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Judge strikes down town's voter-imposed short-term rental fee

By Dorothy Elder and
Randi Pierce
Staff Writers

In a Dec. 26 order, Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson of the Sixth Judicial District struck down the town's voter-imposed per-bedroom fee on short-term rentals.

The order came in a case against the Town of Pagosa Springs that essentially questioned the validity of

Ordinance 982, "Short Term Vacation Rental Fee Implementation."

The ordinance was enacted by the town after a citizen-led petition put the fee on the ballot in the 2022 regular election, which passed by 11 votes.

The ballot question asked if the Town of Pagosa Springs Home Rule Charter should be amended

■ See Fee A8

Officials ask residents to challenge National Broadband Map

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Local and state officials are asking Coloradans to check the accuracy of their address and Internet service availability on a national broadband map recently released by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

The FCC released the new National Broadband Map on Nov. 18.

It displays broadband coverage and availability down to the location level, such as house, business or school.

However, local and state broadband officials report inaccuracies in the information and are asking residents to check information for their homes and businesses and submit challenges if the informa-

■ See Broadband A8

Appeals court upholds local lawyer's request for meeting recording, county contemplates appeal

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

A Dec. 15 decision by the Colorado Court of Appeals Division A in a lawsuit between local attorney Matt Roane and Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder Kristy Archuleta upheld the right of litigants to acquire documents from public entities through Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) requests

while in litigation with them.

Roane's lawsuit concerns the county's denial of a CORA request by Roane for a recording of an Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners' (BoCC) work session due to the request being tied to an ongoing lawsuit filed by Roane against the county.

The order, written by Judge Lino

■ See Appeal A8

Propane companies experiencing 'little supply blip' locally

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Area residents may see a temporary change in how much and how often propane is delivered to their tanks.

According to Dan Binning, executive director of the Colorado

Propane Gas Association, while there is not a shortage of propane nationally, there is a "little supply blip" going on in the area.

The Ignacio gas processing plant, he explained, is temporarily down to about 50 to 60 percent of

■ See Propane A8



Wildlife

Photos courtesy Beth Tollefsen

Local wildlife has enjoyed a mild winter so far this season, though local weather forecasts indicate that the region will continue to receive some much-needed moisture into next week.



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OUR VIEW

Ideas from readers for 2023

The new year is upon us, and in the tradition of a fresh start with the fresh year, we asked readers and Facebook fans to share their ideas for the changes they want to see in Pagosa Springs during 2023.

Many of those comments focused on issues with roads.

Katherine Kacey wrote: "County prohibitions on engine braking on Put Hill/ Hwy 160, including signage and enforcement. We are 1/2 mile from the highway and it is so loud, especially in the middle of the night!"

Jacki Hart chimed in: "Katherine Kacey I couldn't agree with you more!!! It's horrible!"

That received this response from Kacey: "Jacki Hart If you are an east-bound truck driver, your regular brakes should be nice and cool. No big descents west of here. I don't see any reason you should have to use engine brakes for a mile of road; regular brakes should be fine. Back in the 2000-aughts, I distinctly remember there being an 'engine brakes prohibited' sign at the top of Put Hill. I don't know why it went away!"

Louie Diane Lau Gomez wrote: "We need a bypass or over pass!"

Aryanna Mueller added: "1. Fix the roads (Actually fix them, not just a half done patch job.) 2. Affordable housing for locals. (We're making some steps in the right direction, but the long term rental crisis is still very much ongoing and Pagosa's workforce is struggling.) 3. Make that intersection by O'Reilly's, Walmart, and Pagosa Peak Open School a four way stop instead of a three way stop."

Another conversation was started by Susan Ivy Higley: "Fix the pot holes."

Suzanne McCarty repeated: "Fix the potholes!!!!!"

Curt Lemons agreed: "Suzanne McCarty yes fix the roads!"

Connie Hayes added: "Yes!!!"

Lemons reiterated: "Suzanne McCarty for the love of God !!!!!!!!! Fix the roads Please. Fix the roads."

Kimberly Velez-Reyes wrote: "Definitely the pot holes and the carnival for the little ones for the 4th this year."

Gina Boaz agreed: "Kimberly Velez-Reyes Yes, bring the carnival back please."

Connie Stone Knief wrote: "Definitely the potholes need to be fixed!"

Jon Rosenberg shared: "Definitely not

turning all of downtown into one lane."

Carrie Thomas added: "Don't turn hwy 160 into a one lane road. Dumbest idea yet! Just fix the dang roads!!"

Terri Lynn Christian Pritchard agreed: "Carrie Thomas exactly!!!"

Valissatie Chavez added: "To over ride the up coming construction of turning down town into a one lane rd each way. It's already a mess from Goodman to the bridge if the make main street a one lane rd from Goodmans to subway its gonna take at least 30 min to get thru main street during summer months. Not cool."

Joni Martin Shirk wrote: "It should be unlawful to turn paved roads back to dirt and consequently mud. I personally know of someone who paid more for a lot on a paved road only to have it purposefully reduced to mud and dirt. The road people need to use quality materials and pave roads right the first time."

Pauline Yago shared her solution: "Each family should be given a couple of trees to plant and also about 20 bags of concrete so instead of everybody irritated about the potholes they can just put the bags of concrete in the potholes."

Paul Srery wrote: "Please fix potholes!"

Deborah Silva Tammen wants: "Continued paving on Majestic Drive & pot wholes fixed"

Kim Judge-Buscaglia suggested: "A pedestrian bridge on main Street 160 the crosswalks are so dangerous."

Jenny Hall had another solution: "A trade school that specializes in proper road construction. The students would get plenty on hands on experience and we the public would finally get good roads."

Michael Taylor agreed: "A Trade School would be a beautiful thing."

Andrew Forrest wrote: "I what to see all three highways repainted and the sidewalks redone down town. And I what to see CDOT mowing the side of all three highways into Pogosa. A bigger fair and longer rodeo too."

Brianna Kimball wrote: "Fix US160 and all the other pot holes!"

Nikki Adams Taylor chimed in: "Roads maintained. Especially main roads and the Hwy. It's a huge hazard to have potholes all over Hwy 160!"

Holly Lemons Cannon shared her list: "1) Road maintenance. Fix the potholes. 2) Finish Road Maintenance in a timely fashion. I know that's a lot to ask

- to get it fixed & then do it in a timely

manner."

Liz Bish wants: "A bus that comes to Trails."

Louanne Knowles Burgess suggested: "Good road maintenance!"

Hayes added: "Yes!! Fill the pot holes & repave the roads without taking all summer to do less than one half of a mile."

Jessica Stiles-Williams wrote: "1. Transparency with the county budget and subsequent spending. Residents have every right to know how tax dollars are being allocated and then spent. There should be accountability measures for going over budget or for incorrectly estimating costs (doesn't have to be a punishment, but some kind of review/lessons learned process). 2. A long term financial plan for road maintenance and repair. Spending money on a huge improvement project at the east side of town while temporarily patching up the rest of town is not a balanced approach. 3. County building permitting and inspection process that actually enables affordable housing for people who are trying to do what they can to build to code without having to pay exorbitant fees to 'licensed' people who aren't doing it right anyway. There should be a path to build as an owner so that building simple and small is an approachable project."

LaVonne Graves added: "1. Community Recreation Center. 2. Huge library like Bayfield. 3. Quality building inspections so we can upgrade instead of fixing what should have been built correctly in the first place. 4. Quality road maintenance on most populated areas...all areas, but most populated need to be prioritized. 5. All houses should have the county address signs at the beginning of their driveways, for deliveries and emergencies. 6. Subdivisions should have the post office cluster boxes that accommodate all units/homes and built in the correct specifications for safety for all. (And not built in shade) & preferably all front loaders."

Space doesn't allow for us to print every idea that we received. We'll share more of the ideas submitted next week. One thing's for certain: We have a lot to look forward to in 2023.

Let's all do our part and resolve to get involved to make our community better.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of December 29, 1922

Additional evidence in the Colorado-New Mexico boundary dispute was forwarded to the United States Supreme court by Victor E. Keyes, attorney general, making the introduction of Colorado's case practically complete. Brief of the state's pleadings probably will be prepared by Russell W. Fleming of Fort Collins, who will succeed Mr. Keyes as attorney general on Jan. 9, as it is not believed that the Supreme Court record will be ready until after that date.

The suit, which was instituted by New Mexico, involves a narrow strip of land along the southern border of Colorado totaling approximately 100,000 acres.

In his evidence forwarded Mr. Keyes cites the fact that the Darling line has been recognized by the United States government and by both territories and states continuously since 1868, with the exception of a few months in 1908, after passage of a congressional resolution to accept the Carpenter survey. This resolution was vetoed by President Roosevelt in 1908, and government officials thereupon returned to the Darling survey.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of January 16, 1948

Student Council. Tuesday, January 12, 1948, all members but one were present.

Four members will meet with Mr. Hays and Mr. Gann to discuss the possibility of having girls' physical education this semester.

Student council voted to have their meeting time changed to an evening meeting at the earliest possible date. This won't take them out of any of their classes.

The featured movie this month will be, "Wee Willie Winkle," starring Shirley Temple. The charge will be ten cents for the elementary pupils and twenty-five cents for the high school students.

Student council appointed a committee to look and discuss pins for council members. They also gave Ralph Martinez authority to keep all non-participants out of the school during basketball practice during the evenings.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of December 28, 1972

Open house for residents of the community was held at the new Pagosa Lodge last Saturday afternoon. More than 400 persons inspected the new facility and more than 300 children were guests at a Christmas party hosted by Eaton International and the Eaton families.

The lodge is the newest facility of its kind in the San Juan Basin area. The spacious lodge has a large lobby, dining facilities to serve 70 persons at one time, and 60 rooms. Of these four are three room suites, and some have fireplaces.

The gallery over the lobby has been designated as the Fred Harman gallery and is centered around a self-portrait of the famous artist, Fred Harman. Many of his paintings are on display there and his self-portrait is hung in a prominent place. In addition there are displays of awards and citations made to the distinguished local resident for his civic services in many fields.

Local schools will open on Tuesday and there will be no more school breaks until spring arrives. Basketball games will start on January 5th, and school will be half over the following week.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of December 31, 1997

A 1998 Archuleta County budget calling for expenditures and reserves of \$11,945,784 was adopted by the county commissioners at their regular meeting Dec. 16.

In keeping with practices recommended for governmental budgets, reserves will be reduced this coming year to equal about three months of expenditures. In past years, the county maintained greater sums than that in reserves.

While reducing reserves, the county did not use reserve money for operating expenses, according to Dennis Hunt, county manager.

Instead, the money was transferred to two capital improvement funds.

A \$750,000 fund was established in the 1998 budget to finance future county building requirements anticipated because of overcrowding and lack of space for storing county documents in the current courthouse.

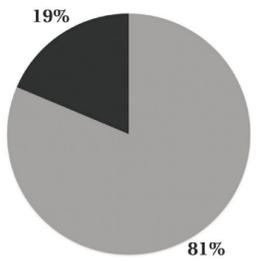
A second fund of \$400,000 was established to help finance road and bridge capital improvement projects.

WHADDYA THINK?

Overall, do you approve of the job Santa Claus does bringing joy to children every year at Christmas?

Poll results (102 votes)
Yes, I love Santa Claus! 81 percent
No, Bah humbug! 19 percent

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Bag fee

Dear Editor:
The fee on plastic and paper bags, passed by the Colorado Democrat legislature, is actually a tax and will hurt those with limited income.
As a tax, it should have been voted on through "referendum" by all of the people of Colorado. It is an example of the "tax and spend" policies of the Democrat party. The people of Colorado will eventually get fed up and will vote the Democrats out of office. Then the Republicans will have to fix the mess that the Democrats have made. In the meantime, people will get around the bag tax as best they can. Debbie and I spend an average of \$400 per week on groceries for our employees. Reusable bags is

not an option. We will cease shopping in Durango and will spend our money in Farmington and at Farmers Fresh in Ignacio.
J. Paul Brown

Religion

Dear Editor:
As Christians we are celebrating the season of Christmas until the season of Epiphany begins on January 6, 2023. It never fails to puzzle me that it is during this season of the celebration of the birth of Jesus, the Messiah and Son of God, that people will write and say things about religion in general and Christianity in particular that are blatantly untrue. Somehow individuals have come to equate Christianity with so-called "White Supremacy" and "racism" against other Americans. Such comments only indicate a great deal of ignorance about what Christianity is all about or what it teaches.
Perhaps a good start to keeping the story straight would be to listen to the pronouncement of God's Holy Angels when they announce the birth of Jesus to a group of rather stunned shepherds outside of Bethlehem.
"Then the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the

city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 'Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, good will toward men!'" Luke 2:10-14, NKJV)
If the Savior who is born is to bring "good news of great joy which will be to all people." That certainly doesn't sound like a manifesto for White Supremacy or racism. Frankly, we do not even know for sure the race of Mary, Joseph, or the baby Jesus, except that we know they were Jewish, but not all Jews were white. When the Scriptures tell us that this blessing is for all people, that means people of every race, station in life, and blood type. Why? Because (as is demonstrated with every edition of the evening news) humans have a problem with sin. One manifestation of that sin is racism. Another is that sin prompts some people to think that they know more than other people thus elevating themselves to be of a superior status (at least in their own minds.)
Christianity has nothing to do with racism or white supremacy.
Of course in our nation people are permitted to believe anything they wish to believe and I would never deny them that right. It's

called the free exercise of religion. Perhaps it might be more productive, however, to focus on those who are actually racist rather than paint and entire religion whose goal is the blessing of all mankind for such ills in our society. Painting any group of people with a broad brush of condemnation only ends up being inaccurate and insulting.
A blessed Christmas season to all.
Richard Bolland

'Balance'

Dear Editor:
As a former full-time resident of beautiful Pagosa Springs, and upon reading the smoothly worded rationale, and Council's rejection of appeals made by Pagosa business owners and neighbors, I simply must comment on the striking illustration of the building on page 8 of the 12/22/2022 Sun newspaper.
This proposed building appears as a giant corporate bully, - jutting out in front, using its elbows to push back the long-standing Alley House Grille and Pagosa Baking Company.
If this is an example of so-called "balance" mentioned in the Rejection of Appeals article, someone please, enlighten us.
Joan Kelley
Current Pagosa Springs property owner
Gardner, Kan.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Tuesday, Jan. 3

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

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Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting. 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosapings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District special board meeting. 5 p.m. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosapings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Tuesday, Jan. 10

Swearing in of Archuleta County elected officials. 9:15 a.m., 109 Harman Park Drive.

Wednesday, Jan. 11

Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation board meeting. 5-6:30 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. Join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83552743149?pwd=Z0RXejNjQXo0TkNNZmlYM0h4UH-B5Q0T09>, meeting ID: 835 5274 3149, passcode: 191160.

Archuleta County Fair Board meeting. 6 p.m., CSU Extension

office, 344 U.S. 84.

Thursday, Jan. 12

Pagosa Springs Main Street Advisory Board meeting. 4-6 p.m., Pagosa Springs Visitor Center meeting room, 105 Hot Springs Blvd. Join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89821999924?pwd=ZzIKSIYJL1BKbmRzRUZcUkxUkx5Zz09>.

Tuesday, Jan. 17

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/9160904>

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Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors work session and

meeting. 5 p.m. work session, 6 p.m. regular meeting, 3133 Cornerstone Drive. Join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9656099136?pwd=Z3Job2R1eXl0SE8RzNpL0FucGpKZz09>, meeting ID: 965 609 9136, passcode: 00001.

Wednesday, Jan. 18

Upper San Juan Library District board meeting. 4 p.m. via Zoom. Join us at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83398449146>.

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County hears insurance loss report, discusses vehicle backing incidents

By **Josh Pike**
Staff Writer

At its Dec. 20 meeting, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners heard a report from Colorado Technical Services Incorporated (CTSI) Loss Control Team Lead Marilyn Wagner on the county's insurance with CTSI and its loss history.

Wagner noted that the report covered events up to 2021 and involved the current contribution year, with the numbers for next year's contribution sent out on Dec. 20.

Wagner then discussed the county's loss history and Casualty and Property Pool (CAPP) numbers, which she noted include the county's insurance for buildings, vehicles and liability.

She explained that the calculations for determining the county's contribution begin with calculating its total exposure, based on the assets the county possesses and other factors, for a base of approximately \$689,000.

Wagner noted that this base is modified by the county's loss factor, which is based off of the oldest three years of the county's five-year loss history.

She stated that the county's loss ratio for 2022 was 0.77, which was below the break-even point of one

and would give the county a credit which is applied to the base number.

She explained that the county had received approximately \$16,000 in interest returns from the insurance pool in 2022 as well as approximately \$34,000 in equity.

She added that the county's total contribution to the insurance pool, applying the loss factor and the equity and interest returns to the base value, created a total contribution of slightly over \$484,000 for the county in 2022.

Wagner then discussed the frequency and cost of claims by department, noting that, in both cases, law enforcement, the Road and Bridge Department and administration held the top three places in each category.

According to her report, law enforcement had 40 claims over the five years for a total of \$235,635, Road and Bridge had 28 claims for a total of \$84,115 and administration had a total of 11 claims for a total of \$66,881.

Harris noted that these patterns were logical based on the fact that these departments have the most assets, personnel and vehicles and that the loss factor is calculated by the cost of claims not the number of claims.

She stated that the county had been managing its claims costs

"fairly well" given the numbers of claims submitted and that the claim costs for Road and Bridge and administration had been substantially raised by a few large claims in both departments.

Wagner then discussed the types of claims made by the county, noting that vehicle backing accidents were the No. 1 type of claim by frequency for the county with 17 claims and that these incidents were spread across departments.

She added that vehicle backing incidents were only the third highest type of claim in terms of cost, totaling \$37,394 in claim costs over five years.

Wagner discussed that such claims could be prevented through improved fleet policies, checks on driving records and follow-up training after accidents occur.

She noted that this trend is common across all counties and suggested that one way to combat backing claims is to have a no-backing policy outside of emergency situations.

She added that 71 percent of the county's claims over the five years were due to vehicle claims.

Harris noted that she had discussed with County Paralegal Mary Helminski the possibility of CTSI holding a defensive driving class for county staff in the first or second quarter of 2023.

She added CTSI recommends

holding such a class every three to five years due to the prevalence of vehicle accidents in all counties and that such classes can also be done online.

She noted that the amount of fatality, wrongful death and suicide claims had risen in the insurance pool, many of them generated by law enforcement and jail operations.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez commented that driver's safety training classes would be valuable to county employees to reduce the amount of backing accidents.

Commissioner Warren Brown asked if the county would be able to reduce its insurance costs by implementing mandatory training for high-risk areas.

Wagner explained that there is no mechanism for direct discounts for training, but that such training would help reduce the loss factor, thus impacting the county insurance costs.

Brown asked if CTSI recommended a countywide accident review board which could help assess accident trends and provide additional training for staff with multiple accidents.

Wagner commented that this would be a good idea and that CTSI has resources and training materials that could support such a group.
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County commissioners hear veteran services update

By **Josh Pike**
Staff Writer

At its Dec. 20 work session, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard a semiannual update from Veterans Services Officer Raymond Taylor.

Taylor began his update by noting that he is a county employee although he is certified through

the state of Colorado and that he represents veteran residents of Colorado, although he also does what he can to assist veterans from New Mexico, such as residents of Dulce and Chama.

Taylor noted that the Veterans Services Department had had one vehicle replaced in 2022 and that the transportation the department provides for veterans is "very sig-

nificant" in assisting veterans in accessing medical care.

He noted that he had given a presentation to Veterans for Veterans concerning the Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act, and that the state and national veterans' authorities had advised veterans to not file lawsuits related to the act since the lawyers would be the ones who would primarily

benefit and involvement in lawsuits could potentially cause deductions to claims made by veterans.

The act, signed by the president in August, expands eligibility for veterans who were exposed to toxins during their military service.

Taylor explained that he is a member of the board of veterans affairs for the state and that his work ■ **See Update A5**

Obituaries

Glenda Clark

Glenda Clark, of Sheffield Village, Ohio, beloved wife and mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother of 17 descendants passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at her residence. She was born on Oct. 23, 1925, in Palanx Station, Ohio, and was a graduate of Braceville High School in a war-diminished class of 17 students in 1944. Glenda Colton married William J. (Bill) Clark on Oct. 29, 1944, a union which was a life-long partnership in the truest sense of the word. The Clarks met in the third grade and an eternal love-match began soon afterward. Glenda got an early start in the working world, serving as a National Youth Administration office worker during her final two years in high school and spending a summer doing office work at the Peerless Electric, Warren, Ohio. She started employment at Packard Electric in Warren as an inspector of the wiring harnesses for the B-29 bomber on the same day her future husband reported for duty in the U.S. Navy during World War II.



As family life resumed after the war, Glenda contributed to the family income in many ways: running punch presses at Brown Lipe Chapin, Elyria, Ohio, and Kirkwood Commutator, Cleveland, Ohio; applying wood transfers to station wagons at Fisher Body, Euclid, Ohio; as a cafeteria worker at Rocky River (Ohio) High School

and school secretary of Forest View Elementary in Bay Village; and finally as the bookkeeping machine operator at Mansfield (Pennsylvania) State College.

As a young grandmother, Mrs. Clark entered Mansfield State College and earned her degree and teaching certification in three years. During a 20-year teaching career in Olmsted Falls and Ashtabula, Ohio, she added a master's degree at Ohio State University.

Glenda and Bill Clark have two children: Cheryl Clark, of Sheffield Lake, Ohio, and Jim (Rita) Clark of Brecksville, Ohio; and four grandchildren: Kirk (Lisa) Risseler, Bay Village, Ohio; Cari (Kirk) Maggio, Glen Arm, Md.; Tracy Clark Mora (deceased); and Kim (Ted) Wypasek, Strongsville, Ohio. Her great-grandchildren number 10: Mia, Lexi, Julia and Nick Mora, Parma, Ohio; Dom and Danielle Maggio, Glen Arm, Md.; and Kayla, Sean, Justin and Brayden Wypasek, Strongsville, Ohio. Leo Ricci, Parma, Ohio, is the first of the great-great-grandchildren. Glenda was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Ruby Fusselman Colton. She lived with neighbors, Cal and Elsie Richards (deceased), from the age of 12 until the Clark family occupied their first dwelling in the Baldwin-Wallace Veterans Trailer Park, Berea, Ohio.

Mrs. Clark was a talented photographer, acting as the game photographer for her coach husband for Mansfield State College and Baldwin-Wallace College basketball teams, and preparing videos for grant applications for youth drug awareness programs for Navajo Indians in New Mexico. Glenda was pressed into service again as she served as the photographer of

the official magazine of the Naval Minewarfare Association for several years. She was also secretary of the Echo Fire Protection Committee, starting a long involvement with the Pagosa Fire Protection District.

