voice of God, work with an inner guide, and benefit from dreams, waking dreams and golden-tongued wisdom. You will learn how to ignite your creativity to solve problems.

You are warmly invited to join us for a very creative and lively discussion on Sunday, March 27, at 1 p.m. The location is the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. This event is sponsored by Eckankar. People of all faiths and beliefs are welcome.

Use this address to find other in-person and online events offered in Pagosa Springs: <https://www.meetup.com/pagosa-springs-spiritual-experiences-group/events/>.

Unitarian

continued from previous page to participate in positive social and environmental action. We welcome diversity and invite everyone to share in our faith community.

Find us in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., on the north side facing the mountains. Join us. For more

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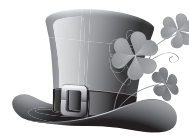
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New Thought topic: ‘Maturing Spiritually — Why We Must Release Shame and Blame’

By **Shayla McClure**
New Thought Center for
Inspirational Living

Sunday service is at 11 a.m. with Dr. Elaine Harding: “Maturing Spiritually — Why We Must Release Shame and Blame.”

“We have within us, a power that is greater than anything we shall ever contact in the outer, a power that can overcome every obstacle in our life and set us safe, satisfied and at peace, healed and prosperous, in a new light, and in a new life.” — Dr. Ernest Holmes.

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 30, 6 p.m.: “Basic Healing Techniques 101,”

with Shayla White Eagle McClure on angels and flower essences.

Friday, April 1, Channel Circle: “Messages From The Angels.”

April 3: Sunday Service at 10 a.m. (summer hours).

April: Spring Fling Fundraiser dates to be announced.

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 pagosacomunitynewthought@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).

Skiing in a blizzard with Denverites

By **Gregg Heid**
PREVIEW Columnist

Skiing in a blizzard on Wolf Creek Pass, in 40 inches of new snow, I skied alone — not smart.

One of my pleasures up on the mountain is talking to people on the lifts.

That day three young men and I shared a lift. I used my same starter question. “Where’re you from?”

“Denver.”
“What about you?”
“Boulder.”
“And you?”
“Also Denver.”

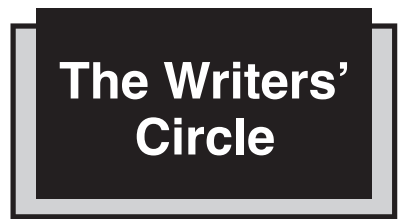
Curious, I asked, “How do you guys get time off during the middle of the week to come down here to ski?”

One by one they gave their reasons. “I work out of my home.” “I’m unemployed, looking for work.” The third man stated he worked for a finance company and had a flexible schedule.

I thought about these Denverites; must be a thousand of them here today. They follow the snow on their weather apps and cut up our powder with their boards and fat skis.

I decided to head over to the Alberta lift and get away from those who don’t know the mountain.

Later that day, I went alone on a slope next to one of the waterfalls. I skied the trees so I could see. The slope was steep, so I turned 10 feet swaths to control speed; one turn to the right, then another to the left, right, then left. When I came around that tree on my left turn, there was a 10-foot tree with only



5 feet above the snow directly in my path.

My left ski went deep into the

snow, my body hit the tree straight on, and I found myself bent over the tree parallel to the snow. I tried to push myself to an upright position, but to no avail as my poles sank out of sight up to my elbows. Now I’m worried. I pushed again and my stomach cramped.

“Help, down here, help me.”
No one came. I waited. My ago-

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Tax help for seniors available in Durango

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

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

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

Desk volunteers needed

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

Meals on Wheels volunteers needed

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

The Senior Center needs volunteer Meals on Wheels Drivers for one day a week (or become part of our substitute driver team). Please join

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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 17 — Beef Irish stew, cabbage steaks, milk, salad and Irish lemon pudding.

Friday, March 18 — Chicken and sausage jambalaya, collard greens, milk, salad and bread pudding.

Monday, March 21 — Turkey wild rice soup, wilted spinach, cornbread with butter, milk and salad.

Tuesday, March 22 — Beef meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, milk, salad and brownie.

