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COVID variant found in county

Courthouse closes due to COVID cases, school moves to online learning

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

Colorado's first confirmed case of COVID-19 came on March 5, 2020. Archuleta County's first confirmed case followed later that month. As of March 3 of this year, Archuleta County has had a total of 662 confirmed cases among permanent residents.

Now, a year into the pandemic, Archuleta County is experiencing additional closures and remote learning, as well as local detection of the California variant and additional suspected variant cases.

On Tuesday, March 1, San Juan See COVID A8

Basin Public Health (SJBPH) reported via a press release that cases with variants of the virus that causes COVID-19 have been identified in Archuleta and La Plata counties, including the B.1.427/B.1.429 variant, which Brian Devine, the agency's deputy incident commander for COVID-19 response, noted is known as the West Coast variant or the California variant.

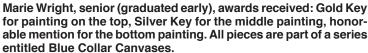
To date, SJBPH has confirmed two cases of the B.1.427/B.1.429 variant, one from Archuleta County and one from La Plata County.

The B.1.427/B.1.429 variant,

BoCC exploring option



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of joining Silver Thread Public Health District their health district," Maez said. Currently, the STPHD is made up of Mineral County and Hinsdale The Archuleta County Board of County, both bordering Archuleta

exploring the possibility of joining the Silver Thread Public Health District (STPHD) and leaving San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH). At a work session held by the BoCC on Tuesday, March 2, Com-

County Commissioners (BoCC) is

By Clayton Chaney

Staff Writer

missioner Ronnie Maez discussed the possibility of drafting a letter of interest to send to Mineral County and Hinsdale County commissioners requesting to join the STPHD.

"This is simply a letter out to them requesting for them to review and see if they would be interested in Archuleta County joining with See Health A8

SJBPH has been serving both Archuleta County and La Plata County since 1948.

During the work session, Maez noted Archuleta County is more comparable to Hinsdale and Mineral counties in terms of popula-

According to census.gov, the estimated population in Archuleta County as of July 2019 was 14,029. Hinsdale County's population as of July 2019 was estimated at 820 and

Governor announces new COVID-19 vaccine eligibility guidelines

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

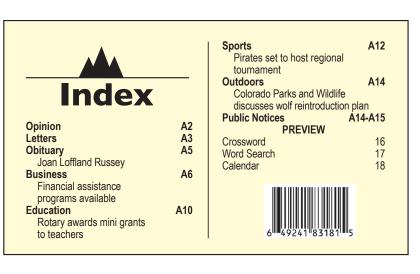
Gov. Jared Polis announced Friday, Feb. 26, that Colorado has amended its vaccine eligibility groups based on anticipated vaccine supply, with the newly defined group 1B.3 eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine beginning tomorrow, March 5.

That eligibility group includes people age 60 and older; frontline essential workers in food and agriculture including grocery workers, meatpacking workers and agricultural processing workers; and people age 16-64 with two or more high-risk conditions.

Those high-risk conditions in- ■ See Vaccine A8

clude: people receiving treatment for cancer or who have received treatment in the past month; chronic kidney disease; chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; diabetes; Down syndrome; heart conditions, like heart failure, cardiomyopathies, or coronary heart disease; obesity (BMI greater than 30); pregnancy; sickle cell disease; organ transplant recipients; people with disabilities that require direct care at home; and people with disabilities that prevent them from wearing a mask.

Then, on the heels of Polis' announcement, Johnson and Johnson's single-shot Janssen vaccine



creativity)

By Jenna Gannon Pagosa Springs High School

The Pagosa Springs High School Art Department $announced \, five \, state-level \, awards \, by \, students \, in \, the \,$ Visual Arts Department.

The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards are the nation's longest-running and most prestigious recognition program for creative teens in grades seven through 12.

In 2020, Colorado had more than 6,000 pieces of art submitted from approximately 2,200 students in the program. Judges looked for work that best exemplified originality, technical skill and the emergence of a personal voice or vision. Students

receiving Gold Keys, Silver Keys, Honorable Mentions, American Visions and Voices nominations will be in a digital art show that will be displayed at https://www.coloradoartawards.org/regionalexhibitionawards in March.

Gold Key works are then judged nationally by panel of creative industry experts to receive national medals, including Gold, Silver, American Visions and Voices, Portfolio Silver with Distinction or Portfolio Gold Medals and special awards.

Notable artists with a Colorado connection who've previously received Scholastic Art Awards are Quang Ho, Dale Chrisman, Mel Silverman, Donald Lipski, Robert Redford, Hugh Grant and Cal Duran.



Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs High School Blaize Gutierrez, junior, awarded Silver Key.



Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs High School Madeline Stewart, senior, awarded honorable mention.

Landmark lives on:

Liberty Theater in hands of new owners

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

The Liberty Theater is in the hands of new owners, with the new owners looking to breathe new life into the downtown landmark.

According to the history section on the theater's website, "The historic Liberty Theatre is the descendent [sic] of one of Pagosa Springs' early motion picture theatres and has been in operation under the same name since 1919."

The theater, it states, is the fourtholdest theater in Colorado.

So, when the historic space hit the market, Evelyn Tennyson and Sherry Phillips were interested, especially after hearing rumblings that some wanted to turn the theater into retail

Each individually looked into purchasing the space, with Tennyson even making an offer, but the amount of work needed made them ultimately walk away.

"I honestly had never been in the theater, but the thought of it going away, and not having had the opportunity to go there, just, it made me sad." Tennyson said.

But then, last fall, as the pair and their significant others went out to dinner, they realized they were all interested in the property.

"It kept kind of almost haunting me," Tennyson said, and she kept

■ See Theater A8

County approves new shortterm rental permit fees

By Clayton Chaney Staff Writer

New short-term rental (STR) permit fees have been approved by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC).

At the regular board meeting held by the BoCC on March 2, the BoCC voted unanimously to approve Resolution 2021-19 in regard to adjustments to the county's STR permit fees.

Non-owner occupied STRs will now be required to pay a \$700 fee for their permit, raising the cost from a

Owner-occupied STRs will only be required to pay a \$400 fee.

The third aspect of the resolution included that 50 percent of overage fees received by the county through permit fees will be earmarked for an affordable housing fund to be made available to developers looking to build in Archuleta County.

Overage fees are revenues received that exceed the costs that the county incurs in processing STR permits.

The BoCC recently discussed the option of charging an additional \$100 per bedroom on top of the permit fee, but that option was removed.

Unlike previous BoCC meetings, BoCC Chair Alvin Schaaf opened up the floor to public comment on

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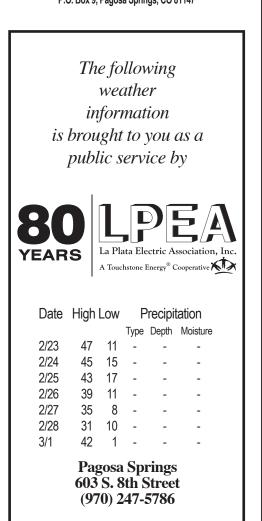
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EDITORIAL

This pandemic is not over

What a year it has been.

On Feb. 26, 2020, Dr. Rhonda Webb, CEO of Upper San Juan Health Service District, activated the district's emergency operations plan for a pandemic.

The first positive case of COVID-19 in Colorado was confirmed on March 5, 2020, and by March 11, 2020, that number had grown to 27 statewide.

Also on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a global pandemic.

That same day, Gov. Jared Polis issued an executive order declaring a state of disaster emergency in Colorado due to the presence of COVID-19.

More than 1,080 people in the U.S. had tested positive for COVID-19 as of the morning of March 11, 2020; at least 32 people across the country had died.

On March 12, 2020, Webb activated the district's incident command as part of its emergency operations plan to prepare and respond to the pandemic.

In that day's issue of The SUN, we discussed the importance of "social distancing" along with the lack of toilet paper and hand sanitizer. Stock markets plummeted in the wake of coronavirus fears. As your hometown newspaper, we committed to keeping readers informed throughout the public health crisis.

That same day, Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) hosted a meeting to coordinate emergency response by all governmental entities should there be a surge of patients.

On March 13, 2020, the president of the United States issued a proclamation stating that the "COVID-19 outbreak constitutes a national emergency.'

On March 14, when Gov. Jared Polis closed down Wolf Creek Ski Area right at the start of the biggest week of spring break, our tourist-based economy came crashing down.

On March 16, 2020, the executive director of San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) declared a local disaster emergency. A public health order closed bars, restaurants, theaters and casinos

Also on March 16, 2020, Pagosa Springs Mayor Don Volger and Archuleta County Administrator Scott Wall declared a local disaster emergency.

The governor ordered schools to close. Sports were canceled. Students, teachers and staff scrambled to move to online learning. Broadband experts were called in to install hotspots for students.

Poll results (159 votes)

Vote this week online:

How closely are you following

public health-recommended

protocols?

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Yes. — 83 percent

No. — 14 percent

I don't know. — 3 percent

WHADDYA THINK?

Should public comment on any topic be allowed in public meetings?

County resident was confirmed as presumptive positive for COVID-19.

The town and county provided assistance where they could in the form of gift cards, free meals, and assistance to individuals and businesses who found themselves affected by the pandemic.

Local bankers worked endless hours granting Paycheck Protection Program loans that helped to keep area businesses afloat, which provided much-needed paychecks for employees.

Landlords forgave utility and rent payments to those struggling.

We saw a huge outpouring of love for our community from those who live here in Pagosa to those who wish they lived here. People rallied to give to those in need through the pandemic.

The Food Coalition and area food pantries stepped up their efforts to feed

Many of our local businesses had to pivot to stay afloat. They did not give up. They worked endless hours to keep their doors open to whatever capacity was allowed during the pandemic.

Archuleta School District held a most unique and memorable high school graduation celebration in May.

Over the months that followed, Archuleta County experienced low case counts until summer. That is when we saw case numbers begin to increase in the community. Our county moved from one level to another on the COVID dial.

Most of our community events were canceled throughout the year, including the county fair, festivals, fundraisers and holiday events. Some were able to hold successful virtual options.

It was all hands on deck for the Archuleta School District to bring students back to school for the fall semester and for student athletes to be able to compete again.

On Dec. 16, 2020, PSMC Chief of Staff Dr. Ralph Battels and fellow Emergency Room physician Dr. Michelle Flemmings became the first in Archuleta County to receive a dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Since then, vaccination efforts by

PSMC and other providers in our county have received accolades from around Our county experienced numerous

outbreaks over the year and reported its first COVID-19-related death in January of this year. The current U.S. death toll related to

COVID-19 sits at more than 516,000. The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, you all.

On March 26, 2020, the first Archuleta Office of Emergency Management

worked to make testing available at the Western Heritage Event Center's Hughes Pavilion, along with PSMC and other medical providers and volunteers also doing their part to provide testing. SJB-PH reports that more than 10,036 diagnostic tests were performed in Archuleta County over a one-year period.

We've experienced great economic pain and suffering as a community due to the pandemic. It is more important now than ever to patronize our local restaurants and shops.

This week has seen states across the country lifting mask and crowd-size rules even while the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say we should not. We believe that these actions will have wide-ranging impacts.

Unfortunately, this pandemic is not over. Things haven't been all that smooth here in Pagosa Country with Pagosa Springs High School returning to remote learning this week due to positive cases of COVID-19 and potential exposures resulting in multiple quarantines. Teachers are pleading for us to remain vigilant and wear masks and social distance.

This week finds our courthouse closed due to positive cases of CO-VID-19. We were just there Friday and saw very little use of masks despite the statewide order.

This week also brought the announcement of a COVID-19 variant case being identified in Archuleta County.

Things have certainly changed over the past year. This pandemic has touched us all. We have witnessed an amazing resilience in our community.

We've watched our passionate and dedicated community leaders including hospital and public health staff, medical providers, mental health care workers, emergency personnel and first responders, dispatch staff, emergency management team, law enforcement, health and human services, victim advocates, town and county staff, elected officials, school officials, school administrators, teachers and business owners working to make tough decisions in a battle against a complicated and mysterious virus. Local organizations, agencies and numerous volunteers have provided endless support amid the pandemic. Those efforts made all of the difference for our community and saved lives.

There are many heroes deserving of our thanks and recognition. We salute

Terri Lynn Oldham House

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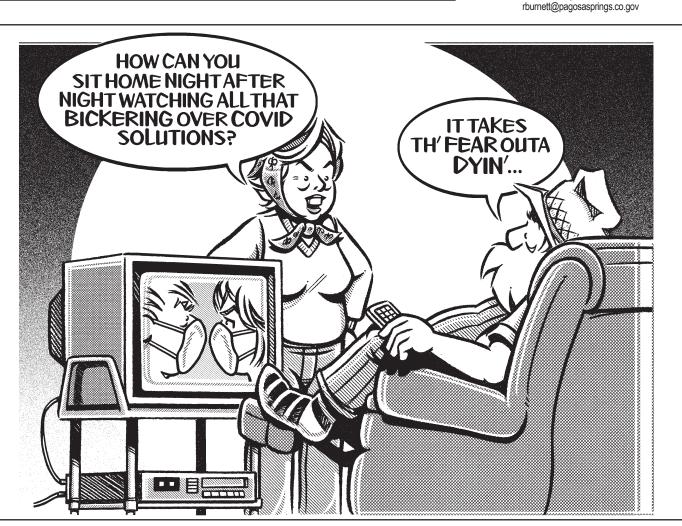
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LEGACIES

100 years ago Taken from SUN files of

March 4, 1921

In view of the financial situation which is confronting the cattlemen and sheepmen of the West, the Secretary of Agriculture, on recommendation of the Forest Service, has provided for a postponement until August 1, 1921, of the payment of grazing fees for stock running on the National Forests in this general vicinity. These fees are ordinarily due from April 1 to June 1.

A sweeping reduction in the working force of the maintenance department of the Denver & Rio Grande system went into effect Tuesday, when about 43 per cent were placed temporarily without employment.

Joe J. Macht, who recently went to Mayo Brothers' hospital at Rochester, Minn., for examination, on Tuesday entered the hospital for a four to six weeks' course of treatment. His brother, Harry, who accompanied him to Rochester, left that city Tuesday for Pagosa Springs, arriving last night.

75 years ago Taken from SUN files of

March 8, 1946

Mrs. John Galbreath reports that there is enough yarn left for 15 more sweaters, and that knitters are needed. For the past year, the knitting has been accomplished by only a few women of the community, and this help is needed at this time. The sweaters are to be used by convalescent soldiers at hospitals in this country, for light wraps.

Kos Harman, who had spent the winter in Farmington, arrived home Monday bringing a nice snowstorm with him. He left during the first snow of the season and thinks now that it would be best for him to make these trips every week or so. Edward Seibel, of Arboles, left Du-

rango Tuesday for Denver, for his army induction physical. Seibel had enlisted for 3 years in the AAF. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Seibel.

Pagosa Springs High School's all-conquering Buccaneers swept through "C" League play to take the Conference Championship from Dolores in a playoff game and then went to Durango to win the Class "C" Tourney.

50 years ago Taken from SUN files of

March 4, 1971

Ralph (Hoppo) Yamaguchi, who has operated Ralph's 66 Service for the past 14 years, announced this week that he had sold his interest in the station to Bill Kinter. Kinter, an armed forces veteran, came here from Gallup, N.M., and has lived here slightly over two years.

There will be a community shower held Sunday, March 7, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the REA building. The shower is being held to help replace household items lost by Mr. and Mrs. Vern Smith when their trailer house burned last week.

Some changes in the back shop at the SUN, installation of new equipment, and re-painting some walls have created great problems. One of the walls was close to the editor's desk and on it he had written the proper spelling of necessary, occurrence, and similar words. Now this makes it necessary for this writer to make frequent trips to the dictionary. We also had painted over the serial number of a press, the number of copies of several jobs that we print regularly and other very valuable information. Maybe we can use that as an alibi for many mistakes.

25 years ago Taken from SUN files of

March 7, 1996

The Pagosa Springs Science Fair was held last week at the junior high school gym, and winners in a variety of competition categories will advance to the San Juan Basin Regional Science Fair at Durango. As a result of the competition, 20 young scientists will go to the regional event.

The Pagosa Springs Head Start Center offers area residents an opportunity to hear the laughter and chatter of children, see the smiles and creativity of little ones and learn from the knowledge and perspective of our future leaders. The local Head Start program started in 1965. Its goal was, and continues to be, to help special needs children and children of low-income families. Head Start does everything within its power to prepare these children for a successful beginning in public school. Included in the Head Start program are complete vision, hearing, dental and developmental screenings; a variety of learning experiences to encourage social, intellectual and emotional growth; as well as self-confidence boosting activities.



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Open letter

Dear Editor:

An Open Letter to Our Commu-

As educators in Pagosa Springs, the adults who play a pivotal role in the mental, emotional, and social well being of its children, we feel the need to share our disappointment with having to return to remote learning.

Our health authorities and our school district's administration have worked throughout this pandemic, following protocols and adhering to guidelines, in order to keep students and staff safe in the school buildings. We applaud them for the difficult undertaking this has proven to be. In fact, this weekend, high school administrators were at school until the evening hours measuring desks in classrooms in order to determine which students needed to quarantine. Nine teachers (one quarter) were affected due to close contact, so our school district had no choice but to practice remote learning at the high school this week. Sub positions often go unfilled during normal years and the current frontline conditions have nearly eliminated our pool throughout this pandemic. Our school district is doing everything it can to keep our schools running, to make sure that students experience some sense of normalcy in the classroom and in their activities. However, we cannot be successful without members of our community supporting our schools in word and deed. The choices we make have consequences. Right now, the consequence of these choices is going to remote learning for a week, but the impact on our economy if we continue to ignore COVID safety guidelines could have more dire and far-reaching consequences for

all of Pagosa. For some students, the school building may be the only place where they are wearing masks and practicing other COVID safety protocols. Once we release them into the community, we are at its mercy. Without help from community leaders, enforcing safety protocols students follow at school, we are sure to see more exposure and possible closures because of it. To date, all school closures have been the result of community spread, not spread within the schools. No one wants to teach or learn online. The last four weeks of in-person learning has been very productive and has given us a glimpse of normal school years past. Many of the high school staff have even made the personal decision to get vaccinated. The possibility that it may keep us healthy will allow us

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be published.

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to maintain the education of our students without interruption. Due to the timing of vaccinations, most high school staff will not have full protection until mid-March; this affected the school closing, as well. Having this vaccine administered is a leap of faith that many of us are willing to take for our children, a rather large sacrifice. Can we ask that our community make some sacrifices for us, too? At the very least, we ask that you wear a mask in public, refrain from large gatherings, and practice social distancing, and that you model this behavior

for your children. Archuleta School District will always err on the side of caution, concerning the safety of its students and staff. All we ask is that before you criticize our school district, think about how you are contributing to the solution.

Darcy DeGuise, Heather Miller, Cyndi Figaro, Rachael Christiansen, Julie Shehata, Morgan Barnes, Julie Ogier, Todd Stevens, Josh Kurz, Casey Rumberger, Sally Riggs, Mylinda Blankenship, Dyan

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Toughest season: 'Do your part'

Dear Editor:

March marks a halfway point in my life. I've spent exactly half of my 44 laps living in Pagosa Springs. Pagosa is beautiful, but it's our community of wonderful people that make Pagosa an incredible place to live. Pagosans are hard working, resourceful, generous, and genuinely caring people. It follows that Pagosans also raise great kids (I should know since I've the privilege of teaching science to over 1500 of them).

This March also marks the toughest season of my 18-year teaching career. Like many educators in our community, the past yo-yo year has tested my flexibility, adaptability, patience, and commitment to my craft. Covid has exacted a steep toll on everyone in Archuleta County, especially our children. But, the current adversity that we face can be yet another opportunity to reveal our community's true character. Time and time again, members of Archuleta County have proudly persevered and united toward a common goal through acts of kindness, generosity, and self-sacrifice (my family knows this fact first hand). We don't need contact tracing to know that everyone and every action (or inaction) in our community is interconnected. Sadly, this week, the education of over 400 high school students has yet again been impacted by inaction during a community event.

Today, I believe our community shares a common goal, which is in-person instruction for our children, but we need to recognize, despite our individual beliefs and differences, that our collective goal has the best chance of sustained success if we all do our part in wearing masks, which I believe is a small sacrifice considering what's at stake. Frontline teachers want nothing more than to see our students' smiling faces. Until then, we'll continue to safely educate the kids we love, but our efforts are in vain without your support.

Today I plead with you to do your part in putting this pandemic in the past. Please support our schools by making the same sacrifices that teachers are making for the sake of the education and wellbeing of our children.

Josh Kurz

Racism

Dear Editor:

What if I told you that you would receive preferred status from your prospective employer when you apply for your next job based on the color of your skin, but that skin color isn't yours?

What if I told you that you would be given preferred consideration on your application for admission to your chosen college or university because of the color of your skin, but that skin color isn't yours?

What if I told you that you would be first in line for low income housing based on the color of your skin, but that skin color isn't yours?

What if I told you that you would be granted preferred status for a Small Business Administration loan based on the color of your skin, but that skin color isn't yours?

What if I told you that you would receive preference for government benefits like SNAP cards, or free cell phones, or unemployment benefits, or consideration for government jobs because of the color of your skin, but that skin color isn't yours?

What if I told you that if you wanted to work for your current employer that you had to undergo sensitivity training that tells you that your skin color is bad, you need to be ashamed of your skin color and be less of whatever your skin color is?

What if I told you that you are a racist simply because of the color of your skin?

What if I told you that everything your ethnic group ever did was done to make life for those of other ethnic groups more difficult, that your ethnic group is inherently evil, and that your ethnic group and culture needs to be cancelled completely in order to make the world better?

What if I told you that from now on your children in public schools will be taught how evil their own ethnic group is, and that they can no longer have pride in famous people of their own ethnic group, and to be told that their ethnic group needs to take a back seat to other ethnic groups from now on?

The leftists in our country are talking a lot about "equity" these days. In the name of equity they are insisting that all of the above items be made into law and/or widely practiced throughout our nation. It used to be that the goal for ethnic harmony in our nation was to achieve a color blind society, but that no longer seems to be the case. I can only think of one accurate way to describe it: Racism.

Richard Bolland

Big lies

Dear Editor:

"If you repeat the Big Lie often enough, some people may eventually believe it." This has been the mantra of a certain segment of the political spectrum for the last several years. "Humans play no role in causing climate change," they repeated over and over. "COVID-19 is just like the flu," they told us again and again. "The 2020 election was stolen," they told us, until thousands of true believers in the Big Lie undertook an insurrection at the Capitol that left at least five Americans dead. Not one of those Big Lies was actually true. Now, they are at it again. At least two letters in last week's Sun promoted the Big Lie that renewable energy was responsible for the collapse of the Texas power grid. The fact is that renewable energy had absolutely nothing to do with what happened in Texas.

Yes, it is true that around 20 percent of Texas' power comes from wind turbines. However, more than twice as much, about half of Texas' total power, comes from natural gas. And while it is true that some wind turbines froze up, it is also true that every other source of power in Texas also froze up. Natural gas wells and gas pipelines froze. One of the state's two nuclear plants was shut down by the freeze as well. So the big freeze was across the board, and of course impacted non-renewable energy more than renewable energy for the simple reason that most power in Texas is generated using non-renewable energy sources such as gas, oil, and coal.

of power freeze up, eventually putting about 4 million customers out of power? To understand that, you have to understand the Texas power grid, ERCOT, the misnamed Energy Reliability Council of Texas. ERCOT was set up as a separate Texas power grid, not connected to any other state, so that power companies in Texas could avoid federal regulation. You know, crazy rules like you have to winterize your power system so it does not fail when the weather gets cold.

because I grew up there. Iowa gets a bigger share of its power from wind than any other state. But Iowa's wind turbines do not stop working in cold weather, because they are properly winterized. It was 30 below some places in Iowa, but there were no power outages there. Here in Colorado, we produce a lot of our power with natural gas, and that did not go out here either, again because natural gas production facilities are properly winterized.

the power outages in Texas is being

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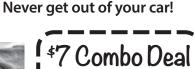
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promoted to attack the development of renewable energy, which is much needed to reduce the very real effects of climate change. Like record wildfires in Colorado. Let's not place ourselves in danger by believing the Big Lie, no matter how many times it gets repeated.

John Farley

Food pantry

Dear Editor:

In response to Clayton Chaney's article on "New Bus Routes" for our area, I would like to highlight the food pantry services in Archuleta County, specifically "Aspen Springs". I would like to say that Aspen Springs has a food pantry operating before and during the pandemic. It is called and doing business as "Aspen Springs Food Pantry." Our address is 77 Navajo Circle, Pagosa Springs. We operate in a building in the parking lot of Amazing Grace Community Church. The church sponsors and supports the pantry, but you do not have to be a member or affiliated with the church to reap the benefits of our services. As the name implies we are a "community church" and service our community, being the "One Another Place". We are one of six pantries in Archuleta County plus two other groups providing food to the community that work in collaboration with the Food Coalition (foodcoalition4archuleta.org).

Five of the six pantries are spon-

sored by various churches, three are uptown, one downtown, ours in Aspen Springs and the sixth one is in Arboles, sponsored by TARA community Center at 333 Milton Ln, Arboles. The hours of operation look like this: The Monday schedule: Restoration Fellowship Church 11:30-12:30; TARA Community Center 10:00-12:00; Pagosa Senior Center 11:00-1:00. The Tuesday schedule: Community United Methodist Church 9-12; Pagosa Senior Center 11-1; The Wednesday schedule: Community United Church 9-12; St. Patrick's Episcopal Church 10-12; Amazing Grace Community Church 10-1; Pope John Paul II Catholic Church 11-1; Pagosa Senior Center 11-1; Thursday schedule: Community United Methodist Church 9-12; St. Patrick's Episcopal Church 10-12; Loaves and Fishes Community Meal 11:30-1; Pagosa Senior Center 11:1; Friday schedule: St. Patrick's Episcopal Church 10-12; Pagosa Senior Center 11-1; Saturday schedule: TARA Community Center 10-12; Sunday schedule: Amazing Grace Community Church 10-1.

I want to emphasize that our food pantry is open on both Wednesday and Sunday 10-1 to serve the general public and does make limited delivery service for those unable to attend our pantry due to our hours of operation or because of other difficulties. As a member of the food pantry network of the Food Coalition, the collaboration between the Food Coalition and transportation services is intended to expand food service delivery to more folks beyond the current locations and hours already serving the community.

On the topic of bus routes, a bus would be convenient for those that are unable to reach our pantry, but I believe the terrain here is what presents many of the issues and that would be the same for the bus. A central bus stop on 160 for our residents to take advantage of and be able to reach businesses and other retailers in Pagosa would be a boon for those without vehicles as well as the business owners.

Dawn Farrar

We see what we want to see

Dear Editor: Letter Writer, Charles Newton of HighlandsRanch stated the oh-so obvious,"the sun doesn't shine at night," but he must know solar still works because it collects and stores energy.

I do not want to reply anymore to counter such statements; with all due respect, I have to admit that we generally see what we want to see.

I see a future of clean energy with plenty of jobs for those who transition from coal and such; and I want to see a world with clear clean

air and water.