The Glenda and Bill partnering leadership was also illustrated during their 18 years in the mountains of Colorado by the couple serving as co-presidents of the Supper Fellowship of the Community United Methodist Church in Pagosa Springs, an organization which conducted a huge annual project of making wreaths from native blue spruce. They later became co-chairpersons for Archuleta County in a successful drive to raise funds for the long-overdue World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Glenda grew up in the Braceville (Ohio) Christian Church, serving that congregation and Westlake (Ohio) Christian Church as choir member and deaconess, and was a deaconess at First Christian Church, Ashtabula, Ohio.

Funeral services were at the James Funeral Home in Newton Falls on Tuesday Dec. 27, at noon with the Rev. Jon Pratt officiating. Glenda was laid at Braceville Cemetery in Braceville, Ohio.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the James Funeral Home 8 East Broad St. Newton Falls, OH 44444 (330)872-5440. Family and friends may view her obituary online or send condolences by visiting www.jamesfuneralhomeinc.com.

Eugene C. Stringer Jr.

Eugene C. Stringer Jr., Dec. 16. Gene was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in September 1929 to Mary and Eugene C. Stringer.

Upon graduation from Holy Name High School in Cleveland, Ohio, he continued his education at Ohio University and Baylor University. He joined the Air Force ROTC in 1948 to become an officer and an aviator.



He was an Air Force pilot from 1951-1957. After his time in the service, he became a stockbroker with the New York Stock Exchange until he retired in 1994.

He married the love of his life, Doe, in 1959. In 1977, they moved their family to Pueblo West, Colo., then moved again in 2000 to Pagosa Springs, where Gene and Doe built their dream home, often called the Beach House in the mountains.

Gene's passion was flying, fishing, hunting, hiking, skiing and tennis. One of his favorite pastimes was telling stories. Most were true, with bits of exaggeration about his lifetime adventures. He will be remembered for his big smile, blue eyes and large heart.

Gene is survived by his five children: Dana Stringer LeBeau, Eugene Stringer III, Gordon Stringer, Douglas Stringer and Roger Maclyn Stringer; along with 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Gene was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Doe Stringer; his granddaughter Lindsay LeBeau; his parents; and siblings.

The family is planning a memorial party in the spring to celebrate Gene's life. If you would like to be notified of the details, please contact Dana at danadolphin10@gmail.com.

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APPLICATIONS TO TRANSITION ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Archuleta County is establishing its own public health department and is appointing members to an advisory committee for the 2023 transitional period creating a County Public Health Department and a Board of Health. Applications are now being accepted for qualified appointees to the advisory committee.

Qualified applicants are those members of the public who live in Archuleta County and have the education, experience, or a combination of both in finance, public administration, public governance, or a public health discipline such as environmental health, health education, epidemiology, social and behavioral health, biostatistics, or public health administration.

Applications and more information can be found at www.archuletacounty.org. The deadline for submission is January 20, 2023.

ARCHULETA COUNTY SHORT TERM RENTAL TASK FORCE

The Archuleta County STR Task Force has met every two weeks since early October to study and discuss Archuleta County's short-term rental (STR) rules and regulations and how those regulations affect our community. Prior to the first task force meeting, the County Manager openly advertised for over a month in the local media to solicit participation from community stakeholders interested in serving on this task force. The task force comprises a cross-section of private volunteers from the local community, including one member from each of the following stakeholder groups: STR property management, affordable housing community, retired resident, tourism board, restaurant industry, condo association, school district, Realtor, STR owner, STR neighbor, at large member, and retail industry. The Task Force received initial input from representatives from PAWS and the Pagosa Springs Medical Center.

The STR Task Force requested and received data to review and analyze as part of this endeavor.

The task force is working together to brainstorm policy ideas to make recommendations to the County Manager on possible adjustments to the current rules and regulations before the current STR moratorium ends. This work occurs privately as an informal work group dedicated to minimizing outside noise while studying a very complex and emotional local policy issue in Archuleta County. As a work output, the STR Task Force will publish its recommendations once finalized to share with all community stakeholders as a baseline policy approach to moving forward with short-term rentals in Archuleta County.

By: Short Term Rental Tax Force and Derek Woodman, County Manager

Business

Sales tax revenues rise in October

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

Sales tax revenues for Archuleta County in October rose compared to October 2021, according to a report released by the Archuleta County Finance Department. This increase matches the general trend this year. The report notes that the town and the county jointly received \$1,425,010.56 in sales tax revenue for the month of October, with \$719,374.74 going to the town and \$705,635.82 going to the county. October sales tax revenues are 2.6 percent, or \$35,822, higher than October 2021. According to the report, the

categories that are up in comparison to October 2021 include:

- Construction at 39 percent, or \$10,181.
- Manufacturing at 44 percent, or \$19,247.
- Retail Trade at 0.84 percent, or \$6,563.
- Information at 26 percent, or \$5,720.
- Finance and Insurance at 8 percent, or \$132.
- Real Estate and Rental and Leasing at 16 percent, or \$132.
- Miscellaneous at 4 percent, or \$8,754.

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

- Professional, Scientific and

Technical Services at 26 percent, or \$3,184.

- Accommodation and Food Services at 6 percent, or \$13,805.
- Other Services (except public administration) at 9 percent, or \$1,973.

The report notes that on the year-to-date comparison, sales tax revenues for January through October of this year are 3.7 percent, or \$533,928, higher than January through October 2021. According to the report, the categories that are up in the year-to-date comparison include:

- Retail Trade at 1.9 percent, or \$156,051.
- Miscellaneous at 12.2 percent, or \$229,390.

- Real Estate and Rental and Leasing at 8.3 percent, or \$28,238.
- Construction at 27.1 percent, or \$73,925.
- Information at 24.4 percent, or \$54,012.
- Manufacturing at 20.8 percent, or \$105,306.
- Other Services (except public administration) at 8.5 percent, or \$17,610.

The categories down in the year-to-date comparison include:

- Accommodation and Food Services at 1.7 percent, or \$46,814.
- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services at 49.2 percent, or \$80,618.
- Finance and Insurance at 20.4 percent, or \$3,171.

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Voting open for 2023 Chamber board of directors

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Pagosa Springs Area
Chamber of Commerce

Part of closing out 2022 and welcoming 2023 is installing three new directors for three-year terms to the Chamber's board of directors. Representing a variety of business interests, the Chamber board seeks nominees from various business sectors to give the board a broad representation of the business community. Every year, three board members term out and three new board members come on the board for a three-year term, making up a nine-member team. Voting opened on Dec. 27 and will remain open until Jan. 18, 2023. Chamber member businesses are encouraged to vote online, although voting may take place in person at the Chamber of Commerce. Member businesses are allowed one ballot per business, with each ballot allowing the business to vote for up to three of the nominees. Should a business cast more than one ballot or vote for more than three candidates, their vote will be disqualified. Following is this year's board nominees. We encourage all Chamber member businesses to vote as each vote counts. Read their bios on the Chamber's website from the home page, www.pagosachamber.com. Scroll to "More in the News"

under Community and Chamber News and click on the graphic. Even if you don't know the person, check out their bio and see how you feel they can best round out the Chamber board with their knowledge or skill set. Starting in alphabetical order is Jennifer Bowden, who manages a lodging facility that has been a Chamber member for more than 20 years. Bowden was an inaugural member of the Young Professionals of Pagosa Springs at the time it was active. She represents the lodging sector. Lauren Crawford has been a Chamber member for just two years, but has been a member through one of the most trying times in business history — COVID — opening their doors the week before COVID shut almost everything down. Raised and educated here in Pagosa Springs, leaving and gaining outside experience, Crawford returns to represent the service industry. Blue Pitcher Lindner is another "home-grown" Pagosa resident. As with Crawford, Pitcher Lindner left for a time but has returned to Pagosa to raise her family and to lead a successful business and be involved in various aspects of the community. Dale Scrivener, executive director of Curtains Up Pagosa, ran for the board in 2022 and has been serving on the Chamber board for one year,

filling a board vacancy. He has chosen to run again for a three-year term representing the arts and nonprofit business sectors. Pat Tackett is another long-term resident of Pagosa Springs and represents the financial business sector. However, she also has retail experience assisting her mother, who owns a retail store here in Pagosa. Rounding out the slate of nominees is Robin Young, Archuleta County/Colorado State University Extension agent. Hugely involved in many aspects of the community, Young is looking to build our community's future through her work with youth and the various nonprofit entities focused on the health and sustainability of our county. She also represents Archuleta County with a number of statewide organizations. All of these nominees are worthy of the appointment to the board; however, only three can be selected at this time. Please take time to cast your ballot for some of these individuals after giving them serious consideration. Should you have any questions as a Chamber member business, please contact Mary Jo at the Chamber. **Nominate for the community award categories** Nominations are also open for the annual Community Awards. The

categories are Citizen, Volunteer, Non-Profit and Small Business of the Year. It is not uncommon for a business or nonprofit organization to self-nominate for this award, as who knows your organization better than you do? Nomination forms may be obtained off the Chamber website at www.pagosachamber.com from the home page. Please be as specific as you can in nominating a person, persons, business or organization. Your information gives the judging committee more information from which to make their decisions. Should you need extra room to describe the accomplishments, don't hesitate to attach additional pages. The nominees and award winners will be announced at the Chamber's annual meeting and celebration on Feb. 8, 2023. The event will be held at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse from 4 to 7 p.m. Tickets will be available after the first of the year. Take this time to honor those heroes who give so much back to the workings of our community.

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Update

Continued from A4 there focuses on grants, including working on potential grants for the southwest Colorado region in 2023. He commented that the Veteran's Day breakfast with eighth-grade students had been a success. Taylor also commented that the number of veterans from World War

II had declined over recent years, with the majority of his veterans in 2018 being from WWII while in 2022 the majority were from the Vietnam War. He noted that the local Veterans for Veterans group logged approximately 10,000 hours of volunteer work in the county over 2022.

Taylor also noted that the Wreaths Across America event was successful and well-received, although the temperatures were extremely cold. Taylor concluded by noting that he felt he was making a difference and "that makes me happy." josh@pagosasun.com

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Water districts approve lease extension for Running Iron Ranch

By Derek Kutzer and Josh Pike
Staff Writers

On Thursday, Dec. 14, the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) met to discuss consideration of the lease extension at Running Iron Ranch, a parcel of land east of town off U.S. 160, jointly owned by the SJWCD and the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) as a location for a future reservoir.

Both the SJWCD and PAWSD, acting collectively, have leased this property to Donald, Kathryn and Donald Andrew Weber since 2008, according to the lease documents.

The original lease agreement includes certain water and agricultural rights as well as a "Sand and Gravel Lease," which "gives the tenant... the right to mine sand, gravel, and other related materials from the land," according to the lease.

This site has served as the main base of operations for Weber Sand and Gravel Inc.

The Webers asked for another year lease extension, starting Jan. 4, 2023, according to the lease.

In a document titled "Reclamation Schedule: 2022 through 2023," the Webers outline what their schedule for replenishing the land will look like over the next year.

In the reclamation document, the tenants state, "by Summer, weather permitting, we plan to be doing our final grading of all areas, start planting and mulching."

According to the board, sand and gravel extraction on the property is supposed to be wrapping up, but the Webers also state in the reclamation document, "There is one ridge... that we may mine this spring that will end all mining. If done, it will be reclaimed during the summer months."

According to the lease considered on Dec. 14, the tenant "may remove no more than 20,000 tons of sand, gravel, topsoil... from the Premises during the term of the Extension."

This prompted a question from board member Doug Secrist about who would buy the newly excavated gravel.

Justin Ramsey, district manager of PAWSD, who was also present at the meeting, replied, "What it is now is that PAWSD will buy all of the gravel, but Weber wanted some for some of his personal projects."

PAWSD will buy the gravel "at a reasonable market rate," according to the lease, which it will then be

used at its Snowball plant improvement project.

Ramsey noted that the gravel will not be going out for public sale.

It will go to either PAWSD, which will get at least 9 tons for the Snowball plant, or Weber himself, who will use it for personal projects, according to Ramsey.

Ramsey also brought to the board's attention that, according to the lease extension, "All mining and gravel operations (exclusive of reclamation work) shall end no later than September 1, 2023, regardless of available materials."

Ramsey called this a "drop-dead date," saying, "whether there's more gravel or not — whether they've got that 20,000 or not — they're done."

SJWCD board president Al Pfister asked, "When would you guys expect to take... that 9,000 out?"

"Whenever they give it to us," Ramsey said. "We're gonna stockpile it, so it doesn't really matter... anything they have we can stockpile."

Pfister then asked, "So, that 11,000, would they, would the Webers, let's say they've only taken 3,000 out by the time of July or whatever, would PAWSD have them take the remainder of the 20,000?"

Ramsey replied, "No. We want our 9,000, but, other than that, we're not gonna push it."

The plan is for the Webers to be done with the mining around July 2023 so that they can focus on reclamation for the remainder of the year, according to Ramsey.

Some board members expressed concern over what would happen if the Webers are not done.

Ramsey answered, "Good point. I don't think there's any hand slap in there."

"Yeah, because the reclamation permit, the state permit, is the one that's really controlling the reclamation," Pfister added.

Ramsey chimed back in, "If Jan. 3 of 2024 comes along," and they are still not done, "what do we do? We're gonna assume that that's not gonna happen."

Ramsey added that he's been to the site several times recently "and they are reclaiming right now."

The board then motioned to approve the lease, but when Pfister asked if there was "any further discussion," board member Rod Proffitt said, "I'm really opposed to anything that is private interest at this point. I just wanted to see the Webers winding down their affairs

and meet their obligations under their permit."

He added, "It bothers me that we aren't using that land for public purposes at this point."

Pfister replied, "I guess I'd say that's as much our fault as it is theirs, if not more ours."

When the motion came up for a vote, Proffitt was the sole "nay," approving the lease extension with a 6-1 vote.

PAWSD

The following day, the PAWSD Board of Directors considered the lease extension.

Discussion about the extension of the Weber lease opened with PAWSD board president Jim Smith asking Pfister to update PAWSD on SJWCD's position on the lease extension.

Pfister explained the SJWCD board approved the revised lease extension with a 6-1 vote the day before.

The PAWSD board then discussed the lease agreement, with board vice president Glenn Walsh raising concerns that the agreement would allow the Webers to import gravel from off-site until the last of gravel on the property is crushed.

PAWSD board treasurer Peter Hurlley commented that the agreement does not match the desires articulated by the board in a prior meeting, including that this new agreement articulates that the Webers and PAWSD would take the gravel, when the board had agreed previously that only PAWSD would take the gravel.

Also, he added, the agreement would allow the importation of outside material and the agreement does not appear to include a schedule for reclamation or performance penalties if the reclamation is not completed.

Hurlley also raised concerns that the lease's limitation that only 20,000 tons of gravel could be removed is nebulous.

Ramsey noted that the board had an outdated copy of the lease and that the current version of the lease, which the SJWCD had approved, rectified many of these issues.

He also responded to Hurlley's concerns about the limitations on gravel extraction, stating that is why the agreement had been altered to include a "drop-dead date" of Sept. 1, 2023, to ensure that the mining ended.

He added that a reclamation

schedule was included as an attachment to the lease.

Ramsey indicated that PAWSD is interested in potentially having the Webers crush gravel for use in the construction of the Snowball water treatment plant and thus did not want to fully restrict the importation of outside materials, which Hurlley agreed would be acceptable to him.

Walsh promoted the idea that PAWSD should purchase the entire 20,000 tons of gravel remaining.

Ramsey noted that the Webers also have an interest in crushing some of the remaining gravel for their personal use, as he also mentioned at the SJWCD meeting.

Walsh stated this could be acceptable, noting that there is significant "wiggle room" between the 9,000 tons needed by PAWSD for the Snowball plant and the 20,000 tons remaining at the pit.

Smith commented that, in his understanding, the desire of the neighbors of the pit is to have a firm end date for the pit's operations, which this lease extension would provide.

The board then discussed what consequences there would be if the reclamation is not completed on time, with Walsh noting that leverage could be gained through the potential denial of a further extension of the ranching lease if there is "noncompliance" concerning the reclamation process.

He added that he is open to extending the ranching lease, which Pfister expressed agreement with.

The board then further discussed what limitations should be placed on the amount of gravel extracted from the pit, eventually agreeing that limiting the amount to 20,000 tons or a greater amount approved by the PAWSD board would be ideal.

PAWSD board secretary Bill Hudson questioned if these changes would cause difficulties for the SJWCD board, to which Pfister responded that he did not believe so, although he would examine the lease agreement once he receives a copy of the revised version and decide if the SJWCD needs to vote on the new version.

The board then discussed if PAWSD needs a performance bond with the Webers to ensure they close the pit and complete reclamation in a timely manner, deciding it is unnecessary due to state oversight and the yearly costs to the Webers of maintaining the gravel permit.

Following this, the board unanimously approved the revised lease with the changes discussed, including the amendment to the amount of gravel the Webers can extract.

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San Juan Water Conservancy District discusses budget and public access along the San Juan River

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

On Thursday, Dec. 14, the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) held a meeting where it conducted a public hearing and discussed its 2023 budget and discussed the possibility of a public take-out point along the San Juan River, among other items.

The budget hearing portion of the meeting considered "version three of the budget that we've been discussing for the last several months," explained board treasurer Joe Tedder.

"The update for today," he said, "is essentially to include the information from the assessor's office about what they expect the property tax assessment fee in 2023 to be and then from that... what we can expect our general property tax income to be."

The district's "operating obligations," said Tedder, is to arrive at a budget with "no deficit."

But because property tax revenues are estimated to be lower than originally anticipated, two line items, water rights defense and travel, had to be reduced "so that we can maintain that target of

a zero deficit," said Tedder.

Engineering/Studies/Surveys appeared as the largest line-item expenditure in the proposed 2023 budget, amounting to \$45,000.

And since the board did not entertain reducing this item, it will "pull \$20,000 out of savings" to pay for it and also maintain a zero deficit, explained Tedder.

Other than these changes, the budget being considered was generally the same as the one discussed over the previous several months. And after discussion about these small changes, the SJWCD's 2023 budget was approved by a unanimous vote of the board.

The next order of business was for the board to pass a resolution to hand over this budget "to the county commissioners," said board president Al Pfister.

The resolution, Pfister said, "is basically what our 2023 budget is, so that we can get that money Joe was talking about, the tax money."

Tedder said, "this just puts into resolution form what we just reviewed and approved as our budget."

With some minor tweaks to the resolution's language, the amended resolution passed unanimously.

Public access to the San Juan River

At the same meeting, the board heard about efforts to have public access to the river on land owned by the SJWCD and Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD).

Pfister informed the board that "there's an effort underway to rejuvenate the efforts to get public access to the 20-acre parcel that PAWSD and us own."

Pfister, and possibly a representative from PAWSD, will be sitting down with representatives from Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), mainly to discuss fishery issues and potential funding, according to Pfister.

"This is basically being done under the watershed enhancement project," Pfister said.

Creating this public access point would require the involvement of several parties, including the SJWCD, PAWSD, CPW, Town of Pagosa Springs, and "hopefully the county," Pfister said, "because it is not within town limits where this access is."

Pfister cited as an example the ■ See Budget A7

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PAWSD approves budget and \$38 million in loans, discusses rate increases

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its Dec. 15 meeting, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors approved its 2023 budget and a loan agreement for \$38,444,000 for the expansion of the Snowball water treatment plant.

The board also discussed rate increases and potential additional fees to fund the plant's construction.

The discussion of the budget began with PAWSD Director of Business Services Aaron Burns outlining the mill levies for PAWSD, which he noted only changed slightly with the final property tax calculations provided by the county.

Burns explained that the District 1 property values were \$144,933,586, which he noted is down approximately \$600,000 from last year.

He added that, with the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR) limitations, the levy would be 5.503 mills, which the mill levy documentation notes amounts to a total of \$797,570 in revenue.

Burns noted that the District 2 valuation had risen approximately \$1 million to \$122,756,144, resulting in a TABOR-restricted mill levy of 1.874, which the mill levy documentation indicates amounts to a total of \$230,045 in revenue.

The board then unanimously approved the certification of the mill levies.

Burns then discussed the 2023 budget, noting that the board had seen two drafts of the budget, with the second draft incorporating the debt service payments for the Snowball plant construction, which PAWSD had learned would begin in 2023.

Burns stated that, other than minor adjustments from having the final property tax values, the budget was identical to the second draft presented to the board.

PAWSD board vice president Glenn Walsh highlighted that PAWSD had fully paid down its debt service fund.

Burns noted that the budget integrated rate changes in the water fund to shore up the fund for the debt service on the Snowball plant, although PAWSD still needed to finalize how the new fees would be distributed.

He added that this would likely have a minimal impact on the overall budget as the total amount of revenue would remain the same.

The board also discussed that the budget contains \$20,000 in funding for a feasibility study on reversing the pipeline currently pumping waste from downtown Pagosa Springs to the PAWSD Vista wastewater treatment plant as a potential first step in investigating the possibility of a new wastewater treatment plant with Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District.

Walsh highlighted that the budget also includes \$2 million in funding for design and engineering for improvements to the Vista treatment plant required by the state and asked when PAWSD expects to decide not to spend that money.

District Manager Justin Ramsey then discussed the status of PAWSD's efforts to delay the improvements to the Vista plant required by the state, noting that

the district was hoping it could get political help in securing a delay, although Ramsey noted that these efforts had garnered few results so far.

Ramsey commented that he would likely have to move forward with creating a request for proposal (RFP) for engineering the improvements in early 2023 to keep PAWSD in compliance with the state.

In response to a question from Walsh, Burns noted that there had been no changes to fee structure for PAWSD to support the Snowball plant expansion beyond the 6 percent increase to water rates beginning in 2023 and designated in the 2018 rate study conducted for PAWSD.

The board then unanimously approved the 2023 budget.

with the principal forgiveness, the debt service would be approximately \$1.6 million per year and, with changes to fill station pricing, the cost of the loan would be restricted for resident families to approximately \$4 per equivalent unit (EU) per month along with the increases stipulated in the 2018 rate study.

He commented that, if the cost could be kept to an additional \$4 per EU per month, this would be "fine," before proposing that, if the cost increases beyond this level, which he indicated he thinks is possible, the board should consider two other options to gather revenue, including availability fees and increased fees on short-term rentals (STRs) due to their high occupancy rates compared to second homes and other homes in the area.

The board discussed that PAWSD could do a rate study looking at the impact of STRs to produce numbers for such a fee.

Ramsey indicated that the 2023 PAWSD budget includes a rate study, the RFP for which had been put out on Dec. 14.

He added that he was recommending that PAWSD move the 2023 rate study up and delay any additional rate increases to fund the Snowball plant, except those associated with the 2018 rate study, and make them part of the new study, which could include a potential STR fee.

Walsh proposed that PAWSD should be transparent about the rate study and the selection of the rate study consultant and should hold a meeting to discuss the study and the desired parameters for it.

Ramsey expressed agreement with this idea.

The board then voted unanimously to approve the loan agreement.

The group then circled back to discuss the rate increases further, with Ramsey indicating that the staff recommendation is to implement the 6 percent water rate increase in 2023, as recommended by the 2018 study, move up the 2.5 percent wastewater rate increase in the 2018 study up a year to 2023 and hold off on any other rate increases for the Snowball plant until the new rate study is finalized.