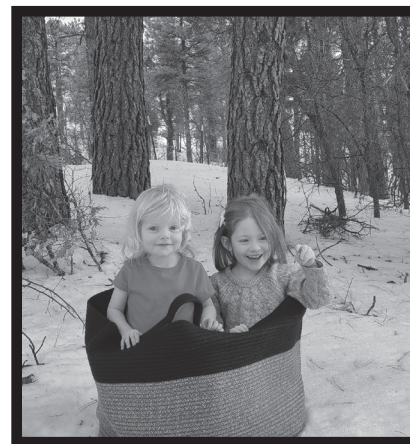
Wednesday, March 23 — Chicken piccata, broccoli with butter, focaccia bread with butter, milk and salad.

Thursday, March 24 — Pork posole, roasted cauliflower snowflakes, whole-wheat tortilla, milk and chocolate mousse.

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.



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ny increased. I got scared. I yelled again just as a young man came around the tree below my right ski.

"Looks like you need some help. Let me take off your skis." He reached for my right ski.

"No," I said, "I'll fall into the tree well."

He popped the left ski binding with his pole. The tree I leaned over held me up. Then he popped

off the right ski and I somersaulted over the tree.

I lay there looking up as the snow fell on my face, my body relaxed in the deep powder. I looked at him, "Man, thanks so much. You came at the right time. I could have been here all night."

The man looked down at me and smiled, "Glad I could help."

"Where're you from?"
"Denver."

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

Thursday, March 17

Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. Serving shepherd's pie with salad and dessert to go at the front doors of the Parish Hall. In addition, frozen prepared meals, meat and other staples are available for those in need. Masks and social distancing are required.

Pickleball. 1:30-4 p.m., Community Center. Instruction. 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 students are encouraged to attend from 5-6 p.m. and advanced students from 6-7 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.

Spanish Conversation. 6-7 p.m. Sisson Library. Would you like to improve your Spanish language speaking and listening skills? Join us in person to practice your Spanish conversation skills in a group setting. There is no minimum skill level needed to attend. Everyone is welcome to participate. Learn Spanish and many other languages anytime on your own using the Transparent Language Learning database available at <https://pagosalibrary.org/online-resources/>. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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.

Friday, March 18

Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Community

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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 northern shoveler.

The northern shoveler belongs to a group of seven species of dabbling ducks known as the blue-winged ducks for the blue patches displayed on their wings in flight. Two other species in this group, the blue-winged teal and cinnamon teal, also occur in North America.

The more obvious characteristic that these species share is noted in their genus name, spatula. All three have spatulate bills, but the northern shoveler takes this characteristic to an extreme with its huge, spoon-shaped bill. Swimming in shallow, muddy water with its large bill barely submerged, the shoveler sucks water into the front of the bill and squirts it out the sides. Small crustaceans, seeds and aquatic invertebrates in the water are trapped inside the bill by tiny comb-like projections on the edges.

Shovelers also feed with only their heads submerged in water and while sweeping their bills side to side. Unlike many dabbling ducks, they rarely tip upside down to find food.

They can be found in stagnant, polluted waters avoided by other ducks. Fairly social, especially in winter, groups will swim together in circles to create a whirlpool-like effect which brings food to the surface.

In breeding plumage, the male has a glossy green head and neck, yellow eye, white chest and rust-colored flanks. Females are mottled brown. Both sexes can be identified by their large, spatulate bills, black in the male and dirty orange in the female.

North American populations breed near shallow wetlands in the prairie grass of Canada and the north central states. As is the case with many duck species, once incubation by the female starts, the male leaves her to raise the brood alone. A brightly colored male nearby would only serve to broadcast the location of a camouflaged female and her hidden nest.

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

Reasons to VOTE NO on Ballot Question A on April 5th

- ✓ It ignores legal risk; expect lawsuits at taxpayer expense.
- ✓ Citing the legal risk, the Mayor and the Town Council oppose it.
- ✓ Citizens had no input in crafting the amendment; no public surveys; no qualified attorney review.
- ✓ There are better alternatives to address workforce housing; 254 dwelling units already in progress or planned.
- ✓ Short Term Rentals (STR) are restricted already and pay a third of all lodging taxes.
- ✓ Ultimately, penalizing STRs will hurt tourism dollars that support Pagosa Springs' businesses and our local workforce.

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Ron and Edna, together again

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

Ron and Edna were very young when they got married, but after a bit of a rough start, they did everything together. They especially liked to garden together. Many people in our small, rural community were recipients of produce from Ron and Edna's garden. I often received the biggest pumpkins I have ever seen outside of a National Geographic magazine picture.