Surely we all can see that the only constant is change; and as most folks couldn't foresee us carrying around tiny computers in our pockets, we probably cannot see what technologies will allow for future energy needs. Perhaps there will come a time when so many jobs will be done by AI that we won't need to work at all.

I wonder why Mr. Newton would write a long letter to our local paper; and if he is writing to many newspapers—(I don't really care/don't want to know/no reply needed)—I don't read any of the long letters and honestly, the angry and strange letters, even if only a paragraph, I skip also—but I do wonder about all the good works which could be done by the letter writers in their own communities with all that time used for writing. Some suggestions for volunteering: food banks, safe houses, school boards, government councils, senior centers, etc.

Addi Greer

Jimmy Dean's obituary

Dear Editor:

This is to the owner of Jimmy Dean (a dog) who recently had to say goodbye to his best friend. Your obituary in the Pagosa Sun Preview touched me and haunts me because, like all dog lovers, I have been where you are. We are lucky if we have a Jimmy Dean in our lives and their loss is crushing. I know that all dog lovers understand your pain and that one day, you will welcome another best friend like Jimmy Dean into your life. They need us and we certainly need them.

Ron Hardeman

Two points

Dear Editor:

John Tyndall, a professor of natural philosophy, a Professor of Physics at the Royal Institution of Great Britain, and a Fellow of the Royal Society undertook significant research on the effect of solar heat and its effect on our planet. He was able to determine that when heat is absorbed by our planet that our atmosphere makes it difficult for the heat to dissipate. His explanation is somewhat lengthier and contains information that I will not try to explain.

He was the first person to measure the heat absorptive powers of nitrogen, oxygen, water vapor, carbon dioxide, ozone, and methane. He presented a lecture on the subject when he delivered the annual Badlerian Lecture at the Royal Society in London.

On February 9, 1861, Tyndall's findings were brought to the attention of the American public by President-Elect Abraham Lincoln at a speech he made in Philadelphia when he was traveling to his inauguration, which was on March 4, 1861.

This brings up another issue, different from the issue of the heat absorbing nature of various gases, and that is whether March 4 is an important date from the standpoint of the inauguration of a new President. Historically yes, currently no.

After the adoption of our current Constitution, the newly elected Senators and Representatives decided to meet in New York on March 4, 1789. Part of the plan was the inauguration of George Washington. There were two problems. Of the 66 members of Congress, only 22 showed up and Washington had not yet been elected. He was inaugurated on April 30, 1789, in New York. Travel in 1789 was not

Leaving more historical research to others, it appears that Congress passed a statute designating March 4 as the official inauguration date and that was not changed until the adoption of Amendment XX to our Constitution, which states that the terms of office of the President and Vice-President end at noon on January 20 and the terms of their successors begin at that time. Woodrow Wilson's term of office was cut short by several weeks and President Roosevelt was inaugurated on January 20, the first president to be inaugurated on that date.

We have been through the process of learning who the new President will be so I will not attempt to explain that. I commend to you a close reading of the Amendment XX, which was certified in 1933, has been in effect since that time, and is the law of the land.

So, I have tried to make two points. One is that we should have listened to Mr. Tyndall brought to our attention by President-Elect Lincoln. The second is that we should learn what the Twentieth Amendment has to say.

Thank you. William L. Hubbard

Short-term rental debate

Dear Editor:

Once again I find the need to xpress my displeasure about the ongoing STR debate.

My neighborhood has basically been dismantled. What use to be a quiet place has been turned into party central. These out if state owners are making our lives a nightmare.

I find it interesting that many are so outraged by the mere suggestion that fees be raised. I did a little math. These houses on our street are charging \$400 + nightly plus management fees. Even if they only rent out for 10 nights that's \$4000 in their pocket. These houses are rented out far more than 10 nights a month.

I know its expensive to run a "business". I have one. And I contribute to the community I live in. I also vote here and pay my share of taxes. I would never dream of making money at other people's expense. It's called making an honest living.

I've heard all the noise about how these STR's generate jobs and contribute to our economy. Where do these employees live? Not around here.

We moved here 25 years ago to a quiet beautiful town where you knew most everyone. Not anymore. All I seem to hear is "We need more growth." I ask you, at what price.

I've heard people say that they have these STR's to finance their 2nd home or future retirement home. Guess what? I'd like to have a Ferrari, but I can't afford one. I certainly would not destroy someone else's neighborhood to make that happen.

Our county needs to put the interests of its citizens first. We should have implemented some regulations long ago like so many other communities and enforce the rules that are currently in place.

Responsible regulation will promote responsible growth. Please don't take away my rights to live a peaceable life in the town that I love.

If any of you have the time, you might look up the regulations that many of our other neighboring communities have in place. Very interesting that we are so far behind.

Summer and Chris Pierce

Get the shot

Dear Editor:

It's usually worthwhile to pay attention to what your neighbors are doing, not only what they're doing wrong but also taking a closer look at what they are doing right. Israel, a tiny country of about 9 million people, has the highest vaccination rate in the world, and by a wide margin. In the first 6 weeks after their COVID vaccine rollout began, Israel vaccinated 50% of its population. They anticipate having every single person in their country vaccinated no later than the end of March, preparing them to completely reopen life. In America we currently have only 15% of our population vaccinated. We hope to have the whole country vaccinated by July.

When the United States will be ready to completely reopen is anybody's guess.

In 2020 COVID killed 1 out of every 600 people in the United States. Dead.

A country with a population about that of New York City, Israel has long had socialized medicine and therefore has an established medical care relationship with virtually every person in their country. After months of planning and practicing for rollout, the results speak for themselves. Done with the same blinding speed as the vaccine rollout was a study published February 24 in New England Journal of Medicine. The study involved 600,000 vaccinated subjects and 600,000 unvaccinated subjects, a sample size that is inarguably large enough to produce reliable real-world results. Groups of vaccinated and non-vaccinated people within the study were matched and compared with people of their same age, sex

and occupation. The Pfizer vaccine was proven to be 94% affective against CO-VID infection. For the 6% of the people in the study who didn't get full protection from the vaccine, their cases of COVID tended to be significantly less severe than the unvaccinated. It also appears the vaccinated can't spread the virus on to others either. Which group do you want to be in?

"Herd immunity". No doubt you've heard the term. It is the point at which a population has enough vaccinated and infected but recovered members to block the COVID virus on it's constant hunt for the next victim to infect. With each and every person immunized, there is one less person to contract it and one less person to spread it. Herd immunity differs with the pathogen. Most estimates for herd immunity to occur is to have approximately 70-80% of the population vaccinated or recovered from a COVID infection. With masks, social distancing and the highly efficacious vaccines now available, there is a real possibility we could starve this virus out. Some experts think that with very aggressive vaccination programs America might hit herd immunity as soon as the end of April, because due to lack of testing, the numbers of those who have recovered from asymptotic infections have been greatly underestimated.

A virus can't mutate unless it replicates.

George Rohrbacher

Dictator rules

Dear Editor:

Biden says a dictator uses executive orders, we need conscience. Biden said this on Oct. 15, 2020 on ABC news with Clinton puppet George Stephanopaulos. On day 1 he issued 15 executive orders. Trump issued 1. He has issued over 50 with more to come. More than Trump, Bam Bam, and Bush II issued together. Valarie Jarret said that Bam Bam is ready to rule on Day. 1. Presidents lead not rule. We have not been ruled since King George. Until now. This is one of the few times in his life that Biden told the truth. He is a wannabe dictator.

In 1976 a man was running for president named Gus Hall on the American communist party ticket. John Brennan voted for him. JB was the director of the CIA under Bam Bam. A communist, the head of the CIA. Unbelievable. Bernie Sanders honeymooned in Soviet Russia. I'm sure he has some stories to tell. Ronald Reagan left the Democratic Party because of communism. This is what the Democratic Party has become. The DSCP (dumbocratic socialist community party). This is all about control. Thomas Jefferson said "You can't control an armed populace. That is why the DSCP wants to ban guns, control. Cori Bush, house member from Missouri, a squat member (AOC is leader) said gun owners should have a psychological evaluation test to own a gun. A constitutional

In 2005 Biden talked about FDR wanting to pack the courts. He called it a bonehead idea, a terrible mistake. Even RBG said it is a bad idea to pack the court and would destroy the instution she loves. It would delegitmize the court to add justice to achive a political out-■ See Letters A5

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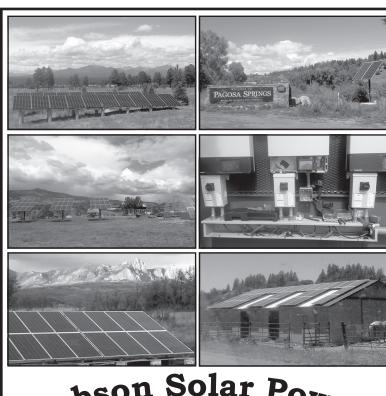
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Colorado Main Street program presentation heard by town council

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council heard a presentation from representatives of the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DoLA) regarding possibly participating in the Colorado Main Street (COMS) program on Tuesday.

According to agenda documentation, Pagosa Springs is an affiliate community within the DoLA COMS and there is no commitment or obligation from the community as an affiliate member, but it is a way to access resources and opportunities.

"There are four stages to this program: There is the affiliate stage, the candidate stage, the designated stage and then there is the graduate," Senior Planner Cindy Schultz said. "We are affiliate and I see some benefit in the town moving to the candidate stage."

Agenda documentation notes that the town would have to apply to become an official candidate community and that COMS staff will work with the local program to determine an organizational structure, develop a board of directors and garner community support before submitting an application.

This process would take about six to 12 months, agenda documentation reads.

If selected, the town would have access to technical assistance and consulting services that would help it establish a mission, vision and strategic plan and work plans that

align with the town's goals, agenda documentation further notes.

"You guys live in your community because you love it. You have assets, you have beauty in your community, you have some great historical assets as well as heritage," COMS Program Coordinator Gayle Langely said.

The COMS program does not dictate to a municipality an organizational structure, Langely explained.

COMS Specialist Traci Stoffel added that the program helps cultivate the community vision for a downtown area.

"It really is about how it's organized. What happens with your downtown, what you do with the main street program is driven by what the community wants," she said

Getting the right people involved, points of contact established, public engagement and volunteers in place help the COMS program function, she added later.

These include projects such as outdoor banners, streetscaping and walkability, she described.

"DoLA now has a five-year grant contract, once you enter the program, to give you mini grants that require a 25 percent match, which is relatively low for DoLA," Langely said, adding that these could be for beautification projects downtown.

Another advantage of the program is the town being able to utilize the COMS program's consulting services, Langely added.

"We work with the communities

on what your vision is. We also like to align that with the town's comprehensive plan or master plan," she said. "Those services range from \$5,000 to \$35,000 a year."

If the town were to need a sample design guideline or a sample ordinance, it could utilize both the national and state network with main street programs to access resources to help them, she added.

"In the state of Colorado we have some of the best incentives for historic preservation in the country. Actually, I think we do have the best," COMS Architect Larry Lucas said. "Our state historic tax credit is 35 percent, which is higher than any other state."

The COMS has a historical foundation that offers low-interest loans, as well, Lucas added.

Some prerequisites for the program involve setting up a point of contact and attending trainings for the program, Langely added, noting that quarterly statistical reports are required.

Council thoughts

Following more discussion, council member Nicole Pitcher noted that she would like to see a program focused around parking and walkability throughout downtown.

"I think a lot about the old courthouse and I wonder if working together with the architect team they might be able to come up with a way to preserve it," she said.

Town Manager Andrea Phillips noted that this presentation was

informational only and that council would still need to determine whether to move forward with the program.

"Personally, I think it's very important to bring in the downtown business owners and organizations to get that buy-in rather than it being very heavily staff-driven or town-driven," Phillips said. "You will get more buy-in on shaping the future of our downtown if those folks feel like they are a part of that decision making."

Council member Shari Pierce added that she wanted town council to put some thought into how the former town historic preservation board could work into the COMS program.

"I don't want to forget that we do have that ordinance with our town and that ability to have that board. And our town is very historic and I think we need to, in fact being an historic district, I think it would be very important to work with that group as well," Pierce said.

Following more discussion, Phillips noted that she believed that council was supportive of the idea of gathering more information into implementing something like the COMS program locally.

Phillips added that she might reach out to stakeholders downtown and bring that information back to town council at a future meeting, as well as ways to implement that information and the COMS program.

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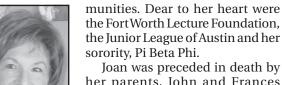
Joan Loffland Russey

Jan. 11, 1938-Feb. 22

Joan Loffland Russey, 83, passed away on Feb. 22. Born in Fort Worth to the late John and Frances Loffland, Joan was the eldest of four children. She graduated from Arlington Heights High School in 1956 and the University of Texas at Austin in 1960.

For the past 22 years, Joan was married to the love of her life, Charles Bennett "Pete" Russey. Childhood and lifelong friends, Joan and Pete were reunited in the late 1990s and married in 2000. They made Fort Worth their primary residence and enjoyed spending time at their home in Pagosa

joyed spending time at their home in Pagosa Springs, Colo.
Athletic and competitive, Joan was an avid snow skier and skilled tennis player, and she loved board



her parents, John and Frances Loffland, and her brother, John Denton Loffland. She is survived by husband Charles Bennett "Pete" Russey, sister Nancy Loffland Brackett and brother Gary S. Loffland, all of Fort Worth, and daughter Leslie Holleman, of Brownwood, along with a multitude of dear friends across the country. The family will hold a private graveside service at Greenwood Cemetery in Fort Worth.



Letters

games, excelling at bridge and

Mahjong. She was actively engaged

in the Fort Worth and Austin com-

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come. I totally agree, but she also said in an interview with Egypts Al-Hayat TV that I would not look to the US constitution if I were drafting a constitution. Wow. A US supreme court justice saying that. Typical left. Now Biden says the American public doesn't deserve an answer about court packing, 10-9-20. "We the People" don't deserve that

A government big enough to give you everything you want is strong enough to take everything you have. Thomas Jefferson

The problem with socialism is that eventually you will run out of other peoples money. Margaret Thatcher

Socialism has more problems than that. K Muth wrote in the Sun 2-25-21 that while in office that Trump made 30, 573 false or misleading statements. Where do these numbers come from? Fact checkers that are not fact checked, out of the air, or what? Probably air.

If that was anywhere close to the truth which we know it is not then Biden would have told over 366,876 in the last 48 years, no doubt more. The DSCP will lie, cheat, steal to get what they want. Part of the DSCP's platform is tell a lie enough and it will become the truth. All about control.

Wynn Sutt

'Seek the truth'

Dear Editor:

We are in troubled times as many of our citizens no longer think for themselves, no longer seek true wisdom, greed has taken over their souls. They ignore the fact that we are "One nation under God ..." They honor those whose actions God hates. In the very early days, King Solomon and others with spiritual wisdom wrote instructions as to how God expects us to live our lives. These writings were entered into the Holy Bible as the book of Proverbs. Stated in Proverbs 6:16: "There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who points out lies, and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers."

How can it be more clear as to what is required of us as citizens and leaders in a country that pledges to be "One Nation Under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all". Let's seek the truth in all things and do it with love.

Patty Tillerson Veteran award

Dear Editor:

Thank you for covering the award I received from the ladies of the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. It was an awesome and humbling recognition that, as I told my fellow veterans that day, I accepted on behalf all veterans who continued to serve their country through myriad volunteer community programs long after no longer wearing the uniform. I believe their altruism is so woven into the fabric of everyday life that it routinely goes unnoticed and unappreciated. That the DAR seeks to redress this oversight is truly commendable.

God bless and protect all our active duty service men and women who now stand watch, and God bless the Veterans of the armed forces of the United States of America who stood watch before them.

Roy D. Vega

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Financial assistance programs available

Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

From Feb. 24 to March 9, Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) funds are being held for small businesses with less than 20 employees. In addition, sole proprietors, independent contractors and self-employed workers are also being encouraged to apply.

There are guidelines for first-time draws (did not apply in 2020) and second-time draws applying again after having already spent the formerly allocated funds. PPP funds must be used to maintain employee and compensation levels and other qualified expenses such as rent, mortgage and utilities. These loan funds, if used

count yourself out on applying for these funds.

While not officially released, the Shuttered Venue Operators grant will be coming online soon. This is an important grant for our local live performance centers and organizations. Included in this designation are businesses that also have live entertainment, live performance arts organization operators including nonprofits, museums and other performance operators.

The applicant cannot have applied for PPP funds on or after Dec. 27, 2020. There can be some significant assistance through this program. The money will be given out based on need: those entities that had a 90 percent or greater loss, then entities that had a 70 percent for these special purposes, can be forgiven in or greater loss, and then those suffering a 25

for amounts equal to 45 percent of 2019 gross earned revenue. If you were not in business the full year of 2019, you can use the average monthly gross earned revenue for each full month you were in operation multiplied by six. The usage of these funds is also much more diverse. There is more work to be done with this program, so interested parties should start getting their paperwork and filing the appropriate documentation now.

Visit the Small Business Administration site at www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/ coronavirus-relief-options for information on both of these programs. Take a little time, ask for assistance if you need guidance, and don't leave money on the table.

More than \$64,500 in LPEA bill-assistance funds disbursed to 860 local families

By Hillary Knox

La Plata Electric Association

Two bill-assistance efforts lead by La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) — the COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund and the Giving Tree Program — have disbursed nearly \$65,000 in funds to support more than 860 LPEA members in need.

Originally approved by the LPEA Board of Directors in March 2020.

gency Relief Fund was fully exhausted this month. The fund helped 438 residential members and 24 small business members struggling to pay their LPEA bill due to pandemic-related economic hardship.

LPEA's annual Giving Tree Program also helped members in need, collecting a record \$14,500 to help more than 400 members struggling

the \$50,000 LPEA COVID-19 Emer- to pay their LPEA bill — \$3,500 more than last year. This annual program allows LPEA members to donate to other members who need a little extra help during the holiday season.

> "It's been really heartening to see the outpouring of support within our community during recent times of need," said LPEA Member Service Manager Aubrey Gillespie. "These have been difficult times

for so many people and it's been our absolute pleasure and honor to help them with the funds allocated by our board and donated by our members. We are really blessed to live in this community.'

For LPEA members still struggling to pay their bill, there are assistance funds remaining through other agencies. Call LPEA for details or visit lpea.coop/late-paymentsand-bill-pay-assistance.

Community donations facilitated through the Community Foundation more than double in 2020 to nearly \$4 million

By Tracy Pope Community Foundation serving

Southwest Colorado

In 2020, the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado infused \$3,996,727 million into Southwest Colorado's nonprofit community. Those grants are broken down as follows:

• \$2,299,518 was granted from Community Foundation funds to nonprofits, of which 30 percent was disbursed from the Community Emergency Relief Fund

• \$1,553,264 was donated from the public to Community Foundation fiscal sponsorships and projects, including \$987,427 to

• \$54,000 was granted through scholarship funds for educational purposes.

• \$89,945 was granted through Community Foundation projects, such as the 9-R school staff appreciation initiative, the Reimagined Community Concerts in Durango and the Rise and Recover grant in Pagosa Springs.

Grants were disbursed across numerous sectors in all five counties of southwest Colorado and beyond. The top three sectors that received funding were human services, education, and arts and

"The generosity of our community members during the pandemic in 2020 was tremendously heartfelt and also quite effective and impactful for our local nonprofits," said Briggen Wrinkle, executive director of the Community Foundation. "Many nonprofits in southwest Colorado have benefited from

philanthropic grant making, and they are managing well through this emergency. We are pleased to see many organizations landing solidly on their feet.' Donations to the CERF, both

dollars held in reserve from 2020 and ongoing donations received in 2021, will continue to be disbursed to organizations as needed, particularly those assisting with housing and food security.

The human services sector received the most funds from the Community Foundation in 2020, totaling \$1,284,321.

"The needs of our most vulnerable neighbors were amplified during the pandemic," said Wrinkle. "Therefore, much of our rapid-response funding went to nonprofits assisting with basic needs, such as food and housing

government relief efforts and security. Those types of organizations will remain a focus of our funding, as well as supporting the recovery of a wide array of local nonprofits.

> The education sector received the second highest level of Community Foundation grants last year at \$727,800. Education will continue to be a focus of the Community Foundation's work in 2021.

> The Community Foundation manages \$7.3 million in investments and is home to more than 60 donor advised funds, organizational funds, designated funds, scholarship funds, fiscal sponsorship funds and field of interest funds.

The Community Foundation serves Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan counties.

Colorado consumers reported losing \$50,865,030 to scams last year

Federal Trade Commission

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) received 35,403 fraud reports from consumers in Colorado in 2020, according to newly released data.

Colorado consumers reported losing a total of \$50,865,030 to fraud, with a median loss of \$360.

The FTC's Consumer Sentinel Network is a database that receives reports directly from consumers, as well as from federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, the Better Business Bureau, industry members and nonprofit organiza-

Reports from around the country about consumer protection issues — including identity theft, fraud and other categories — are a key resource for FTC investigations that stop illegal activities and,

when possible, provide refunds to consumers.

Across all types of reports, the FTC received a total of 50,335 reports from consumers in Colorado

The top category of reports received from consumers in Colorado was identity theft, followed by imposter scams; online shopping and negative reviews; banks and lenders; and credit bureaus, information furnishers and report

Fraud losses up nationwide

Nationally, consumers reported losing more than \$3.3 billion to fraud in 2020, up from \$1.8 billion in 2019. Nearly \$1.2 billion of losses reported last year were due to imposter scams, while online shopping accounted for about \$246

million in reported losses from consumers.

The FTC received 2.2 million fraud reports from consumers in 2020, with imposter scams remaining the most common type of fraud reported to the agency. Online shopping was the second-most common fraud category reported by consumers, elevated by a surge of reports in the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Internet services; prizes, sweepstakes and lotteries; and telephone and mobile services rounded out the top five fraud categories nationally.

Sentinel received more than 4.7 million reports overall in 2020. Of these, nearly 1.4 million were identity theft reports received through the FTC's IdentityTheft. gov website.

In 2020, the FTC introduced

ReportFraud.ftc.gov, an updated platform for filing reports with the agency. The FTC uses the reports it receives through the Sentinel network as the starting point for many of its law enforcement investigations, and the agency also shares these reports with more than 2,800 law enforcement users around the country. While the FTC does not intervene in individual complaints, Sentinel reports are a vital part of the agency's law enforcement mission.

A full breakdown of reports received in 2020 is now available on the FTC's data analysis site at ftc.gov/exploredata. The data dashboards there breakdown the reports across a numbers of categories, including by state and metropolitan area, as well as exploring a number of subcategories of fraud reports.

San Juan Water Conservancy District approves strategic plan

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

The San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) approved its strategic plan for 2021 at a meeting on Feb. 15.

The strategic plan, which had been in development since 2018, is to be used to help the district identify water resource issues in the Upper San Juan River Basin within the district's geographical scope, according to the plan.

Additionally, the plan outlines that its purpose is to help the district evaluate its options for addressing water resource issues and outlining which options could be acted upon.

Other objectives include the SJWCD Board of Directors developing long-term goals and direction for the district and relaying that information to the public, the plan notes.

"The Plan is intended to be a dynamic document the Board reviews annually and updates as necessary to reflect changing conditions in the District and its water environment," the plan reads.

Mission and value statements

Included within the plan is the SJWCD's mission statement, which reads "To be an active leader in all issues affecting the water resources of the Upper San Juan River Basin.'

Additionally, the board outlined numerous value statements in the plan that it considers as "principal guiding values" that will help the district to accomplish its mission.

These statements note that the SJWCD board is "committed to ensuring that various current and future water supply needs are met through whatever conservation and water management strategies

and methodologies are available." Another value statement reads,

"The Board opposes any new transfers of water from the Upper San Juan River and its tributaries upstream of Navajo Reservoir to basins outside of the Upper San Juan River Basin."

The opposition toward this comes from the SJWCD believing that transfers would interfere with existing beneficial uses of water, damage to economic stability and reduced environmental quality, the plan indicates.

Other value statements include that the SJWCD board is committed to managing water rights it holds, supporting wise land-use

policies and processes, and managing and funding effective monitoring, protection and restoration programs.

One value statement notes that the SJWCD board believes that the district must participate in statewide processes, like the Colorado Water Plan, to address various issues such as climate change, drought and water shortages.

"I think we have a good product that represents the different viewpoints of the different board members," SJWCD President Al Pfister said in an interview on Tuesday. "It gives us a good path forward that we can provide to the public."

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Upper San Juan Health Service District eyes savings with bond refunding

Hears reports on finances, board vacancy

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

The Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD), which operates as Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC), is moving forward with refunding, or refinancing, its 2006 bonds — a move that could save the district upward of \$1.6 million over the remaining life of the bonds.

At its Feb. 23 meeting, the US-JHSD Board of Directors voted 4-0 to move forward with pursuing the refunding for its 2006 bonds, which were used to construct the hospital.

The district's 2006 bonds, explained PSMC's Chief Administrative Officer Ann Bruzzese, will be eligible for refunding as of June 1 and can be refunded up to 90 days before that, or March 2.

"The bond market is favorable at this time for us. The bond rates are very favorable towards us," she said, noting the district owes through 2037.

Refinancing the bonds at the current interest rate will not require any money out of pocket and will leave the district with the same payoff date, but could save the district about \$116,000 per year, according to recent estimates, Bruzzese indicated.

That would be about \$1,659,545.36 in overall savings,

the approved resolution indicates.

However, Bruzzese cautioned the board that the actual savings the district could see remains unknown until the bonds go to market.

"The bond market was volatile a bit in the last week, so for each .1 percentage point that the interest rates increase, that is a loss of savings to us of about \$60,000. So, if they don't go back down, that number is decreased by about \$120,000 in the last week because we went up .2 in the interest rate," Bruzzese cautioned the board.

Bruzzese explained that if the board approved moving forward (which it later did), a team would put together a longer, detailed document that will come before the board for detailed approval.

Other things taking place along the way, she noted, would include obtaining a rating for the USJHSD, selecting an underwriter and preparing bond documentation to be put out to market.

Bruzzese noted the interest rate can't be locked in until the bonds go to market and are priced, which could happen in April or May.

Bruzzese further explained to the board that the district will go for general obligation bonds, which are only secured by the district's mill levy and will come with a lower

The district's 2006 bonds, she noted, are "double-barrel" bonds, meaning they're secured both by the mill levy and by revenue.

The covenants on the district's 2006 bonds (related to the district's asset-to-debt ratio and a liquidity requirement) will also go away with refunding, she noted, though the district will still have covenants associated with its 2016 bonds.

"For once, we kind of struck timing really well," she said, "and we have some good fortune here."

Bruzzese also clarified that when the voters approved the 2006 bonds, one of the terms approved is that the district has the right to do refinancing if certain conditions are met, including seeing a 3 percent savings.

When the documentation was prepared prior to the meeting, the savings estimated was just under 22 percent, she explained.

If the bond market changes enough so the savings is not greater than \$1 million, it will come back before the board, she added.