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Burns then discussed the loan agreement with the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority for \$38,444,000 in loans to support the Snowball plant project.

He indicated that resolution before the board would authorize the board president and secretary to execute the loan documents and that the loan closing date was still tentative as PAWSD was waiting for a loan parity certificate from its accountant, which would have to be reviewed by the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) before the loan could be closed.

Ramsey highlighted that the loan agreement includes \$5 million in principal forgiveness.

PAWSD board president Jim Smith then moved to approve the resolution, which board secretary Bill Hudson seconded.

Walsh then highlighted that,

He explained that a rate study would likely take approximately four months to complete and could potentially be finished by June if PAWSD could hire a consultant by the end of January.

The board agreed that this seems reasonable, and Ramsey concluded that the board would have to hold a public hearing on and approve the rate increases in January.

Burns added that, once the rate study is complete, the board could decide to move forward with a rate increase then or to wait until the beginning of 2024.

Legal notices in this issue of The SUN indicate that the district will hold a public hearing on the water and wastewater fee changes for

2023 on Jan. 30, 2023.

The notice on the fees indicates that monthly water service charges are proposed to increase from \$29.66 to \$31.44 per EU, volume charges per 1,000 gallons for 2,001 to 8,000 of usage will increase from \$5.32 to \$5.64, volume charges per 1,000 gallons for 8,001 to 20,000 of usage will increase from \$10.65 to \$11.29 and volume charges per 1,000 gallons for over 20,000 gallons of usage will increase from \$13.37 to \$14.17.

The water fill station charge per 1,000 gallons is proposed to increase from \$11.49 to \$12.18.

The monthly service charge per EU of wastewater is proposed to increase from \$32 to \$32.80.

The notice also indicates that the capital investment fees for water and wastewater will increase by 3 percent per year and that the changes are based on the 2018 rate study.

The board will also hold a public hearing on the Vista wastewater treatment plant modification plan at that meeting, a separate notice indicates.

The notice adds that the modifications are mandated by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and will focus on improving phosphorus and nitrogen removal in the wastewater. josh@pagosahun.com



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cooperation between the town, county and Friends of the San Juan to purchase an acre of land for a water recreation take-out point along the San Juan River at Mesa Canyon, down Trujillo Road.

"That type of arrangement is what I'll say we're shooting for," Pfister said.

While there's concern between the various parties about who would be responsible for the liability and cleanup of the site, it meets one of the town's major goals, "increasing access to the San Juan," according to Pfister.

Meeting this major initiative increases the possibility that the town might help with this public access point, according to Pfister.

Pfister then asked the board if there were any concerns about the SJWCD pursuing those discussions.

With no objections, he noted he would update the board at the next meeting.

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Appeal

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Lipinsky de Orlov with the concurrence of Judge Rebecca Freyre and Judge Terry Fox, the other two judges on the panel, outlines the history of the case, stating that Roane's lawsuit against the BoCC concerning an alleged violation of Colorado Open Meetings Law had been subject to limited discovery, with both Roane and the BoCC being allowed to request up to five documents each.

However, the order explains, neither requested any documents and, later, while cross motions for summary judgment by both parties were pending, Roane submitted a CORA request asking for a recording of a BoCC work session.

Following Archuleta, the custodian of records for the BoCC, denying the request on the grounds that it was not open to inspection pursuant to the Colorado Supreme

Court ruling in *Martinelli v. District Court*, 199 Colo. 163, 612 P.2d 1083 (1980), Roane filed a separate suit against Archuleta in District Court in Archuleta County, where Judge Jeffrey Wilson sided with Roane and ordered the county to allow Roane to inspect the recording.

The county then appealed, stating that the inspection order was in contradiction with *Martinelli* and Colorado Supreme Court case *City of Colorado Springs v. White*, 967 P.2d 1042 (Colo. 1998).

The appeals court disagreed with that interpretation, with the opinion beginning by stating that the any exceptions to the right of inspection under CORA must be specifically stated in the law and that the parties in the suit agree that the only potentially applicable exception in the CORA bars disclosures prohibited by supreme court rules or court orders.

The order then assesses the county's claims that *Martinelli* and *City of Colorado Springs* bar the use of CORA to "supplant discovery practice in civil litigation."

The order notes that the *Martinelli* case had not involved the use of CORA requests to secure documents in a civil case and that the CORA had only been relevant to the case in the fact that the police officers whose personnel records the plaintiff was seeking had argued that such requests were barred under the CORA and thus should be barred in the discovery process for the litigation, an argument the court rejected, noting that the CORA is not intended to supplant the discovery process in civil litigation.

The order then notes that the court finds that *Martinelli* stated that the CORA could not be used to bar the production of documents

otherwise producible in civil litigation, but did not bar litigants from using the CORA to obtain documents from public entities during litigation.

The order continues that City of Colorado Springs also does not support the county's claims as the case did not involve a CORA request during pending litigation, although the court notes that the case indicates that the reasons for a request of a public document through the CORA are not relevant to the request, unlike in the discovery process for civil litigation.

The order also notes that the CORA contains mention of the

law's usage in pending litigation and that the lack of a specific exception in the CORA barring the procurement of documents by parties in civil litigation with a public entity, which exists in other states' open records laws, also supports the court's interpretation that such procurement is not prohibited.

The order also states, in contrast to the county's claims, that Roane's request did not violate Rules of Civil Procedure, noting that the only potentially relevant rule would be that the CORA could not be used to circumvent discovery limits, which had not occurred in the case since Roane was allowed up to five

documents and had not requested any prior to the meeting recording.

The order concludes by upholding Wilson's earlier order for the county to produce the recording for Roane's inspection.

County Attorney Todd Weaver, representing Archuleta, comments on the decision in an email to The SUN, "My client and I are evaluating the Court of Appeals' opinion but disagree with the Court's ruling as it does not appear to follow precedence established by the Colorado Supreme Court. As a result, appealing the opinion to the Colorado Supreme Court is a distinct possibility."

Broadband

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tion is incorrect.

"The Colorado Broadband Office (CBO) within the Governor's Office of Information Technology has identified significant inaccuracies reported on the FCC map and urges the general public to visit broadbandmap.fcc.gov/home, check their address and submit a challenge if the information is incorrect," a press release from the state reads.

The press release continues, "The accuracy of the FCC map is vital to the fair allocation of broadband funding to Colorado so that all residents have access to high-speed internet. In the summer of 2023, the National Telecommunications and Information Association (NTIA) will use the FCC map to allocate \$42.5 billion from the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program to states

and territories. Money from BEAD will fund projects that build or improve broadband infrastructure in the most unserved and underserved locations in Colorado, and programs that bridge the digital divide to make broadband affordable and adoptable."

Archuleta County Broadband Manager Eric Hittle also touched upon the importance of the information being accurate at a local level.

"It's to make sure we maximize the amount of dollars that are available right now to the state from federal sources to be applied to improving our broadband infrastructure," he said. "If there's inaccuracies that could be used to direct those funds elsewhere if they think that we, via the maps, have better service than we have."

Residents can submit two types of challenges, location and avail-

ability.

The following resources are available for more information on submitting challenges:

- FCC video guide on how to submit an Availability Challenge on the National Broadband Map: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fiFoxZKywv4&feature=youtu.be>.

- FCC video guide on how to submit a Location Challenge on the National Broadband Map: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XKmM9ES7nUQ>.

- CBO webinar and presentation: <https://broadband.colorado.gov/news-article/understanding-the-fcc-map-challenge-processes-webinar-recordings-slides-available>.

- Archuleta County Broadband Services Management Office, (970) 585-3246, ext. 210.

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Fee

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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.

The language in the complaint argued that the STR Amendment is invalid because "it is an administrative, regulatory or executive function" that is not an allowable subject of the citizen-led petition that created it, that it is "unconstitutionally vague" and the ballot question was "vague, misleading, confusing or unconstitutional."

It also asked that the court declare that the amendment and ordinance impose invalid fees because the fee "is not reasonably related to the cost of the administration of the short-term rental program," "did not comply with statutory requirements for adoption of impact fees," or "has no essential nexus between short-term rental properties, where the owner does not live on the property full-time, and workforce housing."

The complaint was filed on June 10 to the Archuleta County District Court by attorney Paul Kosnik of Eggleston Kosnik LLC in Durango, who is representing plaintiffs Clin-

ton Alley, Monica Alley, Blackhead Properties LLC, Melissa Buckley, Escapa LLC, Gregg Fitts, John Grey, Kristin Grey, JLSFUN LLC, Peter Macomber, Nicole Buckley, Olivia Modern and Aaron Moore.

After a July 11 hearing on the complaint, Wilson filed an order granting preliminary injunction on the Town of Pagosa Springs' enforcement of the ordinance.

With the hearing, both parties also agreed to an expedited trial, forgoing a full trial.

In his Dec. 26 order, Wilson ruled that the initiative, charter amendment and 2022 regulations are invalid for several reasons:

- The initiative approving the charter amendment "is invalid because it was administrative in character and not constitutionally authorized."

- The initiative "is invalid because it was unconstitutionally vague, as Town Council was forced to guess at its intent and its application can vary greatly based on the subjective interpretation."

- The charter amendment and regulations are "invalid because they adopted impact fees while ignoring the statutory requirements for adopting such fees found in" state statute.

- The charter amendment and regulations are "invalid because the Charter Amendment and the 2022 STR Regulations are properly identified as a tax that was not adopted in compliance with TABOR," or the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights.

- The "application of the charges in the Charter Amendment and the 2022 STR Regulations violates the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment because of the lack of any rational basis for the unequal treatment of owners of short-term rental properties."

For those reasons, the order grants the plaintiffs' motion and orders that the charter amendment and the regulations are "invalid, null and void as a matter of law."

It further states, "Any funds submitted to the Town under the 2022 STR Regulations must be returned to the persons that submitted such funds."

On Wednesday, Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained the matter will be on the Pagosa Springs Town Council's Jan. 3, 2023, meeting for council discussion regarding "possible action to consider repealing the ordinance that put it in place following voter approval."

For full disclosure, Randi Pierce is the daughter of Mayor Shari Pierce.

Propane

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production.

"And that's causing a little bit of a slow up on companies getting their big tanks filled ... so they can go out and fill other people," Binning said.

He added that area companies are "short-filling" their customers currently, meaning they are making more frequent but smaller de-

liveries to make sure people don't run out.

He anticipated the situation would continue "about another week or so."

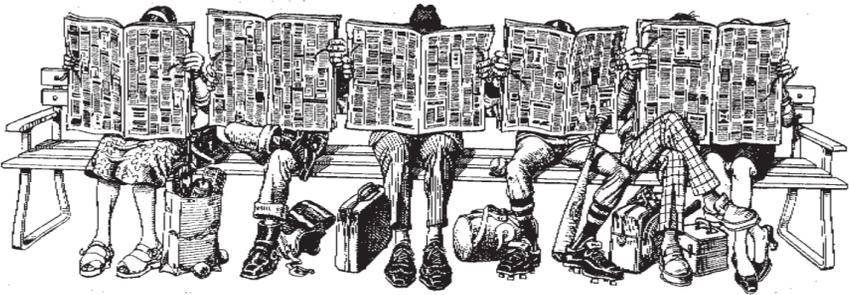
He added that a statewide hour-of-service exemption has been obtained, which allows transport drivers to drive a couple extra hours a day to deliver propane to the area to supplement lower levels of pro-

duction in the region.

"Because, while there's a little shortage in your area, there's plenty of propane in Kansas, there's plenty of propane in Utah, there's plenty of propane in Arizona," Binning said, adding that the nation is almost at record levels of propane and exports more than is used domestically.

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2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

2022 was an interesting year in Pagosa Country. There was no want for good news, bad news, controversial issues, and no lack of interesting news to keep SUN readers focused on local events, situations and personalities. The SUN is taking a look back at some of those events, selected by SUN staff writers. This week, we look back at July, August and September.

July

- It was reported in July that the Town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County are the most expensive places for a family of four to live in the region, according to new livable wage estimate data released by the Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado.

- Within Region 9 — Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan counties — Montezuma County came in as the least expensive county for a family of four (two adults with a preschooler and a school-age child) at \$71,292 annually, and Archuleta County came in at the most expensive place to live at \$92,796 annually.

- More local public agencies lifted fire restrictions in early July due to rain in the area, with the San Juan National Forest and Archuleta County announcing the lifting of their respective fire restrictions.

- Lindsey and Mary Kurt-Mason were picked as the grand marshals for the Fourth of July Parade. The parade was one of many events celebrating the holiday.

- On July 5, it was announced by Region 9 that Build Pagosa was approved as an Enterprise Zone Contribution Project in June, which allows certain donors to claim a state tax credit in addition to the federal tax deduction for contributing to a 501(c)(3).

- On July 12, Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson of the Sixth Judicial District filed an order granting preliminary injunction on the town's enforcement of Ordinance 982, "Short Term Vacation Rental Fee Implementation."

The order came after the plaintiffs in an ongoing complaint against the town that questions the validity of the short-term rental (STR) fee ordinance filed a motion for a preliminary injunction. The hearing for the injunction took place on July 11.

"The town may continue to bill and collect the fees set in Ordinance 982 so long as the funds are set aside in a separate account and refunded to the owners of short-term rentals should the Court ultimately rule in favor of the plaintiffs in this case," Wilson wrote in his order. "The town is expressly prohibited from suspending or revoking any previously granted short-term rental licenses for the failure to pay the workforce housing fee, charging late fees, or attempting to enforce ordinance 982 in any other way until this case is resolved."

- At its July 12 work session, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard an update from Development Director Pamela Flowers on the proposed county regulations on STRs.

The updates came after the

county held two public forums on four options for STR regulations on June 24 and 25, as well as the dissemination of an online survey on the options.

- At its July 12 meeting, the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission, acting as the Design Review Board, moved to continue discussions of a major design sketch application for a development that proposes a mixed-use building that spans three lots on Pagosa Street after concerns regarding perceived mass and height of the building emerged.

The development, proposed at 232 Pagosa St., would sit in between the Alley House Grille and Pagosa Baking Company.

- Despite an extremely wet June, flow in the San Juan River was below the median in July, but above 2021 levels. Stream flow for the river on July 13 at approximately 9 a.m. was 132 cubic feet per second (cfs), down from a nighttime peak of 150 cfs, according to the U.S. Geological Service National Water Dashboard.

The median flow for July 13 for the period between 1987 and 2022 is 205 cfs. For 2021, the San Juan River was at 86.1 cfs at 9 a.m. on July 13, down from a nighttime peak of 102 cfs at 9:15 p.m. on July 12.

- Severe drought also continued across the county in July, with 100 percent of the county experiencing drought, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS).

Although June 2022 was the second wettest June in 128 years, with 2.48 more inches of precipitation than normal, as of July 2022 to date was the 33rd driest year in the last 128 years, with 2.84 inches of precipitation less than normal, according to the NIDIS.

- In mid-July, local fire personnel tended to a number of fires in the area, with several likely caused by lightning.

- In July, four unaffiliated candidates qualified for the November ballot: Monica A. Medina for Archuleta County sheriff, Rachel Suh for commissioner for District 3, Wayne Bryant for sheriff and Ron Sutcliffe for re-election as county surveyor.

- At a joint work session between the BoCC and the Pagosa Springs Town Council on July 18, officials further discussed the possibility of a ballot initiative for a sales tax increase.

- At its July 19 meeting, the BoCC passed Resolution 2022-75, setting a six-month moratorium on new STR permit applications to take effect Sept. 1.

The moratorium was initially recommended at the BoCC's June 7 work session by County Attorney

Todd Weaver as a way to prevent a rush of new STR permit applications while the county was in the process of drafting new STR regulations.

- With a unanimous vote, the town council approved a sketch planned development overlay district zoning application for the proposed Pagosa Views development, a development that proposes a major subdivision with a variety of housing and lodging options, at its July 21 meeting.

- At the same meeting, the council passed the first reading of Ordinance 986, "Approval to Purchase Parcel Described as Enclave PUD Aspen Village 1 X US Hwy 160," which would provide the town with new land for its workforce housing project.

The 3.16-acre parcel of land is in the Aspen Village subdivision, across the street from Walmart.

- With low water levels and water temperatures consistently rising above 71 degrees, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) enacted a voluntary afternoon fishing closure beginning July 21 for the San Juan River through Pagosa Springs, the Animas River through Durango and the Dolores River below McPhee Reservoir.

Temperatures in these rivers were regularly rising above 71 degrees recently and stream flows were below 50 percent of daily average, putting extra stress on fish and meaning anglers could find it difficult to safely release fish that are caught.

The voluntary fishing closures were in place daily from noon to midnight.

- At the July 26 meeting of the Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD) Board of Directors, it was announced that Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) logged a record June, with gross revenue coming in higher than any other month in the facility's history.

- COVID-19 continued to circulate at "significant" levels in the region in late July, with San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) reporting July 27 that Mercy Regional Medical Center had nine hospitalized COVID patients — the highest number seen since February.

- Attendees from a number of organizations celebrated the completion of the U.S. 160 Wildlife Crossing Project on July 28. Attendees included Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and CPW officials, Southern Ute Tribe officials, Colorado First Gentleman Marlon Reis and community members.

The wildlife mitigation feature, which started construction in March of 2021, was created to enable safe wildlife passage and reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions. The project includes both an underpass and an overpass.

August

- On Aug. 1, the USJHSD, which operates as PSMC, closed on the purchase of 75 S. Pagosa Blvd.

That property, previously owned by James Pruitt Properties LLC, is adjacent to the property where PSMC sits and was purchased for \$2,215,000, with the total amount financed being \$2,315,000.

According to a document related to the lease purchase financing, the property is 2.3 acres and an 8,605-square-foot commercial building that borders USJHSD

property.

Like they had done at previous meetings on the topic of the purchase, board members highlighted the strategic value of the property to the district.

- At an Aug. 2 special meeting, the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement Board of Directors heard good news about the district's ongoing pump replacement project that followed years of issues with the district's pipeline system.

"Bottom line, right now, the pumps are working and they're working as anticipated," Rick Goncalves, the consulting engineer on the project, said.

- On the same day, the town council passed the second reading of Ordinance 986 to purchase land for the town's workforce housing project.

- In early August, according to the Community Collaborative Rain Hail and Snow Network (CoCo-RaHS) website, Station CO-AU-33, located on Cactus Drive in Aspen Springs, west of Pagosa Springs, experienced the third highest rain total in Colorado of 3.46 inches for the period between July 27 and Aug. 3.

- The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate golf team teed off for its first competition of the fall season on Aug. 4 against the 4A Durango Demons in Durango.

Pirate freshman Johnathon Smith took first out of 34 golfers on the day, shooting a 75 on the par-71 course.

- The Archuleta County Fair took place in early August.

- The San Juan Conservation District honored Kenneth Seibel with the 2022 Conservationist of the Year award. A plaque was presented to Seibel at the Archuleta County Fair on Aug. 6.

- Many community members and stakeholders attended an Aug. 9 event hosted by the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD), created for the discussion of its commissioned Upper San Juan River Basin water supply and demand analysis.

The analysis, conducted by Lakewood-based consultant Wilson Water Group, studied the supply and demand through 2050 in the Upper San Juan River Basin.

- On Aug. 12, Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV), in partnership with Archuleta County, revealed the DMV's newest service innovation, DMV2GO.

With DMV2GO, the DMV can set up pop-up and mobile driver's license offices throughout the state, including rural areas where Coloradans might not have convenient access to DMV services.

- In August, it was announced the Pope John Paul II/Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Community Parish Hall, a popular event venue in the Pagosa Springs community for over 60 years, would close temporarily to repair structural and health safety issues.

- Additional area fire restrictions were lifted in August as monsoonal moisture helped reduce fire danger.

- A 17th death among COVID cases was reported for Archuleta County in August — the first re-

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ported death among COVID cases in the county since February.

The death was an individual in the 90-99 age range associated with an outbreak at a long-term care facility.

- At its Aug. 9 meeting, the town planning commission unanimously approved a planned unit development amendment application and, acting as the Design Review Board, the sketch design application for the parcel of land in the Aspen Village area that would be part of the town's workforce housing project.

- The Plumtaw Fire was declared out on Aug. 10, nearly three months after it began.

The Plumtaw Fire began on May 17 in an area 7 miles north of Pagosa Springs, 2 miles west of the intersections of Plumtaw and Four-mile roads. When it was declared out, it had burned 735 acres.

- The Pirate golf team continued its success early in the season despite having to cancel practices due to lightning.

On Aug. 10, the Pirates bested Montezuma-Cortez at home, with Smith taking second to Montezuma-Cortez's Thayer Plewe — the eventual state champion.

On Aug. 12, the team traveled to Cortez for a tournament. Pagosa tied for fifth at the event, and Smith placed first.

- The Knights of Columbus held its most successful duck race in its history on Aug. 13. The organization sold 2,000 ducks, which topped its previous highest sales of 1,350. The fastest duck floating down the San Juan River won its buyer \$2,000, with the second-place duck buyer taking home \$500. The top 10 ducks took home cash prizes. Sales from the event go back into the community and local Catholic churches.

- In mid-August, it was reported that more mountain lion sightings had been reported in Archuleta County so far in 2022 than by the same point in 2020 and 2021, according to CPW.

According to Southwest Region Public Information Officer John Livingston, 17 sightings had been reported to CPW's Southwest Region Office as of Aug. 16, up from 10 at the same date in 2020 and 2021.

- It was revealed in August that July 2022 was the fifth wettest July in the past 128 years, according to the NIDIS, with 3.05 inches more precipitation than average.

2022 to date was the 55th wettest year in the past 128 years, according to the NIDIS, with 0.1 inches more precipitation than average.

The NIDIS also indicated that the levels of drought in the county declined significantly from July and early August, with 36.2 percent of the county being affected by drought in August, down 64 percent from the previous month.

- The results of the Colorado Measures of Academic Success, PSAT and SAT taken in the spring of the 2021-2022 school year were released by the Colorado Department of Education on Aug. 17, with Archuleta School District (ASD), like much of the state, still showing signs of pandemic-related learning loss.

- Archuleta County students started returning to the classroom in mid-August, with students at Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) kindergartners being the first to return, starting their school year on Aug. 17.

It was also a reopening of the PPOS building, which was closed to students the prior spring so a \$1.5 million renovation could take place. The school was granted access to its building again on Aug. 16.

- At its Aug. 18 meeting, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors approved a conditional will-serve letter for the proposed Pagosa Views development and discussed a water inclusion for the project.

- At the same meeting, the board announced that Blake Brueckner had resigned from the board, effective that day.

- The board also held a public hearing regarding the planned Snowball water treatment plant expansion at the meeting.

PAWSD District Manager Justin

Ramsey explained that the plant is being expanded to meet future growth needs and to ensure that PAWSD can use all the water rights it possesses on the West Fork of the San Juan River.

The total project cost, including contingency, is \$44,105,000.

- On Aug. 19, the Pirate golf team took second out of 14 3A and 4A teams at the Alamosa Invitational. The Pirates tallied a team score of 241 on the day, which was second to Montezuma-Cortez's 234. Smith finished second to Plewe.

- The Pirate boys' soccer team went 1-1 on Aug. 19 and 20 to open the fall season.