Ron got so he really didn't like to do anything without Edna. If it was something just for the men in the community, he didn't want to go. But if something exciting or unusual was happening, he would rush home to get Edna, even if that meant he would miss part of it.

It could be when the girls and their fathers were having a mud pit pig catch for the daddy-daughter dates. It might be an old gravel road finally getting paved or ground being broken for a new home. If it was something he was interested in, he wanted to share it with Edna.

But then Edna got really sick. Ron never left her side, other than to get things she needed. Even then, he might ask a neighbor to pick up a prescription or grab some groceries so he could stay by her side. With Ron's tender care, Edna pulled through.

Then came the year that Ron and Edna didn't plant a garden. Even as they grew old and struggled to maintain the garden, they had always had one. So, when no garden was planted, I knew their health must be declining. The good people of the community returned the favor they had received over the years and shared their garden harvest with Ron and Edna.

A few more years went on, and then, in a very short time, Ron's

health plummeted. He suddenly didn't have the strength to take care of himself. Ron was a big man, and Edna was a small woman. She could not manage alone, but she didn't want Ron to be in an assisted living home or anyplace away from her.

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With Edna's permission, the men of the community organized to help. I took two mornings and one evening each week. I would go in the morning and help get Ron up, to the bathroom, or anything else he needed, and then to his chair. At night, I would reverse the process. Ron had always been independent, and it was hard for him to accept the help, but he was grateful to stay with Edna.

When I would knock on the door, their little dog, Dude, would make a fuss trying to protect them.

Ron or Edna would yell, "Dude, knock it off. He's OK."

Dude would then let me come in. After a while, Dude got used to

me and greeted me at the door. He seemed happy to see me because, once Ron settled into his chair, Dude could curl up in his lap. When I finished helping Ron, I often sat down to visit, and his positive spirit helped me.

Sometimes he told me stories about him and Edna. He knew his time was growing short, so other times he asked me to share my feelings about what happens after death.

And then one morning, just as I was leaving to help Ron, I got word from Edna that he was gone.

Ron's loss was hard on Edna, and the good people from the community often stopped to visit. One time when I stopped in, Edna expressed how much she missed him. Then she said, "Tell me again what you shared with Ron."

I nodded. "I believe that when we die, we will be with those we love. The Savior told us to love one another, and love transcends the greatest challenges of all, even death. If we are not with those we love in heaven, it wouldn't be heaven. It would actually feel like a punishment for loving others as we have been told. God would never punish us for doing what he asked. You and Ron will be together again."

Edna smiled. "I believe that, too. I just like hearing you say it."

Recently, Edna left us to join Ron. I imagine some big, exciting event was happening in heaven, and Ron didn't want Edna to miss it, so he came to get her. That's what he always used to do when he was here.

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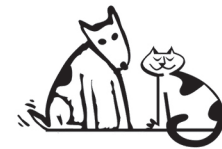
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Pickleball. 1:30-4 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

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 23

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

Family Storytime: Hora de Cuentos. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Come practice your Spanish with some books, songs and games. 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.

Teen Advisory Board. 4-5 p.m., GoogleMeet. For youth in the 6th-12th grades. Help us plan teen programs. Contact the library at (970) 264-2209 for further information.

Thursday, March 24

Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. Serving beef enchiladas with fiesta salad and dessert to go at the front doors of the Parish Hall. In addition, frozen prepared meals, meat and other staples are available for those in need. Masks and social distancing are required.

Pickleball. 1:30-4 p.m., Community Center. Instruction. Loaner paddles will be available.

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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 25

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.

Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry. 4:30-6:30 p.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, 445 Lewis St. Take out, drive through and indoor dining available. The meal includes the tasty catfish, hand-cut french fries, coleslaw and hush puppies for \$14. The proceeds support community programs.

Saturday, March 26

LEGO Club. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For kids 6-12 years old. We have the LEGO bricks, all you need to bring is your imagination. Call (970) 264-2209 for further information.

Monday, March 28

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

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How to find new books that match your likes and interests

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

If you would like to expand your reading choices, we suggest you go to our NoveList database, where you'll find a multitude of options to enrich your reading life.