Financial report

At the same meeting, the board members heard from Chief Finance Officer Chelle Keplinger that PSMC's gross revenues for January came in higher than any other January the medical center

Gross revenue for the month came in at \$5.4 million, she told the board, which was above budget

Later in her report, Keplinger highlighted that the district's net revenue for the month of January came in at \$34,828.

The district budgeted a loss of \$262,829 for the month, she noted, later explaining that 2020 was excluded from the budget calcula-

She further added that no additional revenue, such as stimulus funding, was brought in to the bottom line.

Board vacancy update

At the same meeting, it was announced that there are five applicants for the director position vacated by Dr. King Campbell: Kate Alfred, Martin Rose, Mark Weiler, Christopher Envani and Rebecca

The search committee, comprising directors Greg Schulte and Karin Daniels, are slated to bring a recommendation for appointment to the board for its March 23 meeting following interviews with the applicants.

That meeting is set to begin at 5:30 p.m. and can be attended via Zoom.

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Town, parks and recreation boards discuss current and future goals

By Chris Mannara

Staff Writer

Both short- and long-term goals, as well as various ongoing projects, of the Combined Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) were discussed in a joint work session with the Pagosa Springs Town Council during a meeting on Feb. 25.

The PRAB had previously discussed and outlined short- and long-term goals during a regular meeting on Dec. 3, 2020, and approved Resolution 2021-02, which established those goals, according to agenda documentation.

Short-term goals, defined by the resolution as those that can be completed in one to three years, were outlined as: improving river access, parking lot improvements to Centennial Park and River Center Park, Riverwalk signage, trash and recycling improvements, exercise stations, a dog park and phase two of the Town-to-Lakes Trail project connectivity.

Long-term goals, which can be completed in four to 10 years, were outlined by the PRAB as developing Yamaguchi South, a new recreation center with town and county involvement, exploring funding mechanisms for parks and recreation improvement, and development and further town and county trail connectivity, the resolution notes.

"One of the biggest things, looking at the town budget, it is nice to be a county- and town-represented advisory board, but we realize there are so many projects on the list that we want to do that funds are not available," PRAB Chair Amanda Gadomski said during the meeting. "One of the biggest things is trying to explore different options for town and county to be able to collaborate in these projects rather than relying

on conservation funds or sales tax." According to Parks and Recreation Director Darren Lewis, parking lot improvements to both Centennial and River Center park are going to be completed this year.

ments. Public works did a great job last year trying to do some improvements with just the parking lot itself, but we found with the way the drainage works down there, it is a mud hole," he said. "As soon as we can get out of this winter mix that we're in, we're going to jump on that and make some improvements down there."

Lewis added that trash and recycling improvements, exercise stations and a dog park are still in

"It's great news that there will be actions taken down there this fiscal year. I'd just like to encourage evervone to go down there behind the courthouse, go down to Centennial Park and see the situation with your own eyes," Sally High said. "I would like for water drainage and some curbs to be installed. To call it muddy is quite the understatement."

Council member Nicole Pitcher noted that it is important to include the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA) in conversations about future town and county trail connectivity projects, as well.

Later in the meeting, Lewis highlighted various other projects that the town is working on that relate to parks and recreation. These projects included the Hermosa Riverwalk trail and the Harman Hill phase of the Town-to-Lakes Trail project, among others.

One project that has been ongoing is improving Mary Fisher Park, with Lewis describing the park as a "tough one to maintain."

The issues with the park stem from the lack of irrigation at the park and with the droughts experienced in the summer, Lewis added.

"A lot of parks, but Mary Fisher certainly, suffered and we could not get any water on it. And, quite frankly, I'll be honest with you, I'm embarrassed about it. We're going to do something about it this year,"

Irrigation and sod will be installed at the park this coming year; however, Lewis noted there will be some exceptions when it comes to sod.

"That doesn't mean every inch of Mary Fisher park will have sod on it, but a large portion will and then we will just kind of landscape around that," he described.

This project will be funded through Conservation Trust Fund money, Lewis noted.

Additional thoughts and suggestions

Later in the meeting, council member Madeline Bergon raised a question to Lewis on the PRAB and if the organization would like more town and/or county involvement.

"I think we can do a better job of reaching out at times coming from the parks and rec board," he said. "The town provides pretty much everything in regards to parks and rec. The county has Cloman Park, they have Veterans Park, but after that, there's nothing there.'

According to Lewis, 85 percent of participation in recreation programs is from the county.

"There is some money there that can be spent better, in my opinion," he said. "I think simply talking to them more about parks and rec and the importance of it, I think that could be an easy conversation to have."

Gadomski noted that having a representative from Archuleta School District and the PLPOA has been a huge help for the PRAB as

"I think the county commissioners have the very best intentions; however, they don't have a parks and rec department, so maybe they're not quite sure what to do in regards to it," Lewis said.

Council member Mat deGraaf added later in the meeting that there have been discussions previously about forming a parks and

recreation district between the town and county.

"That would allow for a combination of efforts between town and county. A parks and rec district can service a broader area than just the town and it acts as a special district and has the ability to employ people, go for a voter tax increase, levy property taxes if necessary, ask for a special parks and rec tax," Town Manager Andrea Phillips said, adding that Durango has a similar tax.

member Shari Pierce was that the town does not have many parks on the north side of U.S. 160.

side of the highway for a park, but added that it could be considered in the future.

"I was just thinking about the young kids who can't get to a park without crossing a major highway and there are a lot of kids that live on that side," Pierce said, adding that land could be looked at in the Mesa Heights area.

The park would not be on the scope of a park such as Yamaguchi Park, but a pocket park with playground equipment and other amenities for the community to

"We've been looking at land for parks a while back because we were looking for a better spot for the ice rink and we were looking at pocket parks," Gadomski said. "We weren't really in a position as our board to know how to go after land. The fact that the town council now has a real estate agent to do this, I think the board would like to see more parks, but I think that's where the stopping has happened, where we are maxed out of areas currently that we could develop into parks."

One idea suggested by council

Phillips noted that she was not sure if there was any space on that

enjoy could suffice, she added.

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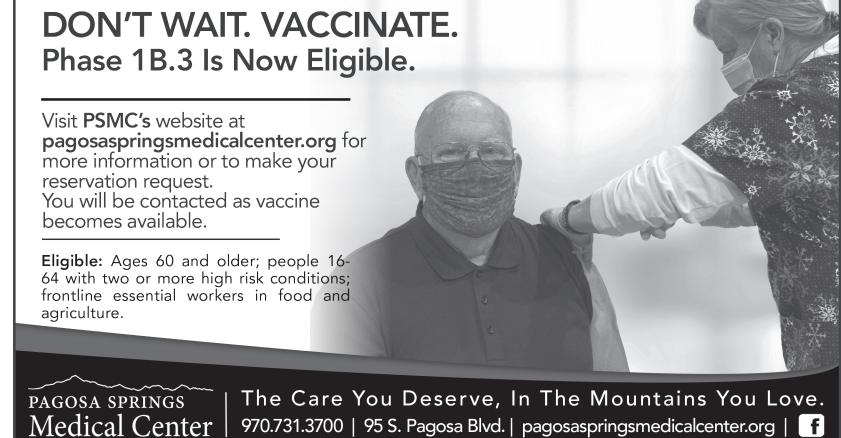
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COVID

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also known as L452R or CAL20C, is under investigation by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), with researchers still working to determine the infectivity of this variant, as other variants have shown to be more easily transmitted.

The press release explains that multiple medical facilities in southwest Colorado participate in a surveillance program with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment that sequences the genome of a portion of positive COVID-19 samples. This determines if the viruses are variants or not.

Devine told The SUN that, with the two confirmed cases of the California variant, SJBPH arranged for additional genomic testing.

He noted that, while viruses mutate all the time, variants are of concern if they have characteristics that make the virus more transmissible, more severe or both.

He added that, while the California variant has not yet been labeled a "variant of concern," preliminary evidence shows that it may be more transmissible and it is the dominant strain in California currently.

With the first confirmed cases of the B.1.427/B.1.429 variant in Archuleta and La Plata counties, SJBPH believes other variants could also be spreading locally, the press release states.

"The presence of variants in

Southwest Colorado is troubling and means virus transmission could happen more easily," said Liane Jollon, SJBPH executive director, in the press release. "Residents need to double down and commit to taking extra precautions to protect ourselves and others from the coronavirus."

Devine echoed the sentiment of doubling down on precautions, indicating that if the variants are more transmissible, it could mean a lesser amount is needed in an exposure in order to develop an infection.

"Normal may not be enough now that there's a more transmissible variant in the region," he said.

SJBPH especially encourages residents of Archuleta County and the Bayfield and Ignacio areas to be tested for COVID-19 in response to the discovery of the B.1.427/B.1.429 variant in people living and working in these communities.

Testing, the press release notes, is critical if you have symptoms, believe you've been exposed, work in a high-contact job, or if you have been gathering with people outside your household.

It adds that additional testing allows public health officials to sequence more samples and identify if COVID-19 variants are more widespread.

The press release further explains, "New information from CDC shows that improving the fit and filtration of masks helps reduce

the spread of the virus. Mask fit can be improved by using a mask with a nose wire or by knotting the ear loops and tucking in the sides. Filtration can be improved by using multiple layers. Laboratory experiments have found viral transmission could be reduced by 96 percent if Americans wore snug surgical masks or a cloth-and-surgical-mask combination."

Other public health measures to help prevent the spread of CO-VID-19 include physical distancing, avoiding social gatherings, prioritizing good ventilation, staying home when you are sick and getting vaccinated when you are eligible, according to SJBPH.

Devine noted that there's no evidence that any of the approved vaccines will be less effective or ineffective against variants, but the variants make it more important to be vaccinated when eligible and there is an appointment available.

Some county offices temporarily closed

Following positive tests on two employees in the Archuleta County Assessor's Office, Archuleta County announced Tuesday that three offices — for the assessor, treasurer and clerk — would be temporarily closed.

Reopening dates had not been determined as of press time Wednesday.

Assessor Natalie Woodruff suggested that anyone with immediate

business with the assessor's office can email nwoodruff@archuleta-county.org or assessor@archuleta-county.org.

On Wednesday, Treasurer Elsa White reported to The SUN via email that the office's personnel were tested Wednesday and will test again Saturday, which will be five days from their exposures.

White noted that the treasurer's office website at www.archuletacounty.org and the voicemail recording at the office have been updated, and that people can email treasurer@archuletacounty.org.

She further indicated that the ballot box in front of the court-house has been opened for those wishing to drop off payments or documents for any of the offices within the courthouse.

The county's website for the clerk's office indicates that the drop box is open for renewal payments and paperwork.

High school goes virtual following student cases

Following several students testing positive COVID-19, Pagosa Springs High School announced it would go virtual this week, though the school is anticipated to return to four days of in-person learning again next week.

Archuleta School District Superintendent Dr. Kym LeBlanc-Esparza told The SUN Tuesday that, as of Monday afternoon, there had been four student cases and two staff cases since Thursday, Feb. 25.

The student cases were all at the high school, she noted, while the

staff cases were at the elementary school.

Between the positive cases and quarantining due to exposure, the district currently has 10 teachers impacted, which impacts students in those classrooms.

"At that point you can't run the schedule," she said.

LeBlanc-Esparza noted that the district was told there are places allowing kids to gather and sing without masks on, with the cases having direct connections to those places.

"It's definitely been challenging," she said, adding later, "We've got to continue to follow the health protocols."

Following guidelines, she indicated will allow for more opportunities for students after spring break.

So far this school year, the district has had 66 cases among students and staff, which she noted is a fairly low number compared to the larger community.

Testing available

The free COVID-19 testing site at the fairgrounds, located at 344 U.S. 84, continues to be operated in partnership with COVIDCheck Colorado.

The testing takes place under the all-weather Hughes Pavilion, with the site open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

You can register for your free test by going to www.covidcheckcolorado.org and selecting "Get My Test."

According to a COVIDCheck Colorado flier, "COVIDCheck Colo-

rado uses a highly sensitive and reliable nasal mid-turbinate swab PCR test that is administered by licensed medical professionals. Please arrive wearing a mask."

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Testing also continues to be available at a number of local health care facilities, including:

- Archuleta Integrated Healthcare: 264-2104.
- Pagosa Medical Group (including rapid testing if deemed appropriate by a provider): 372-0456.
- Pagosa Springs Medical Center: 731-3700. The facility offers testing for symptomatic patients through its clinic and drive-up asymptomatic community testing Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the northwest side of the medical center.

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) encourages residents to get tested if they are symptomatic, think they've been exposed, or work in a high-contact position.

COVID-19 symptoms

The state suggests that people with symptoms should always get tested immediately. Symptoms include:

- Fever or chills.
- Cough.
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing.
- Fatigue.
- Muscle or body aches.Headache.
- New loss of taste or smell.
- Sore throat.Congestion or runny nose.
- Nausea or vomiting.
- Diarrhea.

Vaccine

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receiving emergency use authorization from the Food and Drug Administration on Feb. 27.

And the new vaccine is already being added to the mix locally, with Pagosa Medical Group and San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) announcing Wednesday they have received doses of the Janssen vaccine

Those who are currently eligible can call or text Pagosa Medical Group at 372-0456 to make an ap-

pointment.

SJBPH's Brian Devine, deputy incident commander for the agency's COVID-19 response, indicated SJBPH anticipates doing a vaccine event in Durango on Friday and in Pagosa Springs this weekend.

Specifics for that event were not available by press time Wednesday, but Devine suggested that those who are eligible contact their medical provider first to see if their provider is enrolled and has available appointments.

"That's the best situation," Devine said, noting that SJBPH will be reaching out to medical providers for lists of eligible individuals.

If a person is eligible but does not have a provider, appointments can be made directly online with a self-affirmation form. More information about that

event is expected to be posted

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"We're really excited to have it here," Devine said, noting SJBPH received a relatively large portion — 4,000 of Colorado's 45,500 doses — of the state's allocation of the vaccine, which will help vaccinate about 10 percent of the remaining eligible population.

Devine also noted there are reasons those with two or more highrisk medical conditions are being prioritized and that prioritizing that group saves lives.

He added it's important for people to represent themselves accurately for eligibility.

More about the vaccines

According to the state, the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are both mRNA vaccines, while the Janssen vaccine is a modified adenovirus vaccine, which means it uses a different delivery system to train the immune system to fight COVID-19. Modified adenovirus DNA vaccines, like the Janssen vaccine, use a piece of double-stranded DNA to teach your body how to fight COVID-19. mRNA vaccines, like the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, use single-stranded mRNA.

"We are thrilled to be able to distribute a third safe and effective vaccine in the state of Colorado," said Dr. Eric France, chief medical officer of the Colorado Department Public Health Environment. "The authorization of the Janssen

vaccine will make it easier for the state to reach its vaccination goals as more people become eligible in the weeks to come. When it's your turn to get a vaccine — whether it's Moderna, Pfizer, or Janssen — I hope you choose to get it. With every dose administered, we are all safer and closer to ending this crisis."

"None of the currently authorized vaccines is currently recommended over any other. All three vaccines are safe and work well to prevent moderate to severe CO-VID-19 disease," the state's press release notes.

I'm eligible now. How do I get the vaccine?

In addition to 1B.3, vaccinations are also continuing for Phases 1A, 1B.1 and 1B.2, which include highand moderate-risk health care workers, long-term care facility staff and residents, first responders, Coloradans age 65 and older, and educators and child care workers in licensed child care programs.

Archuleta County has four enrolled vaccine providers: PSMC, Pagosa Medical Group, City Market and Walmart (Walmart is enrolled directly with the federal government).

PSMC and Pagosa Medical Group are taking information for eligible community members who

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Health

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Mineral County was estimated at 769. La Plata County was estimated at 56,221.

"I know in the past we've had our differences because La Plata County and Archuleta County are two different dynamics," Maez said.

Maez also noted that SJBPH refused to change certain bylaws after being requested to by Archuleta County.

Maez indicated that if Archuleta County were to join the STPHD, two of the county commissioners would be given places on the STPHD board.

ty commissioners serves on the SJBPH board.

Commissioner Alvin Schaaf

Commissioner Alvin Schaaf commented during the work ses-

Currently, only one of the coun-

sion in support of exploring the option to join the STPHD.

"I think it's worth looking at for

"I think it's worth looking at, for sure," Schaaf said.

He also noted how, just like business owners, the BoCC should find ways to save the county money while still being able to provide necessary services to the community.

"We should go out and look for different options," Schaaf said.

Maez mentioned how it is important for the county to research other options in order to see if continuing to partner with SJBPH is in the county's best interest.

"The information we may gather may tell us we're better off where we're at," Maez said.

Commissioner Warren Brown also commented in agreement the STPHD.

that the county should explore alternatives

"We need to keep our options open and I think it's unwise not to seek out or at least have a separate or different entity to compare to and see what the associated costs are and how it can serve our community to the best degree," Brown said.

He also stressed the importance of decisions being made locally and the accessibility the BoCC needs to have with a health district in order to actively address any issues.

At the end of the discussion, Maez indicated that county staff will draft a letter to be sent to both Mineral County and Hinsdale County requesting them to review Archuleta County joining the STPHD.

Fees

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the matter.
More than 60 people were online

in virtual attendance of the meeting.
Multiple citizens spoke with concerns about raising the permit fees.

all STR owners are the same.

She suggested the county fine those owners who are not in compliance with county regulations in-

Kathleen Hansen mentioned not

stead of making everyone pay more. Mike Knapp claimed that raising the fees is "purely a cash grab" and that doing so it will only hurt home-

owners in the county.

Knapp also claimed that it "feels like we [STR owners] are a target."

Other citizens raised concerns of how this will help the long-term/affordable housing issue in the county. Another topic of concern was how the county will be dealing with

code enforcement.

Multiple citizens expressed concerns that the county is doing nothing to punish STR owners who are operating without a permit or were

given a permit under circumstances

that go against the county's regula-

Before the BoCC voted on the

resolution, Schaaf opened the matter up for discussion amongst the commissioners.

Commissioner Warren Brown spoke about multiple different viewpoints of STRs in the county.

Brown addressed the concerns of STR owners that by raising the fees, there will be a negative indirect impact on the local economy.

He also addressed the concerns of STR owners who feel they are being punished while following all county regulations while those who are not in compliance are not being punished.

"Properties in noncompliance seem to be the genesis of the fee adjustment issue," Brown said.

He also addressed the viewpoint that multiple citizens have expressed, being that they live in an area with multiple STRs but have not experienced any issues like noise or trash complaints.

"What has been clear to me and the consistent message is that the county needs to do a better job at bringing properties into compliance for the benefit of all STR owners, their customers and those who reside in Archuleta County," Brown added.

Schaaf commented, "We're not trying to limit any STRs by raising the fee. We are just trying to make sure that we have the capability of enforcing and permitting these in a timely manner, and so far we haven't had that."

Schaaf also addressed the concern that "some permits were issued when they probably shouldn't have been."

Commissioner Ron Maez clarified that the purpose of raising the fees is to account for the costs that the county incurs in order to process permit applications and enforce its regulations.

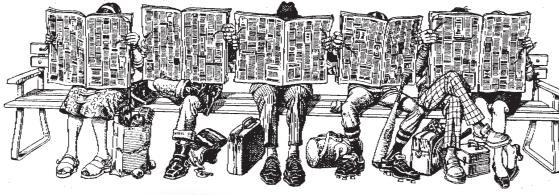
Maez added that the fees will most likely need to be readjusted annually.

"I know we're going to have to look into this a lot more, but I know we're here today and some people want a decision," Maez added.

Before voting on the resolution, Brown spoke in opposition of the additional \$100 per bedroom fee, to which Schaaf and Maez agreed, and it was removed from the terms in the resolution.

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Theater

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agent. "And then finally, it was like the little light bulb went off one day." She then called Phillips to see if they would want to do a partnership

and take on the work together.

"Really, they jumped on it," she said.

That, Phillips said, "was a lot more

enticing to us because we knew we'd have help. So, we went for it." "It's such a neat, historical place for Pagosa. We just want to see that

preserved," Tennyson said.

She added later that, while modernization is nice, they want to do their part to try to preserve something.

Phillips noted it will be a com-

munity space.

"We are going to focus on upgrading the space, making structural

improvements, and developing a marketable venue to bring entertainment to Pagosa," Tennyson is quoted as saying in a press release. "If all goes to plan, we will open to the public in summer 2021."

"On the inside there's already a huge amount of work being done," Phillips said, with carpet being torn out and the lobby being reconfigured to allow for more space to accommodate things such as intermissions during musical performances.

The pair also noted they are working to upgrade the space to obtain a liquor license and meet public health codes that will allow them to offer a greater variety of foods (more than prepackaged foods), including being able to serve pickles as the theater used to.

They are still looking at options

for the theater area, Phillips said, indicating that, at the very least, the chairs will be reupholstered.

come down to allow for structural

Outside, the iconic marquee will

improvements behind the sign and rehabilitation of the sign before it is reinstalled, Phillips indicated.

The stone planter, which is not historical, will be removed, she

historical, will be removed, she noted.

When the venue reopens, the pair

indicated it will play movies, including independent and foreign films, as well as host "big name" live entertainment such as musicians, comedians and magicians to reach a wider audience and bring something unique to the community.

"We don't have the opportunity in Pagosa to see a lot of national names," Tennyson said.

Economic development director talks housing, wages

By Clayton Chaney Staff Writer

On Feb. 18, the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce held its annual meeting, at which attendees heard from Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado Executive Director Laura Lewis Marchino.

Marchino gave a presentation in regard to Archuleta County's economic activity over the past year.

She highlighted average housing costs and average wages in the county in comparison to the county's cost of living.

She noted that a lot of 2020 data is still being compiled, so the majority of her presentation was done using 2019 economic data.

According to Marchino's presentation, in 2019 there were 4,930 jobs in Archuleta County. Of those, 1,531 jobs were in the tourism industry.

Marchino went on to note that the average wage of a worker

in Archuleta County for 2019 was \$36,660, which is more than \$10,000 over the livable wage for one adult.

However, it was noted that the

livable wage for one adult with a preschool-age child was \$54,184. The livable wage for one adult with a preschool-age child and a schoolage child was \$54,496. "What you see happening is that

as soon as that adult has a child or children, this community and all our communities are not affordable, unless they're making over \$50,000 a year," Marchino said.

Some of the repercussions faced due to this disparity is that it forces families to move, take on government assistance or work multiple jobs, Marchino explained.

Livable wages are wages high enough to maintain a normal standard of living in the community.

"Livable wages is calculated by: What does somebody need to make in order to make it?" Marchino

added. She noted that Region 9 has been calculating average wages

and livable wages in Archuleta County since 1999. The average wage for the state in 2019 was \$61,828, while the aver-

age livable wage for one adult was \$58,989, according to Marchino's presentation. The median home price in

Archuleta County for 2020 was \$410,000, according to Marchino's presentation. With a 30-year fixed mortgage loan that has a 3 percent interest rate with a 10 percent down payment on the house, buyers would need to be making at least \$75,994 per year to qualify for a mortgage loan, as Marchino explained.

"We have almost 70 percent of families who can not afford to even buy a home in Archuleta County," Marchino added.

In Durango, a person would need to make at least \$102,834 a year to qualify for a 30-year mort-

gage loan, according to Marchino's presentation.

Also noted in Marchino's presentation was that 491 homes were sold in Archuleta County throughout 2020.

Marchino went on to highlight the average teacher salary in Archuleta County.

According to the presentation, the average teacher's salary in Archuleta County for the 2019-2020 school year was \$48,942.

Marchino added that, "None of our average teacher salaries is enough for them to purchase a home" across the entire Region 9 district.

"We are not affordable for some of the quality-of-life job sectors: law enforcement, teachers, etc.,' Marchino said.

She explained that this is a big reason why it can be hard to attract and retain these quality-of-life job sector workers.

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Winter weather advisory issued for San Juan Mountains

By Clayton Chaney Staff Writer

The National Weather Service has issued a winter weather advisory for the Southwest San Juan Mountains to last from Wednesday,

March 4 at 5 p.m. The advisory calls for snow accumulations of 5 to 10 inches throughout the region with "locally

March 3, at 11 p.m. until Thursday,

ACRW meeting set for March 9

By Jody Brown Archuleta County Republican Women

March on into Boss Hogg's at noon on March 9, as the Archuleta County Republican Women welcome Lacy Brown, Archuleta County Department of Health and Human Services child/adult protection supervisor, and Kristy Archuleta, Archuleta County clerk.

We hope to see you at noon on March 9.

higher amounts possible."

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Water and Climate Center's snowpack report, the Wolf Creek summit, at 11,000 feet of elevation, had 25.5 inches of snow water equivalent as of 2 p.m. on March 3.

That amount is 101 percent of

the March 3 median for this site. The average snow water equivalent for this date at the Wolf Creek summit is 25.8 inches.

The San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River Basins were at 79 percent of the March 3 median in terms of snowpack. This is a 6 percent decrease in snowpack for the region compared to last week's

Consistent with last week's report, the southern San Juan district, which includes Wolf Creek Pass, has a moderate avalanche safety warning, according to the Colorado Avalanche Information Center (CAIC), as of 2 p.m. on March 3.

According to the CAIC website, "A winter storm is moving toward Colorado and we expect rising avalanche danger on Thursday.'

For information on more current avalanche conditions, go to https:// www.avalanche.state.co.us/fore-

casts/backcountry-avalanche/ water plant contributed 3.05 million south-san-juan/.

Water report

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsey outlined the current water levels in local lakes in a March 1 press release.

According to the press release, Lake Forest is now completely full. Hatcher Lake rose 1 inch from last week's report, bringing the cur-

rent water level to 25 inches from Stevens Lake water level also rose 1 inch from last week's report, bringing the current water level to 54

inches from full. Lake Pagosa's water level saw no change from last week's report, re-

maining at 8 inches from full. The water level for Village Lake dropped 2 inches from last week's report and is now listed at 6 inches from full.

Total diversion flows are listed at 5 cubic feet per second (cfs).

The West Fork diversion flow is listed at 3 cfs and the Four Mile diversion flow is listed at 2 cfs.

Water production from Feb. 19 through Feb. 25 was listed at a total of 10.8 million gallons. The Snowball

When will it be my turn?

gallons, while the Hatcher plant contributed 7.75 million gallons.

Last year, total water production was listed at 10.79 million gallons for those dates.

River report

According to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), the San Juan River was flowing at a rate of 59.2 cfs in Pagosa Springs as of 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 3.

Based on 85 years of water records at this site, the average flow rate for this date is 87 cfs.

The highest recorded rate for this date was in 1986 at 359 cfs. The lowest recored rate was 29.3 cfs, recorded in 2002.

An instantaneous reading was unavailable for the USGS station for the Piedra River near Arboles.

It is noted on the USGS website for this station that the reading of the river flow rate is affected by ice at the station. Based on 58 years of water re-

cords at this site, the average flow rate for March 3 is 152 cfs. The highest recorded rate was

573 cfs in 1995. The lowest recorded rate was 26.5 cfs in 2003.

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Vaccine

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would like to receive the COVID-19

For more information on vaccines through City Market, visit https://www.citymarket.com/rx/ guest/get-vaccinated.

For more information on vaccines through Walmart, visit https://www.walmart.com/ cp/1228302.