- Pagosa's Special Olympics teams competed at the Four Corners Invitational in Farmington, N.M., on Aug. 20. Both teams took the bronze and Jace Mills took the silver in skills.

- The Pirate cross-country team opened its season at the Boggy Draw Bear Chase in Dolores on Aug. 20. Despite racing about half the team, the coach highlighted a couple of very strong performances.

- On Aug. 20, Seeds of Learning's Dancing with the Pagosa Stars raised more than \$230,000 for the preschool.

- At its Aug. 23, work session, the BoCC heard the final results of the survey concerning a potential sales tax increase conducted by Magellan Strategies, including potential support for different amounts of a sales tax increase that could be included in a ballot measure.

- At the Aug. 23 La Plata County Board of County Commissioners meeting, the board discussed and motioned to take the next steps in the dissolution of SJBPH and the formation of a county health department.

- In August, San Juan Veterinary Hospital reported seeing a larger-than-normal number of dogs with neurotoxicity coming into the clinic, most likely due to some sort of neurotoxic mushroom.

- A trio of local law enforcement agencies responded to a reported threat of violence on Aug. 24, with an investigation into the incident determining that no threat ever existed and the incident stemmed from a snake in a parking lot.

According to Pagosa Springs Police Chief William Rockensock, a male pulled into the City Market parking lot to park in a handicap spot, but there was a snake in the parking lot. Some women present didn't want him to run over the snake, which upset the male, who then threatened to kill the snake, which reportedly upset one of the women present. The situation then "snowballed" into an allegation the man was threatening to shoot people.

- The Pirate golf team tied for first with Montezuma-Cortez at the Pirates' home tournament on Aug. 25, with Smith logging another first-place finish.

- On Aug. 26, Wilson declared a mistrial in the trial of Christopher Ross Maez, 54, the suspect in the 2019 death of an Archuleta County woman.

The mistrial came on the second day of jury selection and was followed by the filing of a written motion by Maez's defense attorney on Sept. 2.

That motion was filed by attorney Ingrid Alt of firm Greenberg, McGuinness and Alt LLC and alleges that the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) breached attorney-client privilege.

- The Pirate football team started its 2022 campaign with a 33-0 loss to Centauri on Aug. 26.

- A New Mexico woman died Aug. 27 after her tube flipped and she was swept down the San Juan River.

- The Pirate soccer team recorded a 7-0 win in its home opener against Lamar.

- The Lady Pirate volleyball team opened its season with a win over Dolores on Aug. 29.

- The town council signaled plans to issue a letter to the La Plata County commissioners at its work session with the BoCC on Aug. 30. The letter would urge La Plata County commissioners to work with Archuleta County commissioners to keep SJBPH intact.

- At an Aug. 31 meeting, the Hinsdale County Board of Coun-

ty Commissioners unanimously voted to deny a special use permit for a proposed gravel pit at 101 Kleckner Lane in south Hinsdale County near the Piedra River to be operated by South Hinsdale Sand and Gravel LLC.

September

- In a 4-2 vote at a Sept. 1 special meeting, the town council approved supporting Archuleta County in the ballot measure to raise the sales tax on the November ballot.

- In a Sept. 1 press release, CDOT announced the estimated completion date for the McCabe Creek project on U.S. 160 had been moved back due to excessive rain in the area, with a new estimated completion date of December. The original project completion date was the end of September.

"Summer work has progressed at a slower than expected rate due to excessive amounts of rainfall in the 20-square-mile drainage basin located in the mountains north of Pagosa Springs," a CDOT press states, noting the project was 60 percent complete at the time.

The press release notes the project area received just over 8 inches of rainfall over a 30-day period June and July, with the average amount for that period being 1.95 inches.

- In a joint operation on Sept. 1, the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, Homeland Security Investigations, the Southwest Drug Task Force and the ACSO seized approximately 600 suspected marijuana plants between two separate residential properties within Archuleta County.

- On Sept. 1, CPW lifted the voluntary afternoon fishing closures in the area.

- The Lady Pirate volleyball team swept its competition at the four-game tournament in Glenwood Springs in early September.

- Smith recorded another first-place finish on Sept. 2, this time at the Gunnison High School Invitational.

- At a Sept. 6 work session, the BoCC discussed the potential dissolution of SJBPH and its impact on the county.

The discussion began with Commissioner Warren Brown commenting that he did "not believe there is any discussion left" with the La Plata County BoCC in terms of convincing La Plata County to remain in SJBPH.

"A decision hasn't been made, but it has been obvious to me for some time that this is not going to change," Brown continued, "as you know, even to the point of going to their board meeting and stating our case because of expense to our community."

Brown stated the county now had to consider whether it would "stand by, say nothing" and wait for La Plata County to pass a motion withdrawing from SJBPH, giving Archuleta County one year to create a health district, or if it would attempt to create a joint resolution with La Plata County to dissolve the district, which would potentially extend the timeline and give Archuleta County more time to create a health district.

- At the same work session, the BoCC discussed the high gas prices in the area and the possibility that price gouging is occurring in the county. The following day, the county sent a letter to the state attorney general's office about the board's concerns.

- On Sept. 6, the BoCC approved a resolution containing ballot language for a proposed joint town/county sales tax increase ballot measure.

- On Sept. 6, the town council decided to use grant funding for intersection improvements at U.S. 160 and Piedra Road instead of extending the Town-to-Lakes Trail at this time. The improvements discussed would add pedestrian crossings at U.S. 160 and Piedra Road as the next phase to complete for the Town-to-Lakes Trail.

- ASD students returned to classrooms on Sept. 6.

- Multiple area agencies responded to a single-vehicle accident on Wolf Creek Pass on Sept. 9 that killed one and left four injured after the vehicle traveled off a very steep embankment and to the bottom of a canyon.

- After a year of contemplation, surveying and grant application work around the PPOS outdoor spaces, PPOS announced in September some of its parents received a \$25,000 grant from the Colorado Health Foundation to fund planning for the "Playground for the People."

- On Sept. 12, Emergency Communications Director Kati Harr submitted a letter of resignation from Archuleta County Combined Dispatch, with her resignation effective Nov. 3.

- At its Sept. 13 meeting, the town planning commission, acting as the Design Review Board, unanimously approved a major design sketch application for a development that proposes a mixed-use building at 232 Pagosa St.

- In mid-September, the water distribution system at Navajo State Park was been shut down because of a positive bacteria test in the source water supply. The temporary shutdown impacted the park's drinking water, toilets and showers.

- On Sept. 15 the PAWSD Board of Directors held a special meeting to again vote to fill the vacancy on the board opened by the resignation of Brueckner. Peter Hurley was appointed to the board.

A vote was made during the Sept. 8 PAWSD meeting, but was redone due to concerns about violations of the PAWSD bylaws and Colorado Open Meetings Law, according to Ramsey.

- On Sept. 17, Pirate harrier Andrew Bowles finished first at the cross-country meet in Bayfield, topping a field of 37 runners.

- Archuleta County launched a STR task force in September, with the group's first meeting being on Sept. 19, according to County Manager Derek Woodman.

Woodman compiled the group, which is having private meetings. Woodman declined to publicly name those serving on the task force.

- The SJWCD Board of Directors began consideration of updates to its strategic plan at its Sept. 19 special meeting.

The updates were being considered in light of the results from the commissioned study by Wilson Water Group which forecasted the supply and demand of water through 2050 in the Upper San Juan River Basin.

- At its Sept. 20 meeting, following an executive session, the BoCC

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Archuleta County Sheriff's Office
Calls for service for two weeks: 376.
Nov. 21 — All other thefts, County Road 600.
Dec. 2 — Aggravated motor vehicle theft, Park Avenue.
Dec. 11 — Information only, County Road 600.
Dec. 12 — Information only, Lancer Court/Trails Boulevard.
Dec. 12 — Animals running at large, Pines Drive.
Dec. 12 — Information only, mental health-protective custody, U.S. 84.
Dec. 12 — Violation of restraining order, Bastille Drive.
Dec. 13 — Warrant arrest, Harman Park Drive.
Dec. 13 — Under investigation, no location listed.
Dec. 13 — Criminal mischief, shooting from or across public highway, recklessly discharges a firearm, County Road 500/ Cascade Avenue.
Dec. 14 — Defrauding a secured creditor-\$100 to \$500, criminal possession of a financial device, identity theft-uses financial device, Columbia Court.
Dec. 14 — Reckless driving, Pinon Causeway.
Dec. 14 — Information only, South 7th Street.
Dec. 15 — Warrant arrest, Homestead Drive.
Dec. 15 — Information only, Swiss Village Drive.
Dec. 15 — Information only, Lakeside Drive.
Dec. 15 — Found property, Fairfield Drive.
Dec. 16 — Agency assist, South 5th Street.
Dec. 16 — Information only, Caraway Court.
Dec. 16 — Child abuse-negligence, South 10th Street.
Dec. 16 — All other thefts, Hunter Court.
Dec. 16 — Rabies vaccination required (first offense), vicious dog with injury, Honey Bee Place.
Dec. 16 — Dog at large (first offense no injury), Highland Avenue.
Dec. 17 — Criminal attempt to commit, second-degree burglary, Holly Tree Circle.
Dec. 17 — Warrant arrest, no location listed.
Dec. 17 — Criminal impersonation,

computer crime-misdemeanor, County Road 200.
Dec. 17 — Abandonment of motor vehicle, Oak Drive/Simmons Drive.
Dec. 19 — Criminal mischief, Pines Club Place.
Dec. 19 — Dog at large (first offense no injury), Allison Place.
Dec. 19 — Warrant arrest, warrant arrest, Bastille Drive.
Dec. 19 — Information only, Ranchland Drive/Rimview Court.
Dec. 19 — All other thefts, Buena Vista Place.
Dec. 20 — Agency assist, Eagle's Loft Circle.
Dec. 21 — Agency assist, County Road 335.
Dec. 21 — Information only, County Road 339.
Dec. 22 — Information only, County Road 400.
Dec. 22 — First-degree criminal trespass-other intent, North Pagosa Boulevard.
Dec. 22 — Agency assist, Pagosa Street.
Dec. 23 — Agency assist, North 8th Street.
Dec. 23 — Agency assist, North 3rd Street/Pagosa Street.
Dec. 23 — Found property, Fairfield Drive.
Dec. 23 — Driving while ability impaired by alcohol, careless driving, Aspen Village Drive/U.S. 160.
Dec. 24 — Third-degree assault-simple assault, domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Cimarrona Circle.
Dec. 26 — Animal cruelty, Cloman Boulevard.
Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department
Calls for service for two weeks: 256.
Dec. 10 — Drove with suspended driver's license, U.S. 160/Majestic Drive.
Dec. 13 — Unlawful possession of controlled substance, South 8th Street.
Dec. 14 — Simple assault third degree, domestic violence, Bienvenido Circle.
Dec. 14 — Warrant arrest, Hot Springs Boulevard/Spring Street.
Dec. 16 — DUI, careless driving, contributing to delinquency, illegal possession/consumption of alcohol by minor, South 5th Street.
Dec. 16 — Warrant arrest, Hot Springs Boulevard.
Dec. 17 — Menacing aggravated weapon, obstructing peace officer/police animal/fireman, Eaton Drive.
Dec. 17 — DUI, fail to drive in single lane, U.S. 160/Alpha Drive.

Dec. 17 — Theft, North 8th Street.
Dec. 17 — Driving under restraint alcohol/drug-related offense, speeding, San Juan Street/7th Street.
Dec. 18 — DUI, driver failed to yield right of way at stop sign, failure to use turn signal, Solomon Drive/County Road 600.
Dec. 19 — Careless driving, operated vehicle without insurance, Trinity Lane, U.S. 160.
Dec. 19 — Shoplifting, Aspen Village Drive.
Dec. 21 — Violation of restraining order, Eagle Drive.
Dec. 21 — Criminal trespass first degree, criminal mischief, domestic violence, Eaton Drive.
Dec. 22 — Assault, Pagosa Street.
Dec. 22 — Menacing misdemeanor, menacing misdemeanor, menacing misdemeanor, assault second degree on police officer/fireman serious injury, assault second degree on police officer/fireman serious injury, harassment, resisting arrest, Pagosa Street.
Dec. 23 — Assault second degree aggravated, false imprisonment, domestic violence, violation of restraining order, North 8th Street.
Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Anthony D. Edwards
Nov. 14 — Maureen Margiotta, stopped, stood or parked where prohibited by signs, fine — \$15.
Nov. 14 — Ruby Diane Parker Martin, following too closely, four points off, fine, cost and fees — \$146.
Nov. 14 — Catherine Craig, failed to yield oncoming traffic when making left turn, three points off, fine, cost and fees — \$116.
Nov. 14 — David Perez, unsafe backing, two points off, fine, cost and fees — \$72.
Nov. 15 — Marcus Deeter, criminal trespass, five days jail.
Nov. 15 — Angel Perez-Calvillo, criminal mischief, 10 days jail suspended, fine — \$100.
Nov. 15 — Lauren McPeak, speeding 5-10 mph over prima facie limit, one point off, owner operated or permitted vehicle to be operated without insurance, four points off, fines, cost and fees — \$391.
Nov. 29 — Brandie Herrera, criminal mischief, \$182.15 restitution, fine and costs — \$135.
Nov. 29 — Amber Hurt, careless driving, four points off, fine, cost and fees — \$202.
Dec. 5 — John Hott, disobeyed official traffic control device, four points off, fine, costs and fees — \$146.
Dec. 5 — Jayden Charley, changed lanes when unsafe, three points off, fine,

costs and fees — \$146.
Dec. 5 — April Owens, careless driving, four points off, fine, costs and fees — \$202.
Dec. 5 — Jennah Herzog, failed to yield to oncoming traffic when making left turn, three points off, fine, costs and fees — \$81.
Dec. 5 — Skyler Bilazzo, careless driving, four points off, fine, costs and fees — \$202.
Dec. 5 — Raymond Lattin, failed to stop at a stop sign, four points off, fine, costs and fees — \$116.
Dec. 5 — Alejandro Carreon, speeding 10-19 mph over prima facie limit, four points off, fine, costs and fees — \$197.
Dec. 5 — Freddie Mays III, careless driving, parked vehicle on grade without turning wheels to side of curb, four points off, fines, costs and fees — \$217.
Dec. 5 — Justin Kerns, vicious animals prohibited, fine and costs — \$85.
Dec. 19 — Gigette Johnston, shoplifting, fine and costs — \$135.
Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Justin P. Fay
Dec. 6 — Paula Jewell, following too closely, four points off, fines, costs and fees — \$146.
Dec. 6 — David Ballard, disorderly conduct, fine and costs — \$135.
Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay
Dec. 13 — James Holen Donning, disorderly conduct-fighting in public, fines and costs — \$111.
Dec. 19 — Gary Dale Simar, obedience to official traffic control device, fines and costs — \$135.
Dec. 21 — Jerad P. Snyder, speeding 20-24 over limit, fines and costs — \$314.50.
Dec. 21 — Jamie Brown, speeding 1-4 over, fines and costs — \$120.
6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson
Dec. 21 — Kenneth Gene Coutz II, vehicular assault-DUI, 90 days jail, two years probation, 100 hours community service, fines and costs — \$1,678.50.
Dec. 21 — Carthel Clarence Stephenson, sex assault/child-attempted, assault 2-cause serious bodily injury, 12 years Department of Corrections, fines and costs — \$3,016.50.
Dec. 21 — Israel A. Adams, assault 2-strangulation-attempted, two years Department of Corrections, fines and costs — \$501.50.
Dec. 21 — Jay Reece Embry, assault 3-know/reckless cause injury, domestic violence-habitual offender, 12 months Department of Corrections, fines and costs — \$449.50.

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unanimously voted to appoint Woodman and County Attorney Todd Weaver as negotiators with La Plata County and SJBPH in the event of the health district's dissolution.
• A trio of Pirate golfers qualified for state at the regional tournament Sept. 20: Smith, Clifford Kaisson and Braylon Cotts.
• The Pagosa Views development took another step forward on Sept. 22 when the town council approved the second reading of Ordinance 989, "Approving The Pagosa Views Planned Development Agreement, Base Zoning and Overlay District."
• At its Sept. 22 meeting, the town council approved a resolution that will create a gradual increase in rates for the town's geothermal heating system over the next three years.
The approved resolution breaks up rate increases by categories: residential, sidewalks and parking lots, and commercial/churches/schools. The increases use the category and

square footage to increase the rate over three years, with a 2 percent inflation factor each year in the fourth year and beyond.
• At the same meeting, the town council approved a resolution in support of a countywide sales tax ballot measure for the November general election.
• The town council also approved a letter directed at the La Plata County commissioners urging them to reconsider the dissolution of SJBPH at its Sept. 22 meeting.
• In late September, it was announced that a nonprofit has been established in Archuleta County to support families and coordinate services among agencies serving young children.
In response to a heightened awareness about the importance of early childhood care and education, a group has banded together to create the first Early Childhood Council of Archuleta County. This council is standard across the state and the organization's mission is to

foster and sustain a comprehensive, high-quality and accessible early childhood system that advocates for families and the community.
• On Sept. 24, Chimney Rock National Monument held an event to recognize the 10th anniversary of its designation as a national monument.
• On Sept. 26, a lawsuit was filed by a former Archuleta County employee who alleges that the county unlawfully withheld a COVID-related bonus from her and other employees and retaliated against her.
• At a Sept. 27 joint work session, the BoCC and town representatives stated that they had received communications from La Plata County indicating that La Plata County intended to move forward with the dissolution of SJBPH.
• At its Sept. 28 meeting, the Archuleta County Planning Commission discussed and approved proposed new regulations on event centers.
Flowers opened the discussion by

explaining that the new regulations had come about due to a gap in the Archuleta County Land Use Regulations concerning properties that host events on a commercial basis.

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Sports

WRESTLING

Pirates defeat Demons in dual

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate wrestling team won its Dec. 21 home dual with Durango by a score of 55-24.

Coach Dan Janowsky noted that, although Durango is in a rebuilding year, Pagosa “wrestled pretty good.”

Pagosa received four forfeits, in the 106-, 132-, 175- and 285-pound weight classes for a total of 24 points, while Durango received a forfeit in the 120-pound weight class for six points.

Of the remaining matches, Pagosa won six out of nine.

The dual opened with a match in the 126-pound weight class where Pirate Tucker Jacobson was pinned by his opponent in 55 seconds, giving Durango six points.

Janowsky commended Jacobson's willingness to enter the varsity lineup and face challenging competition, noting that taking chances is critical to the success of a wrestling team.

Colton Lucero, in the 138-pound weight class, defeated his opponent by a 10-5 decision, scoring three

points for Pagosa.

The coach noted that Lucero had wrestled in the 126-pound weight class at the Warrior Classic on Dec. 16 and 17, but that he had gone up two weight classes to compete against one of Durango's “better guys.”

At 144 pounds, Wyatt Hoover was pinned in 3:25, scoring six points for Durango.

Jacob Miller, in the 150-pound weight class, defeated his opponent in a 9-1 major decision, scoring Pagosa four points.

Janowsky commented that Miller had shown strategic development during his match, allowing his opponent to repeatedly escape to facilitate him scoring multiple takedowns.

Chandler Mazur, in the 157-pound weight class, pinned his opponent in two minutes, 52 seconds, earning six points for Pagosa.

At 165 pounds, Derek Carter pinned his opponent in 1:53, earning the Pirates six points.

The coach noted that Carter had a dramatic victory in a match where he was initially taken down by his opponent before achieving a reversal and an eventual pin.

Heath Fulbright, in the 190-pound weight class, scored six points for the Pirates, pinning his opponent in 3:08.

Connor Kelley, in the 215-pound weight class, pinned his opponent in 2:52, also scoring six points for the Pirates.

At 113 pounds, Anthony Manzanaras was pinned in 3:51, scoring Durango six points.

Janowsky commented that Manzanaras competed against Durango's best wrestler and had moved up a weight class, and commended his competition in the match.

Also this week, Pirate wrestler Luke Tressler, who, according to Janowsky, did not compete in the dual due to an elbow injury, was ranked third for the 3A 132-pound weight class by On the Mat, which is the ranking used by the Colorado High School Activities Association.

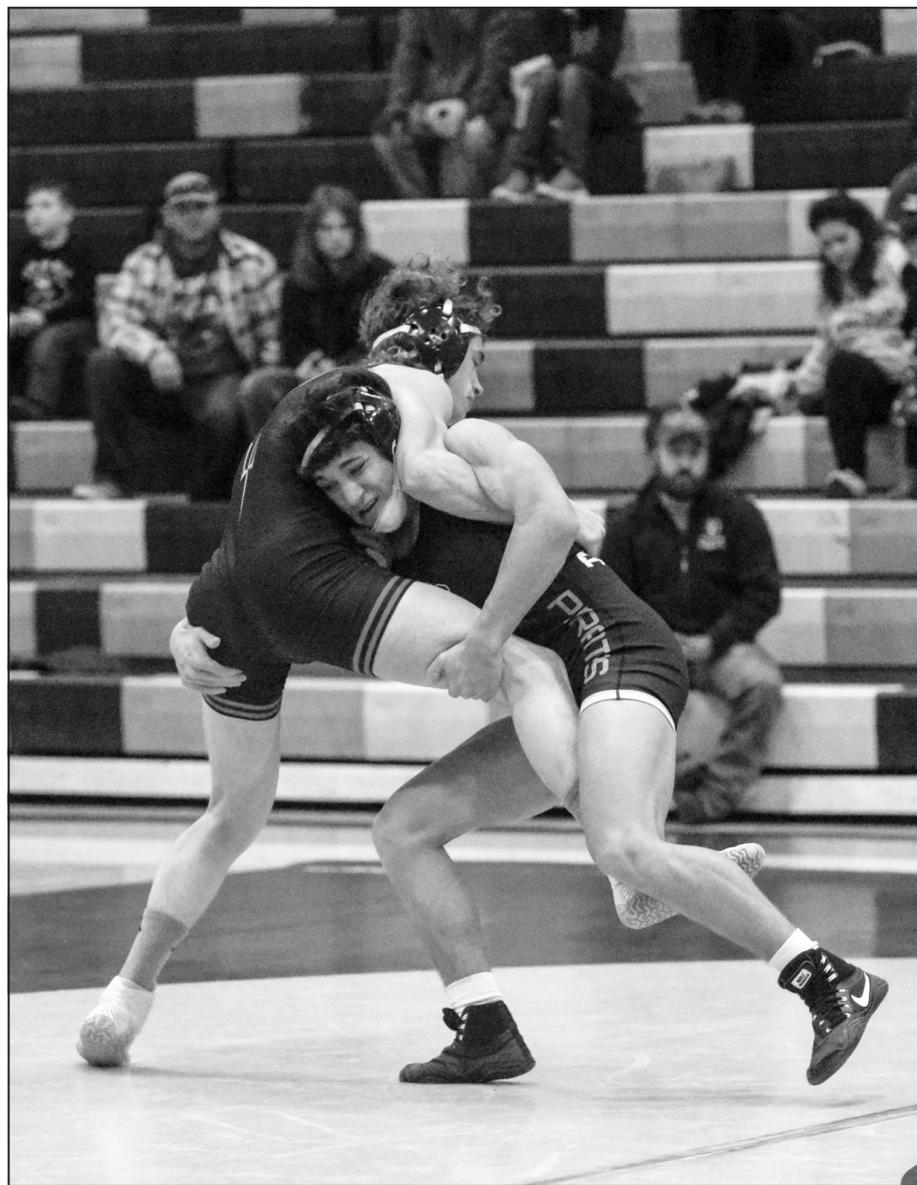
Following winter break, the Pirates will next compete at the Rocky Mountain Duals on Jan. 6 starting at 6 p.m. at Pagosa Springs High School, followed by the Rocky Mountain Invitational on Jan. 7 starting at 8 a.m. in the same location.