There are categories for all genres including fantasy, historical novels, Christian fiction, mysteries, romance, sci-fi, westerns and more.

Access is available free by clicking on "Online Resources" on the top of the library's website. Scroll down to NoveList, click on the icon, enter your library card number and see the many opportunities for all ages. They're presented for adults, teens, ages 9-12 and ages 0-8:

- One section is called "I'm in the mood for ..." that offers a selection of books that are thought-provoking and reflective, haunting and compelling, suspenseful and action-packed, and lush and descriptive.

- You can also make your own combo to appeal to your personal interests.

- There also is a category called Awards to introduce you to award-winning books for all ages.

Library staff are always happy to answer any questions you have about NoveList. Happy searching and happy reading.

Cardboard construction contest

Creative people of all ages are invited to show off your building skills by competing in our first-ever free cardboard construct-a-thon that offers prizes for each of five age categories: Preschool, ages 5-7, ages 8-11, ages 12-17 and adult 18 and up. Submissions must be brought to the library between Monday, March 21, and 5 p.m. on Friday, March 25. Winners will be announced on March 26 at 12:15 p.m.

Entries may not exceed 36 inches in any direction and must be built ahead of time. Your creation must be made entirely of cardboard — but tape, glue, paperclips or brads may be used to hold pieces together. While you are welcome to decorate your creation, please note that we will be judging based on construction and not final decorations.

Cardboard is available at the library. You also are welcome to use your own. One entry per person.

Free tax forms

Tax forms are available free at your library while supplies last.

Spanish conversation today

This evening, Thursday, March

Library News

17, from 6 to 7 p.m., we will gather in person at the library to practice speaking and listening skills together. There is no minimum skill level required to attend. As an alternative, you can learn Spanish and many other languages using the Transparent Language Learning database available at: <https://pagosalibrary.org/online-resources/>.

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8	4	5	2	7	9	6	1	3
7	3	6	8	1	4	2	5	9
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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Dungeons and Dragons

Join us every other Tuesday 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 22.

S.T.E.A.M. enrichment kits

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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. March 23 is Hora de Cuentos, when you can practice your Spanish with books, songs and games.

The next Discovery Time takes place Saturday, March 19, 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.

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. Note there will be no Tech Time March 22 and 24.

Adult education

Our free PALS (Pagosa Adult Learning Services) session take place on Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m. when Mark helps with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more.

In-person gaming

Enjoy free all-ages video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect on Fridays from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m.

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.

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Mysteries and thrillers

"Think of Me" by Frances Liardet starts with a wartime romance in Egypt in 1942. "Nothing To Lose" by J.A. Jance is a J.P. Beaumont thriller. "Run, Rose, Run" by Dolly Parton and James Patterson centers on a young singer-songwriter trying to find a future in Nashville. "Killer View" by Roy Johansen features an army vet and former PI.

Nonfiction

"Healing" by Dr. Thomas Insel outlines a path from mental illness to mental health by reforming the mental health system.

Large print

"Her Hidden Genius" by Marie Benedict focuses on a scientist's work on DNA. "Lightning in a Mirror" by Jayne Ann Krentz is book three in the Fogg Lake trilogy. "Ice and Stone" by Marcia Muller is a Sharon McCone mystery. "Olga Dies Dreaming" by Xochitl Gonzalez forces the heroine to confront long-held family secrets. "One Step Too Far" by Lisa Gardner is book two in the Frankie Elkin mystery series. "Robert B. Parker's Bye Bye Baby" by Ace Atkins is a Spenser mystery.

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"Diablo Mesa" by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child is a mystery featuring an archaeologist and an FBI agent. "Steal" by James Patterson and Howard Roughan is a triple-cross suspense story. "Death of a Green-Eyed Monster" by M.C. Beaton features Scottish Sgt. Hamish Macbeth. "The Lady's Mine" by Francine Rivers is set in a lawless mountain town in the 1870s. "Caramel Pecan Roll Murder" by Joanne Fluke is a Hannah Swenson mystery with recipes. "Gwendy's Final Task" by Stephen King and Richard Chizmar focuses on an old button box. "Abandoned in Death" by J.D. Robb is a Det. Eve Dallas mystery.