PSMC:

To make a reservation with PSMC, eligible people who live in Archuleta County should visit https://pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org/vaccine to complete and submit registration forms.

The following information was provided by PSMC.

Once the forms are received by PSMC, PSMC will add the eligible person to a master reservation list and thereafter PSMC will email that person an appointment time as doses become available.

Those who are unable to access the form online can call PSMC's vaccine line at 507-3995 and leave a message with six pieces of information:

- Full name.
- Date of birth.
- County of residence. • Phone number.

• Email address.

• Which group applies to you. PSMC will call those on its list to set up vaccine appointments.

People scheduled for vaccination must arrive for their appointment on time. Everyone arriving will be screened for temperature and COVID-19 symptoms, will need to sign a consent, receive a vaccination and be observed for a period of time post-vaccination. The entire process typically takes 30 minutes.

Pagosa Medical Group:

Pagosa Medical Group will reach out to its eligible patients through phone calls, emails and portal messages to see if they would like the vaccine if they haven't been able to get it yet.

To get an appointment, text 372-0456 (preferred), call the same number or email info@pagosamedicalgroup.org.

State hotline:

tiple languages.

Colorado also launched an additional COVID vaccine resource this week: 1-877-CO VAX CO (1-

through Friday 9 a.m.-10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Answers are available in mul-

877-268-2926). That line is available Monday

new phase, 1B.4, will include people age 50 and older; studentfacing higher education faculty and staff; frontline essential workers in food/restaurant services, manufacturing, the U.S. Postal Service, public transit and specialized transportation, public health and human services; faith leaders; frontline essential direct care providers for Coloradans experiencing homelessness; frontline essential journalists; continuity of local government; continuation of operations for state government; adults who received a placebo during a COVID-19 vaccine clinical trial; and people 16-49 with one of the listed higher-risk conditions.

Polis indicated that Phase 2 is expected to include the general population, though there may be stages based on age depending upon vaccine eligibility.

SJBPH has launched a form available at https://bit.ly/35dzCLw (English) or http://bit.ly/2LvUI0v (Spanish) or through SJBPH's vaccine page, https://sjbpublichealth. org/covid-19-vaccine/ — for interested individuals to share their contact details to receive notifications about the progress of vaccine distribution.

On Friday, Polis announced a After you've been vaccinated

SJBPH also suggests that people who have been vaccinated should follow quarantine guidance if they develop COVID-19 symptoms after getting the vaccine because it can take a few weeks to build immunity after vaccination. That means a person could be infected just before or just after vaccination.

The agency added that quarantine is not necessary once a person has received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine and two weeks have passed after the second dose. People who live or work in highrisk congregate settings may still be required to quarantine, even if fully vaccinated.

If an individual has COVID-19 symptoms after getting the vaccine, or at any time, they should contact their health care provider and get tested, the organization explained in a press release.

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We are most grateful to you for your service to our Great Nation!

Warrant Officer Mitch Johnson, son of Jace and Kelly Johnson, and Warrant Officer Ben Miller, son of Tim and Sabra Miller, are attending helicopter flight school together at Fort Rucker, Alabama.

Both men were lifelong residents of Pagosa Springs until they enlisted in the Army.

Mitch started his career in 2013 driving M1 Abrams tanks in the 101st Armored Division.

39th Infantry Regiment. The chance of having both hometown soldiers at flight school together is extremely rare! We are extremely proud of both of them.



Officers Ben Miller and Mitch Johnson

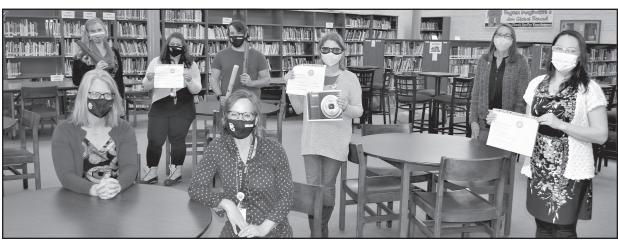
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Education





Pagosa Peak Open School mini grant recipient Karla Parker Choat and her class with Rotarians Melanie Gar-



Pagosa Springs Middle School and Pagosa Family School mini grant recipients Heather Rose, Katrina Thomas, Malinda Burnett, Dale Scrivener, Linda Lutomski and Jane Parker.



Rotarians Melanie Garrett and Sam Pittmon with Pagosa Peak Open School mini grant recipient Kelle Bruno

Rotary awards mini grants to teachers

By Shellie Peterson Pagosa Springs Rotary

The Pagosa Springs Rotary Club Teacher Mini Grant Program is a long-standing annual program,

and this year was no different. 12th grade in Archuleta County. The mini grant program awards a limited number of grants with a maximum award of \$400 for special classroom projects to individual

teachers in kindergarten through

Photo courtesy Al Myatt

Rotarians Cindi Galabota (left) and Shellie Peterson (right) with Pagosa Springs Elementary School mini grant recipient Kelly Vining.

The mini grant provides working capital to innovative teachers who want to develop new ideas to enrich the student classroom experience. The mini grants also provide funds to teachers for materials or projects that would not otherwise be available through the school district or for teachers who would otherwise have to use their own money to fund them.

Thirteen applications were received from six different schools and 10 teachers were selected including Jillian Cram, Kelly Vining, Heather Rose, Katrina Thomas, Malinda Burnett, Dale Scrivener, Linda Lutomski, Kelle Bruno, Rachael Christiansen and Karla Parker Choat.

We are so fortunate to have such innovative and creative teachers with the desire to inspire and expand the learning opportunities for our children.

Some of the interesting and fun projects we were able to fund included purchasing microscopes for science classes; reading intervention materials for phonics skills; 3-D wooden puzzles for art class incorporating science, technology, math and language; and yes, boomwhackers. Three teachers

in the middle and Family School joined together to apply for this purchase to expand their collection of boomwhackers to teach different aspects of music theory to more than 200 students. Add to that, cameras for learning about digital photography and creating digital portfolios and an egg incubator to give the students the opportunity to learn about the life cycle of a chicken.

To make our available funds go to as many teachers as possible, we choose to partially fund some requests and provide some materials through gathering donations. For instance, a friend of Rotary constructed an adjustable stand for a grow light for a teacher who wanted to create a tabletop garden. Handsewing kits for use in teaching life skills are being made through donations by Rotarians along with some seed money to keep them replenished. Some reading books and materials were requested that we were able to refer to Three Rivers Educational Foundation to provide to the teachers at no cost.

The Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs is proud to support our wonderful teachers who have worked so hard, especially this year, to excite and educate our children.



Rotarians Melanie Garrett and Sam Pittmon (right) with Darren Gantt (left), principal at Valor Academy, and Valor Academy mini grant recipient Jillian Cram.



Rotarians Shellie Peterson (right) and Cindi Galabota (center) with Pagosa Springs High School mini grant recipient Rachael Christiansen.

Students urged to secure spot in National **Cybersecurity Scholarship Competition**

By Brandi Simmons Governor's Office of Information Technology

Colorado's leading cybersecurity official is urging high school students to secure their spot in the National Cyber Scholarship Competition to compete for \$2 million in college scholarships. Students qualify by completing 20 percent of the free, fast-paced CyberStart America game by March 8.

"I'm ecstatic to see the enthusiasm we've had so far and I hope we can finish strong by providing this engaging pathway for students," said Chief Information Security Officer Deborah Blyth. "We've already nearly doubled the number who registered from last year, but we want to do all we can to connect students with scholarship

opportunities given the immense challenges that allows students potential for security careers right here in Colorado."

Colorado has become a force in the cybersecurity industry and CyberStart is an ideal introduction to the field for students, requiring no previous experience or knowledge while providing transferable and technical skills. According to Comparitech, Colorado had a 139 percent increase in cybersecurity employment over the past five years, the largest jump in the country.

The two-day national competition, which takes place April 5-6, offers students the opportunity to qualify for \$2,500 scholarships to the college of their choice and online cybersecurity training worth more than \$3,000.

The free game is a series of

to act as cyber protection agents, solving puzzles and navigating topics such as code breaking, programming, networking and digital forensics. It offers students opportunities to win scholarships and additional education resources for themselves and prizes for their schools. Beyond the March 8 deadline for the competition, students can play

the game until April 4. Participants will be informed if they qualify for the CyberStart National Scholarship Challenge Round as soon as they have achieved sufficient progress. To see the types of challenges students will face, visit https://go.cyberstart. com. Complete details may be found at www.cyberstartamerica.

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Traffic incident leads to arrest

By Clayton Chaney Staff Writer

On Feb. 10, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) responded to a call in regard to a traffic complaint near the intersection of U.S. 160 and Colo. 151.

According to ACSO case reports, Deputy Matthew Guy responded to the call at approximately 2:58 a.m.

The reporting party, later identified as Gabriela Hazlett, 69, of Pagosa Springs, "claimed a semi was following her too close" near mile marker 134 on U.S. 160, as stated in ACSO case reports.

Hazlett then contacted the Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Center again at approximately 3:10 a.m. and stated that "she had the semi blocked and road blocked" near Colo. 151 and U.S. 160, as stated in ACSO case reports.

According to Guy's report, when he arrived on scene he spotted a Jeep Cherokee blocking the semi-truck in the west bound lane on U.S. 160.

According to Guy's report, the Jeep had originally pulled out in front of the semi from North Pagosa Boulevard. As the two vehicles traveled west out of town, the semitruck began to speed up in the 55 and 65 mph zones.

As the two vehicles approached the Hersch Avenue intersection, the Jeep "swerved to the shoulder" allowing the semi to pass, according to Guy's report.

The report goes on to state that a few miles down the road, the semi driver noticed the Jeep flashing its lights and pulled over, thinking it was a cop.

The semi pulled over to the highway shoulder just before Colo. 151, allowing the Jeep to pass, the report states. The semi then attempted to pass the Jeep in a passing lane, but was unable to as they were traveling uphill.

After the unsuccessful passing attempt, the report explains the

Jeep then began to drive on the double yellow line, blocking both

At this point, the semi pulled over and waited for the Jeep to move on; however, the Jeep pulled over as well, the report indicates.

The driver of the semi claimed that Hazlett was yelling and cussing at him but he was unable to hear exactly what Hazlett was saying, so he turned the semi's engine off and got out of the vehicle, according to Guy's report.

When the semi driver exited his vehicle, he noticed Hazlett was pointing a gun in his direction, the report states. Hazlett claimed to have pulled the gun out in fear for her safety.

Both Hazlett and the semi driver were detained while Guy waited for Sgt. Brian Reis to arrive on scene, the report indicates.

According to Guy's report, Reis arrived on scene at approximately 4:11 a.m.

The report also states that the semi driver did not feel free to leave and was in fear for his life after Hazlett blocked the highway and drew a gun on him.

According to Guy's report, "At that point it was decided that because Gabriela put herself in jeopardy by stopping in the middle of the road, introduced a firearm into the situation, and prevented [the semi driver] from leaving that she was at fault."

Hazlett was then placed into custody for felony menacing and false imprisonment.

According to Guy's report, the firearm was unloaded when he secured it.

Hazlett was then transported to the Archuleta County Jail, the report indicates.

Also stated in Guy's report is that Hazlett had a small dog with her, which was taken to the animal

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Photo courtesy Pagosa Fire Protection District

A cabin on East Pagosa Street stands destroyed by fire on Feb. 26. One person was transported to the hospital in the incident.

Cabin burns on East Pagosa Street

Pagosa Fire Protection District

On Feb. 26 at approximately 5:28 a.m., a cabin fire was reported on East Pagosa Street. The notification was received through the 911 system managed by the Archuleta County Combined Dispatch center.

Upon arrival, the first due engine completed a scene size-up, noting a small, single-story cabin with visible flame showing from the roof eaves. First arriving units established a defensive fire attack due to the extreme fire behavior and extent of the structure involved. After extinguishing the main fire, firefighters entered the structure to complete a search, along with salvage and overhaul operations. Fire was contained to the cabin and no surrounding exposures were damaged.

The Pagosa Fire Protection Dis-

trict (PFPD) responded with three engines, two chief vehicles, one fire marshal vehicle, two support vehicles, eight paid staff members and seven volunteers. Mutual aid from the Pagosa Springs Police Department and one Pagosa Springs Medical Center ambulance staged on scene. Mutual aid response from Upper Pine Fire and Rescue was requested and then stood down once the fire was controlled.

The PFPD was on scene for approximately five hours.

The cabin was occupied at the time of the fire. One patient was transported to local hospital facilities by ambulance after exiting the structure before firefighters arrived.

There are no firefighter injuries to report. The origin and cause of the fire is under investigation at

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The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, Office of Emergency Management, would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank pewag Inc. for their generous donation of snow chains and tow strap for our fire and rescue vehicles. We look forward to putting them to the test. Thank you.

Mike Le Roux Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

The Blotter

Items listed in The Blotter report where an alleged incident occurred and the nature of the incident. Readers should not assume employees or owners of a place of business or a parking lot reported as the scene of an event are involved as perpetrators of the incident. **Archuleta County Sheriff's Office**

Calls for service over week: 123. Feb. 22 - First-degree criminal trespass-other intent, criminal mischief,

Bastille Drive. Feb. 22 — Harassment-insults/ taunts/challenges, criminal mischief,

Highland Avenue. Feb. 22 — State warrant, state war rant, state warrant, state warrant, Har-

man Park Drive. Feb. 22 — Information only, Bastille

Drive. Feb. 23 - Unlawful possession of a controlled substance, Solomon Drive. Feb. 24 — Criminal mischief, Surrey

Drive. Feb. 26 — Warrant arrest, Harman Park Drive.

Feb. 26 — Vicious dog with injury, dog at large-first offense no injury, Homestead Drive.

Feb. 26 — All other thefts, criminal impersonation, gathering identity information by deception, computer crimefelony, unauthorized use of financial transaction device-\$500 to \$15,000, crimes against at-risk adult/juveniletheft no force, Copper Court.

Feb. 27 — Criminal mischief, Handi-

cap Avenue. Feb. 28 — Criminal mischief, County Road 500.

Pagosa Springs Police Depart-

No report.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

No report.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Feb. 24 — Bryce Barnes, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs \$210.50

Feb. 24 — Jakob D. Beckish, speeding 25-39 over limit, total fines and costs \$306.50. Feb. 24 — David K. Stroud, license

plates expired, total fines and costs Feb. 24 — Shawndris J. Coy, speed-

ing 5-9 over, total fines and costs -\$194.50 Feb. 24 — Caleb Kop, harassmentinsults/taunts/challenges, 12 months

probation, total fines and costs -\$902.50 Feb. 25 — John Francis Guarnero,

harassment-insults/taunts/challenges two days jail, two years probation, total fines and costs - \$1,497.50.

Feb. 25 — John Francis Guarnero, disorderly conduct-offensive gesture, two days jail, two years probation, total fines and costs — \$1,306.

Feb. 25 - John F. Guarnero, harassment-obscene language/gesture, two days jail, two years probation,

total fines and costs — \$1,527.50.

Feb. 25 - Nicholas J. Crook, harassment-strike/shove/kick, 12 months probation, total fines and costs

Feb. 25 - Wesley Thomas Newmyer, controlled substance-unlawful use, total fines and costs - \$563.50.

Feb. 26 — Ruben James Archuleta, carrying a concealed weapon-knife, resisting arrest, two years probation, 35 days jail, two years probation, total fines and costs - \$1,611.50.

Feb. 26 — Ruben J. Archuleta, public indecency-lewd exposure, eight days jail, two years probation, total fines and costs - \$1,306. **Pagosa Springs Municipal Court:**

Judge Justin P. Fay

Feb. 22 — Gabriel Lister, reckless endangerment, total fines and costs -\$535

Feb. 23 — David Mendoza, unsafe backing, two points off, total fines and

Public Meetings



The following meetings are subject

Thursday, March 4

to change.

San Juan Water Conservancy District special meeting. 4 p.m. Zoom meeting. Find link and agenda information at www. sjwcd.org.

Town of Pagosa Springs Combined Parks and Recreation **Advisory Board meeting.** 5:30 p.m. See town website for participation information.

Monday, March 8

CSU Advisory Board meeting. 11:30 a.m., CSU Extension office, 344 U.S. 84 and via Zoom.

Pagosa Peak Open School work session and regular meeting. 5 p.m. work session, 6 p.m. regular meeting. Join Zoom meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/96 56099136?pwd=Z3Job2R1eXl0S E8rRzNpL0FucGpKZz09, meeting ID: 965 609 9136, passcode: 00001.

Tuesday, March 9

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8:30 a.m. Call 264-8300 one to two days before the meeting to obtain the login information.

Archuleta County Republican Women's meeting. Noon, Boss Hogg's, 157 Navajo Trail Drive.

Town Planning Commission, **Board of Adjustments and De**sign Review Board. 5:30 p.m., via Zoom.

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

Pagosa Fire Protection District **Board of Directors regular** meeting. 6:30 p.m., Administration Building, 165 N. Pagosa Blvd.

Wednesday, March 10

Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation meeting. 5:30 p.m. Join Zoom meeting: https://us02web.zoom. us/j/84538356482?pwd=Q0hZ blMrL1F3bFp2Um93NFNKRFppUT09, meeting ID: 845 3835 6482, passcode: 115134.

Thursday, March 11

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Commissioners work session. Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation

District regular board meeting. 5 p.m., 100 Lyn Ave.

Tuesday, March 16

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m. Call 264-8300 one to two days before the meeting to obtain the login information.

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners meeting. 1:30 p.m. Call 264-8300 one to two days before the meeting to obtain the login information.

Wednesday, March 17

Upper San Juan Library District board meeting. 4 p.m. Join us at https://us02web.zoom. us/j/83398449146 with meeting ID: 833 9844 9146.

Thursday, March 18

Archuleta County Republican Central Committee meeting. Noon, Pagosa Brewing, 118 N.

Pagosa Blvd. Subject to cancellation due to COVID-19.

Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting. 5 p.m. See town website for participation information.

Tuesday, March 23 Archuleta County Board of County

Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m. Call 264-8300 one to two days before the meeting to obtain the login information.

Upper San Juan Health Service **District regular meeting.** 5:30 p.m. Zoom meeting. To join, visit https://us02web.zoom. us/j/85395501309, meeting ID: 853 9550 1309 or call (346)

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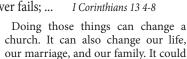
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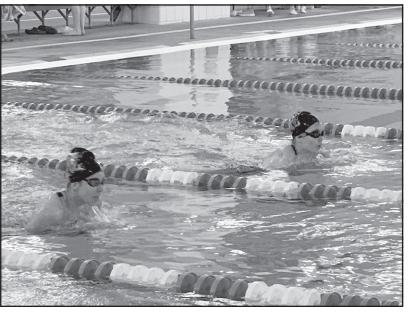
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Sports



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Nika Hinger (left) and Kali Jury keep pace with each other in the 100-yard breaststroke event during the regular-season finale in Durango on Feb. 25.

Lady Pirates swim team season ends in Durango due to positive COVID-19 test

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

A positive COVID-19 test of a Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate swim team member caused the team's season to end at the conclusion of the regular season on Feb. 25. The team will now no longer participate in regionals.

According to a Tuesday email from coach Heather Miller, the athlete notified the team prior to Pagosa's last regular-season meet in Durango that they had been exposed.

Miller added that the athlete later tested positive on the morning of Feb. 26, noting that the team did not expose any other athletes in other districts.

"We were devastated when we found out that our season had ended so abruptly," Miller wrote, adding that there was some hope among the team that it would be able to compete in the second day of regional swim action at Colorado Mesa University on March 6.

However, due to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's COVID guidelines, which require athletes to quarantine for 14 days rather than the 10 days for nonathletes, the Lady Pirates would miss any opportunity to compete at regionals, she explained.

Despite the COVID-shortened season that featured only four regular-season meets, Miller explained that she thought the season went well, with the Lady Pirates seeing improvement in times, technique, confidence and skill.

For her senior group, Miller relayed some last words of inspiration, writing, "Remember we can't control everything but we can control how we act and react in situations and last but not least: What if YOU can?"

The challenges and lessons learned this season were not just limited to the athletes, but Miller added that she gained some valuable insight following this season

able insight following this season.

"We are all stronger than we think we are and having challenging times helps us realize that we have a little more inside of us. This season helped me find and give that little more to the swimmers. Also, I learned that there is a limit to my patience, but no limit to my belief in our swimmers," she wrote.

Durango meet

Overall team scores for the match against Durango were not available by press time on Wednesday.

In the 200-yard freestyle, Karis Blackman took second place while Ava Pargin captured third place with times of three minutes, 3.99 seconds and 3:19.14, respectively.

Evelyn Rose and Amelia Laverty took second and third place in the 200-yard individual medley with final times of 3:10.16 and 4:08.97, respectively.

In the 50-yard freestyle, Lynette Bartz was the lone Lady Pirate to finish in the top five, taking fourth place with a final time of 30.17 seconds.

Two Lady Pirates were featured at the top of the standings in the 100-yard fly with Molly Bishop earning first place with a final time of 1:24.71 and Nell Taylor taking second place with a time of 1:39.76

Rose and Madeline Metzger took second and fifth in the 100-yard freestyle event with final times of 1:14.22 and 1:25.16, respectively.

Cheyenne Booth finished fourth in the 500-yard freestyle with a final time of 8:19.97.

Another Lady Pirate took the top spot, this time in the 100-yard backstroke, with Bartz taking first place with a final time of 1:12.

Bishop earned fourth place in the same event with a final time of 1:20.68.

Blackman took third place in the 100-yard breaststroke with a final time of 1:29.98.

Miller noted that she was happy with how the season finale went, with many Lady Pirate swimmers improving their times.

'The focus on the weaker event or challenge event went well, there was some fear and some nerves but each swimmer found a way to overcome those and try something they were not comfortable with, that showed true strength and fortitude," Miller wrote. "I have thought a lot about if I knew that Durango would be our last meet for the season would I have set things up differently? Honestly I would say no, it was such a great learning experience that allowed each swimmer to grow in their confidence with the sport."

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RECREATION NEWS

Registration open for adult coed volleyball indoor league

By Darren Lewis SUN Columnist

The Recreation Department is accepting adult coed volleyball registrations through April 16.

This is a new program being offered by the Recreation Depart-

League play will be every Monday and Wednesday evening at the Ross Aragon Community Center from April 26 through May 20.

from April 26 through May 20. Registration is \$25 per team and a \$10 individual player fee.

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Early-bird registration is \$50 per team through April 2. After April 2, it is \$75 per team. There is also a \$10 individual player fee. Please call the Recreation Department with any questions, 264-4151, ext. 232.

Wrestling

Pirates set to host regional tournament

By Clayton Chaney Staff Writer

The No. 1-ranked Pagosa Springs High School Pirate wrestling team is set to host this year's regional tournament this Friday, March 5, and Saturday, March. 6.

In order to maintain social distancing and to adhere to other COVID protocols, the tournament has been scheduled to take place over two days, with the 106-pound through 145-pound weight classes wrestling on Friday and the 152-pound through the 285-pound weight classes will wrestle on Saturday.

The schools competing in the state's Western Regional tournament are: Pagosa Springs, Middle Park, Steamboat Springs, Alamosa, Bayfield, Gunnison, Montezuma-Cortez, Delta, Basalt, Moffat County, Grand Valley, Coal Ridge and Rifle.

Coach Dan Janowsky spoke about how the Pirates have been preparing for the tournament.

"They worked extremely hard; they pushed themselves," Janowsky said.

The Pirates did not have any matches last weekend in order to stay healthy and prepare for this weekend's tournament.

Janowsky spoke last week about maintaining high-intensity practices in preparation for the tournament, which he feels they were able to accomplish.

He noted the team put in "three really tough grinds."

He added that it was "just the way a good practice room has to be."
Janowsky mentioned that he was pleased with the squad's work ethic, saying that there was "no one holding back."

He went on to mention the Intermountain League is the toughest league in the state in terms of individually ranked wrestlers.

"It's a tough region; there's good kids on every team," Janowsky said. With the abundance of quality

opponents in the league, Janowsky explained that his team needs "to be prepared to wrestle anything."

He also went on to explain how their "main focus is on the individual."

Janowsky mentioned that focusing on the individual instead of the team as a whole can be more beneficial to both the wrestlers and the team. If the individuals do well, then ultimately the team also does well.

He spoke about how the ultimate goal for wrestlers is to medal at the state championship.

"It's their sport, it's their moment, so we want to put them in a position for them to get the most out of it," Janowsky said.

Matchups had not been deter-

mined as of press time Wednesday.
Weigh-ins on Friday will begin
at 1 p.m. and matches will begin
at 2:30 p.m.

On Saturday, weigh-ins will begin at 10 a.m. and matches will start at 11:30 a.m.

No spectators will be allowed at the event. For those interested in viewing the competition, it will be live streamed via the Pagosa Springs High School Facebook page.

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BASKETBALL

Lady Pirates set to face Falcons Saturday in final regular-season game

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate basketball team will hit the road for La Jara for one final regular-season matchup this week before the opening rounds of the state tournament begin on Tuesday, March 9.

That final regular-season matchup will come against one of 3A girls' basketball's top teams in the Centauri Falcons, who are 6-0 in Intermountain League (IML) action and 11-1 on the season, at 4 p.m. Friday.

Centauri is the No. 2 team in the Colorado High School Activities Association's (CHSAA) 3A girls' basketball coaches' poll and the No. 3 team in the Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) standings, with their sole loss on the season coming at the hands of the classification's top team, The Vanguard School.

The Lady Pirates are 6-1 in IML play this season and 10-2 overall, with the team's league loss coming to the Falcons. Pagosa fell to Centauri 53-48 on Feb. 13.

The Lady Pirates sit 10th in the coaches' poll and 13th in the RPI standings.

The Lady Pirates will also be heading to La Jara short-handed, with several of the team's athletes in quarantine due to COVID-19 exposure.

"Everything is in their favor, to be quite honest with you," coach Charles Rand said of Centauri.

Included among the quarantined team members are starter Chantelle

Caldwell and regular Bea Carpenter, as well as Lucy Taylor and Jordan Lindstorm, who have also seen varsity time this season.

Caldwell was Pagosa's leading scorer in the Pirates' previous game against Centauri, Rand noted.

"She played awesome that game," he said, calling her absence a "huge setback."

The coach later noted the girls needing to quarantine is disheartening since they were exposed to something out of their control.

"I'm going to practice with my tennis shoes on," Rand said Tuesday, explaining he and assistant coach Sarah Osborn are playing with the kids and coaching at the same time to try to help the team prepare. "It's a different dynamic."

Rand explained the team put some new defensive tactics into play against Montezuma-Cortez and is looking to add in some new offensive things as the week progresses.

"So, we're just going to show up and just play loosey-goosey and hopefully we can just kind of keep it close and get one stolen," he said, adding later that the team will need to put its best foot forward and the Lady Pirates will need to play their

He noted the Pirates will need to rebound better against Centauri and limit Centauri's second-chance points, as well as handle Centauri's pressure, to be successful.

"If we win, we get to move up in the rankings," Rand said, noting it would be nice for the team to move up high enough to garner a first-round bye in order to be fullystaffed for the playoffs. "If we don't get that, we will play another game without them."