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Jacob Miller grapples a Demon during the Pirates' dual with Durango on Dec. 21. Miller won with a 9-1 major decision in a match where coach Dan Janowsky highlighted Miller's strategic development as a wrestler.



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Colton Lucero works to topple his opponent during the Pirates' dual against Durango on Dec. 21. Lucero competed in the 138-pound weight class and won the match by a 10-5 decision, contributing three points to the Pirates' 55-24 victory.

BASKETBALL

Lady Pirates drop close game to Demons

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Despite being within two points during the fourth quarter, the Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate basketball team dropped its last match of the calendar year.

The 4A team fell to the 5A Durango Demons at Pagosa Springs High School on Dec. 21.

“So close again,” coach Sarah Osborn said, indicating the game came down to tiny details.

The Demons held a double-digit lead by the end of the first quarter after scoring 11 and holding the Lady Pirates scoreless.

The Lady Pirates rebounded and scored 13 in the second quarter while Durango scored seven, giving the Demons an 18-13 lead at halftime.

The Pirates again outscored the Demons in the third, 11-10, to leave the Pirates with a four-point deficit.

The team brought the score within two in the fourth, but ultimately gave up 11 points while scoring six to finish the evening with a 39-30 loss.

The loss moves Pagosa to an 0-8 record, while Durango improved to 8-1.

Karsyn Shahan led the Lady Pirates in scoring with 12 points, which included a 3-pointer. She also had two assists, a steal and a block.

Annie O'Donnell contributed nine points and three rebounds.

Chantelle Caldwell put up five points, and had nine rebounds and an assist.

Daveyann Snarr put up a 3-pointer and had a rebound, an assist and a steal.

Elizabeth Currier tallied one point, two rebounds, six assists, one steal and one block.

Pagosa made four of nine shots



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Lady Pirate Karsyn Shahan works around a Durango Demon defense during the teams' matchup on Dec. 21. Shahan scored 12 points in the game.

from the free-throw line.

Osborn highlighted several things about the game, including the athletes starting to work as a team, Caldwell's defense on Durango's Mason Rowland and the team's having 11 turnovers.

“We finally had it less than our target, which is 12,” she said.

She also pointed out the team continues to start slowly and the team will work on that in practice, as well as boxing out under the

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SPIRIT

Pirate cheer team takes 13th at state

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate cheerleading team took 13th in 3A Cheer at the recent state competition.

The competition was held at the Denver Coliseum Dec. 8-10.

Pagosa took 13th out of 14 teams with a total score of 50.35.

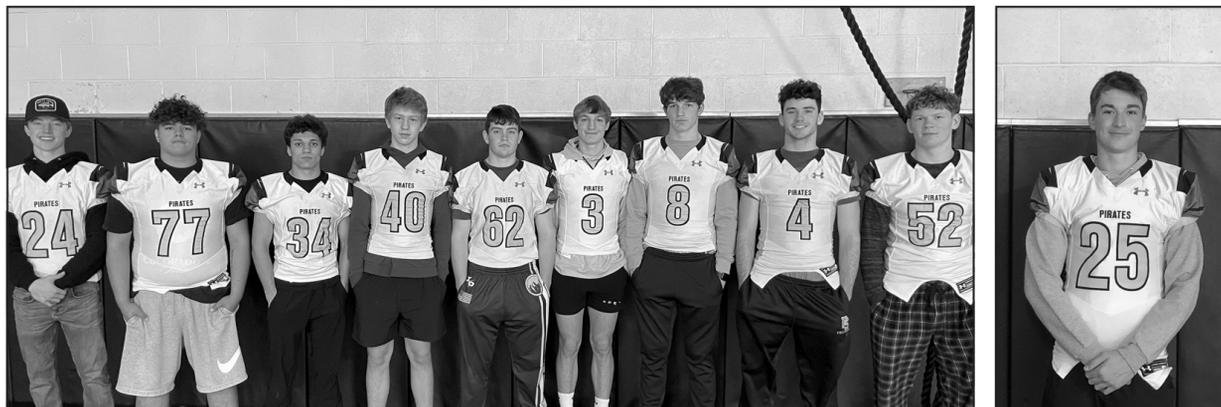
The Lady Pirates logged a raw score of 64.35 and 14 deductions.

Woodland Park took home the title in the event with a total score of 79.9.

Bayfield took fifth and Montezuma-Cortez finished eighth in the event.

Coach Emma Casaceli could not be reached for comment by press time Wednesday.

FOOTBALL



Photos courtesy Nathan Morales

Ten Pirate football players were recently honored for their work during the fall season. From left are Colt Lewis (honorable mention), Quintin Blankenship (honorable mention), Colton Lucero (honorable mention), Harley Armijo (all conference), Conner Kelly (all conference), Seth Aucoin (honorable mention), Aaron Aucoin (all conference), Gavin Lindahl (all conference), Heath Fulbright (honorable mention) and Blake Laner (honorable mention). In addition to receiving conference honors, Aaron Aucoin and Fulbright garnered honorable mentions for the 2A all-state team.

BASKETBALL

No. 2 Pirates end 2022 with win over Durango

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate basketball team picked up its seventh win of the season on Dec. 21 in a home game against the 5A Durango Demons.

The 60-25 win also helped move the Pirates into the No. 2 spot in the 4A Ratings Percentage Index, which helps determine postseason seeding.

"I thought our defense was good again," coach Wes Lewis said. "It's been really good, really solid all year long."

The Pirates put up 17 points in each of the first two quarters while holding the Demons to six and four, respectively, giving the Pirates a 34-10 lead at halftime.

Durango outscored Pagosa 11-8 in the third quarter, but Pagosa picked up another 18 points in the fourth compared to Durango's 14, giving Pagosa the 60-25 win.

The Pirates are now 7-1 on the season. The Demons dropped to 2-7 with the loss.

"I just think we continue to share the ball and play as a team. We had multiple kids scoring and contributing in different ways, and that's just ... nice team basketball, in my opinion," Lewis said.

Blake Laner had a double-double on the night, scoring 19 points and pulling down 15 rebounds. He also had two assists and five steals.

Kayson Shahan had 16 points and three rebounds.

Colt Lewis logged nine points, two rebounds, six assists and a steal.

Seth Aucoin had five points, which included a 3-pointer, as well as two rebounds and two steals.

Chase Harper picked up four points, which included a 3-pointer, as well as a rebound, an assist and a steal.

Aaron Aucoin notched three points, two rebounds and two steals.

Gunner Dozier and Trey Garcia each had two points. Dozier also had six rebounds, three assists, two steals and a block. Creede Dozier contributed a rebound.

The Pirates will return to competition on Jan. 5, 2023, when they welcome the 2A Sanford Indians for a matchup.

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Pirate Blake Laner fights to put up a shot during the team's Dec. 21 win over Durango. Laner had a double-double on the night, scoring 19 points and pulling down 15 rebounds.



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Former Pirate basketball players pose with Steve Crow after honoring him at the Dec. 21 basketball games for his contributions to Pirate basketball. Crow was an assistant varsity and head JV coach in the 1980s and 1990s. From left to right are Wes Lewis, Rok Wilson, David Snarr, Crow, Josh Sanchez and Yul Wilson.

Pirates

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basket and getting the ball with two hands.

"All of our games have been tight, within 10. ... We can play with anyone in the state," she said, adding, "We have to play defense early without fouling because every game has come down to, if you look at the fourth quarter in our books, free throws on [the other teams'] end, and they hit them."

The Lady Pirates now have a break from competition until Jan. 5, when they will welcome the 2A Sanford Indians to town.

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Outdoors

Colorado Parks and Wildlife releases draft Colorado Wolf Restoration and Management Plan

Public can provide feedback at upcoming meetings and through online comment form

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) staff presented the Draft Colorado Wolf Restoration and Management Plan to the Parks and Wildlife Commission (CPW Commission) at a virtual meeting streamed live on YouTube earlier this month.

The recording of the meeting can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BsX1yzXPGII>.

The Draft Colorado Wolf Restoration and Management Plan is now available for public review. The CPW Commission will discuss and take feedback from the public at five upcoming meetings around Colorado. The public can comment on the draft plan online and in the upcoming public meetings through Feb. 22, 2023, by visiting engagecpw.org.

Please note: The details of the draft plan could change before a final plan is approved by the CPW Commission.

Background

State statute 33-2-105.8 directs the CPW Commission to:

- Develop a plan to restore and manage gray wolves in Colorado;
- Take necessary steps to begin reintroduction no later than Dec. 31, 2023, on designated lands west of the Continental Divide; and
- Pay fair compensation for livestock losses caused by gray wolves.

Beginning in April 2021, CPW contracted with Keystone Policy Center to conduct the public involvement effort.

CPW worked with Keystone Policy Center to hold 47 public meetings in 2021, collecting feedback from more than 3,400 Coloradans.

Additionally, CPW appointed two advisory bodies: the Technical Working Group (TWG) to review

objective, science-based information as well as provide its own knowledge and experience at the state/federal/tribal level to inform the development of the plan; and the Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) to provide recommendations to staff and the CPW Commission about social implications associated with wolf restoration and management for consideration in drafting of the plan.

Highlights of the plan

Restoration logistics

- CPW will reintroduce 30 to 50 wolves in total over the next three to five years (10-15 animals per year).

- Wolves will likely be sourced from populations in the northern Rockies in cooperation with the respective state wildlife agencies.

- Captured wolves will be reintroduced onto state and cooperating private lands in select areas west of the Continental Divide with a 60-mile buffer from neighboring states.

Legal status

- Wolves are both federally and state protected as an endangered species in Colorado. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is engaged in a process to designate the Colorado wolf population as experimental under Section 10(j) of the Endangered Species Act. As wolf populations grow, Colorado's gray wolf protection status may be downlisted from a state endangered species to a state threatened species. Wolves would no longer be included on the Colorado State Threatened and Endangered Species List should the population be recovered to 150 wolves for two successive years or 200 wolves with no time constraint.

Monitoring and management

- CPW will place GPS monitoring collars on reintroduced wolves and monitor wolf packs as they develop in the coming years.

- The draft plan describes an impact-based management philosophy. Wolves will have both positive and negative impacts in the state. If wolves are causing a negative impact, CPW will utilize multiple management tools in-

cluding education, nonlethal tools and, in rare cases involving wolf depredation, lethal management to resolve the problem.

- Wolves will be managed within Colorado using a phased approach, based on the number of animals present in the state.
- The plan does not permit a regulated wolf hunt.

Livestock conflicts and compensation

- CPW's Draft Conflict Minimization Program may provide temporary conflict minimization materials to livestock owners which include turbo fladry, shell-crackers, propane cannons and fox lights to prevent depredation incidents.

- Wolf-livestock conflicts will be addressed on a case-by-case basis using a combination of appropriate management tools, including education, nonlethal conflict minimization techniques, damage payments and lethal take of wolves in rare cases specifically involving depredation.

- If a depredation incident is confirmed by CPW, livestock owners can be reimbursed the fair market value of the animal, up to \$8,000. The plan allows for reimbursement of veterinarian costs for the treatment of injured livestock or guard/herding animals.

- In large open range settings, livestock owners will have the option of compensation for some production losses or indirect costs like decreased conception rates and other indirect losses on a case-by-case basis.

- By statute, wolf depredation reimbursements will not be sourced from hunting and fishing license fees or associated federal grants.

Next steps

Now that the draft plan has been presented, the CPW Commission will discuss and take feedback from the public at five upcoming meetings around Colorado.

"All Coloradans interested in wolf restoration should view the recording online at a time that is most convenient for you," said CPW Acting Director Heather

Dugan. "Please take a look at the draft plan and submit your input at a public meeting in January and February or through the online comment form."

The draft plan is now posted on CPW's Wolves — Stay Informed page. A form for public comment is posted at engagecpw.org and will remain open through Feb. 22, 2023.

Five statewide hearings will be held to acquire information from the public to be considered in developing the plan. The hearing dates and locations are listed below with approximate times:

- Jan. 19, 2023 — Colorado Springs, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Jan. 25, 2023 — Gunnison, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Feb. 7, 2023 — Rifle, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Feb. 16, 2023 — Virtual via Zoom, 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
- Feb. 22, 2023 — Denver, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

The in-person hearings will begin with CPW providing a brief overview of the plan. All the hearings will provide time for commissioner questions and discussion. Visit the CPW website for information on participating in these meetings.

April 6, 2023 — Final Draft Plan and Regulations (step one of two), location to be determined, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

CPW staff will present the final draft plan and associated regulations (step one of two). In-person public comment will be taken in a similar manner to the hearings and online comments may be made through engagecpw.org. The meeting will be streamed to YouTube to listen to live or by recording.

May 3-4, 2023 — Final Plan and Regulations (step two of two) Approval, Glenwood Springs, times to be determined.

Commissioners will vote on approval of the final plan and associated wolf regulations.

Visit CPW's Stay Informed page — <https://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/Wolves-Stay-Informed.aspx> — and sign up for the Wolf Reintroduction eNews to stay up to date with CPW's wolf restoration efforts.

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In Ptarmigan Townhouses. All as tenants in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Ptarmigan Townhouses as depicted on the Plats recorded under Reception Numbers 153265, 156199, 136303, 159241, 179510, subject to the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Ptarmigan Townhouses recorded as Reception Number 153557, as has been amended, supplemented, and/or restated, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Published December 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2022 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Tel. 970.264.2400

Village Pointe Property Owners Association, Inc.
Plaintiff

Inus H Wilson, et al.
Defendants

Case No.: 2022CV30024
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM SHERIFF SALE 2022-06

This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums, recorded on January 6, 1989 at Reception No. 160495, Book 239, Page 2, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered September 22, 2022, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof Owner(s):

- INUS H WILSON
- WILLIAM C WILSON JR
- JOHN E LONES
- EVELYN E JONES
- RAMONA CAROLYN DAUPHIN AS TRUSTEE OF THE RAMONA CAROLYN DAUPHIN TRUST DATED DECEMBER 7, 2001
- DONALD MAX DAUPHIN AS TRUSTEE OF THE RAMONA CAROLYN DAUPHIN TRUST DATED DECEMBER 7, 2001
- JACK W LOGGINS
- JANICE F LOGGINS

Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums, recorded on January 6, 1989 at Reception No. 160495, Book 239, Page 2, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Village Pointe Property Owners Association, Inc. Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.

Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901 Association Assessments Due to: Village Pointe Property Owners Association, Inc. Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A" Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A" Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act

IF YOU BELIEVE THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN §38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN §38-38-103.2, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (1-855-411-2372), OR BOTH, BUT THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED. THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. IF YOU BELIEVE THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN §38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN §38-38-103.2, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (1-855-411-2372), OR BOTH, BUT THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

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Snow falls in region, more in the forecast

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

Pagosa Country gained a blanket of white Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, with more snow forecasted for the weekend.

According to the Community Collaborative Rain Hail and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS) website, sites in Archuleta County received between 2 and 5.5 inches of snowfall over Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.

Higher snowfall totals were concentrated in the northern and southern portions of the county, with the highest reported precipitation amount located east of Chromo.

A Dec. 28 report from Wolf Creek Ski Area indicated that, as of about 6 a.m., Wolf Creek had received 4 inches of snow in the previous 24 hours, bringing the midway snow depth to 43 inches and the year-to-date snowfall total to 95 inches.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Water and Climate Center's snowpack report, the Wolf Creek summit, at 11,000 feet of elevation, had 10.9 inches of snow water equivalent as of noon on Wednesday, Dec. 28.

The Wolf Creek summit was at 78 percent of the Dec. 28 snowpack median.

The San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River basins were

at 78 percent of the Dec. 28 median in terms of snowpack.

Weather

The National Weather Service forecasts mostly cloudy skies with a high of 34, 5-10 mph winds and a chance of snow showers before 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 29.

Thursday night is predicted to bring mostly cloudy skies with a low of 8, 5 mph winds becoming calm toward evening and a chance of snow after 11 p.m.

For Friday, Dec. 30, the forecasted high is 36 degrees with mostly cloudy skies, chances of snow and 5 mph winds in the afternoon. The forecasted low is 21 degrees with mostly cloudy skies and chances of snow overnight.

For Saturday, Dec. 31, cloudy skies are expected with a high of 41 degrees and a chance of snow showers before 3 p.m. turning to a chance of rain and snow showers afterward. The forecasted low is 27 degrees Saturday night with likely rain and snow becoming all snow after 1 a.m.

For Sunday, Jan. 1, the forecasted high is 42 degrees with cloudy skies and snow showers before 11 a.m. with rain and snow showers afterward. The forecasted low is 20 degrees New Year's night with cloudy skies and snow showers.

Avalanches

According to the Colorado Ava-

lanche Information Center (CAIC) website, the southern San Juan range, including Wolf Creek Pass, was at level four — high — in terms of avalanche danger, as of noon on Wednesday, Dec. 28.

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

An avalanche warning is also in effect, beginning at 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 27 and ending at 8:15 a.m. on Dec. 29.

The CAIC website notes on the warning, "An Avalanche Warning is in effect for the San Juan Mountains, including areas surrounding Ouray, Silverton, the La Plata Mountains, Vallecito Lake, and Wolf Creek, Cumbres, and La Manga Passes from Tuesday evening through Thursday morning. Heavy snowfall and strong winds are creating very dangerous avalanche conditions. Expect widespread avalanche activity large enough to bury or kill a person. Some avalanches will release spontaneously. Travel in backcountry avalanche terrain is not recommended."

The Dec. 27 CAIC forecast discussion states, "A very potent storm arrives Tuesday night, and with it, a rapid increase in the avalanche danger. This storm would be impactful no matter what, but with such a weak snowpack that it will be falling on, we expect a large and widespread natural avalanche cycle. Dangerous avalanche condi-

tions will begin to develop Tuesday night and we will reach High (Level 4) danger by Wednesday morning. Ongoing heavy snowfall means larger avalanches will become more widespread as the day progresses Wednesday. A brief lull in snowfall happens Thursday before another impactful storm arrives over the weekend.

"It is not that often that the decisions we need to make in the backcountry are so straightforward. In some conditions it is possible and work the less-dangerous aspects or use subtle terrain features to gain safe passage through the terrain. That kind of nuance doesn't help us when widespread natural avalanches large enough to bury you come into play. Instead, things become more simple: Is it steep enough to slide or anywhere in the runout of something that could avalanche? If the answer is yes, with the kind of storm we are expecting, that means you are in harm's way. Large avalanches running long distances also can make it hard for us to really know if we are far enough away from steep slopes overhead, and can make our more comfortable areas below-treeline just as dangerous as higher elevations.

"Travel in backcountry avalanche is simply not advised during the warning period. If you do choose to go into the mountains

See Weather A16

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38-103.2, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL (1-800-222-4444), THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (1-855-411-2372), OR BOTH, BUT THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.
The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:
Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147, 970-264-8434. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed this 25th day of October, 2022.
Rich Valdez, Sheriff,
Archuleta County, Colorado
By: /s/ Lorena Medina
Lorena Medina, Office Manager
EXHIBIT "A"
Village Pointe Condominiums
Matter Amount

INUS H WILSON and WILLIAM C WILSON JR (C#178917269) Unit/Weeks Numbers 43, Unit Number 7513, Building Number 4, Phase II
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,668.96
Interest: \$933.78
Late Fees: \$100.00
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Cost: \$349.18
Judgment Amount: \$4,511.92

JOHN E JONES and EVELYN E JONES (C#179007018) Unit/Weeks Numbers 6, Unit Number 7518, Building Number 5, Phase II
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,668.96
Interest: \$933.78
Late Fees: \$100.00
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Cost: 349.18
Judgment Amount: \$4,511.92

RAMONA CAROLYN DAUPHIN and DONALD MAX DAUPHIN AS TRUSTEES OF THE RAMONA CAROLYN DAUPHIN TRUST DATED DECEMBER 7, 2001 (C#179014139) Unit/Weeks Numbers 1, Unit Number 7530, Building Number 6, Phase III
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,627.33
Interest: \$299.23
Late Fees: \$50.00
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Cost: 349.18
Judgment Amount: \$4,325.74

JACK W LOGGINS and JANICE F LOGGINS (C#179021506) Unit/Weeks Numbers 51, Unit Number 7522, Building Number 5, Phase III
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,668.96
Interest: \$933.78
Late Fees: \$100.00
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Cost: 349.18
Judgment Amount: \$4,511.92

OT Village Pointe Condominiums, all as tenants in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Village Pointe Condominiums as depicted on the Plats recorded under Reception Numbers 0168713, 171189 and 176324 according to the Condominium Map as recorded, subject to Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums as recorded as Reception Number 1305904 and amendments and supplements thereto, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.
Published December 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

DISTRICT COURT,
ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
Court Address: 109 Harman Park Dr/PO Box 148, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Phone Number: (970) 264-8160

Plaintiff:
BEIJAMIN M. SEGOBIANO AND BRITNEY H. SEGOBIANO
v.
Defendants:
NATIONAL RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, LLC; TEXTRON FINANCIAL CORPORATION; PAGOSA LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION; ELSA P. WHITE as Public Trustee of Archuleta County and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION.
Submitting Attorney:
Duke Eggleston, #24965
Eggleston Kosnik LLC
160 E. 12th St., Ste 7
Durango, CO 81301
Phone Number: (970) 403-1580
E-mail: deggleston@e-klaw.com
Case Number: 2022CV30070

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
PLAINTIFFS BENJAMIN M. SEGOBIANO AND BRITNEY H. SEGOBIANO
TO THE BELOW NAMED DEFENDANTS:
NATIONAL RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, LLC AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.
If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.
This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiffs in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows:
Lots 277 and 278, in Chris Mountain Village at Pagosa Two, according to the Plat thereof filed for record June 4, 1973 as Reception No. 77868.
Respectfully Submitted this 5th day of December, 2022.
Published in Pagosa Sun
First Publication: December 15, 2022
Last Publication: January 12, 2023
Eggleston Kosnik LLC
/s/ Duke Eggleston
Duke Eggleston, #24965
160 E. 12th St., Ste 7
Durango, CO 81301
(970) 403-1580
Published December 15, 22, 29, 2022, January 5 and 12, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

DISTRICT COURT,
ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
Court Address: 109 Harman Park Dr/PO Box 148, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Phone Number: (970) 264-8160