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Quotable quote

"... kindness is a choice; you can't force someone else to be kind. You hope that by inspiring other people to spread kindness that they will somehow see it and, you know, change their ways and be more kind in the future." — 11-year-old Orion Jean, Mansfield, Texas, Time magazine's 2021 Kid of the Year.

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TUTOR FOR 9TH GRADE STUDENT. (970)398-9136.

UTILITY OPERATOR. The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking to hire a Utility Operator in our Public Works Department in support of the Town's Utility Division which includes sanitation and geothermal. 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.pagosaprisings.co.gov and select Employment.

HELP WANTED

Advertising Sales

Our multimedia organization has an opening for advertising sales person. Willingness to learn various multimedia platforms and a desire for growth in this position are a must.

We are taking applications for a part-time (up to 30 hours per week) business development position.

Successful applicant will have computer experience, creativity, organizational skills and demonstrate proficiency with spelling and grammar. Ability to use Adobe InDesign is a plus.

Position offers salary, plus commission. Work hours will be split between office and being in the field. Applicant must have reliable transportation.

Submit your resume to helpwanted@pagosason.com or drop off at 457 Lewis Street. Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. No phone calls.



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FRONT OFFICE RECEPTIONIST needed at The Pagosa Springs SUN. Must type a minimum of 40 words per minute, be able to lift 50 pounds and stand for long periods of time. Good work ethic, accuracy and ability to meet deadlines important. Excellent customer service skills necessary. Newspaper experience not required. Email resume to helpwanted@pagosason.com. No phone calls please.

LABORERS NEEDED, \$18-\$35/ HOUR. Framers, landscapers, painters, pay depending on experience. (970)403-2228.

MAINTENANCE PERSON NEEDED for Lakeview Estates Apartments. Must have experience and own tools. Starting pay \$15 an hour. Apply in person, 857 N. Pagosa Blvd. or send resume to mountainsiderhonda@gmail.com.

EQUIPMENT RENTAL SHOP SEEKING reliable, self starting person of all trades, all wrenching, small engines, diesel engines, electrical, hydraulics and welding a plus. Valid driver's license is a must. Apply in person at Pine Valley Rental, 305 Bastille Drive.

VISITOR CENTER STAFF. The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking to hire seasonal staff to work in the Visitor Center. This position is part time at about 20 hours per week with some weekend work. For more information or to apply, please go to the Town's website at www.pagosaprisings.co.gov and select Employment.

HELP WANTED

NEW OPENING: ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NEW CAREER? If you are a self starter, with the ability to multi-task, The Pagosa Springs SUN has an opportunity for you with our multimedia organization. Successful applicant will have computer experience, creativity, organizational skills and demonstrate proficiency with spelling and grammar, ability to use Adobe InDesign is a plus. We are currently taking applications for a part-time advertising position up to 30 hours per week. Position offers salary, plus commission. Reliable transportation is a must. If you like getting out in the community, meeting new business owners and developing relationships, this is the perfect job for you. We offer a fun and challenging, team-oriented work environment. Email your resume to helpwanted@pagosason.com. Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. No phone calls, please.

SEEKING SHELTER MANAGER to manage animal welfare, staff, facility, services and HSPS mission. Cultivate a team atmosphere, supervise and train staff, promote adoptions, animal enrichment programs, and enforce a high standard of animal care (physical, mental, emotional). Foster community relationships, boost volunteer programs, develop services and educate public, manage shelter and grounds, work with veterinarians, manage budget. Perform daily rounds to ensure cleanliness and each animal's health. Research best practices and keep shelter current. Must have strong management skills and a love for animals. Prefer shelter experience but will train the right person. Must be detail oriented and possess excellent customer service, computer, and PR skills. This is a hands-on position. \$43k DOE. (970)264-5549 or email cover letter and resume hsdirector@humansociety.biz.

HIRING ALL NEW KITCHEN STAFF. Wages from \$16-\$25/ hour based on experience, with culinary arts degree or certification. Must be able to work days or nights. Apply in person, Boss Hogg's Restaurant.

HELP WANTED



Quarterly Bonuses

We are looking for hard-working individuals who want to join a fast-growing team. Strong work ethic, attention to detail, positive attitude, team-player, ability to read and follow work instructions and learn new processes.

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- ➔ **Production Crew:** Perform light fabrication of Growing Dome components, fabricate lumber, assemble crates and package Growing Dome kits. Experience using saws, drills, presses and hand tools preferred. \$17+ based on experience.