The first game without some of the regulars came as the Lady Pirates picked up their 10th win of the season Saturday in Cortez, with the Pirates picking up a 58-19 win over the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers.

Pagosa held Cortez to single digits in all four quarters Saturday, including limiting the Panthers to a single basket in the first.

Pagosa scored 19 in the opening quarter to give them a 19-2 lead. By halftime, that lead had increased to 35-5.

Each team put up seven points in the third quarter, and Pagosa outscored Cortez 16-7 in the fourth to end up with the 58-19 win at the buzzer.

Adelyn Dozier led the Lady Pirates offensively on the night with 21 points, which included five 3-pointers. She also tallied two rebounds. three assists and two steals.

Molly Graham put up 13 points, as well as logging nine rebounds, three assists, two blocks and a steal. Kelby Enjady-Vigil added 12

points (including a 3-pointer), four rebounds, one assist and two steals. "Kelby played great that game," Rand said, adding later, "She did

some really good things. Kori Lucero contributed five points, three rebounds, two assists and four steals.

Annie O'Donnell picked up three points in the game and had three rebounds and a steal.

Keira Torrez and Lindstorm each contributed two points. Torrez also had two rebounds, three assists and two steals. Lindstorm also pulled down a pair of rebounds.

River Pitcher notched two rebounds, two assists and a steal.

Daveyann Snarr and Sofia Haymaker each added a rebound.

Pagosa made 18 of 26 attempts from the free-throw line and turned the ball over 14 times.

Rand noted the game gave freshmen Enjady-Vigil and O'Donnell some serious playing time against a varsity team ahead of this week's matchup with Centauri, and the game gave the varsity regulars time to play with the younger kids, which can't be simulated in practice.

"It didn't surprise me when they played well — it may have surprised them," he said.

Playoff format

This year there will be a 24-team state bracket in the 3A classification, with that bracket anticipated to be released this weekend.

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Pirates pick up fourth league win, to face Centauri

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate basketball team picked up its sixth win of the season last weekend, defeating the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers 57-40 on their home court.

The win was the fourth Intermountain League (IML) win for the

Pirates, who sit in third in the IML. Centauri, with a 5-1 league mark and 10-1 overall record, leads the league, followed by Alamosa with a 5-2 IML record and 8-4 overall

Pagosa is 4-3 in league action and 6-6 overall, placing them third, followed by Bayfield and Montezu-

end, holding a 15-5 lead at the end of the first.

Pagosa bested the Panthers 16-14 in the second to improve to 31-19 at halftime and outscored the Panthers 15-6 in the third.

The Panthers bested Pagosa in the fourth, 15-11, but it was not enough to turn the tides and the Pirates returned home with the win.

"I thought the kids played pretty

good," coach Wes Lewis said. "I

thought we were pretty good de-

fensively to only give up 40 points

to a team that pushes it and shoots

The Pirates were short-handed for the affair, with regular Wyatt Zeigler among Pagosa's students who are quarantined due to CO-VID-19 exposure.

But, in his absence, Lewis noted up and had a heck of a game that

He added the team clicked and played well and was efficient on offense without making too many

"I thought we looked pretty

Gunner Dozier led the Pirates with 14 points, which included one 3-pointer, and had two rebounds. two assists and two steals.

The Pirates picked up an early and Mitch Lewis each put up 13 lead over the Panthers last week- points. Shahan also had eight re-

Logan Harper picked up three

points on the night. Wyatt Shuhart and Breck Wilson each contributed two points. Shuhart also had four rebounds, an assist and two steals. Wilson added three rebounds, an assist and two

blocks.

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Shahan (including a 3-pointer) bounds and four steals, while Mitch Lewis also had seven rebounds and

Aidan O'Donnell added 10 points, five rebounds, three assists and a steal.

Dylan Manzanares had two re-

bounds, an assist and a steal. would "really help our chances."

Pagosa made seven of 12 shots from the charity stripe and turned the ball over 20 times. This week, the Pirates will take

on Centauri in their final regularseason match, with the game beginning Friday at 6 p.m. And, again, will be short-hand-

ed, with additional athletes being

quarantined earlier this week. "We've got to handle our pressure. When they came over here to Pagosa ... in the first half especially, their pressure kind of got to us a little bit and we had a lot of turnovers, a lot of turnovers to easy buckets for them," Wes Lewis said. "We've got to be able to handle the pressure, take care of the basketball a little bit better than we did the

first go-round." The coach said the team is working on things this week that will help them be ready for the pressure on the ball and to be ready for Centauri's defense.

into this weekend's matchup on the outside looking in when it comes to this year's playoffs. "It's really hard to predict what's gonna happen until all the games

around the state are played," he

He added that Pagosa is going

Centauri is the No. 6 team in this week's boys' 3A coaches' poll and No. 7 in the Ratings Percentage

Pagosa is No. 41 in the RPI standings.

The Pirates, Wes Lewis noted, have continued to get better throughout the season, and the IML has been a pretty balanced league again this season.

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Tuesday, March 9. Brackets are expected to be released this weekend.

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By Aubrie Limebrook Pagosa Springs Little League

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Photo courtesy Alexis Spencer and Angelica Leslie The Wolf Creek Ski Team hosts the first race of the Wolf Creek Challenge

Series on Sunday, Feb. 28. The next race in the series will be on April 3.

Ski team finds 'normalcy' in racing during challenging times

By Angelica Leslie

Wolf Creek Ski Team

On Sunday, Feb. 28, the Wolf Creek Ski Team hosted the first race

of the Wolf Creek Challenge Series. The event helped raise money for the Wolf Creek Ski Team, a local nonprofit youth alpine ski team. The money raised from the race helps the ski team attend out-oftown races, pay for ski equipment and gear, and aids in team-related

scholarships. The race was open to all levels of boarders and alpine skiers. Area ski teams who attended included the Santa Fe Ski Team, the Conti-

nental Divide Freeride Team and the Hinsdale Ski Team. A total of 36 racers of all ages and abilities sped from the top of Charisma to the bottom and competed for the

The fastest racer of the day was Corbin Horrocks, 13, from South Fork. The next race in the series will be on April 3. Please keep an eye out for race details in the coming weeks.

The Wolf Creek Ski Team appreciates all the support from the community in and around Pagosa Springs and Wolf Creek Ski Area, and we love the normalcy racing brings in these challenging times.

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Outdoors

Colorado Parks and Wildlife discusses wolf reintroduction plan, public process

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

The topic of gray wolf reintroduction planning was discussed by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) Commission at a meeting on Feb. 24.

On Nov 3, 2020, Colorado voters approved Proposition 114 that would support the reintroduction of gray wolves into Colorado.

CPW Director Dan Prenzlow noted on the same day that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service published a final rule to remove gray wolves from the list of endangered and threatened wildlife in those areas of the lower 48 states where they were federally listed.

This rule became effective on Jan. 4 of this year, Prenzlow added.

"Colorado Parks and Wildlife has laid out a strategy to implement Proposition 114 and implement the reintroduction plan by Dec. 31, 2023," Prenzlow said. "The service has scientific and technical experience in planning reintroduction and management programs for the conservation of numerous species, including gray wolves."

Later in the meeting, CPW Assistant Director of Aquatic, Terrestrial and Natural Resources Reid De-Walt explained the CPW's purpose in the public involvement strategy is to share information to build public awareness and engagement, collaboration with various stakeholders, to foster commitment and collaboration toward implementation, and to design and implement an inclusive and transparent process.

One way to help implement Proposition 114, for the CPW commission, would be for the commission to participate in educational sessions, DeWalt explained.

"The real purpose is not to make the commission subject-matter experts," he said. "Our intent with the commission is to kind of give you the terminology and the words and some of the ideas around wolf planning and wolf reintroduction so that when we go into more of the meeting, you understand the language and basic concepts."

Another purpose of the sessions would be to educate the public, increase buy-in and increase trust in the agency, he added.

These meetings would be held online, DeWalt described further,

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seeds of imperiled Pisonia trees, halt-

ing all reproduction. Today, the en-

tire ecosystem has recovered thanks

In 2012, the estimated rat popula-

to brodifacoum treatment in 2011.

tion on the Galápagos Island of

Pinzón was 18 million. All Pinzón

giant tortoises hatched there were at

least 150 years old because rats had

eaten juveniles. In December of that

year, brodifacoum killed every rat.

Within months, hatchling Pinzón

tortoises appeared for the first time

in a century and a half — produced

by animals raised and repatriated by

the Santa Cruz Tortoise Center.

On the U.S. National Wildlife

Consider rugged, 1,450-square-

Only 10 percent of the world's

and rats introduced by humans.

By Ted Williams

and spectacular.

elephant seals.

SUN Columnist

and would be more of a webinar type

Some topics for these sessions could include depredation and conflict, wolf management, reintroduction efforts in other states, and disease issues, DeWalt explained.

DeWalt added that the CPW is looking to get these sessions going as soon as possible.

According to DeWalt, the CPW has done some "internal listening tours" with states that have gray wolves to figure out how best to implement reintroduction in Colorado.

"I think some of our biggest resources are our, not only neighboring states, but states who have been managing wolves for a while now. Hearing some of their direct successes and nonsuccess stories will help us avoid a lot of pitfalls and hopefully make things as smooth as possible," CPW commissioner Duke Phillips said.

CPW commissioner Taishya Adams also suggested that the educational sessions be focused for specific groups that could be affected by wolf reintroduction, for example, agricultural communities, hunting and fishing communities, and for

Engaging local universities and community colleges were also ideas suggested as well by various CPW

Following more discussion, the commission took public comment from community members about the educational sessions and the planning of gray wolf introduction

"Holding educational programs, I think, is very important for both the commission as well as the general public," audience member Erika Moore said. "I also want to point out that these programs should not be held in a way that slows down or delays the development of this restoration and management plan."

Moore added that CPW needs to look into how other states manage wolves and limit the use of harmful management tactics and tools to the wolves themselves.

"I think it's important to make sure that as you talk about wolf conflict with livestock, you're not only looking at direct impacts, which is depredation, but more importantly, those indirect impacts," audience member Terry Fankhauser said.

WRITERS ON THE RANGE

Sometimes, poison is the only thing that works

On the Farallon Islands National

Refuge, 27 miles off San Francisco,

mice introduced by sealers threaten

to extirpate 4,000 ashy storm-pe-

trels—half the planet's population.

In autumn, the ground undulates

with mice. Sit down, and they crawl

burrowing owls rested briefly on

their fall migration. Now they linger

into winter, gorging on mice. With

seed shortage, mice turn to canni-

balism, then starve, so owls switch

to ashy storm-petrels. Enough

mice survive that their population

explodes again when new seeds

lions and seals to deadly pathogens,

spread seeds of invasive plants,

devour pollinators of native plants

and consume two rare species

found nowhere else — Farallon

camel crickets and Farallon arboreal

Wildlife Service has tried to restore

ecological health to the Farallons,

but it's continuously intimidated

by opponents of all poisons in all

brodifacoum applied by trained

wildlife professionals is an absolute

necessity. But brodifacoum abused

by the public is an absolute disaster

for mainland ecosystems. These are

two thoughts opponents of island

recovery can't grasp simultaneously.

Sergio proves the old saw that one

concerned citizen can make a differ-

ence. She proves also that this isn't

Francisco, the California Coastal

Commission and the public to a

froth of fear and loathing. Her on-

line petition against the project has

Sergio has whipped the city of San

always a good thing.

39,000 signatures.

Animal-rights activist Maggie

To restore island ecosystems,

Since 2004, the U.S. Fish and

salamanders.

Meanwhile, mice expose sea

Before mice infested the refuge,

Another thing to consider is the potential conflict related to wolves that have migrated to Colorado and those that are going to be brought in via the reintroduction process, Fankhauser added.

"I would urge you to include agriculture-specific educational sessions throughout the state designed to explain and define language included in Proposition 114," audience member Kerry Froese said.

Public listening sessions

Along with the educational sessions, the CPW also believes that virtual public listening sessions on the topic of wolf reintroduction are valuable as well, DeWalt added later in the meeting.

DeWalt noted that Proposition 114 directs the CPW to hold public listening sessions, but added that even if there was no language of that type, the commission would want to hold sessions anyway.

"We certainly believe that it would be very helpful before we start these listening sessions to come out with some sort of a very basic outline of a plan and maybe even refer to it as a table of contents," DeWalt said.

Colorado Department of Natural Resources Executive Director Dan Gibbs suggested that the commission have more than just an outline

"We really want folks to have some meaningful information to chew on, frankly," Gibbs said.

Gibbs suggested even having targeted meetings for specific coun-

CPW commissioner Jay Tutchton added that he agreed with Gibbs on having a draft plan for the public to

"I think we need to give the public something new and get some response. I think that would be much more valuable to have them look at a draft and read more than a table of contents," Tutchton said.

The CPW needs to be widespread in its efforts in planning and holding these public listening sessions, CPW commissioner Marie Haskett added.

"I don't think we can overdo an input opportunity in regards to how difficult and divisive this topic is across our state," CPW Commission Chair Marvin McDaniel said.

Sergio's screeds in the Huffington

Post and elsewhere include such

fiction as: "1.3 metric tons of brodi-

facoum" will be dropped by helicop-

ter. There isn't enough brodifacoum

in the world to drop 1.3 metric tons;

1.54 ounces would be dropped, this

to be mixed with 1.3 metric tons

of grain. And: "The pesticide label

for 'Brodifacoum 25' indicates that

up to 24 pounds per acre will be

applied." No, "Brodifacoum 25"

contains 25 parts brodifacoum per

recycled by the media, the Coastal

Commission, the city, WildCare and

the Ocean Foundation. One might

suppose that the foundation would

defend ocean mammals and rare

ocean birds. Instead, it frets about

imagined cruelty to mice and pos-

sible by-kill of super-abundant

The Fish and Wildlife Service

doesn't need permission from state

bureaucrats to manage wildlife

belonging to all Americans. But

scolded by the Coastal Commission,

it's re-revising plans it has revised

servation Science retains hope: "I

don't think we'll win over oppo-

nents; but we'll get this message

to the undecideds: We're in a time

when people are doubting scientists

and we need to get back to trusting

the scientific process that's been so

The service will again plead its

Ted Williams is a contributor to

case to the Coastal Commission at

a hearing tentatively scheduled for

May. Comments should be sent to:

Writers on the Range, writerson-

therange.org, a nonprofit dedicated

to spurring lively conversation about

the West. He writes about wildlife for

national publications.

farallonislands@coastal.ca.gov.

well represented in this project."

Zach Warnow of Point Blue Con-

and re-revised for 17 years.

These and other untruths are

million parts grain.

western gulls.

chris@pagosasun.com

Public Notices

DISTRICT COURT. ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO Court Address: 46 Eaton Dr., Suite #1, PO Box 148,

Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Phone Number: 970-264-8160 Attorney for Plaintiff: Daniel L. Fiedler, #47916 190 Talisman Dr., Suite D-6 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 970-507-8528

E-mail: danielfiedler@gmail.com Case Number: 20CV30092 PATRICK H. DISNER

ANNETTE WEBB SAARIKOSKI, ARCHULETA COUNTY PUBLIC TRUSTEE, And All Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Matter Of This Action,

SUMMONS (BY PUBLICATION) PLAINTIFF PATRICK H. DISNER TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appea and defend against the claims of the Complaint to Quiet
Title Pursuant to Rule 105 filed with the Archuleta County District Court in this action, by filing with the Clerk of this Court an Answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the last day of publication A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the clerk

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

This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to more particularly described as follows: Lot 771 IN PAGOSA HIGHLAND ESTATES, ACCORDING

TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD FEBRUARY 7, 1972 AS RECEPTION NO. 75409. Respectfully submitted this 27TH day of January, 2021 /s/ Daniel L. Fiedler Daniel L. Fiedler First Publication: February 4, 2021

Last Publication: March 4, 2021 Published February 4, 11, 18, 25 and March 4, 2021 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Nicholas Christopher Karas, also known as Nicholas C. Karas, Nicholas Karas and Nick Karas,

Case No. 2020PR30048 All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before Monday, July 5, 2021, or the claims The original of this document is on file at the law

office of Donald Glenn Peterson /s/ Donald Glenn Peterson Donald Glenn Peterson - Attorney for Personal Representative 4100 E. Mississippi Ave.,Suite 410 Denver, CO 80246

Telephone: (303) 758-0999 Published February 18, 25 and March 4, 2021 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

Archuleta County Combined Courts 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 1 PO Box 148 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Public notice is given on 2/12/21, that a Petition for a Change of Name of an Adult has been filed with the Archuleta Court. The Petition requests that the name of Megan Elizabeth

Macht be changed to Megan Elizabeth Jackson.
/s/ Cheryl Mulbery Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk Published February 18, 25 and March 4, 2021 in The

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION SALE NO. 2020-007

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with reto the following described Deed of Trust: On December 15, 2020, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the

County of Archuleta records.
Original Grantor(s) Medray H. Carpenter Original Beneficiary(ies) GENERATION MORTGAGE Current Holder of Evidence of Debt CAM XI TRUST Date of Deed of Trust November 06, 2009 County of Recording Archuleta

Recording Date of Deed of Trust November 13, 2009 Page No.) 20909101

Original Principal Amount \$519,750.00
Outstanding Principal Balance \$216,914.64 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN SEE ATTACHED LEGAL DESCRIPTION

LEGAL DESCRIPTION
THE LAND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF ARCHULETA, STATE OF COLORADO, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF

THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (E1/2NE1/4NE1/4SW1/4) OF SECTION FIVE (5), TOWNSHIP THIRTY-FOUR (34) NORTH, RANGE ONE (1) WEST, N.M.P.M., ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO BEING MORE PARTICULARLY

DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID F1/2NF1/4NF1/4SW1/4, SECTION 5, WHICH CORNER IS IDENTICAL WITH THE CENTER QUARTER
CORNER OF SAID SECTION 5; THENCE SOUTH 9 DEG. 45' WEST A DISTANCE OF 608.68 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE NE1/4NE1/4SW1/4 OF SECTION 5 TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE 87 DEG. 24' WEST A DISTANCE OF 370.79 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NE1/4NE1/4SW1/4 OF SECTION 5; THENCE NORTH 8 DEG. 24'30" EAST A DISTANCE OF 613.76 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NE1/4NE1/4SW1/4 SECTION 5; THENCE SOUTH 86 DEG. 24' EAST A DISTANCE OF 384.57 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 5.27 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT THIRTY FEET (30") IN WIDTH FOR ROADWAY PURPOSES FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS AS SET FORTH IN DEED RECORDED IN BOOK 168 PAGE 37 IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO, AND CORRECTION DEED FROM HOUSER W. SIKES AND LOUIS H. ROSS TO LOUIS H. ROSS AND AUDREY B. ROSS DULY RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO Also known by street and number as: 295 ECHO CREEK DRIVE, PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81147. THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 04/15/2021, at the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office at 449 San Juan St. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best

> Your right to

> > know.

bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law Last Publication 3/18/2021

Name of Publication Pagosa Springs Sun

IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE. THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;

DATE: 12/15/2020 /s/ Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado The name, address, business bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing

Janeway Law Firm, P.C. 9800 S Meridian Suite 400. Englewood, CO 80112 (303) 706-9990

Attorney File # 20-025009 The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided

may be used for that purpose.

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The Pagosa Springs SUN. DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO

Court Address: 449 San Juan St., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Phone Number: (970) 264-8160

MARTHA S. MOORE for the estate of Elizabeth J. Kuhn

PAGOSA-GNH, LLC: PAGOSA LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION; and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION.
Submitting Attorney:

Clayton M. Buchner, #50996 444 Lewis St., PO Box 3855 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Phone Number: (970) 507-0227 E-mail: cmblawllc@gmail.com Case No. 2020CV30097

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
TO ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS

YOU ARE SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this Summons upon you. Service of this summons shal be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

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

This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to

the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado more particularly described as follows: Lot 406X, being in consolidation of lots 405 and 406, in

Lake Forest Estates, according to the plat thereof filed for record June 4, 1973 as Reception No. 77869 and pursuant to Resolution No. 99-28, a resolution approving the consolidation of certain lots in Archuleta County, Colorado filed for record April 20, 1999 as Reception No. 99003509, in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado. Respectfully submitted this 11th day of February, 2021, Clayton M. Buchner, Attorney at Law, LLC

/s/ Clayton M. Buchner Clayton M. Buchner, #50996 444 Lewis St., PO Box 3855 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 (970) 507-0227

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NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Inter-

est of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to: BRANDY CASTER 297 STEEP PLACE PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81147

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of November 2017, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at pub-

BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COMPANY, LLC the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit: Lot 11 of Block 13 in Aspen Springs Subdivision

No. 3, according to the plat thereof filed for record July 6, 1971 as Reception No. 74567, being an ent of the plat of Aspen Springs Ranch Subdivision No. 3, filed on April 9,1971 as reception No. 74284.

Schedule Number: 569312204009 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2017-03946 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of pu chase therefore to BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COM-PANY. LLC

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property(and special assessment) taxes as-sessed against said property for the year 2016 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of BRANDY CASTER for said year 2016.
That said BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COMPANY LLC on the 15th day of January 2021, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property; That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COMPANY, LLC On the 7th day of July 2021, unless the same has been

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

Witness my hand this 12th day of February 202 Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published February 25, March 4 and 11, 2021 in The

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To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of einafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to: **BRANDY CASTER**

297 STEEP PLACE PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81147 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of November 2017, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at pub-

BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COMPANY following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:

Lot 12 of Block 13 in Aspen Springs Subdivision No.3, according to the plat thereof filed for record July 6, 1971 as Reception No. 74567, being an mendment of the plat of Aspen Springs Ranch Subdivision No. 3, filed on April 9,1971 as recep-

tion No. 74284. Account Number: R003594 Schedule Number: 569312204036 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2017-03947 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of pu

chase therefore to BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COM-That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property(and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2016 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of BRANDY CASTER for said year 2016. That said BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COMPANY on

the 15th day of January 2021, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COMPANY On the 7th day of July 2021, unless the same has been

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's

/s/ Elsa P White Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published February 25, March 4 and 11, 2021 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

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

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

BRANDY CASTER 297 STEEP PLACE

PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81147 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of November 2017, the then County Treasurer Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at pub

lic tax lien sale to BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COMPANY, LLC the following described property situate in the County of

State of Colorado, to-wit: Lot 10 of Block 13 in Aspen Springs Subdivision No. 3, according to the plat thereof filed for record July 6, 1971 as Reception No. 74567, being an Amendment of the plat of Aspen Springs Ranch

tion No. 74284. Account Number: R003595 Schedule Number: 569312204037

Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2017-03948 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of pur-chase therefore to BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COM-PANY, LLC That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the deli

quent property(and special assessment) taxes as ssed against said property for the year 2016 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of BRANDY CASTER for said year 2016.
That said BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COMPANY LLC on the 15th day of January 2021, the present hold Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property: That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said proper to BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COMPANY, LLC

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's

On the 7th day of July 2021, unless the same has b

Witness my hand this 12th day of February 2021

/s/ Elsa P White Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published February 25, March 4 and 11, 2021 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION

FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Inter est of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

ROBERT H EWING 375 OAK DRIVE PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81147 ROBERT H EWING 83 OAK DRIVE

PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81147 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of November 2017, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at pub

lic tax lien sale to BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COMPANY LLC he following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit LOT 20 OF BLOCK 7 IN AMENDED ASPEN

SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 1. ACCORDING TO

THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD MARCH 22, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74229. Account Number: R002574 Schedule Number: 569301409018 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2017-03938 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of pur chase therefore to BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COM

PANY, LLC That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delin quent property(and special assessment) taxes as sessed against said property for the year 2016
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of ROBERT H EWING for said year 2016 That said BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COMPANY LLC on the 15th day of January 2021, the present hold er of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property; That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said propert

to BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COMPANY, LLC On the 7th day of July 2021, unless the same has be Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's

Witness my hand this 9th day of February 2021 /s/ Elsa P White Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado

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LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Inter est of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

CAROL LARUE 2603 LITTLE ELM TRAIL CEDAR PARK, TX 78613-5260 CAROL LARUE P O BOX 1615

DRIPPING SPRINGS . TX 78620 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 3rd day of November 2016, the then County Treasurer of lic tax lien sale to BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COMPANY, LLC

the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit: LOT 9 OF BLOCK 8 IN AMENDED ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD JUNE 15, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74503.

Account Number: R002929 Schedule Number: 569302402072 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2016-03789 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of nu chase therefore to BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COM-PANY, LLC

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delin quent property(and special assessment) taxes as sessed against said property for the year 2016
That said real estate was taxed or specially asse in the name(s) of CAROL LARUE for said year 2016 That said BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COMPANY, LLC on the 15th day of January 2021, the present hold er of said certificate (who) has made request upon the reasurer of said County for a deed to said property; That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said propert

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Whom It May Concern, and more especially to: Adrienne Panter & Dale Haskamp, Note:State of Colorado Cert. of Death for Dale Henry Haskamp was recorded September 22, 2009 as Reception No.20907506

PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81147 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of November 2017, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at pub

BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COMPANY, LLC following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit See "Exhibit A"

A tract of land, being a portion of Tract 16 in RIO BLANCO VALLEY SUBDIVISION UNIT THREE AMENDED, according to the Amended Plat thereo filed for record September 6, 1967 as Reception No. 70234, said tract being more particularly described as follows:

A tract of land being and comprising a portion of the S1/2NE1/4 of Section 31, Township 34 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M., and being more particularly described by metes and bounds survey as

BEGINNING at the Northwest corner of the herein escribed tract of land, said corner be Northwest corner of the above said S1/2NE1/4 of said Section 31:

Thence running from said point of beginning

North 78° 05' 55" East, 101.54 feet to the Northeast corner of the herein described tract of land; " " South 2° 25' 05" East, 107.61 feet to a point; 'South 21° 54' 15" East, 169,41 feet to the Southeast corner of the herein described tract of land: " South 65° 28' 00" West, 183.63 feet to the

Southwest corner of the herein described tract of land: " " North, 320.00 feet to the North the herein described tract of land and the point of

■ See Public Notices A15

■ Continued from A14

LESS AND EXCEPT any portion located within United States Forest Service property. Account Number: R014368

Schedule Number: 588731101020 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2017-03990 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COM-That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delin-

quent property(and special assessment) taxes as-sessed against said property for the year 2016 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Adrienne Panter & Dale Haskamp, Note:State of Colorado Cert. of Death for Dale Henry Haskamp was recorded September 22, 2009 as Recep tion No.20907506 for said year 2016.