Plaintiff:
LIVE OAKS LAND LLC
v.
Defendants:
NATIONAL RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, LLC; TEXTRON FINANCIAL CORPORATION; PAGOSA LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION; ELSA P. WHITE as Public Trustee of Archuleta County and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION.
Submitting Attorney:
Duke Eggleston, #24965
Eggleston Kosnik LLC
160 E. 12th St., Ste 7
Durango, CO 81301
Phone Number: (970) 403-1580
E-mail: deggleston@e-klaw.com
Case Number: 2022CV30070

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
PLAINTIFF LIVE OAKS LAND LLC
TO THE BELOW NAMED DEFENDANTS:
NATIONAL RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, LLC AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.
If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.
This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows:
Lot 200, in Chris Mountain Village at Pagosa Unit Two, according to the Plat thereof filed for record June 4, 1973 as Reception No. 77868.
Respectfully Submitted this 5th day of December, 2022.
Published in Pagosa Sun
First Publication: December 15, 2022
Last Publication: January 12, 2023
Eggleston Kosnik LLC
/s/ Duke Eggleston
Duke Eggleston, #24965
160 E. 12th St., Ste 7
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Phone Number: (970) 403-1580
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Case Number: 2022CV30070

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
PLAINTIFF LIVE OAKS LAND LLC
TO THE BELOW NAMED DEFENDANTS:
NATIONAL RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, LLC AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.
If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.
This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows:
Lot 200, in Chris Mountain Village at Pagosa Unit Two, according to the Plat thereof filed for record June 4, 1973 as Reception No. 77868.
Respectfully Submitted this 5th day of December, 2022.
Published in Pagosa Sun
First Publication: December 15, 2022
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Tel. 970.264.2400

Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc.
Plaintiff
v.
Robert J Gilmore, et al
Defendants
Case No.: 2022CV30028

COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM SHERIFF SALE 2022-09
This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses, recorded on August 2, 1990, at Book 303, Page 104, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.
Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered September 22, 2022, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof Owner(s):
ROBERT J GILMORE
JOYCE GILMORE
LOWELL L ROSE, TRUSTEE OF THE LOWELL ROSE REVOCABLE TRUST DATED AUGUST 25, 1983, UNDIVIDED ONE-HALF INTEREST AND LOWELL L ROSE, TRUSTEE OF THE NORMA R ROSE REVOCABLE TRUST DATED JUNE 29, 1998, UNDIVIDED ONE-HALF INTERESTARY ANN GARCIA
NORMA R ROSE, TRUSTEE OF THE LOWELL ROSE REVOCABLE TRUST DATED AUGUST 25, 1983, UNDIVIDED ONE-HALF INTEREST AND NORMA R ROSE, TRUSTEE OF THE NORMA R ROSE REVOCABLE TRUST DATED JUNE 29, 1998, UNDIVIDED ONE-HALF INTEREST
JACK C HICKS
SUSAN HICKS
ANN L DANIEL-HARTUNG
SHIRLEY O'MORROW
JAMES W JONES JR, TRUSTEE OF THE JAMES & JENNETTE R JONES REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST
JENNETTE P JONES, TRUSTEE OF THE JAMES & JENNETTE R JONES REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST
FRANK P DICKSON JR, SURVIVING JOINT TENANT WITH RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP OF ELINOR M DICKSON, DECEASED
DOROTHY W WILLIAMS
IMOGENE WRIGHT BOWEN
RUSSELL D STEIN
RAMONA L STEIN
ANN L DANIEL-HARTUNG
ROY D GOODE
CAROL L GOODE

Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses, recorded on August 2, 1990, at Book 303, Page 104, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.
Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc.
Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.
Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
Association Assessments Due to: Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc.
Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A"
Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"
Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act
THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.
The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST
THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I, will, at 11:00 o'clock A.M., on February 10, 2023 Sale Number 2022-10 in the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147 sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication: December 15, 2022
Last Publication: January 12, 2023
Name of Publication: The Pagosa Springs Sun
NOTICE OF RIGHTS
YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY BE A FIRST LIEN.
IF YOU BELIEVE THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN §38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN §38-38-103.2, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL (1-800-222-4444), THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (1-855-411-2372), OR BOTH, BUT THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.
The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:
Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147, 970-264-8434. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed this 25th day of October, 2022.
Rich Valdez, Sheriff,
Archuleta County, Colorado
By: /s/ Lorena Medina
Lorena Medina, Office Manager
EXHIBIT "A"
Peregrine Townhouses
Matter Amount
ROBERT J GILMORE and **JOYCE GILMORE** (C#179603725) A 105,000 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7803-7806 in Building Number(s) 2 & 3,
Unpaid Assessments: \$892.44
Cost: \$234.03
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,126.47
LOWELL L ROSE and **NORMA R ROSE, TRUSTEES OF THE LOWELL L ROSE REVOCABLE TRUST DATED AUGUST 25, 1983, UNDIVIDED ONE-HALF INTEREST AND LOWELL L ROSE AND NORMA R ROSE, TRUSTEES OF THE NORMA R ROSE REVOCABLE TRUST DATED JUNE 29, 1998, UNDIVIDED ONE-HALF INTEREST** (C#179603766) A 105,000 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7803-7806 in Building Number(s) 2 & 3,
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,038.20
Cost: \$234.03
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,272.23
JACK C HICKS and **SUSAN HICKS** (C#179801089) A 126,000 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7817-7820 in Building Number(s) 9 & 10,
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,327.98
Cost: \$234.03
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,562.01
DONN M O'MORROW and **SHIRLEY O'MORROW** (C#170016299) A 77,000 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7807-7810 in Building Number(s) 4 & 5,
Unpaid Assessments: \$761.38
Cost: \$234.03
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$1,995.41
JAMES W JONES JR and **JENNETTE P JONES, TRUSTEES OF THE JAMES & JENNETTE R JONES**

Revocable Living Trust (C#179607072) A 105,000 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7807-7810 in Building Number(s) 4 & 5,
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,802.85
Cost: \$234.03
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,036.88
FRANK P DICKSON JR, SURVIVING JOINT TENANT WITH RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP OF ELINOR M DICKSON, DECEASED (C#179607932) A 105,000 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7807-7810 in Building Number(s) 4 & 5,
Unpaid Assessments: \$960.85
Cost: \$234.03
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,194.88
DOROTHY W WILLIAMS and **IMOGENE WRIGHT BOWEN** (C#171305923) A 145,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7833-7834 in Building Number(s) 17,
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,433.74
Cost: \$234.03
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,667.77
RUSSELL D STEIN and **RAMONA L STEIN** (C#139903496) A 154,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7843-7844 in Building Number(s) 22,
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,522.76
Cost: \$234.03
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,756.79
ANN L DANIEL-HARTUNG (C#179914890) A 77,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7859-7860 in Building Number(s) 30,
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,322.09
Cost: \$234.03
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,556.12
ROY D GOODE and **CAROL L GOODE** (C#430003855) A 105,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7873-7874 in Building Number(s) 37,
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,106.61
Cost: \$234.03
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,340.64
In Peregrine Townhouses. All as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said buildings as depicted on the Plats recorded in Reception Numbers 173553-173555, 98002629, 99006555, 99011974, 20004595, 20010666, and subject to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded as Reception Number 173556, as has been amended, supplemented, and/or restated, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.
Published December 15, 22, 29, 2022, January 5 and 12, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
Court Address: 109 Harman Park Dr., P.O. Box 148
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Tel. 970.264.2400
Teal Landing Vacation Owners Association, Inc.
Plaintiff
v.
Chal M Rascoe, Sr., et al.
Defendants
Case No.: 2022CV30027

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Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.
Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
Association Assessments Due to: Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc.
Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A"
Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"
Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act
THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.
The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.
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THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I, will, at 11:00 o'clock A.M., on February 10, 2023 Sale Number 2022-10 in the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147 sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication: December 15, 2022
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Name of Publication: The Pagosa Springs Sun
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Rich Valdez, Sheriff,
Archuleta County, Colorado
By: /s/ Lorena Medina
Lorena Medina, Office Manager
EXHIBIT "A"
Teal Landing Condominiums
Matter Amount
DONNETTE L THOMAS and **WILLIAM D THOMAS** (C#170214779) A 112,000 / 63,185.50 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1511, 1512, 1513, 1514, 1515, 1516, 1521, 1522, 1523, 1525 and 1526 in Building Number(s) 15,
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,125.88
Costs: \$655.27
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Judgment Amount: \$2,981.15
RALPH DEE BAKER and **CONNIE BEA BAKER** (C#171501448) A 77,000 / 62,896,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1611, 1612, 1613, 1614, 1615, 1616, 1621, 1622, 1623, 1624, 1625 and 1626 in Building Number(s) 16,
Unpaid Assessments: \$863.82

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Lorena Medina, Office Manager
EXHIBIT "A"
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Matter Amount
ROBERT J GILMORE and **JOYCE GILMORE** (C#179603725) A 105,000 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7803-7806 in Building Number(s) 2 & 3,
Unpaid Assessments: \$892.44
Cost: \$234.03
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,126.47
LOWELL L ROSE and **NORMA R ROSE, TRUSTEES OF THE LOWELL L ROSE REVOCABLE TRUST DATED AUGUST 25, 1983, UNDIVIDED ONE-HALF INTEREST AND LOWELL L ROSE AND NORMA R ROSE, TRUSTEES OF THE NORMA R ROSE REVOCABLE TRUST DATED JUNE 29, 1998, UNDIVIDED ONE-HALF INTEREST** (C#179603766) A 105,000 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7803-7806 in Building Number(s) 2 & 3,
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,038.20
Cost: \$234.03
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,272.23
JACK C HICKS and **SUSAN HICKS** (C#179801089) A 126,000 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7817-7820 in Building Number(s) 9 & 10,
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,327.98
Cost: \$234.03
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,562.01
JAMES W JONES JR and **JENNETTE P JONES, TRUSTEES OF THE JAMES & JENNETTE R JONES**

Revocable Living Trust (C#179607072) A 105,000 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7807-7810 in Building Number(s) 4 & 5,
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,802.85
Cost: \$234.03
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,036.88
FRANK P DICKSON JR, SURVIVING JOINT TENANT WITH RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP OF ELINOR M DICKSON, DECEASED (C#179607932) A 105,000 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7807-7810 in Building Number(s) 4 & 5,
Unpaid Assessments: \$960.85
Cost: \$234.03
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,194.88
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Rio Chama Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program aims to achieve partnership goals

By Alex Handloff
Mountain Studies Institute

Throughout the summer and fall, forests and meeting spaces throughout northern New Mexico and southern Colorado were filled with discussion surrounding the Rio Chama Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (CFLRP).

Announced in April, federal funding for the project, which covers 3.77 million acres across the region, will total \$30 million over a 10-year period. The project aims to reduce the risk of uncharacteristic wildfire, restore natural fire patterns, improve watershed resilience and health, and enhance the economic sustainability of industries in the region.

"I am excited to engage with our partners to brainstorm new possibilities to undertake critical restoration work across all ownerships in this project area," said Jeremy Marshall, Rio Chama CFLRP coordinator for the U.S. Forest Service, "and to formulate new partnerships to achieve this work on the ground."

The Rio Chama CFLRP is actively engaging with a variety of stakeholders and partners across the Rio Chama landscape including tribes, state agencies, place-based collaboratives, private landowners and forest products industry representatives, as well as the public. Project partners are currently developing monitoring plans for ecological and socioeconomic objectives, defining desirable future conditions, identifying priority landscapes, and supporting cross-boundary project development and implementation in the region.

The project aims to reduce uncharacteristic wildfire risk by decreasing tree densities and restor-

ing fire regimes to fire-adapted landscapes where low-intensity and mixed-severity fire were prevalent prior fire suppression policy. The suppression and absence of fire in forests of the American Southwest since approximately the 1880s has allowed our forests to become unnaturally dense, which often leads to uncharacteristically intense fire. This wildfire risk has become amplified by climate change. The CFLRP investment is focused on this landscape due to its high priority for water, wildlife, streams and community values.

Long-term landscape-scale projects hinge on innovative collaboration. The Rio Chama CFLRP is no exception, bringing together four national forests (San Juan, Rio Grande, Carson and Santa Fe) and the Two Watersheds, Three Rivers, Two States Cohesive Strategy Partnership (2-3-2), a diverse group of land managers, landowners, communities and existing place-based collaborative groups. Founded in 2016, the 2-3-2 approaches land management planning by bringing together stakeholders, including representatives of the U.S. Forest Service, to prioritize, implement and monitor cross-boundary landscape-scale forest restoration projects.

"The 2-3-2 Partnership is looking forward to strengthening and growing regional and local relationships that foster collaborative work on the ground and in the office," said Dana Guinn, director of forest programs at Mountain Studies Institute (MSI), one of the organizations coordinating the 2-3-2 along with the Forest Stewards Guild. "We believe that working together is the way forward when it comes to identifying and addressing landscape values,

management opportunities, and ways to monitor progress towards local and regional goals."

This program will support the collaboration and coordination of stakeholders, application of cross-jurisdictional forest restoration treatments, development and implementation of an effective and transparent monitoring program, and direction of socioeconomic monitoring efforts to understand the beneficial impacts of the project on communities.

"We are working at a landscape scale by bringing together land managers, landowners and stakeholders in multiple jurisdictions to implement cross-boundary restoration in a vast landscape with a lot of interests," said Esmé Cadiente, the southwest regional director for the Forest Stewards Guild. "We know this will be challenging, but we are all committed to the shared stewardship of this landscape to support the ecological and community needs of the region."

Along with the development of monitoring plans and desired conditions for the landscape, the 2-3-2 will coordinate and conduct projects and monitoring on non-Forest Service lands to increase the overall efficacy of the landscape approach through continuous rather than fragmented treatments. This "all-lands" approach is important because the health of private lands is critical to the overall health of the landscape.

This growing partnership also includes you, the public. Opportunities for collaboration, implementation, monitoring and citizen science will develop in the future. Sign up for the newsletter and stay informed on all things Rio Chama CFLRP at the 2-3-2 website, 232partnership.org.

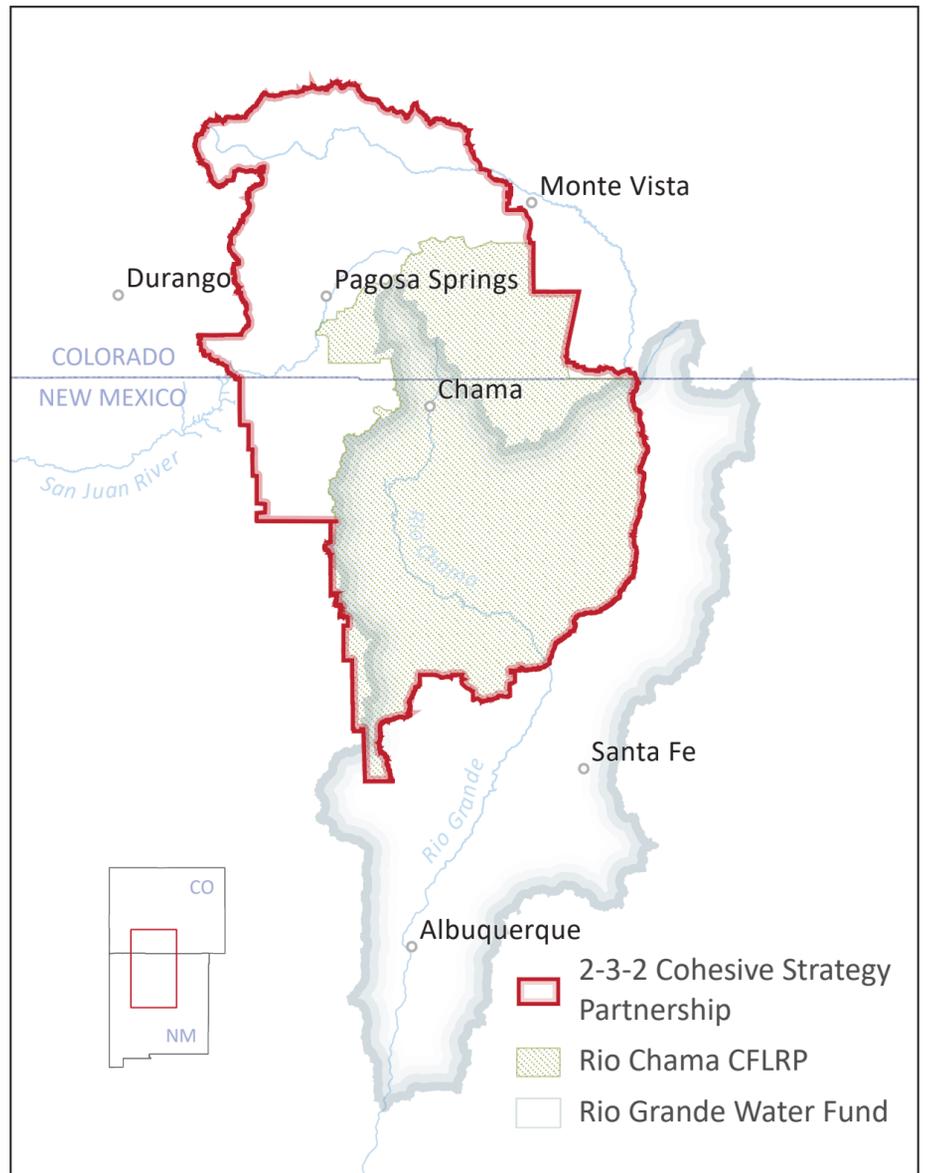


Illustration courtesy 2-3-2 Cohesive Strategy Partnership

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Weather

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Wednesday, maintaining aggressive distance from steep slopes and using careful travel habits will be essential.

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

River and water report

Stream flow for the San Juan River at approximately 11 a.m. on Dec. 28 was 72.5 cubic feet per second (cfs), according to the U.S. Geological Service National Water Dashboard.

This reading is up from last week's reading of 63.9 cfs at 11 a.m. on Dec. 21.

According to a Dec. 26 press release from Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) District Manager Justin Ramsey, Lake Forest is 2 inches from full. Village Lake is full.

Pagosa Lake is 4 inches from full. Stevens Lake is 3 inches from full.

Hatcher Lake is currently 1 inch from full.

Total diversion flows for the district are listed at 6.0 cfs.

The West Fork diversion flow is listed at 2 cfs and the Four Mile diversion flow is at 4 cfs.

Water production from Dec. 16 through Dec. 22 was listed at a total of 11.78 million gallons. The Snowball water plant contributed 3.26 million gallons, while the Hatcher plant contributed 8.52 million gallons.

The San Juan plant is closed for the season.

Last year, total water production was listed at 12.93 million gallons for those dates.

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GOAL Academy High School is transforming the face of education

GOAL Academy High School has once again been recognized by Microsoft for its commitment to education transformation, led effectively by Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Constance Jones, and has consequently become part of the 2022-2023 Showcase School program cohort. Even more exciting, GOAL is very humbled to have been selected as one of only three schools worldwide to receive the distinction of "Biggest Impact School." The three awards bestowed were for Asia, Europe, and the Americas. According to Christina Thoreson, Director of Worldwide Education for Microsoft, the designation is a result of GOAL achieving the "highest levels of innovation and expertise in the optimal use of technology in teaching and learning."

GOAL's fifteen years of experience has been complemented by embracing technological transformation and leveraging Microsoft's Education Transformation Framework to drive a positive

culture of teaching and learning. Consequently, GOAL was able to not only successfully navigate the pandemic, but also assisted other educational leaders along the way during those challenging times.

Dr. Jones relayed that "Receiving this recognition of being the Biggest Impact School in the Americas is not only a wonderful honor, but it is also such an important validation of our mission to truly impact the lives of the students we serve. GOAL teachers and staff are committed to creating the best learning environments possible and that requires having highly effective instructional tools and utilizing the most current research and solutions. We thank Microsoft for their support and partnership that has helped us to prepare our students with relevant work-based skills for the future."

Chief Information Officer, Jamie Trujillo, still in awe of this latest hallmark, states that, "Being a showcase school is hard. Most schools will never

make it there." He cites a very intentional school-wide approach to "future-ready skills, educational leadership, and smart deployment of technological assets" as the key to this level of success. "According to Microsoft, we're the best. We are no longer Colorado's premier online educator. We are one of the WORLD'S premier online educators. We are the best of the best." Trujillo elaborates, "In tech we don't ask ourselves if we can, we ask, why haven't we yet? [It is] a relentless drive to empower students to do more with what they are given."

Thoreson "was blown away by how complementary our missions are. GOAL's mission being to ensure that every student is able to achieve their full potential. For Microsoft's education team, it's about empowering every learner on the planet to achieve more."

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ARTS & LIFE





Thingamajig Theatre Company

Thingamajig Scenic Artist Jill Fives talks to two Whatchamwozit performers about the Frog and Toad set that she is painting for the show, which is set to be performed on Dec. 30 and 31.

Live Performers

- Friday**
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Ron and Susan, 5 p.m.
- Saturday**
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Jason Rose, 5 p.m.
- Tuesday**
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Jackson Mountain Ramblers, 5 p.m.
- Wednesday**
The Den: Karaoke, 8 p.m.

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'A Year with Frog and Toad KIDS' set for Dec. 30 and 31

Thingamajig Theatre Company

"A Year with Frog and Toad KIDS" will be presented by the Whatchamawhozits Children's Theatre at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts on Dec. 30 and 31.

This whimsical show follows two great friends — the cheerful, popular Frog and the rather grumpy Toad — through four fun-filled seasons. Waking from hibernation, Frog and Toad plant gardens, swim, rake leaves, go sledding and learn life lessons along the way. Throughout the year, two best friends celebrate and rejoice in the differences that make them unique and special.

Adapted from the three-time-Tony-nominated Broadway hit comes "A Year with Frog and Toad KIDS." Based on Arnold Lobel's well-loved books, the jazzy, upbeat score bubbles with melody. Part vaudeville, part make-believe and all charm, "A Year with Frog and Toad KIDS" tells the story of a friendship that endures throughout the seasons.

The treasured characters from the children's books and the beautiful Broadway musical hop from page to stage in this story of friendship and adventure.

Performed by the students in the Whatchamawhozits Children's Theatre class, this sweet show is a perfect way to end the year with your friends and family.

Tickets are only \$5 for this

charming and funny 35-minute dramatization of these classic stories— playing Friday, Dec. 30, and Saturday, Dec. 31, at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, with performances at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. — and are available online at www.pagosacenter.org.

The Whatchamawhozits Children's Theatre classes and camps are taught by the theater professionals with Thingamajig Theatre Company. Actors, dancers, singers, designers and directors come

from around the country to create incredible theatrical productions with Thingamajig Theatre Company, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit in residence at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

The company is performing "A Charlie Brown Christmas" through Dec. 29. Its productions go year-round and range from musicals to dramas to new play workshops and are an incredible addition to the outdoor and artistic activities in southwest Colorado.



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Sunday, Jan. 1

New Year's Day Service. 11 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Celebrate the new year at a music-filled Eucharist service.

Burning Bowl Ceremony Service. 11 a.m., New Thought Center, 3505 W. U.S. 160. With Shayla White Eagle.