Go to www.growingspaces.com/employment to view all positions and print an application. Send resume to employment@growingspaces.com, or mail to PO Box 5518, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

PART-TIME MASSAGE THERAPIST- Healing Waters Resort & Spa is looking for a licensed therapist who would like to work Saturday & Sunday and possibly some late afternoon/evening hours. We are a small but busy resort with a friendly team of therapists and staff in place. We are looking for someone who enjoys their work, is genuinely interested in the health and well-being of their clients and who is looking for a place that is the right fit for them. Medical or sports therapy background is a plus. If this sounds like you, let's talk! Email Kanaka at sales@pshotsprings.com or drop your resume by Healing Waters Resort & Spa at 317 Hot Springs Blvd.

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HOUSEKEEPING/ INSPECTORS. VIP Vacation Services is hiring more Housekeepers. Employee or Contractors. Will train with some experience. \$20/ hour plus drive pay. If you have a good eye for details, we are hiring inspectors to inspect our vacation homes before and after our guests. \$20/ hour plus drive pay. Call or text Stuart at (818)963-0836.

OFFICE MANAGER. YOU ARE LOOKING for a full-time job that will keep you challenged with a wide variety of administrative duties for an established Pagosa technology firm. You have a "servant's heart," as you work closely with like-minded co-workers, and engage with interesting clients. Requirements: Exceptional verbal, written and interpersonal skills; minimum 5 years employment in customer service and office administration; extensive knowledge of MS Office and QuickBooks. Finally, a good sense of humor and a sincere, innate desire to help others are required! Position offers a competitive hourly rate based on experience, paid time off, and profit sharing plan. (970)585-1235. Or email resume to it4corners@protonmail.com.

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM STAFF. The Town of Pagosa Springs is recruiting staff for our summer Kids Camp Program. We will be accepting applications for Lead Counselors and Counselor positions with compensation at \$14 to \$18 per hour dependent upon experience and position. For more information or to apply, please go to the Town's website at www.pagosaprisings.co.gov and select Employment.

NORTH PAGOSA MARATHON is hiring a full-time cashier and a full-time deli cook. Deli hours are Monday thru Friday, 5a.m.-1p.m. Please come apply in person at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

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Classifieds

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Office Hours: Monday — Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Classified Deadline: Tuesday 10 a.m.

HELP WANTED

NOW HIRING PART-TIME SEASONAL help for snow removal. Shoveling, decks, roofs, plowing, etc. Call Eric (970)946-2061.

CONSTRUCTION COMPANY NEEDING framers/ carpenters. Plenty of work! Call (970)946-4615, ask for Robert.

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YARD SALES

BE SURE TO CHECK for more yard sales in the Too Late To Classify section.

HUGE ESTATE SALE. Friday and Saturday, March 18 and 19, 8a.m. sharp. Every household item imaginable. Furniture, antiques, kitchen items, refrigerators, stove, decorative items, picnic table, bikes, exercise room (yes, I said room), train room (yes, I said room), office stuff, tools, snowblower, log splitters, engine hoist, 2 stairlift chairs, engine stand, shop press, welder, parts washstand, drill press, lawn mower, weed eaters and lots more. Hwy. 160 west, right on N. Pagosa, left on Sweetwater, left on Twincreek, house #583. Rain or shine. AEHPOS.

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1780 PIEDRA ROAD, APT. C. Saturday, March 19, 9a.m.-4p.m. Sewing materials, furniture, sports equipment.

WANTED

LOCAL ARTIST SEEKING to rent a small art/ workshop studio for summer months. (623)243-0113.

LIVESTOCK

TACK & CONSIGNMENT SALE. Saturday, April 2, 9a.m.-3p.m., LPC Fairgrounds, 2500 Main Ave., Durango, CO. Saddles, tack, trailers and more. Consigners check-in Friday, April 1, 9a.m.-7p.m. Benefits 4 Corners Back Country Horsemen. (970)884-2355, email: jksherer1@outlook.com.

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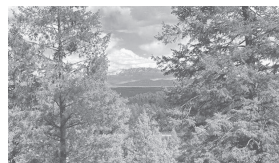
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**Vacation Home
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5%
**Almost 1/2 Acre,
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5%
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