That said BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COMPANY LLC on the 15th day of January 2021, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property: That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COMPANY, LLC On the 7th day of July 2021, unless the same has been

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's

Witness my hand this 12th day of February 2021 /s/ Elsa P White Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado

Published February 25, March 4 and 11, 2021 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION
FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and

to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to: David Rackley and Michelle B. Rackley, as Co-trustees of Rackley Family Trust, U/A dated September 28, 2017

4707 E CASCALOTE DRIVE CAVE CREEK, AZ 85331 David Rackley and Michelle B. Rackley, as Co-trustees of Rackley Family Trust, U/A dated September 28, 2017 7227 E HIGHLAND RD

CAVE CREEK, AZ 85331
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of November 2017, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at pub-

BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COMPANY LLC the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit: LOT 139 IN SAN JUAN RIVER RESORT UNIT NO. 1,
ACCORDING TO THE AMENDED PLAT THEREOF

FILED FOR RECORD OCTOBER 4, 1972 AS RE-Account Number: R000182 Schedule Number: 557922302009
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2017-03925 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COM-

PANY, LLC That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property(and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2016
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of David Rackley and Michelle B. Rackley, as Co-trustees of Rackley Family Trust, U/A dated September 28, 2017 for said year 2016.

That said BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COMPANY, LLC on the 15th day of January 2021, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COMPANY, LLC On the 7th day of July 2021, unless the same has been

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's

Witness my hand this 9th day of February 2021 /s/ Elsa P White Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published February 25, March 4 and 11, 2021 in *The*

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

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:
PETER W. REESE

2574 VIA PISA DEL MAR, CA 92014 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of November 2017, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at pub-

BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COMPANY, LLC the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:

LOT 344 IN PAGOSA HIGHLAND ESTATE, AC-CORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD FEBRUARY 7, 1972 AS RECEPTION NO. 75409.

Account Number: R001400 Schedule Number: 558326402005 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2017-03929 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of pur chase therefore to BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COM-

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property(and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2016 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of PETER W. REESE for said year 2016 That said BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COMPANY, LLC on the 15th day of January 2021, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property: That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COMPANY, LLC On the 7th day of July 2021, unless the same has been

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's

Witness my hand this 9th day of February 2021 Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published February 25, March 4 and 11, 2021 in The

Pagosa Springs SUN.

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION
FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To

Whom It May Concern, and more especially to: KANDRAY STACIE 1107 WEST ROSE ROAD MARLOWS, OK 73055-8751 WELDON BROOKS III 776 JOLLY ROGUE DRIVE

DIVIDE, CO 80814 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of November 2017, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at pub-

lic tax lien sale to BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COMPANY, LLC

the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:

LOT 486 IN ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 6, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD AUGUST 3, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74689.

Account Number: R015329 Schedule Number: 589315204012 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2017-03998 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COM-

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property(and special assessment) taxes as-sessed against said property for the year 2016 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of KANDRAY STACIE and WELDON BROOKS III for said year 2016.

That said BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COMPANY LLC on the 15th day of January 2021, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property

to BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COMPANY, LLC redeemed. Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's

Witness my hand this 12th day of February 2021

/s/ Elsa P White Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published February 25, March 4 and 11, 2021 in *The*

Pagosa Springs SUN. Archuleta County, Colorado

449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148

Pagosa Springs, CO 81301

Plaintiff: DORIS H. TOM.

Defendants: TERUKO YAMASAKI, now deceased and CHIYOKO SASAKURA, now deceased, and all unknown persons who claim any interest in the subject matter of this action Attorney for Plaintiff: Tracy J. Cross 835 E. Second Ave., #250 Durango, CO 81301 Tele: (970) 385-0600

tcross@mydurango.net Case Number: 21 CV 30010 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

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

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 guiet title to property commonly known as TBD CR 335, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, Parcel No. 588721400027.

Dated: February 18, 2021 Published in the Pagosa Springs Sun. First Publication: 2/25/21 Last Publication: 3/25/21 /s/Tracy J. Cross

Attorney for Plaintiff(s)/Petitioner(s)
Published February 25, March 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2021 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, STATE OF Court Address: Archuleta County District Court PO Box 148

Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Division:

Plaintiff: PAGOSA LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS AS-

Defendants: JAMES PADILLA; Attorneys for Plaintiff:
Orten Cavanagh Holmes & Hunt, LLC Hal R. Kyles. #23891 1445 Market Street, Suite 350

Denver, CO 80202 Phone Number: (720) 221-9780

Matter ID # 1019.0729

DISTRICT COURT CIVIL SUMMONS

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to file with the Clerk of this Court an answer or other response to the attached Complaint. If service of the Summons and Complaint was made upon you within the State of Colorado, you are required to file your answer or other response within 21 days after such service upon you. If service of the Summons and Complaint was made upon you outside of the State of Colorado, you are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after such service upon you. Your answer or counterclaim must be accompanied with the applicable

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within the applicable time period, the Court may enter judgment by default against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further

This is an action affecting the property described in the Complaint and is a proceeding in rem as well as an in personam proceedings. February 25, 2021

ORTEN CAVANAGH HOLMES & HUNT, LLC Hal R. Kyles, #23891 Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association

Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-9486 This Summons is issued pursuant to Rule 4, C.R.C.P., as amended. A copy of the Complaint must be served with this Summons. This form should not be used where service by publication is desired.
Published March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 2021 in *The* Pagosa Springs SUN.

Archuleta County Combined Courts 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 1 PO Box 148 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

Case No. 2021C10 PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Public notice is given on 2/16/2021 that a Petition for a Change of Name of an Adult has been filed with the Archuleta Court. The Petition requests that the name of Marta Moreno

Hannan be changed to Marta Cecilia Hannan.

/s/ Cheryl Mulbery Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk Published March 4, 11 and 18, 2021 in *The Pagosa*

Request for Bid - the Town of Pagosa Springs is requesting bids for the Pioneer Cemetery Archeological Assessment Project, For more information please go to the Projects, Bids, RFPs page on the Town's website at www.pagosasprings.co.gov. The Town will be accepting bids through March 19, 2021 at 5:00 pm. Published March 4, 11 and 18, 2021 in *The Pagosa* Springs SUN.

Be it known to all people of the establishment of a Faith Based Private Membership Association to be known as the Faran Ventures Worldwide for the purpose of conducting all manner of faith based private business with the association or its members. Interested parties should contact us at 970-398-5116 Published March 4, 2021 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Tel 970 264 2400

Ptarmigan Property Owners Association. Inc..

Timeshare Trade Ins, LLC, et al Defendants Case No.: 2020CV30065

COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM Sheriff Sale No. 2021-02

This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Ptarmigan Townhouses, recorded on February 18, 1988, Reception No 0153260, 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 December 8, 2020, 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

Timeshare Trade Ins, LLC Flora Lightfoot

and Interval Ownership for Ptarmigan Townhouses, recorded on February 18, 1988, Reception No 0153260, 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 Dec-

laration: Ptarmigan 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: Ptarmigan Property Debtor(s) & Amount Due to: 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

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

NÓTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE

THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will at 11 o'clock A.M., on Friday, May 7, 2021, Sale Number 2021-02 in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff. 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grant-or 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: March 4, 2021 Last Publication: April 1, 2021 Name of Publication: Pagosa Sun NOTICE OF RIGHTS YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROP-

ERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSU-ANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF THE STATUTES WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS IS ATTACHED HERETO.

IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED. THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A

FIRST LIEN. IF YOU BELIEVE THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SIN-GLE 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 COLO-RADO 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 for Archuleta County, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colo-

rado, 81147, 970-264-8434. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT Dated at Archuleta County, Colorado, this 5th day of

May 2021. Rich Valdez, Sheriff, Archuleta County, Colorado By: /s/ Lorena Medina Lorena Medina, Office Manager EXHIBIT "A" Ptarmigan Townhouses

Amount TIMESHARE TRADE INS LLC (C#178805842) Unit Week Number 2, Unit Number 7206, Building Number

Unpaid Assessments: \$3,356.93 Interest: \$665.90 Late Fees: \$50.00 Costs: \$322.03 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$5,394.86 FLORA LIGHTFOOT (C#178812426) Unit Week Number 36, Unit Number 7215, Building Number 8, Unpaid Assessments: \$2,653.58 Interest: \$428.42

Costs: \$322.03 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$4,479.03 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 153256. 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 March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 2021 in The

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

Teal Landing Property Owners Association, Inc.

JRWFAM, LLC, et al Defendants Case No.: 2020CV30067 COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST

AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM Sheriff Sale No. 2021-04 This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium, recorded on August 10, 2000, Reception Number 20007580, as amended and supplemented from timeto-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder

for Archuleta County, Colorado. Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered December 8, 2020, 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

ANDREW C MARION MARILOUISE MARION ROBERT DUNN FLLEN DUNN MARIA S. L. CHINN, TRUSTEE OF THE MARIA S. L. CHINN LIVING TRUST LINDA D KOZIOL

MICHAEL J KOZIOL PATRICIA FITZPATRICK CHARLOTTE S WHITE WILLIAM R MCCLELLAN SHERRI MCCLELLAN LEWIS W BRINKMAN PAULINE R BRINKMAN DAVID W BRINKMAN JULIE A BRINKMAN ARTHUR R DURAN JESSICA S DURAN

WILLIAM TAYLOR IV Declaration of Condomir um for Teal Landing Condominium, recorded on August 10, 2000, Reception Number 20007580, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colo-

Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Teal Landing Property Owners Associa-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: Teal Landing Property Owners Association, Inc. Debtor(s) & Amount Due to: See attached Exhibit "A"
Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A" Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare

terest 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

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE

THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will, at 2 o'clock P.M., on Friday, May 7, 2021, Sale Number 2021-04 at the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein. and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law. First Publication: March 4, 2021

Last Publication: April 1, 2021 Name of Publication: Pagosa Sun NOTICE OF BIGHTS

YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROP-ERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSU-ANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF THE STATUTES WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS IS ATTACHED HERETO.

IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER

DATE. THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF IN-TENT 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 SIN-GLE 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 COLO RADO 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 for Archuleta County, 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. Dated at Archuleta County, Colorado, this 5th day of

February 2021. Rich Valdez, Sheriff, Archuleta County, Colorado By: /s/ Lorena Medina Lorena Medina, Office Manager

EXHIBIT "A"

Teal Landing Condominiums Matter Amount
MARIA S. L. CHINN, TRUSTEE OF THE MARIA S.
L. CHINN LIVING TRUST (C#170213490) A 189,000 / 63.185.500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1411-1413, 1415, 1416, 1421-1426 in Building Number(s) 14,

Unpaid Assessments: \$1,416.24 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$2,787.93 JRWFAM, LLC (C#170103162) A 166,000 / 60,310,500

undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1111-1116, 1121, 1124-1126 in Building Number(s) 11, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,366.17 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00

Judgment Amount: \$2,737.86
ANDREW C MARION and MARILOUISE MARION (C#170114508) A 126,000 / 60,310,500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1211-1216, 1221, 1224-1226 in Building Number(s) 12, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,091.16 Costs: \$371.69

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$2,462.85 ROBERT DUNN and ELLEN DUNN (C#170511521) A 105,000 / 60,310,500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1211-1216, 1221, 1224-1226 in

Building Number(s) 12.

Unpaid Assessments: \$970.55 Costs: \$371.69 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$2,342.24 LINDA D KOZIOL and MICHAEL J KOZIOL (C#170211684) A 105,000 / 63,185,500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1411-1413,

1415, 1416, 1421-1426 in Building Number(s) 14, Unpaid Assessments: \$864.15 Costs: \$371.69 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$2,235.84 PATRICIA FITZPATRICK and LINDA KAY ROSE and CHARLOTTE S WHITE and WILLIAM R MCCLELLAN

and SHERRI MCCLELLAN (C#170908198) A 308,000 / 63,185,500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1411-1413, 1415, 1416, 1421-1426 in Building Number(s) 14, Unpaid Assessments: \$2,534.82 Costs: \$371.69

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$3,906.51 LEWIS W BRINKMAN and PAULINE R BRINKMAN and DAVID W BRINKMAN and JULIE A BRINKMAN (C#170215735) A 78,000 / 63,185,500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1511-1516, 1521-1523, 1525, 1526 in Building Number(s) 15, Unpaid Assessments: \$800.02

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00

Judgment Amount: \$2,171.71

ARTHUR R DURAN and JESSICA S DURAN (C#170300172) A 90,000 / 63,185,500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1511-1516, 1521-1523, 1525, 1526 in Building Number(s) 15,

Costs: \$371.69 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$2,151.09 CAROL LEE TAYLOR and WILLIAM TAYLOR IV (C#170412027) A 154,000 / 63,185,500 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 1511-1516,

1521-1523, 1525, 1526 in Building Number(s) 15, Unpaid Assessments: \$2,075.92 Costs: \$371.69 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$3,447,61 In Teal Landing Condominium. All as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Numbers 20102922, 20105650, 20106879, 20203146, 20204764, 20304272, 20209496, and subject to Decla-

ration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded at Reception Number 20007580, 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 March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 2021 in The

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

Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc., Plaintiff Audrey Jandreau, et al Case No.: 2020CV30066

COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST Sheriff Sale No. 2021-03 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 eregrine 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 December 8, 2020, 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

Audrey Jandreau Patricia Renee Lopez Samuel Lopez Emery G Anderson Loyce R Anderson

Joyce C Myers, Trustee of the JCPMO Love Trust, dated November 2, 2004 Charles Haggard

Paul T Haluza Elaine B Haluza Spence Willis Melissa Willis Rhoda F Bernstein Andrew C Marion

Granville Ray Ogle

Marilouise Marion Royal A Veatch, Trustee of the Veatch Living Trust, dated August 29, 1994 Geraldine G Veatch, Trustee of the Veatch Living Trust, dated August 29, 1994 Leslie J Kimbro Jr.

Linda G Adkins Dan Sosa Jr Rita O Sosa Kathleen A Baert Gloria Maria Tucci Jo Ann Bickle Kathy Jo Birkline Irene Spencer

Fabian Taborda

Carol Sue Kimbro

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 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 theren 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

Debtor(s) & Amount Due to: 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

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST

THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will, at 1 o'clock P.M., on Friday, May 7, 2021, Sale Number 2021-03_ in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the uppaid 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: March 4, 2021

Last Publication: April 1, 2021 Name of Publication: Pagosa Sun NOTICE OF RIGHTS YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROP-ERTY BEING FORECLOSED. OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSU-ANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY
OF THE STATUTES WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR

RIGHTS IS ATTACHED HERETO. IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF IN-TENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED. THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A

IF YOU BELIEVE THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SIN-GLE 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 COLO-RADO 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

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 for Archuleta County, 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 Dated at Archuleta County, Colorado, this 5th day of February, 2021. Rich Valdez Sheriff

Archuleta County, Colorado By: /s/ Lorena Medina Lorena Medina, Office Manager EXHIBIT "A" Peregrine Townhouses Matter Amount AUDREY JANDREAU (C#171001894) A 77,000 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in

Unit Numbers 7803-7806 in Building Number(s) 2 and Unpaid Assessments: \$1.016.44 Costs: \$219.92 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$2,236,36 PATRICIA RENEE LOPEZ and SAMUEL LOPEZ

(C#171400203) A 105,000 / 354,865,000 undivided fee

simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7807-7810 in Building Number(s) 4 and 5, Unpaid Assessments: \$754.86 Costs: \$219.92 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$1,974.78
EMERY G ANDERSON and LOYCE R ANDERSON

(C#179607288) A 105,000 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7807-7810 in Building Number(s) 4 and 5, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,047.97 Costs: \$219.92 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 JOYCE C MYERS, TRUSTEE OF THE JCPMO LOVE

TRUST, DATED NOVEMBER 2, 2004 (C#170807275) A 105,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7811-7812 in Building Number(s) 6, Unpaid Assessments: \$822.14 Costs: \$219.92

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$2.042.06 CHARLES HAGGARD (C#179705462) A 118,000 35.486.000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7813-7816 in Building Number(s) 7 and

Unpaid Assessments: \$1,051.06

Number(s) 17,

Costs: \$219.92 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$2,270.98 GRANVILLE RAY OGLE and JOANN OGLE (C#430000729) A 126,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7827-7828 in Building Number(s) 14.

Costs: \$219.92 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$2,206.54 JOYCE C MYERS, TRUSTEE OF THE JCPMO LOVE TRUST, DATED NOVEMBER 2, 2004 (C#170905491)
A 105,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7833-7834 in Building

Unpaid Assessments: \$822.14 Costs: \$219.92 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$2,042.06
PAUL T HALUZA and ELAINE B HALUZA (C#179811013) A 154,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7833-7834 in Building Number(s) 17,

Unpaid Assessments: \$2,276.12 . Costs: \$219.92 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$3,496.04 SPENCE WILLIS and and MELISSA WILLIS (C#179901186) A 77,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7839-7840 in

Building Number(s) 20. Costs: \$219.92 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 MARVIN BERNSTEIN and BHODA E BERNSTEIN (C#439901661) A 50,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee

simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7843-7844 in

Building Number(s) 22, Unpaid Assessments: \$660.03 Costs: \$219.92 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$1,879.95 ANDREW C MARION and MARILOUISE MARION (C#439902008) A 105,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee

simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7843-7844 in Building Number(s) 22, Unpaid Assessments: \$991.62 Costs: \$219.92 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$2.211.54 ROYAL A VEATCH, TRUSTEE OF THE VEATCH LIV-ING TRUST, DATED AUGUST 29, 1994 and GERAL-

DINE G VEATCH, TRUSTEE OF THE VEATCH LIVING

TRUST, DATED AUGUST 29, 1994 (C#170710107) A 231.000 / 17.743.000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7845-7846 in Building Number(s) 23, Unpaid Assessments: \$3,414.18 Costs: \$219.92 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$4,634.10 LESLIE J KIMBRO JR and CAROL SUE KIMBRO

(C#179904222) A 49,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7845-7846 in Building Number(s) 23, Unpaid Assessments: \$776.22 Costs: \$219.92 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 SUE D PERKINS and LINDA G ADKINS

(C#170905756) A 168,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7851-7852 in Building Number(s) 26, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,213.96 Costs: \$219.92

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$2,433.88 DAN SOSA JR and RITA O SOSA (C#179916200) A 105,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7861-7862 in Building

Costs: \$219.92 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$2,267.89 KATHLEEN A BAERT and GLORIA MARIA TUCCI (C#170004691) A 154,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7869-7870 in Building Number(s) 35,

Unpaid Assessments: \$1,047.97

Unpaid Assessments: \$1,553.08

Costs: \$219.92

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$2,773.00 JO ANN BICKLE and KATHY JO BIRKLINE (C#170006613) A 77,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7873-7874 in Building Number(s) 37, Unpaid Assessments: \$809.84

Costs: \$219.92 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$2 029 76

Iotal: \$2,029.76
IRENE SPENCER (C#170205520) A 154,000 /
17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in
Unit Numbers 7875-7876 in Building Number(s) 38,
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,371.76 Costs: \$219.92

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$2,591.68

JOYCE C MYERS, TRUSTEE OF THE JCPMO LOVE TRUST, DATED NOVEMBER 2, 2004 (C#171005184) A 203,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7877-7878 in Building Number(s) 39,

Unpaid Assessments: \$1,589.54 Costs: \$219.92

Oosas & 1.5.2 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$2,809.46 FABIAN TABORDA (C#170015218) A 77,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7883-7884 in Building Number(s) 42,

Unpaid Assessments: \$776.54 Costs: \$219.92

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$1.996.46 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, 20005495, 20010666, and subject to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded as Reception Num ber 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 March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 2021 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 Eagle's Loft Property Owner's Association, Inc.,

Thomas J Chiffelle, et al Defendants

Case No.: 2020CV30006 COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM
This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given

pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft Condominiums, recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered

July 23, 2020, 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 hereo Owner(s): JENNIFER MICHELLE WABREK
Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft Condominiums, recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception

No. 117700, as amended and supplemented from time-

to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Dec laration: Eagle's Loft Property Owners Association, Inc Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations there-in described including, but not limited to, the payment of

Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901 Association Assessments Due to: Eagle's Loft Property Owners Association, Inc. Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A" Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A" Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare

attorneys' fees and costs.

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

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payable.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on Friday, May 7, 2021, Sale Number: 2021-01 in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colo rado, 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at of said Grantor and the heirs and assign 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 First Publication: March 4, 2021 Last Publication: April 1, 2021 Name of Publication: Pag Pagosa Sun NOTICE OF RIGHTS YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROP-ERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN

RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSU-ANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE, YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF THE STATUTES WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS IS ATTACHED HERETO IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER

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THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY

INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT Dated at Archuleta County, Colorado, this 5th day of Rich Valdez, Sheriff.

Archuleta County, Colorado By: /s/ Lorena Medina Lorena Medina, Office Manager Phase IV of Eagle's Loft Matter Amount
Property Owner: Jennifer Michelle Wabrek

Building Number: 44 Lot (Unit) Number: 44 Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 7 in Phase IV of Eagle's Loft as recorded in Reception No. 132402 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and shall be subject to that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, and further subject to that Third Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 10, 1985, under Reception No 132403, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Re-

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Eagle's Loft Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

corder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado (the "Dec

Unpaid Asmts: \$1,810.67 Interest: \$159.72 Late Fees: \$25.00 Costs: \$247.77 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$3,243.16

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Protecting charismatic wetland species

By Josh Pike Pagosa Wetland Partners

When you think about the Pagosa Springs Riverwalk wetlands that lie between the Ross Aragon Community Center and the San Juan River, you likely think of birds. The 183 recorded bird species in the wetlands are a sign of exceptional species diversity, and a major draw for birders and other observers who frequent the area. Several of these birds, such as the great blue heron, frequently seen along the Riverwalk wetlands, may be termed "charismatic species" because of their reputation and popularity to residents of Pagosa Springs.

A charismatic species is an animal with symbolic significance, or widespread popular appeal. Such species are often the nexus of conservation movements, bringing a recognizable face and appeal to efforts to preserve the environment. An excellent example of a charismatic species is the polar bear, which has become a central symbol in the struggle against global warming. However, successful conservation and environmental efforts of either birds or bears must go beyond simply protecting these symbolic species from death by starvation or hunting, and work to support the broad range of species that directly and indirectly allow these charismatic animals to thrive.

The relationship between charismatic species and the broader environmental systems is often conceptualized in terms of food webs, a system of interlocking food chains. Food webs have four main elements: 1) the solar and mineral resources that support the system, 2) the primary producers, 3) the various kinds of consumers and 4) the decomposers.

All of these elements are active

in our local wetlands and work to support the communities of birds and other animals that we so enjoy. In the context of the Riverwalk wetlands, environmental resources are represented by the ample sunlight and the unique minerals that constantly flow into the wetlands, fed by geothermal seeps. These resources are consumed by the primary producers, including waterside plants like cattails, reeds and a variety of algae, which convert these largely inorganic resources into a biomass of nutritious organic material. Plants and algae are then, in turn, consumed by a wide variety of insects, invertebrates, birds and mammals who constitute the con-

Animals, like mice, that directly eat primary producers (plants) are referred to as "primary consumers," while animals, like hawks, that eat these primary consumers are referred to as "secondary consumers." This system continues upward through the range of consumers who are increasingly distant from directly eating plant biomass or other products of primary pro-

sumer class of the wetland.

Many species, however, do not cleanly fit into a single level of consumer behavior. Hawks, for example, eat both primary consumers (mice) and secondary consumers (smaller birds), while the smaller birds feed on insects (either a primary or secondary consumer) and fruits/seeds (a primary producer). Thus, a simple food chain becomes a complex food web of interrelated

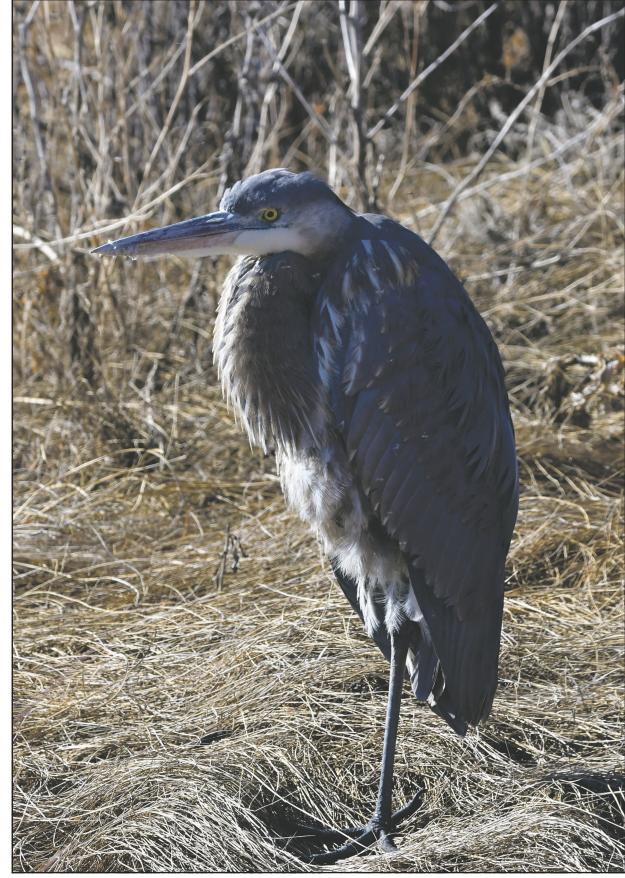
Finally, all organisms die, and the decomposers, including insects and bacteria, bring the cycle of the food web to its conclusion by breaking down and returning the organic elements that were initially absorbed into the web by the primary producers to the soil and water, thus

allowing the cycle to begin anew. The immense complexity and

interweaving structure of food webs, even in small environments like the Riverwalk wetlands, means that protecting charismatic species is considerably more complex than it might appear. If one key element of the food web is diminished or damaged, the entire web suffers and begins to collapse due to the close interlinkage of the organisms in the web. Examples of damaging impacts may include: the flow of mineral water being reduced or contaminated from commercial runoff, a specific insect or amphibian species succumbing to disease or environmental degradation, or algae blooms being reduced due to increased levels of pollution and toxins. Thus, a conservation approach that protects the entire ecosystem is crucial.

Food webs do have a degree of plasticity. Organisms adapt and find new food sources to substitute for missing ones, or new species move in to occupy the niches left by declining ones; however, this plasticity only extends so far. Because of this, our efforts to protect charismatic species must extend beyond direct protection into ensuring that the web of supporting environmental conditions and organisms remains

As the Pagosa Wetland Partners work to protect the beautiful Riverwalk environment, enjoyed by both tourists and locals alike, a whole-ecosystem approach to protection will be critical to ensuring their preservation for future generations. If you want to learn more or get involved in protecting our wetlands, please contact Pagosa Wetland Partners, an affiliate of the Weminuche Audubon Society, at Pagosawetlands@gmail.com or visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.



Help preserve history by joining the Chimney Rock volunteer team

By Nadia Werby

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

For over 20 years, the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA), a nonprofit 501(c)(3), and its volunteers have shared the story of the ancestral Puebloan people with thousands of visitors through tours and special programs at Chimney Rock National

Rock reflect the past while enriching our future, but without our volunteers, CRIA would be unable to provide the interpretive program that keeps Chimney Rock's history

CRIA must recruit new volunteers each year to meet increased

demand in visitation and to replace ronment to anyone interested in volunteers who leave the area or can no longer volunteer.

To help community members learn about the exciting volunteer opportunities at Chimney Rock National Monument, CRIA will host an open house on March 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Tennyson Event Center located at 197 Navajo Trail Drive. There will be a host of CRIA volunteers on hand who are eager of roles that support this unique program and the flexibility in level of commitment. Some of the volunteer positions include: visitor cabin host, mesa host, tour roving interpreter and maintenance crew.