Thursday, Jan. 5

Twelfth Night Celebration. 5:30 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Celebrate the end of the Christmas season with us as we remember the journey of the Magi, and consider our own dreams and callings. After a short gathering for prayer and song, we'll gather for a potluck supper in the adjoining Parish Hall.



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Rise Above Violence: You can give the gift of safety

By Ashley Wilson
Rise Above Violence

As 2022 comes to a close, Rise Above Violence has seen unprecedented numbers, serving almost 450 victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault this year.

Victims of domestic violence often live through the cycle of violence for years. They often hear the promises that things will be different and hold our hope that their partner will change, but as violence escalates, they are then left facing an impossible decision of being safe from harm or being homeless.

When police are called or a victim ends up in the hospital, Rise advocates respond on-scene to wherever the victim is. That first interaction is to ensure that the victim can be safe for the night so that other conversations and plans can be made. The victim needs a place for the night to catch their breath, gather their thoughts and begin to make a plan — a place that they and their children can be safe. Without a shelter in Pagosa, Rise has partnerships with local hotels to provide immediate crisis support for 24-48 hours to give victims a safe place to regroup.

One night of safety for a domestic violence victim costs \$100; you can be a light in the dark by donating today to support our nights of safety campaign.

Our goal this year is to raise \$36,500 in order to pro-

vide 365 nights of shelter — a safe night for every day of the year.

For your year-end giving, you can support one (or more) nights of safety for a victim of domestic violence in our community. You can light up the night to make sure that victims can start on their path toward healing.

Today it starts with you. We believe that we can work toward ending relationship violence in our community. It begins with one special donor, like you, to support one victim, one child, one family.

You can give a night of safety today by going to our website, www.riseaboveviolence.org, or mailing a check to P.O. Box 2913, Pagosa Springs CO 81147.

Rise responds in the moment of crisis and then supports victims on their journey of healing. The advocates provide support, advocacy, connections with other community resources and help navigating the legal system when needed.

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

Six strategies to get more organized

Special to The PREVIEW

When the new year arrives, many people focus on changes that can be implemented in the months to come. This time of year is a popular one to make resolutions to clean and organize homes and offices.

There are plenty of things that can use a little organizational attention. There's no ideal way to get organized. Whatever works is a good approach, but the following are six strategies to help individuals clear the clutter.

1. Utilize to-do lists. People tend to be less productive when they're storing all of their tasks in their brains. The first step to getting organized is to remove those plans from the head and put them down on paper or in some other tracking tool. A digital to-do list manager, for example, enables you to see all of your tasks, deadlines and due dates in one place so you can get things done more efficiently. Carry around a notepad or use the digital notes

app on a phone to jot down thoughts and needs as they come up.

2. Corral your "smalls." Smalls are keys, phones, chargers, wallets, headphones and other accessories. When these items are grouped together, they're easier to find so you can stay on track. Invest in an attractive organizer and install it by the front door or another high-traffic area. You'll cut down on trying to find those smaller items when running errands.

3. Conquer clutter regularly. It's easy to be put off by cleaning and organizing when clutter has gotten out of control. Instead, by cleaning up items on a daily or weekly basis, it's much easier to keep ahead of clutter. Treat it like a daily job, including sorting mail and tossing unnecessary items; emptying waste pails; dusting the desk; deleting emails; and putting items back where they belong.

4. Categorize emails. Utilize the folder creation option from popular

email providers to sort your messages. Drop messages that need attention into categories of your choosing, such as school, health and receipts. Then you'll know which folder to go into when searching for what you need, eliminating the time-consuming task of scrolling through a full inbox.

5. Give one, toss one. When bringing new items into the home, follow the procedure of giving away or throwing out one item for each new item that is received or purchased. This can help to tame clutter.

6. Mise en place your life. "Mise en place" is French for "put in place." It is used in the kitchen to refer to preparing and setting out all ingredients needed in a recipe. The same concept can be used elsewhere. Lay out clothing on the dresser for the next day at work or school. Prep the foyer of a home with items you need, like an umbrella, shoes and paperwork. Organize backpacks so they're ready for the school day.

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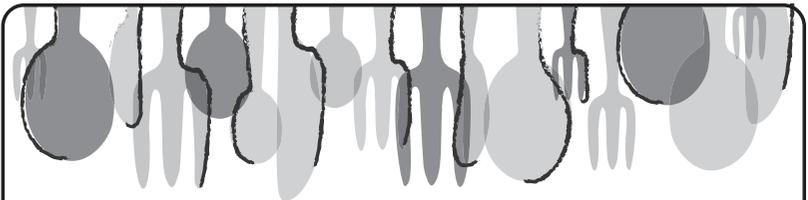
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Spiritual Experiences Group to host event to discover HU

By Lurah Brock Young
Spiritual Experiences Group
of Pagosa Springs

Would you like to bring new life into your spiritual journey?

You are warmly invited to experience HU, an ancient mantra and divine sound that courses through all of life and through every atom of your body. Singing HU acts as a spark plug, igniting soul to reach higher states of love, creativity, healing and awareness. When sung or chanted with an open heart, it opens the lines of communication

to the most sacred part of yourself.

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

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

- Inner peace and calm.
- Divine love.
- Expanded awareness.

• Spiritual self-discovery and growth.

• Healing of the heart.

After singing HU for 10-15 minutes and a few minutes of quiet contemplation, our discussion will center around your experiences and how you can work with this ancient mantra to ignite your quest for spiritual growth.

Please join us for this free event on Jan. 8, 2023, at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse, 230-A Port Ave., at 1 p.m.

This event is sponsored by Eckankar.

New Thought to hold burning bowl ceremony

By Shayla McClure
New Thought Center for
Inspirational Living

The service at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 1, will be a “Burning Bowl Ceremony” to refresh and renew the expression of your best destiny — letting go and welcoming the vision — with Shayla McClure.

Children’s activities will be available.

Upcoming events

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

Jan. 1, 2023, 11 a.m.: Sunday

service with “Burning Bowl Ceremony” with Shayla White Eagle.

Jan. 7, 2023, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.: “Ignite Your Awakened Life” playshop with Dr. Elaine Harding. Art supplies included..

Jan. 19, 2023: “Into Your Genius” with Bob Proctor and Mary Morrissey: Six-week study group with White Eagle to learn how to activate parts of your mind that are unused to higher capacities — intuition, the will, imagination, memory, perception and reason.

Contact (970) 510-0309 for more information.

About us

The New Thought Center pro-

motes philosophies similar to Centers for Spiritual Living and Agape Centers. We welcome local talents to share gifts, aptitudes and knowledge. Participate, learn or contribute your insights, beliefs, knowledge and skills.

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



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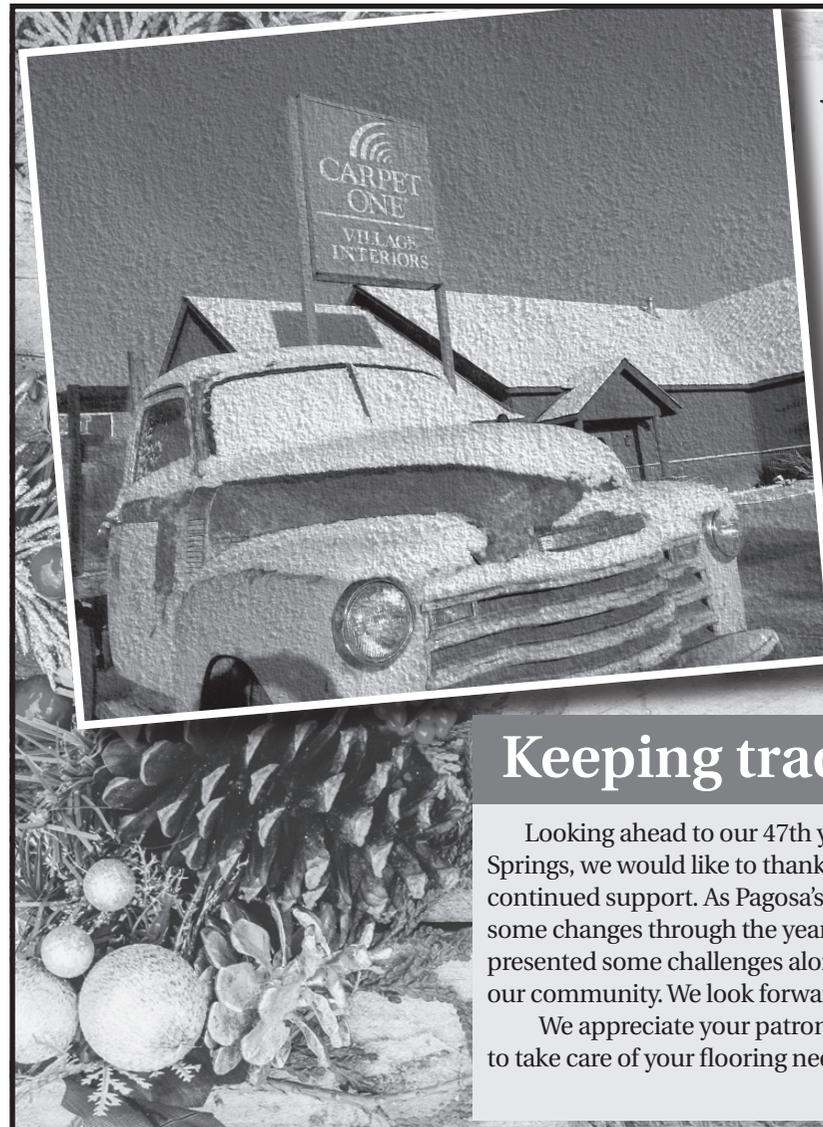
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— Dan and Jared Wirth

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Thursday, Dec. 29

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Bridge. 1 p.m., Senior Center. Come alone or bring a partner.

'A Charlie Brown Christmas.' 3 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Charlie Brown and your favorite Peanuts characters are coming to Pagosa Springs in this uplifting family-friendly musical. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids 12 and under and available at www.pagosacenter.org or by calling (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

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.

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

Bridge. 1 p.m., Senior Center. Come alone or bring a partner.

Tuesday, Jan. 3

Pagosa Springs Stitches. 10 a.m.-noon, Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Bring your current stitching project and a snack/drink if you wish and enjoy the fellowship of other stitchers. Open to all.

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

Pagosa Duplicate Bridge. 12:30 p.m., PLPOA clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Duplicate players new and experienced are welcome. We are now members of the Durango Bridge Club and play ACBL-sanctioned games with computer-dealt hands for maximum review options. Please email names of playing pair to pago-saduplicate@gmail.com or call (970) 946-6454 for more information.

Bridge. 1 p.m., Senior Center. Come alone or bring a partner.

Pickleball. 1:30-4 p.m., Community

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Wednesday, Jan. 4

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

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

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

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Pipe and Drum Lessons. 5:15-5:45, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Jim Dorian and Paul Elliot, both experienced Scottish bagpipers, are happy to teach the art of piping free of charge. Contact Jim Dorian at (970) 749-2129 for more information.

Thursday, Jan. 5

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

distancing are required.

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.

Bridge. 1 p.m., Senior Center. Come alone or bring a partner.

Dungeons and Dragons. 4-6 p.m., Discord. Ongoing game free for teens and young adults every other Thursday on Discord. Go on an adventure from the comfort of your couch. Contact josie@pagosalibrary.org to learn how to join.

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Pagosa Springs Varsity Girls' Basketball. 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Sanford.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Boys' Basketball. 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Sanford.

Friday, Jan. 6

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

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

Pagosa Springs Varsity Boys' Wrestling. 6 p.m. Pagosa Springs High School. Rocky Mountain Duals.

Saturday, Jan. 7

Pagosa Springs Varsity Boys' Wrestling. 8 a.m. Pagosa Springs High School. Rocky Mountain Wrestling Invitational.

Sunday, Jan. 8

Spiritual Experiences Group of

Pagosa Springs. 1 p.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230-A Port Ave. Join to experience HU, an ancient mantra and sacred sound. To find other in-person discussions and online events offered by the Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs, visit <https://www.meetup.com/pagosa-springs-spiritual-experiences-group/>. For more information, call (970) 903-5516.

Monday, Jan. 9

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

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

Line Dancing. 9:30-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. If you have not attended before, please call Beverly at (970) 264-2064 for more information.

Bridge. 1 p.m., Senior Center. Come alone or bring a partner.

Submit your calendar items to editor@pagosasun.com; mail them to The Pagosa Springs SUN, P.O. Box 9, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or deliver them to The SUN office by noon Monday.

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Library resources to support your New Year's resolutions

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

If you are planning to make a New Year's resolution, you might want to consider all the resources — print, DVDs, CDs and online — that are available at your library to support you.

Take our many electronic databases, for example. If you want to learn a new language, you could use Transparent Language. If you'd like to take a class on a huge variety of topics as diverse as nutrition, computer software and cake decorating, take a look at Universal Class. Consumer Health Complete covers all areas of health and wellness from mainstream to complementary and holistic medicines. Encyclopedia Britannica and Funk and Wagnells New World Encyclopedia make homework and research projects easier. Environment Complete and GreenFILE provide help with green building, sustainable agriculture, recycling and more. Hobbies and Crafts Reference Center as well as Home Improvement Reference Center have information for so many activities that can be helpful.

All our electronic resources can be found under "Online Resources" on our website.

In addition, of course, we have physical items with useful information about nutritional diets, exercise programs, wellness, languages, computers, business, home and auto repair, parenting, and so much more.

Here's to a safe, healthy and happy new year for you and your loved ones.

New Year's closures

Your library will close at noon Dec. 31 and also be closed on Jan. 2 because New Year's falls on a Sunday this year.

Flu season protocols

The curbside service that we began for COVID safety continues — and it's also a healthful option in the cold and flu season. To save your energy and lessen germ exposure to other patrons, we recommend you use our curbside service — or add a name to your account authorizing that person to pick up items for you while you recuperate. Library hours:

- Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, your library is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Tuesdays and Thursdays, your library is open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Saturdays, your library is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Activities calendar

To be sure you don't miss any of the free library activities avail-

Library News

able to you and your family, we encourage you to pick up a copy of the events calendar each month. Its streamlined format combines all the activities and events for children, teens and adults on one handy, two-sided page.

Gaming tomorrow

Enjoy free all-ages video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 30, from 3 to 4 p.m.

Homework help and tutoring

Free homework assistance and elementary tutoring are available for those in kindergarten through fourth grade on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. There is a registration packet for parents and guardians to fill out to enroll your child that you can get by emailing the library or coming in. This program has been a big hit because it helps build essential skills in core subjects. You still can register your child, but you may be put on a wait list.

Virtual Dungeons and Dragons

Next Thursday, Jan. 5, from 4 to 6 p.m., join our Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults on Discord. Registration is required because space is limited. Contact Josie@pagosalibrary.org to join.

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.

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.

PALS/GED adult education

Mark is available for his free PALS sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m. to help with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. No registration

is required.

Tech Time

Free in-person slots are available from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays. Judy will help you with basic questions relating to computers, smartphones and tablets and also provide assistance in accessing any of the library's online resources. You do not need an appointment for these drop-in sessions.

Writing challenge

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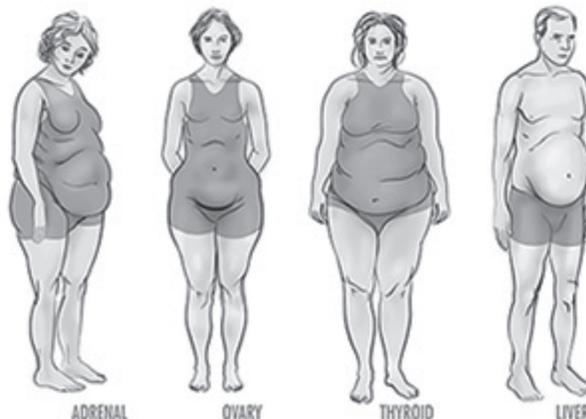
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Nonfiction

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"Believe For It" by Grammy award-winning gospel singer CeCe Winang is a memoir recounting the pivotal experiences in her life that have shaped her faith. "Reading for our Lives" by Maya Payne Smart gives parents a path to ensuring school readiness by nurturing language and literacy development. "Don't Start a Side Hustle" by Brian Page is a guide to ditching the rat race and enjoying the passive income lifestyle. "Live Love Now" by Rachel Macy Stafford draws on the author's experience as a special education teacher to offer advice to guide the next generation of resilient, compassionate and

capable adults.

Books on CD

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Quotable quote

"We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day." — Edith Lovejoy Pierce (1904-1999), British-born poet, author and pacifist who

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Each ear of Corn has an even number of rows

Each stalk of Wheat has an even number of grains

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All Grains are found in even numbers on the stalks

God has caused the flowers to blossom at certain specified times during the day

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The lives of each of us may be ordered by the Lord in a beautiful way for His glory, if we will only entrust Him with our lives. If we try to regulate our own lives, we will have only mess and failure.

Only God, who made our brains and hearts, can successfully guide them to a profitable end.

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Start your new year with something new

By Rose Chavez
PREVIEW Columnist

Calm your mind, post-holidays, with a creative mindfulness online class, create a fresh (smelling) start by trying your hand at Aromatherapy Garden Club or resolve to explore the artistic world by joining a like-minded discussion group.

We have free, ongoing virtual programs starting early next month — some as early as Jan. 2, 2023. Each is designed to support your personal wellness journey, offering an opportunity to try something new and connect with your fellow learners.

To register for these programs, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/mather-41382754623>.

COVID-19 tests

Stop by the Pagosa Senior Center to pick up a pack of five free COVID-19 tests kits for your personal use. These kits are available to anyone in the public that needs affordable access for health promotion and disease prevention.

Text reservations

Text us at (970) 264-2167. The Community Cafe is now accepting text messaging for meal reservations, cancellations and/or communication of any kind. When texting, please include your name, phone number and the days you want a meal. If you are calling to cancel a reservation, please include your name, phone number and the days you want to cancel.

Texting services are available for dining-in meal reservations, Grab-n-Go meals and Meals on Wheels recipients.

Mobile food pantry

Senior News

service available for seniors

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

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

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

Mahjong

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

Medicare call by appointment

For anyone who needs help
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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Thespian's milieu
- 6 Where the check might be
- 10 Rx unit
- 14 Solitary sort
- 15 Camera setting
- 16 Mixed dish
- 17 Do penance
- 18 Set up, as software
- 20 Urban housing
- 22 Like some skates
- 23 Anger, with "up"
- 24 Slightly wet
- 25 Morphine, for one
- 28 "____, Inc." (Pixar movie)
- 31 Cacophony
- 32 Showy display
- 34 Chill-inducing
- 35 Snake eyes
- 37 Medium's card
- 39 High praise
- 40 Spa garments
- 42 Hit the dirt?
- 44 Little bit
- 45 Medicinal potency
- 47 That is to say
- 49 "Don't get any bright ___!"
- 50 Elevated ground
- 51 Libra's symbol
- 53 Frequent flier rewards
- 57 Crane, e.g.
- 59 Fred Astaire's sis
- 60 Awfully long time
- 61 Uses crosshairs
- 62 Carreras is one
- 63 Resting places
- 64 General meaning
- 65 Totally absurd

DOWN

- 1 Thin strip

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- 2 Carryall bag
- 3 Soon, to a bard
- 4 Taxonomic categories
- 5 Recluse
- 6 TV's "Castle Rock" setting
- 7 Jane Fonda, to Bridget
- 8 "___ showtime!"
- 9 Hand soother
- 10 Election figure
- 11 Unable to read
- 12 Bank claim
- 13 Miner's bonanza
- 19 Liqueur flavor
- 21 Campaign poster word
- 24 Lawnmower part
- 25 Smells
- 26 ___ noir (wine)
- 27 Drunk
- 28 Month for some Pisces
- 29 Adversary
- 30 Run-down
- 33 Wears well
- 36 Like some watermelons
- 38 Radio knob
- 41 Contemptuous look
- 43 Rice variety
- 46 Windy one
- 48 Type of voyage
- 50 Central spot
- 51 Q-Tip
- 52 "Moonstruck" star
- 53 Weaponry
- 54 Heady of "Game of Thrones"
- 55 SpaceX CEO Musk
- 56 Arid
- 58 Junior's junior

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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Hand and foot card game

The hand and foot card game is going to start up again at the Senior Center. Whether you are new to hand and foot or interested in learning, please join us most Thursdays at 1:15 p.m. at the Senior Center. This card game involves four rounds of playing until the final round is reached — some two to three hours later. Plan to stay and meet some new friends or catch up with those you have missed over the last couple of years. No experience is necessary

so come willing to learn.

Community Cafe menu

Thursday, Dec. 29 — Seafood Vera Cruz with rice pilaf, dinner roll, garden salad, fruit, milk and pistachio pudding cake.

Friday, Dec. 30 — Pork posole soup with garnishes, tortilla, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Monday, Jan. 2 — Closed for New Year's holiday.

Tuesday Jan. 3 — Chicken Parmesan over egg noodles, green beans, garlic bread, salad, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 4 — Beef barley soup with focaccia bread, garden salad, broccoli salad, fruit and milk.

Thursday, Jan. 5 — Shrimp scampi with polenta cake, stuffed mushrooms, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, Jan. 6 — Hawaiian pork and peppers, coconut rice, fortune cookies, garden salad and milk.

Grab-N-Go meals

Grab-N-Go meals reservations and cancellations are required. Please call or text by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you want to pick up a meal. A suggested donation of \$5 helps to sustain our program. No one will be turned

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New food trends for a new year

By Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

Food trends change — often quickly and sometimes drastically. It's exciting to learn about the next big thing in the food industry. Last year, interactive foods and celebrity food collaborations were all the hype as numerous brands hopped on the bandwagon.

Whether it's an innovative cooking method or a convenient way to enjoy bread and butter, upcoming trends can be hard to predict, but creativity is always on the rise.

Avocado oil and butter boards are on the menu for 2023, according to the Oklahoma State University Robert M. Kerr Food and Agricultural Products Center (FAPC), which highlights popular

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food trends for the upcoming year.

Andrea Graves, business planning and marketing specialist, said there is a lot of potential for new markets in the food industry.

"Food manufacturers should pay attention to food trends for it can open up new markets for their products and gain new customers," Graves said. "Staying informed has the potential to make them a lot of money."

Check out the top 10 trends for

2023, according to FAPC:

- **Steam ovens:** Steam ovens, also known as combination or smart ovens, are used to preserve moisture and nutrients of food without the need for oil or butter. Cooking with steam is a healthy alternative to a microwave and a great way to prepare just about anything.

- **Butter boards:** It's no surprise charcuterie boards are a crowd-pleasing and top-ranked appetizer, but meats and cheeses aren't the only popular ingredients. Butter boards are the latest trend, where a layer of softened butter is spread on a wooden tray. The layer of butter is then garnished with garlic, spices and herbs. Bread is served alongside the butter.

- **Pasta alternatives:** Chickpeas, lentils and pulses are becoming more popular in plant-based pasta recipes. Low-carb dishes such as spaghetti squash, zucchini pasta and sweet potato pasta are health-conscious pasta alternatives.