CRIA offers a great, in-depth training program in a fun envi-

joining our amazing team of volunteers. This year volunteer training will take place on the morning of April 24 at the Tennyson Event Center with a trip to Chimney Rock National Monument in the afternoon. We are very excited for the upcoming season starting May 15 and want to encourage the com-

munity to join us. CRIA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) Historic places like Chimney to introduce guests to the variety organization that runs the daily operations and interpretive pro gram at Chimney Rock National Monument in partnership with the USDA Forest Service and the San Juan National Forest.

> For more information, see the CRIA website at www.chimneyrockco.org or call 731-7133.

Hunter education youth-only Internet conclusion class to be offered

By Don Volger Special to The SUN

On March 20, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., a hunter education youthonly Internet conclusion class will be held at the Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. (north of Town Hall).

The cost will be \$24.50 for the online course; there is no charge for this conclusion class.

This class is limited to 10 students, 12 years old or younger, who

have successfully completed the Internet course. Hunter education cards will be awarded to students upon successful completion of the entire course, which includes attending the classroom session and passing a written test and live-fire exercise. Youth who are 11 or older can obtain hunter education cards by successfully completing the online course without attending a "conclusion class" or participating

in the shooting activities. Students should register online by going to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) website, clicking on "Learn" at the top of the home page and following the directions. Class information will be posted for the general public on the CPW website sometime after Friday, March 12. Since the class size is limited to 10 students, it is important that you register as soon as possible after March 12.

Students taking this conclusion class must bring the certificate of completion for the Internet course and the student consent form, signed by a parent or guardian, to the class on the morning of March 20.

Please be sure to wear a face covering to class. Students will not be accepted without one. Students will remain distanced from each other and the instructors, except for family groups.

Students should also wear long sleeves to class, or bring a light jacket for the shooting activities to minimize skin contact with the rifles, which will be wiped down by an instructor after every use. In lieu of over-ear muffs for hearing protection, disposable, in-ear plugs will be provided. If you can bring your own eye protection, please do so. Single-use eye protection will be available for those who don't have any. Firearms and ammunition will be provided. No personal firearms will be allowed.

All programs, services and activities of CPW are operated in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you have further questions or need accommodation due to a disability, please contact Don Volger at 264-2197.



Photo courtesy Becky Gerze

On Tuesday, Feb. 23, 25 Gray Wolf Ski Club members hiked up to Alberta Peak at Wolf Creek Ski Area, with their skis on their shoulders, to celebrate the 80th birthday milestones of members Ron Chacey and Lynn Warner. It was a beautiful bluebird day and the mood of those participating was just as sunny as the skies. The hike has become a tradition, started in 2009, for those members who choose to make the demanding hike to the 11,870-foot peak at the ripe young age of 80. Chacey's and Warner's names will be added to the other 10 names on the trophy that hangs in Base Camp. Congratulations to you both.



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Rotary's Ice Melt Contest

Entries must be submitted no later than midnight, March 17



Help reveal a brighter tomorrow with Rotary's Ice Melt Contest

By JoAnn Laird

Pagosa Springs Rotary Club

Pagosa Springs Rotary, as a local, national and international service club, has had a tough time in raising funds in the midst of a year-long pandemic. However, the curtain is rising to reveal a brighter tomorrow, and Rotary is on the charge again to make life better in ways only it can do. Usher in the third annual Ice Melt Contest as its first 2021 fundraiser.

This armchair event is based on precise timing, down to the month, day, minute and second. A drum with a clock has been placed on Lake Hatcher and when the ice melts enough for the barrel to drop into the lake, the clock will stop and three lucky winners will be announced.

The Pagosa Springs Rotary Club, in conjunction with the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA), will be awarding \$1,000 to the person whose guess is the closest to the time marked on the then-useless clock, \$750 for second place and \$50 for third place.

To be counted, entries must be submitted to Rotary no later than midnight, March 17, or earlier if the thawing happens and the barrel plunges to the depths of Lake Hatcher. Tickets for your guesses are \$5 each, \$20 for five and \$100 for 30.

Guessing forms are available through links at www. pagosaspringsrotary.com and www.plpoa.com, the PLPOA Administration Office, PLPOA Rec Center, The Choke Cherry Tree, and Ski and Bow Rack.

For insight as to where the funds will go from the Ice Melt Contest, look no further than to your graduating Pagosa Springs High School seniors. All funds raised from this event will go toward scholarships for higher education, be it college or trade. A pandemic didn't keep Rotary from carrying on an almost four-

decade tradition by awarding \$27,000 to deserving students in 2020.

In addition to the Scholarship Fund, Rotary supplies weekly manpower and food to the elementary school Backpack Program, filling in the need for food left by the gap between Friday's school lunch program and the Monday morning bell. Rotarians pick up highway trash, place benches for those awaiting public transportation, give beautifully crafted dictionaries to every third-grader, endow teacher mini-grants to defray their expenses, donate monies and items to the Food Pantry, help fund the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership's greenhouse project, host foreign students for the Student Exchange Program plus send local students to study abroad, fund expenses for high school students to attend a leadership training program and assist the town with the Fourth of July Parade rewarding, fun and in some cases, life-changers.

Internationally, we are the face of eradicating polio from the world. We're almost there. While polio still exists in two countries, between Rotary International and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, it is only a matter of time before this deadly disease will be forever gone.

Your local Rotary also funds educational and humanitarian efforts to Niger and Senegal and donated medical vehicles in Pakistan. Rotary monetarily assists other regional clubs with funds for some of their projects, like the installation of clean water systems and wheelchairs in Mexico and Central America.

Rotary's main fundraisers like Casino Night and the Barn Dance had to be canceled last year. While Rotary expects to host these two events this year, your participation in the first fundraiser of the year is crucial to Rotary's success in giving as we head toward a brighter future. Help us raise the curtain a little higher and buy one ticket or 100. It's a win/win for someone else and for you.

25th annual Knights of Columbus fish fry underway

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus Council 7560 Lenten fish fry began around 1996. The grand knight at the time was Seth Crain and he started the fish fry as a fundraiser for the council along with Pete Dach and many other Knights who have moved or passed on.

The cooking was done at first with two turkey fryer-type propane units. As the fish fry grew in popularity, it was determined to construct a large fry wagon to accommodate the amount of food needed to be prepared. With the help of

Don Heitkamp, Manny Trujillo and many others, a seven-burner mobile unit was constructed to cook fish and French fries.

In years past, potatoes were donated from the Martinez family in the San Luis Valley to be cut on site by a vintage potato cutter donated by Pete Dach. It was formerly used in his family restaurant in upstate New York. These cut-on-site French fry potatoes are a signature part of the meal

Through the years, the coleslaw was made by the Knights as well. Notably, Gary and Firma Lucas made coleslaw that was classic.

Recently, Pete Dach and other members took over that detail.

Other special original recipe ingredients that make the fish fry truly unique are the breading for the fried fish, spicy hush puppies, cocktail and tartar sauce, all made by Pete Dach.

The Lenten fish fry takes a crew of many people to make it successful. We have had crew members from our Catholic Parish as well as from the public helping out. The prep work starts the evening before and final clean up concludes by Saturday morning.

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'Seed starting — Best Practices': Free Q-and-A with Ron Chacey set for March 8

By Leslie Wustrack Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs Community Garden is sponsoring a free limited online educational series on vegetable gardening.

Renowned expert Ron Chacey will cover all topics related to gardening in the Pagosa Springs area. All gardening talks are free and accessible via computer or telephone.

On Monday, March 8, at 6 p.m., Chacey, the eminent regional vegetable grower and an original founder of the Pagosa Springs Community Garden, will discuss "Seed Starting — Best Practices." Please bring your questions on all how-tos: mediums, planting depth, types of vegetables, indoors/out-doors/greenhouse, timing, natural sun, grow lights, etc.

An avid grower with seven de-

cades plus of experience, Chacey is a believer in trial and error in all areas of gardening. Chacey believes that learning from mistakes is the foundation of successful gardening.

The Monday, March 8, 6 p.m., free Q-and-A on seed starting will be held via Zoom or telephone. To join our email list and receive gardening talk information, please send an email to PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden@gmail.com.

To join the Monday, March 8, free Q-and-A, click on the link at facebook.com/pagosaspringscommunitygarden or https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89804965823?pwd=R1 hWSnNmbFZSMWU2WkYwamE 2Z2xsZz09, meeting ID: 898 0496 5823, passcode: ev8s0E.

The Pagosa Springs Community Garden is located at the end of 5th Street on the San Juan River in

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Besides being a great meal at a reasonable price, it has always been a way to relieve "cabin fever" during our winter months. As a community get-together, there are few other Pagosa events that could compare with folks catching up on life and enjoying a meal together. Besides giving longtime residents a chance to visit each other, it was a wonderful opportunity for newer residents and visitors to experience a taste of the fabric that makes Pagosa special.

Unfortunately, due to COV-ID-19, this year we will not be able to have the traditional dining in the Parish Hall on Lewis Street as in years past. Gluten-free options are not available.

However, we will be offering one size take out containers of: two pieces of fish, fries, coleslaw, hush puppies and condiments for \$12 at the front doors of the Parish Hall. We will be following state COVID restrictions and ask patrons: Please wear a mask in line and at pick up. Your donation of credit card, cash or local check will help the Knights of Columbus with its charitable giving to local nonprofits in Archuleta County. We hope to see you there.





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Photography Club to hear about 'Important tips and tricks for successful digital processing'

By Gregg Heid

Pagosa Springs Photography Club

The Pagosa Springs Photography Club (PSPC) will meet by Zoom videoconference on Wednesday, March 10, at 6:30 p.m. Our speaker will be Photography Club member Chris Roebuck.

His topic will be "Important tips and tricks for successful digital processing." In the program, Roebuck will consider both technical and artistic aspects in processing digital photos. Using tools such as Photoshop and Lightroom, he will discuss methods for enhancing mid-tone contrast, how to maintain detail with exposure adjustments and global color corrections.

Roebuck has honed his photography skills through a commitment to taking advantage of workshops and other educational opportunities whenever possible, including intensive courses from the Rocky Mountain School of Photography, in Missoula, Mont., and Maine Media Workshops and College. Roebuck is primarily a wildlife photographer and hopes to always be a student of the photographic arts.

This will be a virtual meeting, live online, using Zoom videoconferencing. You may participate in the program from the comfort of your own home. PSPC members will receive a club email containing a Zoom weblink to participate in Roebuck's presentation. Others who are interested in taking part may contact club president Andy Butler for information at abutler@mac.com.

The PSPC promotes educational, social and fun interactions between



Photo courtesy Chris Roebuck

Cougar at the Albuquerque Zoo by Chris Roebuck. Roebuck will be the featured speaker at the next meeting of the Pagosa Springs Photography Club.

any and all who enjoy making and viewing great photography. The club sponsors educational programs and outings to help photographers hone their skills. Nonmembers are invited

to attend a meeting to learn more about the club. For membership information, visit our website at https://pagosaspringsphotoclub. org/about/.

Great Decisions Durango to hold second discussion on Zoom March 9

Great Decisions

On March 9 at 11:45 a.m., our third discussion using Zoom will be "Brexit and the European Union."

Moderator Dr. Paul DeBell will present background materials and a film by the Foreign Policy Association, and lead participants in a discussion of the issues.

The public is invited to attend

this Zoom discussion. Details and registration information may be found at LWVLaPlata.org. Click on the Great Decisions menu item to find the Zoom link.

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

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downtown Pagosa Springs. Decades old, the garden is on land owned by the Town of Pagosa Springs and plots are granted to the town's citizens free of charge. In 2017, the garden was rejuvenated by community volunteers with the assistance of local businesses. Raised beds and deer-out fencing were constructed with donated lumber. Soil amendments, fertilizers, seeds, plant starts, tools, hoses and other necessary items are all provided through the generosity of Pagosa Springs businesses. The Town of Pagosa Springs provides free water for the Pagosa Springs Community Garden. The Pagosa Springs Community

Garden is free and open to all. Residents and town visitors are invited to stop by and enjoy the beautiful space; the practices of face mask wearing and social distancing are observed. A few beds are still available for the 2021 gardening season. Please send an email to PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden@gmail.com for more details.

Pagosa Farmers Market going online

By Pauline Benetti

Pagosa Farmers Market

Before summer arrives, the Pagosa Farmers Market will be online. Several good questions might be asked at this point, for example, what will be sold? Is it not true that vegetables are only available around here in any quantities in late June at best? Why does the market want to go online? Who will sell? What's the purpose? What will happen to the summer Saturday market? These are all good questions to be answered here as quickly as possible.

First, let it be known that the Saturday live market will continue as usual in its normal location at the east end of town collocated with the East Side Market. What we do not know yet is the extent of COVID precautions that will be required and we won't know that for a while. We will continue to accept SNAP cards and continue to hand out a \$20 value of Double up Bucks for the first \$20 SNAP purchase, essentially doubling purchasing power.

It is true that local vegetables are not ready until late June with the exception of a very few greenhouse growers who cannot produce the quantity needed to operate an online system. So, market management has come up with a plan to expand the classes of goods that will be offered.

We continue with the growers and producers involved in the food supply. Growers need no explanation; we simply need more people doing it, whether as small operations with a few acres or as backyard operations with even less space. The Small Growers Coop at the market will continue to be available to our backyard growers when they have extra food to sell but not enough to support a solo operation.

With the producer class, we begin to expand our thinking to suggest new products ideally suited for sale online. In this class are those smart folks who have taken the CSU Cottage Food Production classes and have their certificates.

They are able to preserve, dry and bake food in their own kitchens for sale directly to the consumer. The possibilities are near endless: breads, biscuits, scones, cookies, tortillas, candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, fruit pies, empanadas and tamales, jams, jellies, preserves and honey. A search of "cottage food products" will serve as an inspiration for additional ideas that treated creatively will sell. People love homemade products.

Also included in the producer class of vendors are those who raise livestock and have chickens, rabbits, pork and USDA beef for sale. Cattle ranching is a major business in this county, but the beef is either sold on the hoof or butchered for family consumption. With a yearround online venue, ranchers would find profit in raising goodquality beef, processing through a USDA facility and selling locally. The online market is a simple and convenient way to display and sell these perishable products.

This brings us to a class of vendors for whom the Saturday market is not appropriate but the online market is now actively promoting who are immune to the seasons and very well represented in our community—the makers, whether they are artist, artisan or crafters, work with their hands and minds and imagination to make aesthetically sewing, ceramics, jewelry) and for

The reason for an online market? With an online venue, the folks who grow and produce food can plan to increase their production and sell year-round. The boost to production will have the effect of increasing the local food supply and year-round sales will boost the bottom line of those so engaged.

Our makers will appeal especially, but not exclusively, to the tourist who wants to take back home something of Pagosa that travels well. The end result is a more resilient and economically vital community. It is this scenario that interests the Town of Pagosa Springs and the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board and has prompted both organizations to support the Pagosa Farmers Market, both the live and online venues.

Preregistration for the online market is open right now at: https:// www.pagosafarmersmarket.net/ vendreg. Questions or comments can be sent to pagosafarmersmaket@gmail.com.

online market offers a perfect venue for art (oil, acrylic, watercolor, feather, sculpture, photography), for artisan skills (carving, quilting, crafts (fine soap, body lotion, bead work). Our objective is to have the huge variety of local makers on display for local and visitor viewing.



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Seventh- through 12th-grade students encouraged to join YouthRise Teen Board of Directors

By John Finefrock and Cheryl Bowdridge

Rise Above Violence

Rise Above Violence's youth advocates focus on helping all students realize that they deserve to have healthy relationships — by teaching them how to focus on respect and learning to set boundaries for themselves.

YouthRise, an elective formerly offered at the high school — which is now a club that meets outside of school on Fridays — helps young people understand that they have a responsibility to teach their peers and raise awareness about dating abuse, bullying, Internet safety, selfcare and respect for others.

Here are some of the things that parents have told us about how Rise's youth programming provided meaningful learning for their children:

"Her choice in boyfriends between her eighth-grade year and now are night and day and I attribute that to YouthRise.

"My daughter helped two friends in unhealthy relationships; she was able to point out warning signs and because they had your programming, the other girls recognized the problems when it was brought to their attention."

"My daughter is in college and she always goes to parties in groups; one person is always sober and makes sure the others all get home

"My daughter has been in Youth-Rise since her freshman year. It's not by accident.'

Currently, YouthRise is being offered as a club outside of school, which meets on Fridays at 2 p.m. at the Ross Aragon Community Center and is open to all seventh-through 12th-grade students in Pagosa Springs free of charge. Virtual options are also available.

These students record TikTok and YouTube videos to promote healthy relationships, plan community events and awareness campaigns, and here's what they're saying about the program:

"I look forward to Youth Rise every week. It has opened my life up to new people, experiences and meaning. I don't know what I'd do without it," said Bella.

'I look forward to the Fridays because of these meetings," said

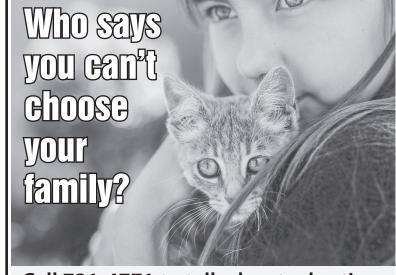
"My friend told me to come and now I really like it," said Isaiah.

"As a young girl, I always wanted to help my community. Youth Rise is inspiring and helping make the world a little bit better," said Mo.

"To me, Youth Rise means to have a group of friends that also want to make a change in our community for the best. We learn about healthy relationships and communication skills, etc. I look forward to every Friday," said Jazmin.

For more information about YouthRise programs, which include free lessons around healthy relationships, bullying prevention and Internet safety plus the weekly Teen Board of Directors meeting, contact Cheryl Bowdridge at cheryl@ riseaboveviolence.org or 946-2576, or John Finefrock at john@riseaboveviolence.org or 403-5461.

Rise Above Violence is a nonprofit organization which promotes the belief that all people have the right to live free from violence. Rise provides 24-hour support and advocacy services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other forms of violence. All programs and services are free and confidential. Visit riseaboveviolence.org for more information or call the 24-hour hotline at 264-9075 to talk to an advocate today.



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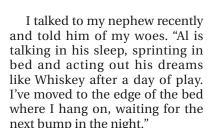
I've concluded that at the latter stage of a person's life, it's the little things — and sometimes the necessary things - that count.

It's been said that a castle is what makes a man feel like a king. No doubt that a good name is his crown and an overstuffed recliner his domain. Then, life checks in and unravels all the great plati-

Personally, I've found myself in a dilemma. I've hit a snag. To be honest, I've done nothing to provoke my Sweet Al, but lately he has been keeping me awake at night.

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



My nephew says his wife tells

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Tips for winter chicken care

By Robin Young PREVIEW Columnist

Chickens are a fun addition to your life year-round. While chicken housing and care can seem simple during the spring and summer, when the birds can roam free in the grass, winter housing and maintenance can require more thought and planning. Colorado winters regularly go from mild and pleasant to cold and harsh overnight. It is important to ensure your chickens are set up for comfort before the next big snowstorm hits.

Proper housing is the first way to combat issues caused by the cold. Properly constructed housing will provide your birds with an ample, wide, roost space. Wide roosts (around 4 inches) allow birds to sleep with their feet entirely cov-

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ered by their bodies. The downy feathers and heat from their bodies will cover the feet and keep them warm through low nighttime temperatures. Placing roosts close to the coop ceiling or having a coop with a low ceiling will help retain the warmth from the chickens' bodies. Never place roosts higher than 4 feet off the ground, to prevent injuries from jumping on and off the perch. Coops should be well ventilated and have some air movement. Regularly remove wet bedding and replace it with

dry bedding to keep the humidity in the coop lower. Chickens will do better in the winter if they have somewhere dry and unfrozen to stand; this also helps to prevent frostbite.

Chickens are hearty animals and generally will not require an additional heat source, provided they have a dry, well-ventilated place to sleep. Allowing chickens to acclimate, the changing seasons can help birds thrive during the winter months.

In Colorado, the concern for chickens are the sudden temperature drops and change in weather. These sudden, very low temperatures can result in frostbite on combs and toes, even in coops that are generally well insulated. Heat lamps and heaters can help tide

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him he's socked her a couple of times during the night. Now they pile pillows up between them. He said, "Your answer is, you need pillows, a lot of pillows.

Perhaps I need to call "My Pillow Guy" in order to get my 40 winks. I shudder to think that my need for sleep has come to this.

My Sweet Al is taking what we affectionately call his "brain pill." Although it took some time to get things regulated, I've found that I need to cut him back to a quarter dose. At the higher dosage, he talks in his sleep all night selling life insurance. One time, I heard him trying to buy a car, squabbling over a hundred dollars just to make the deal.

A few nights ago, he was boxing in his sleep. I woke him up, "Al, what are you doing?'

Half awake, he groaned, "I was waiting in the bushes for this man who was following me. Then I jumped out to grab him." Evidently, even after the Hallmark movie of the week is over, my Sweet Al goes to sleep and reenacts the final scene.

I was relieved to hear from my nephew that there are others out there who are also active in their sleep.

So, I'm looking for peace of mind. And while I thought it would come in the form of a pillow, an ad at the home store said otherwise. It was affixed to a toilet. "This unit will bring you peace of mind."

Come to think of it, I am in the market for a new "peace of mind." I even told my children about it a few weeks ago. At our age, it's not just my Sweet Al who is wrestling for comfort in his castle lair.

Man in the high tower, meet woman who needs a higher throne. My family teased me when I told

them how difficult it was to get up

from the chamber pot. My knees just aren't what they used to be.

Our son told me, "You know you have to try them all to find the perfect fit. It's not just price or design that is important, but butt match."

Little did he or I know that I would find myself looking at a wall that had a row of commodes, 8 feet off the ground.

While on a weekender with one of our daughters, we stopped by to see what was on sale. As I looked up at the various models, my daughter said, "Well, get up there and take one for a spin.'

I can't even get up from a sitting position, let alone scale a wall to find relief.

The whole experience made my head swirl: 16 1/2, 17 or 19 inches? Gravity or high pressure? Oval or round? Did you know that today's toilets have the best flushing performance since 1970?

Final brushstroke: So, to this end, what does a soft pillow and a well-fitted commode have in common? For old people, it's the little things — and the necessary things - that bring us peace of mind and give a good night's sleep.

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New COVID and other scams continue to target elders

By Kay Kaylor

PREVIEW Columnist

I advocate for residents in skilled nursing and assisted living residences as the regional long-term care ombudsman. I also have been a Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) and State Health Insurance Assistance Program counselor, all as an employee of San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging (SJBAAA). The many aging and care concerns will be addressed here.

Fraud involving COVID-19 and elders has increased so much that representatives of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Consumer Finance Protection Bureau (CFPB) and the Office of Elder Justice joined in a live public webinar Feb. 23 to describe scams and resources. The recording can be watched at fcc. gov/news-events/events/archived.

Several types of scams have been described here before, so the newest will be highlighted. The FCC presenter warned of phone texts from false charities and texts offering "access immediately" to a vaccine or free COVID home tests (some have been approved by the Federal Drug Administration, but they are not free). Beware of re-

Area Agency on Aging

quests to pay to reserve a vaccine or to join a vaccine clinical trial and of promises from an online pharmacy. The best way to check if a text is real is to research online or call a legitimate charity or pharmacy, your insurance company or known local vaccine providers.

One recent scam involves texts about package delivery and asking for personal information. Another involves smartphone "Peer-to-Peer Payment" apps, which allow you to send money to other people. Some accounts might be fake and the money intended for a stranger may go to a criminal instead. The payment cannot be reversed.

On robocalls, the FCC speaker said, do not press a number button to request stopping the calls; this does not work to cancel them and may increase the calls.

The CFPB reminds people that a real COVID home-test company will not ask for your Social Security number, nor will a true contact tracer ask for personal information like your bank account number or credit card. Many people have heard of the unemployment fraud mailings, often sent with a prepaid card. The agency speaker also notes that you cannot pay to get an economic impact payment check sooner.

Finally, beware of an "Errand Helper" you do not know; the person may use the opportunity to defraud you of funds or obtain your personal identity.

Medicare card scams

A caller reviving an old scam attempted to entice me recently. He started with the question, "Have you received your new Medicare card?" I hung up immediately after quickly telling him to stop this scam. Medicare is not issuing new cards and would not call beneficiaries. The caller would have attempted to obtain my Medicare number and billed Medicare for false services.

According to SMP, similar scammers pretending to be from Medicare either describe the current card and ask to "update" information, or mention a new black-and-white card and claim the current

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birds over through nights where the temperature is below freezing for more than several hours. Heat lamps and heaters should be secured in a location away from direct contact with the birds and bedding. There should be enough room in the coop that birds can move away from the heat source if they become too warm. Heaters pose a fire risk and the electricity source should be located away from the birds.

Frostbite on chickens can range from some spots on the comb to loss of toes or feet. Commonly, frost bite presents as black scabs on the comb. The black area is a patch of dead skin that has frozen and died. The black area will scab over and flake off, healing underneath. When temperatures stay well below freezing over weeks, the tips of single combs may also freeze and fall off. Combs are more likely to get frostbite if the chicken is housed in damp, drafty conditions, Mild areas of frost bite on the comb pose no serious health risk to the bird, but are cosmetically detrimental.

Do not use a heat lamp or heating pad, as this will heat the bird too quickly and cause pain. Isolate the bird from the flock to allow it time to heal. It is more likely you'll find a bird after the frostbite has thawed and become red and swollen, looking like a blister. Again, isolate the bird from the flock so it has time to heal. Coat the affected area in an an-

timicrobial spray (available at most pet stores or farm supply stores) and wait for the swelling to go down. The area will scab over and eventually the dead tissue will fall off. Do not pop the blisters or remove the black scabs; this will open the bird up to greater infection. Toes generally do not need to be amputated, as the impacted area will fall off on its own, but this will leave the bird missing a toe. Chickens can adapt to the missing toe and go on to live a happy life.

Good planning for housing can help save your chickens from any winter blues. Finally, make sure the birds have access to food and water, regardless of the weather.

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Another agreement with the Southern Utes

Southern Utes of Ignacio and their contacts with the white settlers of Colorado during 1876.

The Utes were unhappy because gold miners were traipsing across their reservation without so much as a 'scuse me.

The Army general sent with troops to protect the Colorado citizens commissioned to negotiate with the Utes was nervous because he knew the Utes were "well armed" and unhappy.

The commissioners were Maj. Gen. Edward Hatch, the Honorable Willam Strickney and N. D. McFarland. Col. Albert Pfeiffer was retained as an interpreter.

While waiting for all of the Ute Indian tribes to arrive, a discussion was held by those present. The commissioners learned they were in for a tough session when they were told by Aguilar, one of the tribal chieftains: "We sold only the mines and we told them they could take the mountains, not for horses or anything, only for money, but we didn't get any money. Tis now six years since 1872 when we last received any money. Who deceived us?'