- **Food delivery robots:** Food technology has dramatically changed the food industry. Before

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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 brown creeper.

Hidden within the deep furrows of tree bark are insects and spiders in different stages of their life cycles. Eggs, larvae, pupae and adult forms can all be found in this environment. The brown creeper is one of the tree-hugging songbirds that spends its time, much like a woodpecker, uncovering these food sources in order to survive.

Several adaptations make this bird designed for climbing upward to forage on the trunks of large trees. Short legs set on either side of the body; long, curved claws; a long, stiff tail; and a long, decurved, thin bill allow the creeper to cling to the bark and probe in the cracks as it spirals head first up the tree. Brown creepers and white-breasted nuthatches utilize two-way routes, creepers traveling up and nuthatches down, in search of the same food sources.

Camouflage makes these small, common birds easy to miss. Streaky brown and white plumage on their backs blends in perfectly with the bark of the coniferous trees where they spend their time. When a threat is perceived, the brown creeper will hide its white belly against the tree trunk, spread its wings and freeze in place, becoming virtually invisible.

Although these birds are primarily insectivorous in all seasons, in residential areas with large, old trees they will come to feeders to eat suet, peanut butter and some seeds in winter. In many parts of their range from North America to Central America they are resident birds. Habitat requirements include large, live trees for foraging and dead and dying trees for nesting behind loose bark.

The abundance of brown creepers is sometimes used to gauge the effects of logging practices on forest health. The spring bird monitoring project conducted by Weminuche Audubon members in local forests contributes to this understanding locally.

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 the pandemic, food delivery robots were less popular, but with an increase in contactless food delivery demands, robots are becoming more common for delivering food across college campuses and cities. In 2023, delivery services will be challenged to adapt and provide sustainable solutions that reduce waste and pollution.

- **Dates:** As a rich source of protective plant compounds, dates are showing up more and more in commercial products and as a staple ingredient. Enjoy dates as a snack, on their own or find them used as a natural sweetener in the form of syrups and sauces. Food influencers are quick to share recipes of chocolate-covered or stuffed dates, and the creativity will continue in the new year.

- **Adventurous dining:** After cooking at home throughout the pandemic, everyone is relishing the fact that indoor restaurant dining is back. A massive rise in dining that offers an experience is expected in the coming year. Dinner theater restaurants are one experience that can spice up a meal.

- **Pickle-flavored foods:** When exploring a grocery store, it is common to find a variety of pickle-flavored snacks, ranging from potato chips to candy. Some of the most dill-icious pickle-flavored foods include pickle pistachios, salsa and popcorn seasoning. In 2023, more products are predicted to hit the shelves for pickle lovers everywhere.

- **Meal subscriptions:** While the

food delivery trends are constantly changing, food delivery subscription services are one trend that will keep growing for years to come. Delivery subscriptions are popular because they offer convenience for busy families and provide a variety of choices with hundreds of meal options. In a competitive market, prices are becoming more affordable.

- **Avocado oil:** The nutty flavor and buttery texture of avocado oil has made it a staple in pantries for years. As an alternative to olive oil, avocado oil is finally going mainstream in packaged products across the board. In 2023, this household staple is making its way into salad dressings, mayo, chips and more.

- **Dirty soda:** Carbonated drinks have become a craze on social media and are predicted to fizz into the new year. The trend originates in Utah and consists of soda, cream and flavored syrup or some type of sweetener. There are endless ways to customize this sweet drink to your liking and shops specializing in dirty soda are popping up in states like Texas, Oklahoma and Arizona.

Upcoming classes

Jan. 23, 2023 — Cottage foods online certification, 1 to 5 p.m.

Jan. 31, 2023 (six weeks) — Colorado Building Farmers online class. This class will help you build a business plan.

Feb. 8, 2023 (six weeks) — Seed to Supper. A growers guide to low-cost vegetable gardening in Archu-

leta County, 6-8 p.m. in the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association conference room.

March 2, 2023 — Livestock and Forage Growers Online Update. A Western Slope outlook.

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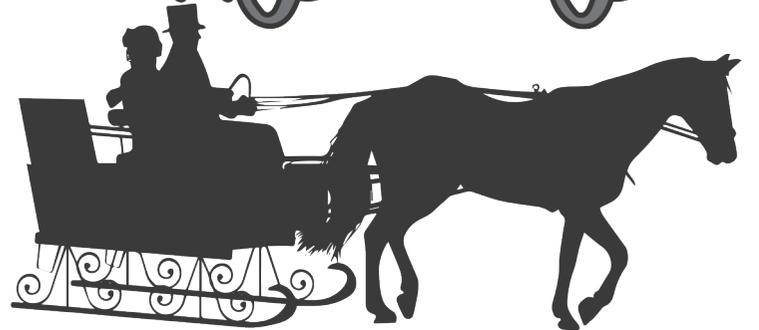
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Historic events that occurred on Jan. 1

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Jan. 1 is all about new beginnings. Upon waking up on the first day of a new year, it's not uncommon for people to turn over a new leaf or look ahead to the months to come. But the first day of the new year also merits a look back, as many historical events have taken place on Jan. 1.

- 45 BC: Of the many memorable events to take place on Jan. 1, perhaps none had a more lasting effect than Jan. 1 in 45 BC. That's the day when the Roman Empire officially adopted the Julian calendar, which established Jan. 1 as the first day of the new year.

- 404: Gladiatorial fights are banned by Christian Emperor Honorius, who issues the ban after the Christian monk Telemachus is stoned to death by a crowd as he tries to stop a gladiatorial fight in a Roman amphitheater.

- 1500: The coast of Brazil is discovered by Portuguese explorer Pedro Álvares Cabral. Cabral is acknowledged as the first European to discover Brazil and during his voyage in 1500 became the first human in history to be in four continents.

- 1600: More than 1,600 years after the Roman Empire recognized Jan. 1 as the start of the new year, Scotland follows suit. Until this point, Scotland had considered March 25 as the start of its new year.

- 1776: In the midst of the Revolutionary War, Gen. George Washington hoists the Grand Union Flag, a precursor to the American flag, at Prospect Hill in Somerville, Mass. Historians cite this as the first time any American flag was raised.

- 1801: The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland is proclaimed. The sovereign state would remain in existence until 1922, when the Irish Free State was established.

- 1863: The Emancipation Proclamation takes effect in Confederate territory. The proclamation from U.S. President Abraham Lincoln changed the legal status of more than 3.5 million African Americans from enslaved to free.

- 1898: The city of Greater New York is created when New York, N.Y., annexes land from surrounding counties. Four boroughs (Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, and the Bronx) are established, and a fifth (Staten Island) joined less than a month later.

- 1912: The Republic of China is established. The People's Republic of China, which rules the mainland today, cites 1949 as the official end of the Republic of China.

- 1934: Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay becomes a United States federal prison. High costs of running the prison would be one of the major contributing factors to its closure as a detention facility in 1963. The prison is now a popular tourist attraction.

- 1971: A ban on television ads promoting cigarettes goes into effect in the United States.

- 1990: David Dinkins is sworn in as the first African American mayor of New York City. It was not Dinkins' first turn as a trailblazer, as he also was among the first African American U.S. Marines.



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ANSWER:

Red Flag laws work, but they have to be used

By Brian Sexton
PREVIEW Columnist

When Colorado passed its Red Flag law, called “Extreme Risk Protection Orders,” in 2019, El Paso County Sheriff Bill Elder announced his opposition: “I am exploring all legal options and am vigorously challenging the constitutionality of this law.”

He wasn’t alone. Many county sheriffs in Colorado said they believed the law didn’t allow enough due process or was unconstitutional.

But since then, some 20 of these so-called “sanctuary” counties have seen the light, implementing this sensible law so that weapons have been taken away from violent people. But it was not used in El Paso County’s Colorado Springs, where a man recently killed five people and wounded many others at Club Q, an LGBTQ bar.

The shooter, who survived, never had to go to court to defend himself against the Red Flag law — even after law enforcement was called in a year ago to stop him from threatening his family with a bomb.

If anyone needed to be parted from weapons, it was the Club Q shooter. But sadly, in the wake of massacres like this, we frequently learn that no action was taken earlier by either law enforcement or family.

The El Paso County Sheriff’s Office, in a statement to the Colorado Sun, admitted that it has never initiated an extreme risk protection order, the first step in removing a firearm from someone under Colorado law.

The Red Flag law builds in due process, as only a judge can begin the process of removing someone’s guns. A second court appearance is necessary to extend a temporary protection order beyond two weeks. While a Red Flag law is now used in 19 other states, the Associated Press found that Colorado residents invoke the law less often than residents of other states.

Why? A major reason is the anti-democratic ideology of county sheriffs who choose what laws to

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enforce. Sheriffs have bought into the peculiar notion that a county has ultimate legal authority to uphold the Constitution of the United States.

One result of this old “Posse Comitatus” approach is that local sheriffs feel free to ignore state laws they don’t like. All they have to do is label them “unconstitutional.”

This attitude was on full display in several states when they issued emergency orders to curb the spread of COVID-19. Rural sheriffs in Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Washington and California resisted. They defied the orders of their state government and refused to enforce public health measures.

The backbone of this county approach is best represented by the Constitutional Sheriff and Peace Officer Association, a group based in Arizona and founded by Richard Mack, described by the Anti-Defamation League as an “anti-government extremist.” Mack is also credited as a founding member of the Oath Keepers, infamous for their involvement in the Jan. 6 Capitol riot.

In my home state of Oregon, this rhetoric has made inroads. Though a contentious ballot measure restricting magazine capacity and implementing a new firearm permitting system recently passed, several county sheriffs have joined lawsuits to prevent the reforms from going into effect. Many more of Oregon’s 36 county sheriffs have stated they will not enforce all or parts of the law.

While not all of these sheriffs may view themselves as members of the Constitutional Sheriff and Peace Officer Association, the influence of its ideology is undeniable.

You would think it goes without saying, but the job of a county sheriff has never been to interpret laws as they see fit. Sheriffs are elected

officials entrusted by their community to apply laws fairly. Allowing sheriffs to act as supreme legal arbiters is wrongheaded and dangerous. If the El Paso County sheriff or the shooter’s family had implemented the Red Flag law, a massacre might have been prevented.

So-called “Constitutional Sheriffs” couch their rhetoric and ideology as a fight to preserve liberty and justice. It is almost as if they were living in a fictionalized version of the Wild West, where a lone sheriff with a gun upholds civilization.

That is not the world we live in. Guns are not sacrosanct possessions; unstable and dangerous people should not be allowed to stockpile weapons, and activating the Red Flag law can save lives.

If our sheriffs won’t uphold the laws, maybe it’s time to vote for someone who will.

Brian Sexton is a contributor to *Writers on the Range*, writer-sontherange.org, an independent nonprofit dedicated to spurring conversation about Western issues. He writes about wildlife and hunting in Oregon. Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of *The SUN*.

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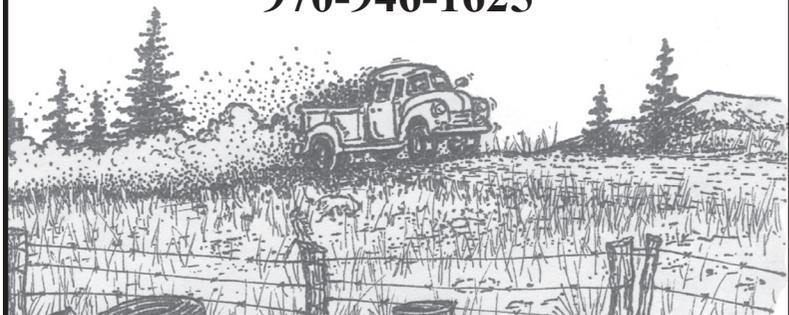
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Tale of the friendly cow

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

When the economy started declining in 2008, my wife, Donna, thought we should consider getting a milk cow. We called around and found a Jersey dairy and asked if they might sell us one.

"I'm sure we could find something," Dallin, the owner, said.

Donna and I drove to the dairy, pulling our horse trailer behind our van. When we got there, Dallin said he had three cows from which we could choose. I knew that a dairy farm never sells their best cows, so I asked what was wrong with them.

Dallin pointed at the first one. "This cow is a little bit wild."

I decided that one was out. If I ever had to be gone, and my children needed to milk the cow, I wanted her to be gentle.

Dallin pointed at the second cow. "This cow only has three good teats."

I considered this cow for a moment. I was going to be milking by hand but eventually hoped to get a milker. Keeping a milker on a cow with three teats was hard.

We went to the pasture to look at the last cow. She was a solid-looking cow, with good form, and I knew she was probably a decent milker. I figured she must have a bad disposition.

"This cow is —" Dallin paused and thought a minute before he continued. "I'm not quite sure how to describe her."

"Is she mean?" I asked.

"Quite the contrary," he replied. "She's too friendly. The problem is, my children raised her as a pet, and she feels she's part of the family. She's bossy and tells the other cows what to do. I think that's because she feels that as a family member, she's superior to them. She also likes to be petted, and I mean she likes it a lot."

At this point that the cow saw us, and she headed quickly in our direction. She came up and pushed her head right into my stomach quite forcefully.

"She's asking you to pet her," Dallin said.

I thought, "She isn't asking; she's telling."

"She might work well as a single cow," Dallin said. "With no other cows to boss around, she should get along OK."

She did seem to be the best cow of the three, so I decided she would be the one. As we walked back to

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the yard where the horse trailer was parked, the cow followed us, staying right next to me so I could pet her. I had to watch my feet so she wouldn't step on them.

"Will she load OK into our horse trailer?" I asked.

Dallin shrugged. "Never tried. But my guess is, knowing her, if you were to go in first, taking some grain with you and petting her, you could coax her right in. Do you have a front door on the trailer you can go out?"

"Yes," I replied. "It's a small one, but I think I can squeeze through it."

And that's exactly what I did. I backed into the trailer, holding out the bucket and scratching the cow's head. She followed me in, with her head buried in the bucket eating

the grain. Once I had her in, Dallin shut the back door, and I climbed out the front one.

"Just don't forget to scratch her ears when you turn her out of the barn," Dallin said. "She doesn't like it if you forget."

I said I would remember, paid him the money, and we were on our way.

For a while, I remembered what Dallin said, but one day I forgot. I milked her and turned her out of the stall, then started spreading straw in the barn. The cow stood patiently for about 10 seconds, then she pushed her head into my back, shoving me against the wall. For about 10 minutes, I tried to whack her to get her to let me go, but nothing worked. Finally, I remembered what Dallin said. I was able to reach one hand around enough to scratch behind one ear. She let me go and turned the other ear for me to scratch it. Once I had finished, she went off to her pasture.

And that's when I realized why Dallin decided to sell a "too friendly" cow.

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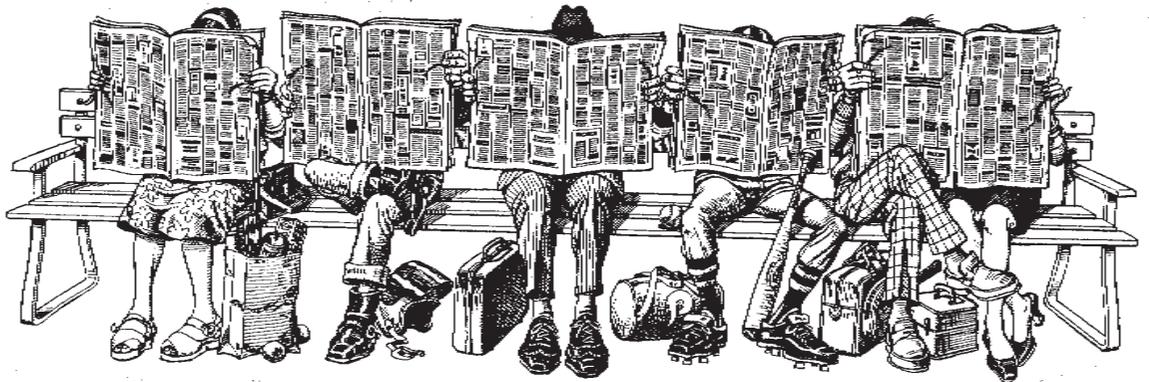


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Tricks to trim your utility bill

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Strategic use of appliances in a home can help consumers reduce their energy bills by a significant amount.

A rapid rise in the cost of living will undoubtedly prove to be one of the major stories of 2022. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), energy prices rose by 41.6 percent in the 12-month period that ended in June 2022, marking the highest 12-month increase since April 1980.

The significant spike in energy costs is somewhat misleading, as the BLS considers motor fuel prices, which rose more than 60 percent in the 12-month period ending in June 2022, part of the energy category. However, during that same period, electricity prices rose by nearly 14 percent, while natural gas prices increased by 38 percent. Both of those increases were more significant than the more publicized rise in food prices, which rose by right around 10 percent.

Families need to eat and many professionals now must return to in-person work after years of pandemic-related remote working, which means they must confront higher fuel costs. That leaves little room to save money in those areas.

However, there are ways for families to reduce home energy costs without adversely affecting their quality of life.

- Run appliances during off-peak hours. According to the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the best time to use appliances in a home is when overall electricity use is low. Though this time changes depending on the season and can vary based on geography, the DOE and the EPA both note that after 9 p.m. and before 9 a.m. are generally the off-peak hours in most areas.

- Strategically use your shades and blinds. The energy providers at ConEd estimate that about 40 percent of unwanted heat comes through windows. Strategic use of curtains, shades and blinds can keep heat out on hot days, thus allowing homeowners to turn the thermostat up on their air conditioning units in summer. Opening curtains, blinds and shades on winter mornings and afternoons will allow more sunlight in, allowing homeowners to control heating costs more effectively.

- Reorganize your refrigerator. There are plenty of contradictory strategies regarding how best to

store foods in a refrigerator so the unit consumes as little energy as possible while still keeping foods fresh and chilled. But various energy providers, including ConEd, recommend that consumers avoid packing a fridge too tightly. By allowing cold air to circulate within the refrigerator, the refrigerator won't need to work as hard, and thus consume as much energy, to keep foods cool. It's important to note that the opposite should govern how the freezer is packed. Packing frozen items tightly in the freezer will help the refrigerator work a little less hard.

- Turn off the lights. Estimates from the U.S. Energy Information Administration indicate that electricity for lighting accounts for around 10 percent of electricity consumption in homes. A concerted effort to turn off lights in rooms that aren't being used can help consumers save money.

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THE TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS is receiving an application for variance from rooftop screening and dark sky compliance requirements at 109 Harman Park Drive. The Board of Adjustments will consider the application at a public hearing scheduled on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 5:30p.m. The Public Hearing will be conducted at 551 Hot Springs Blvd and will be available to attend remotely at this Zoom meeting link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82738710091> or to join by telephone dial: 1-719-359-4580 Webinar ID: 827 3871 0091 Public Hearings and Meetings will be conducted at 551 Hot Springs Blvd and available for remote attendance via the Zoom meeting platform. To access the meeting agendas and staff reports, click the round Minutes and Agendas tab located along the bottom of the photo on the Town's website home page at pagosasprings.co.gov. You may also view the application at mypagosa.org/proposed-development-projects. For more information and anyone wishing to provide comments, please contact the Town Planning Division at cschultz@pagosasprings.co.gov or at (970)264-4151, ext. 221. Public comments will be accepted at the public hearing.

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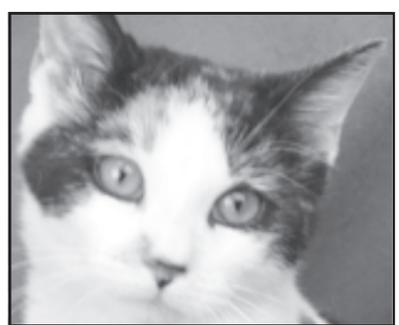
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Time to get out of the kitchen

A friend called, "I'm so upset. I'm here staying at the timeshare for Thanksgiving. My daughter-in-law has planned to do all the cooking. She told me I wasn't needed in the kitchen."

"That's good news. Why are you whining?"

"Because I like to cook the turkey and decorate for the holidays. I brought everything to decorate with and big pans to cook in so our vacation will feel like home."

"Are you kidding? Can you hear yourself? Let her do it. Why are you making work for yourself?"

"Because I've always cooked Thanksgiving dinner."

There is something about a woman and her kitchen. I have a friend who will not let anyone clean up after a meal. She has to put everything back in perfect order. There are women who have never shared their kitchen with anyone. It's their kitchen and woe to anyone who comes into her coveted space.

I was the boss in my kitchen, but I insisted everyone help with the meals. With three daughters and one son, everyone needed to learn to cook and I needed the help, so my kitchen was our kitchen.

After giving advice to my friend for Thanksgiving, I realized I needed to take my own advice. Our son came home not intending to stay, but decided my Sweet Al and I needed help. We didn't realize we needed someone to take care of us. The older we have become, apparently, we need help.

Our son took over the duties of the kitchen when he arrived. He has a passion for cooking. He watches cooking shows for entertainment. He creates recipes and treats us to exotic meals. I was thrilled. I was tired of cooking. I wasn't quite ready to move out of the kitchen, but the kitchen wasn't big enough for two cooks.

For family dinner each week, we alternate between houses. When it's our turn to prepare a meal, our son steps in and cooks. It's not for me to hash over the menu with our daughter. Our son says, "I got it." That means, "I've got it and it's not up for discussion."

Two days before Thanksgiving, I thought I would help. So, I prepped things for the Thanksgiving dinner. For the dressing, I diced the onions

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and celery and cooked them. I fried the sausage and cooked the cranberries. I had things ready for our son. I would be out of the kitchen when he began to cook.

My son came home. "Did you cook my cranberries?"

Yes. I thought I was helping. "Why did you boil the onions and celery?"

"I always cook the onions and celery the day before."

"Do you want to do the whole meal?"

"Absolutely not."

He left upset and came home later. With a pleasant voice, but firm, he said, "It's this way. When you are painting a piece of art, do I come in, pick up your brushes and start painting? No. Why would you do that to me?"

I hadn't seen it that way before. My son is a gourmet chef. He prepares a meal fit for a queen. When he cooks, it's an event of fine dining, like painting a piece of fine art. He will drive to town to get the necessary seasoning for a certain taste. He'll make the 10-mile trip for a fresh lemon to garnish the plate.

Heavens. All these years, I was feeding a hungry family. They didn't wait for me to drive to town to make it an event. I cooked family-style with what I had to cook with. If I didn't have oatmeal and was making oatmeal cookies, I used cornflakes. If I didn't have BBQ sauce, I'd make it with ketchup and brown sugar, or a can of tomato paste and molasses. Living in the country, I learned to be flexible with what I had. I wasn't making a fine piece of art to adorn the table. I was just feeding my family.

I told my Sweet Al, "I've been replaced in the kitchen. It's time for me to shift, understand where I am in life and make room for another person's gift. I cooked because there was a need. He cooks out of love, and it tastes better."

Final brushstroke: The Thanksgiving meal was superb. Every dish

was fit for royalty. Our son was in his place. Even though, I feel like I can still handle the heat, something is telling me it's time to stay out of the kitchen. It is no longer my kitchen. Turn it over to the chef.

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