It soon became obvious to the commissioners that the Southern Utes would refuse to move to the White River Ute Reservation at Meeker in northwestern Colorado. They did not trust the government. They had intended to sell only the



mining lands. They were supposed to receive \$80,000 in annuities from the government for those lands. After authorizing Pfeiffer to negotiate with the Southern Utes, the commissioners departed for other agencies.

When they returned, they found that Pfeiffer had reached an agreement with the Southern Utes. A council was held at Pagosa Springs Nov. 9, 1878, to formalize the agreement. It was signed by the headman of each of the three Southern Ute bands.

Under the terms of the agreement, the Utes would surrender claims to the rectangular shaped land known as the southern portion of the Ute Reservation, as well as that portion north of the mining district. They were to be prepared to move onto the land designated for the new reservation during the spring and summer of 1879.

The new agency was to be located on the Navajo River with lands located on the headwaters of the Piedra, San Juan, Blanco, Navajo and Chama rivers.

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card will be "deactivated." The caller may reveal some private information to attempt to sound real. A criminal also may incorrectly claim Medicare is issuing a new plastic or metal card, or one with additional benefits.

Depending on the type of fraud, you can report it at various government websites and calling hotline

phone numbers. All three agencies have COVID fraud websites with contact information. The Stop Fraud Colorado number is (800) 222-4444.

SJBAAA offers resources for people age 60 and older or on Medicare; see sjbaaa.org. For further information, please call or text 403-2165 or send an email to kkaylor@sjbaaa.org.

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Early Pagosa suffered from fires such as this one looking northeast across the downtown area. The M.E. Church is shown on Lewis Street.

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Last chance to enter T-shirt design contest

By Carole Howard

PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

We'd love your help in designing a T-shirt for this year's Summer Reading Program.

The theme will be "Tails and Tales." This is an all-ages contest. All designs must be original. The winning T-shirt will be worn by staff during the summer, given to the winning designer, and a limited number will be available for

For details and a blank T-shirt template, please pick up a flyer at the library or go online to our website. The deadline for submissions is March 8.

Expanded hours and other changes

As of this week, your library has expanded the hours we are open to serve you under COVID Level Blue conditions:

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with 9 to 10 a.m. reserved for seniors and high-risk populations.
- Tuesday and Thursday open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. for all.
- With these new hours, there is a slight change to which staff are working on which days, which affects the times and days for some programs. Storytime has been moved from Wednesday to Thursday at 10 a.m. Tech Times are now from 3 to 4 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday by appointment.
- One more change: Meeting rooms can now be used by up to five people.

COVID-related operations that stay the same include:

- Hand sanitizers are available and there will be frequent cleanings inside the building throughout the day. Please practice social distancing and wear masks while you are in the building. If you don't have a mask, we are happy to give one to you.
- Ten computers are available. Staff will clean and disinfect the computers between uses.
- One early literacy computer is available for youngsters.
- · Curbside service continues. Phone 264-2209 when you are in the parking lot so staff can bring the items out for you. If you put a hold on something, please wait for your usual alert (email, phone call or text) before coming to pick it up.
- You can place holds on items from other libraries. They are in different stages of open, so items may take longer than usual.
- We're happy to provide tech help in person or over the phone for our online resources.

Special note

'We want people to always feel welcome in the library and to experience a very friendly vibe when they visit," said MegWempe,

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library director. "But we remind everyone that, similar to other public indoor spaces in Colorado, we must follow the executive order that requires people aged 11 or older to wear a covering over their noses and mouths when entering or moving within any public indoor space. If you are unable or unwilling to wear a mask, we are pleased to assist you outside the building through our curbside service."

Online Spanish conversation

Next Monday, March 8, from 4 to 5 p.m., our online Spanish conversation group will gather on Google Meet to practice skills together. You can access the meeting using the Google Meet app or by visiting meet.google.com/xrv-esre-kavand contact Brad at the library if you have questions about using Google Meet.

Ruby's Book Club

Ruby's Book Club meets from 2 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9, via Zoom to discuss "The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life, Freedom and Justice" by Anthony Ray Hinton. Please contact the library if you need a copy of the book. The Zoom meeting ID is 874 5826 9188, passcode 81147. This book club is held the second Tuesday of each

New all-ages writing challenge

On March 8, we will post a new writing challenge on the library's Facebook page. We hope you will challenge your creativity by participating in this free all-ages activity.

Storywalk for kids

Weather permitting, every other Thursday Josie posts signs outside the library that follow the sidewalk up toward the elementary school detailing a new free Storywalk for kids. The current theme is celebrating love of all kinds. After you finish the walk, pick up materials for a craft or activity at the library.

Knitting takeaways

Pick up free knitting takeaways at the library entrance during open hours to take for your in-home enjoyment. We'll have patterns craft ideas, instructions and some limited supplies available.

After-school program

In response to COVID, we have revamped our free after-school program into STEAM enrichment kits — STEAM standing for science, technology, engineering,

arts and mathematics - for ages 5 and up. Registration is required at 264-2209. Pick up your kit and then bring your completed projects back to the library to be displayed in the last week of the month.

DIY craft takeaway for kids

Drop by your library for free DIY crafts takeaways for youngsters age 10 and older during open hours. Pick up a packet outside the library.

Tech Time

Make a 15- to 30-minute appointment for one of three free in-person slots available from 3- to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (note day and time changes). Brad will help one person (or one couple) at a time resolve issues with your computer, smartphone, tablet and other electronic devices.

Free in-person classes take place Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 7 p.m. by appointment. Please register so we can keep it to a small group in our limited open spaces. No walk-ins, please.

Dungeons and Dragons

Join us Wednesdays from 4 to 6 p.m. for Dungeons and Dragons free for teens and young adults on Google Meet. Contact claire@ pagosalibrary.org to learn how to join. If you don't have Internet access, contact us anyway may be able to accommodate you in the library.

Children's programs on **Facebook**

Thursdays at 10 a.m. (note new day) and Saturdays at 2:30 p.m., join us on the library's Facebook page for free children's programs. Thursday storytimes are on Facebook Live, so you can interact with Josie. Saturday's Discovery Times — with games, art ideas, science experiments, history and more are prerecorded.

Adult education

Our free PALS (Pagosa Adult Learning Services) sessions take place in person, where Mark helps with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Contact the library to schedule a date and time.

Nonfiction

"How to Avoid a Climate Disaster" by Bill Gates explains the results of a decade investigating the causes and effects of climate change, and what we need to do about it. "The Sum of Us" by economist Heather McGhee explores what racism costs everyone and what to do about it. "Walk in my Combat Boots" by James Patterson

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I Corinthians 13 4-8

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A deeper-than-usual concert

Special to The PREVIEW

My wife is a music major, and most of our children have taken after her. Their extracurricular activities have been in band, choir and theater, so I have spent many hours attending concerts. One concert was quite memorable.

It had been a cold winter. Attendance had dropped at school because of illness, with talk of a short shutdown for everyone to get well. Colds were most common. and flu wasn't far behind.

At this time, our daughter came home and informed us that she and three other girls had formed a Sweet Adeline group. They were going to be performing at a barbershop concert. Not only would it be fun, but they got extra credit for doing it.

The girls started practicing after school and on weekends because the concert was only a couple of weeks away. They were doing well until one of the girls got a nasty cold. It wasn't long before all four of them had it.

They debated pulling out of the concert. But the performance was only a day away, they had worked so hard, and some of the girls des-

They only had to sing one song, and they felt they could keep their distance from the other performers, perform their music and leave.

But which song should they perform? They had practiced quite a few, but none of them sounded right. With their colds, the girls were no longer ranging from near tenor to soprano, but were more like baritone to high tenor. They tried a few songs and then ended up settling on one that was more in a medium men's range. They felt awkward doing that, but they had to admit to themselves that it was what they needed to do.

The night of the concert came, and I could imagine our daughter, along with the rest of her group, nervously waiting backstage, feeling trepidation about singing a song meant for men. But as the announcer stepped to the microphone and started to speak, I had to smile. I had sung with him in a choir and knew he had a beautiful tenor voice. But as he spoke, his voice was a rough but solid bass. He announced the songs the men's group would sing and then stepped back to join the other 23 group

The men's group was the spon-

I had heard them sing many times. They had a nice, even balance between the bass, baritone, second tenor and first tenor sections. But that was not the case this time. There was an overwhelming bass section. Apparently, they had the same problem as our daughter's group and had to have some of their members sing lower than usual.

As the concert progressed, almost every group had a similar problem. When our daughter's group sang their deeper-thanusual song, they fit in with everyone else. But the humorous clincher was the song the men's choir chose as their final number. They announced it was going to differ from what was listed in the program. Then they sang "Mr. Bass Man." And when they ended, even the highest tenors hit the low notes on the ending.

"Oh, Mr. Bass Man, now I'm a bass man, too. Ba-ba-bah."

And the audience broke into thunderous applause for everyone who came and sang, even if they had to sing a little lower than usual.







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and Matt Eversmann is a collection of interviews of Americans in uniform. "Icebound" by Andrea Pitzer tell of Dutch polar explorer Barents and his three harrowing Arctic adventures. "Bravery" by Olympic athlete, actress and writer Alexi Pappas is a powerful memoir of a young woman with big dreams.

Mysteries, suspense and thrillers

"Deadly Camargue" by Cay Rademacher begins when a reporter is gored by an escaped bull in Provence. "Marauder" by Cliver Cussler and Boyd Morrison is an Oregon Files adventure. "Twenty" by James Grippando is a Jack Swyteck legal thriller. "Pianos and Flowers" by Alexander McCall Smith is a No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency mystery. "If I Disappear" by Eliza Jane Brazier features a fan of true-crime podcasts involved in solving a crime. "The Perfect Guests" by Emma Rous is set in a grand estate at a weekend party. "Blood Grove" by Walter Mosley is an Easy Rawlins mystery. "Relentless" by Mark Greaney is a Gray Man intelligence adventure. "Serpentine" by Jonathan Kellerman is an Alex Delaware mystery. "A Fatal Lie" by Charles Todd is an Inspector Ian Rutledge mystery. "The Sanatorium" by Sarah Pearse starts with a missing woman.

Large print

"Next to Last Stand" by Craig Johnson is a Longmire mystery. The Orphan's Guilt" by Archer Mayor is a Joe Gunther mystery. "Faithless in Death" by J.D. Robb is book two of the Eve Dallas Death

Other novels

"The Lover" by Marguerite Duras is set in prewar Saigon. "Black Buck" by Mateo Askaripour is a satire about the lone Black salesman at a startup. "Escaping Dreamland" by Charlie Lovett features a trio of young people who come together to write a series of children's books. Waiting for the Night Song" by Julie Carrick Dalton focuses on two estranged friends facing a dark secret. "The Children's Blizzard" by Melanie Benjamin is based on true stories of immigrant school children experiencing a devastating storm that struck the Great Plains in 1888. "Super Host" by Kate Russo looks at middle age relationships through the eyes of a past-hisprime artist. "The Smash-up" by Ali Benjamin looks at a marriage dealing with today's political and social issues.

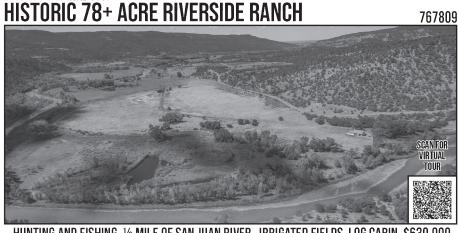
"The Mask Falling" by Samantha Shannon is the fourth fantasy novel set in the world of Scion. 'Yellow Wife" by Sadega Johnson follows a female plantation slave

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who was not given freedom on her 18th birthday as promised. "Normal People" by Sally Rooney is a coming-of-age love story set in Dublin. "The Four Winds" by Kristin Hannah focuses on the trials people faced in the Great Depression. "Those Who Are Saved" by Alexis Landau features a Jewish mother and daughter separated in World War II. "My Year Abroad" by Chang-Rae Lee follows a young man transformed by an unusual Asian adventure.

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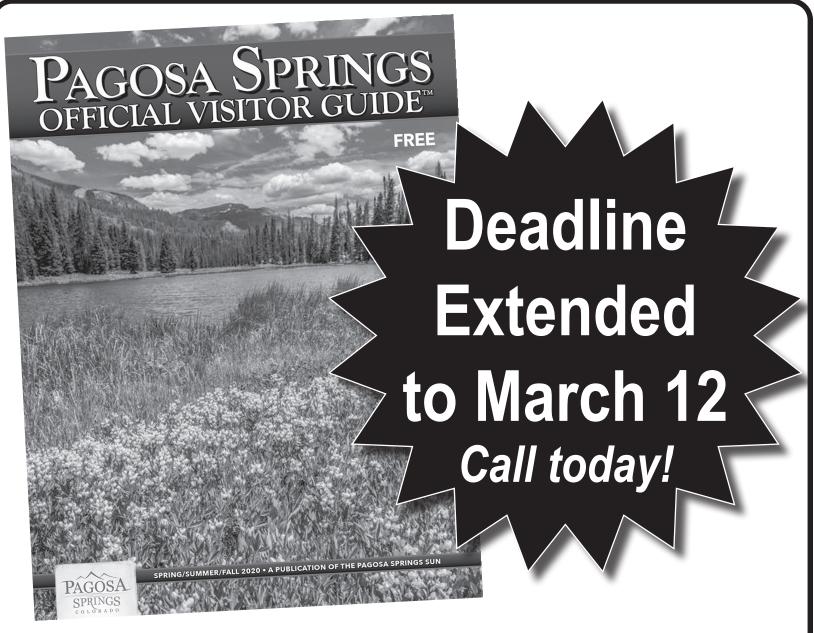
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"I want my children to know I'm a resource for them, that I have been across the river a lot of times. I can tell them the rocks that move and the rocks that don't ... I want to see what kind of people my kids become. I don't care what they do; I want to see who they are." — Kevin Costner, award-winning actor, film director and producer.

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Get into the swing of spring with some fun programs

By Cheryl Wilkinson

PREVIEW Columnist

Here are some of the fun, educational and social opportunities that you can access through our website this month.

There are options for both online Zoom and telephone-only events. There is no need to register in advance. Here are a few of the happenings in March:

• The Stein Siblings Dave Williams, presenter.

Friday, March 5, 12:30 p.m. PT, 2:30 p.m. CT, 3:30 p.m. ET.

Join Williams as he explores the lives of Gertrude and Leo Stein, advocates for modern European art during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The Steins introduced Matisse, Picasso and many other great artists to American collectors.

• The Legacy of Sitting Bull Ernie Lapointe, great-grandson of Sitting Bull, presenter.

Tuesday, March 16, 12:30 p.m. PT, 2:30 p.m. CT, 3:30 p.m. ET.

Lapointe is the only living descendant of Sitting Bull. He'll discuss his book about the legacy of his great ancestor and his new book about Native Americans and the future.

• The Luck o' the Irish

Steven Frenzel, film historian, presenter.

Wednesday, March 17, 2 p.m. PT; 4 p.m. CT; 5 p.m. ET.

Enjoy a collection of classic film clips featuring Irish actors and the Emerald Isles, including "The Quiet Man," "The Seven Little Foys" and other timeless favorites.

You can look through the whole month's offerings on our website, http://www.psseniors.org/. You can also browse and register through Mather's website. Mather also provides support to ASI that links our community to its resources on aging well and the Chautauqua Institution (CHQ), the esteemed arts and education organization.

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You can learn more about The Community Café, take out and Meals on Wheels reservations and other ASI programs on our website, http://www.psseniors.org/.

VITA tax preparation

Due to COVID-19, the IRS's

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Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program will not be coming to Pagosa Springs to prepare federal and state income tax returns this year

VITA will be preparing 2020 tax returns at no charge as part of the VITA program in Durango. Please register at: DurangoVITA.org. The gross income limit this tax season is \$54,000.

Take-out meals continue at Senior Center

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

These meals will be available Monday through Friday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. There is a \$4 suggested donation for lunch for those age 60 and better. If you need to have your meal delivered, please call 264-2167 to see if this option is available in your area.

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

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

There will be no games, classes or presentations during this time. The staff will be available by phone.

Medical Center

If you need to speak to a staff member, please call 264-2167.

The Community Café menu

Thursday, March 4 — Lasagna, focaccia bread with butter, milk, salad and cheesecake.

Friday, March 5 — Pulled pork sandwich, pinto beans, milk, salad and German chocolate cake.

Monday, March 8 — Ham and cheese sandwich, potato salad, milk, salad and dessert.

Tuesday, March 9 — Lasagna, focaccia bread with butter, milk, salad and brownies.

Wednesday, March 10 — Hot chicken salad, buttered peas, milk, salad and cornbread with butter

Thursday, March 11 — Mediterranean tuna sandwich, broccoli salad, milk, salad and dessert.

Reservations and cancellations are required. You can make a reservation at 264-2167 by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you would like to drive through and pick up a meal

For your convenience, you can make your reservations in advance or have a standing reservation on days you know you will always pick up. Please cancel if you cannot attend on your standing reservation days. We want to thank everyone for their support by observing our reservation policy. This helps ensure that everyone with reservations receives a meal and enables us to provide additional and healthier meals.

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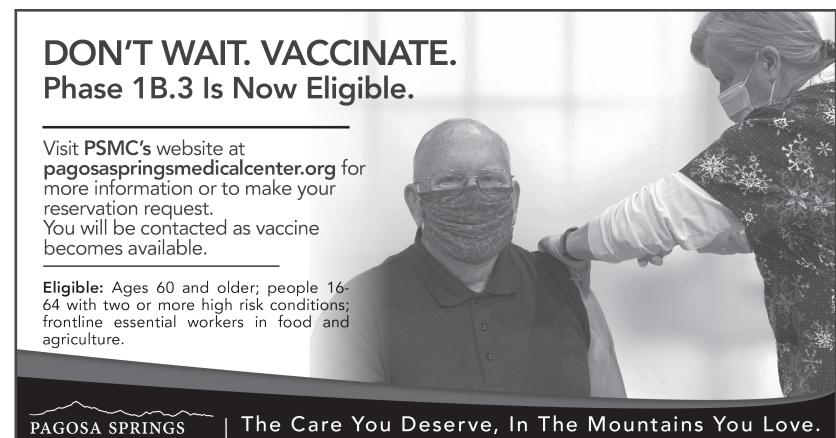
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FRY

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Scene ... at the 25th annual Knights of Columbus Lenten fish fry. This year's fish fry may look a little different due to COVID-19 protocols, but folks can still get the seasonal Friday evening fare to go, with donations set to help the Knights of Columbus with its charitable giving locally.



































Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Ben Bailey

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the gray-crowned rosy-finch.

Spanning three species in North America, rosy-finches are known for their semi-obscurity, in part because they tend to breed in more remote locations at higher elevations than most songbirds and thus often go undetected. These birds seek out talus fields, cliffsides and often overlooked barren hillsides and rock piles above tree line to build their nests. Thankfully, in winter we get the opportunity to witness these magnificently colored birds (often in larger flocks), as they come downslope into valleys and lower elevations to source seed crops from grasses and wild mustard, occasionally turning up in flocks at feeders to glean sunflower seeds off the snow. Other food sources include a heavy insect diet during the warmer months, especially when feeding young.

Unlike the more regionally centric brown-capped rosy-finch, the gray-crowned breeds at northern latitudes from British Columbia through the Yukon Territory to northern Alaska. In fact, the gray-crowned rosy-finch has been observed nesting alongside glaciers on the upper flanks of Denali in Alaska. During courtship, males approach prospect mates with wobbles, crouches and wing displays, singing all the while. Females locate nesting locations in the rocks to build cup-shaped nests lined with grasses, lichens and root masses, among other components, to support the rearing of one brood per year. In winter, they migrate as far south as the southern Rockies west through the high deserts of Nevada and California.

These birds are often described as "chunky" for finches and are largely brown from the upper breast through the cheek, but at maturity have distinctive gray heads with a black forehead and throat. The "rosy" attribute refers to the almost-salmon coloration on the flanks and upper leading portions of the wing that in flight grace one with a delightful and noticeable pink flash of color. The coloration in the beak shifts from a black color during breeding season to a duller yellow color for the remainder of the year. Juvenile birds are largely brown, as the pink markings and gray head don't develop until the second year. Songs and calls resemble a series of repetitive chews and cheeps.

Though breeding grounds in the high country have been largely unaffected by habitat degradation, the repercussions inherent in a warming climate may pose challenges to this species in the coming decades.

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- **5** Part of a repair bill
- 10 Skewed view
- **14** Multinational money
- 15 Come about
- 16 A while ago
- 17 Flashcards subject
- 19 Kind of ID
- 20 Renter
- 21 Courting music
- 23 Put up, as a picture
- 25 Flinch, say
- **26** Varied
- **30** Biased against seniors
- 33 Bird feeder filler
- **34** Small sample
- **36** 80's group who sang "Take On Me"
- **37** Melville setting
- 38 Talk like Porky Pig
- **40** Slot machine icon
- 41 Pop-ups, e.g.
- **42** Cheyenne shelter
- **43** Ticklish Muppet
- **44** Navy clerk
- 46 Tactful
- 49 Koontz creation
- **51** Within earshot
- **52** Ivory tower inhabitant
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- 59 Piercing site
- 60 Assessment
- 62 Chutzpah
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- **65** Gives the heave-ho
- 66 WTO's concern
- 67 Pound sound

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1 Close, as an envelope

2 Tackle box item

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3 Blue flower

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- 4 Cheap insult
- 5 Sing the blues
- 6 You-here link
- 7 Tiny amounts
- 8 Willow for basketmaking
- 9 Craft anew
- 10 Pep in one's step
- 11 Impossible to fill
- **12** Got an A+ on
- 13 Parched
- 18 Try, as a case
- 22 Raring to go
- **24** ____ and go **26** Test. as ore
- **27** Glove leather
- 28 Like some temperatures
- 29 Old-fashioned
- **31** Cause of a red face
- 32 Medium's card
- **35** Oktoberfest souvenir
- **38** Forestall, with "off"
- 39 Urban housing

43 Mistake in print

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- 45 Runway figures
- **47** Safe from hackers
- 48 "Fame" singer
- **50** Fare with onions
- **52** Aquatic plant
- **53** TV cable, for short
- print **54** Spanish gures sparkling wine

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56 Monetary penalty

by Margie E. Burke

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- **57** Type of list
- 58 Winter coat?
- **61** Conducted

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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Principles Before Personalities Group of Alcoholics Anonymous. 7 p.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Contact Charlotte or Ken at 903-9690, or Nate at 507-1004.

Friday, March 5

HER Story. 8:30-9:30 a.m., PMAB + Movement, 140 Country Center Drive, Unit 2. A women's group providing a safe, supportive space to grow and heal as you share your story. An opportunity to meet other women in your community in a peer-supported group focused on healing from trauma, abuse or violence. Email us with any questions at contactus@riseaboveviolence. org.

PALS, GED and College Prep Assistance. Noon-3 p.m. In person, appointment required. Pagosa Adult Learning Services can help you earn your GED, prepare for college entrance exams, prepare for vocational tests and other education requirements. Mark will work with you to develop an achievable plan to complete your goals. Earning your GED is possible at any stage in life, and we can help. Call 264-2209 or email ruby@pagosalibrary. org to schedule an appointment.

Pagosa Pirates Varsity Wrestling: CHSAA3A West Regional. 1 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School.

The Good News Club. 2-4 p.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. A program for children in K-6th grade. COVID mandates will be followed, including social distancing and masks. For more information or to register, go to coloradocef.org/GNC.

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for pick up. Serving a meal of two fish, french fries, coleslaw and hush puppies. Cost: \$12.

Saturday, March 6

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Discovery Time. 2:30 p.m. Facebook. For all ages. New videos are posted to Facebook each Saturday. View to explore new games, art ideas, science experiments, history, activities and more. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Monday, March 8

Writing Challenge. Facebook. For all ages. Calling all writers: challenge your creativity. Challenge details will be posted on the Library's Facebook page. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Tech Time by Appointment. 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. We are happy to help you resolve your basic technology questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets and other electronic devices. Call 264-2209 or email ruby@pagosalibrary.org to schedule an appointment or for more information. Fifteen- to 30-minute appointments are available.

Spanish Conversation. 4-5 p.m. Google Meet. Join us virtually to practice your Spanish conversation skills in a group setting. Access the meeting using the Google Meet app or by visiting google.meet.com/xrv-csre-kay. Call Brad at 264-2209 for more information.

Pagosa Springs Community Garden: Seed Starting/Grow Light Q-and-A with Ron Chacey. 6-6:40 p.m. Zoom. Join Zoom meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89804 965823?pwd=R1hWSnNmbFZSM WU2WkYwamE2Z2xsZz09, meeting ID: 898 0496 5823, passcode: ey8s0E.

Tuesday, March 9

Ruby's Book Club. Zoom. Our book club will be discussing "The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life, Freedom and Justice" by Anthony Ray Hinton. Copies of this book are available at your library. Call 264-2209 for more information or if you need help accessing the meeting. Zoom meeting ID: 874 5826 9188, passcode: 81147.

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. 10 a.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Veterans and associated members are invited. Social distancing is required at this time. Contact 799-8387 for more details.

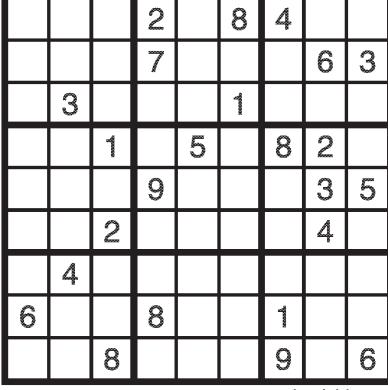
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Wednesday, March 10

Kids Kare. 9:30-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. A program for children ages 3-5. Includes Bible time, songs, crafts, games and more. COVID mandates will be followed, including social distancing and masks. For more information or to register, go to coloradocef.org/GNC.

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

Pagosa Spring Photography Club. 6:30 p.m. Zoom. Our speaker will be member Chris Roebuck. His topic will be "Important tips and tricks for successful digital processing." Club members will receive an email containing a Zoom weblink to participate. Others who are interested in taking part may contact Andy Butler for information at abutler@mac.com. For membership information, visit https://pagosaspringsphotoclub.org/about.

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Saturday, March 13

LEGO Challenge. 10 a.m. Facebook.
All ages. Break out your LEGO bricks and join the challenge. A new challenge will be presented; check the specifications to see what you can create. No LEGOs? No problem. Stop by the library to pick up a grab bag that will help you complete the challenge. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Discovery Time. 2:30 p.m. Facebook. For all ages. New videos are posted to Facebook each Saturday. View to explore new games, art ideas, science experiments, history, activities and more. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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St. Patrick's open again for worship

By Sarah Riehm

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church has once again reopened for inperson worship, with services at 8 and 10 a.m. every Sunday morning. Capacity is limited to 30 and CO-VID safety protocols are in place.

Despite these challenges, St. Patrick's is a warm, welcoming congregation. The worship space itself is breathtaking, with floor-toceiling windows looking out over our beautiful San Juan Mountains. Visitors are always welcome.

Because of capacity restrictions, please call the office if you would like to reserve a spot at 731-5801. The church is located in the west end of town, at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Both services offer communion and all are welcome at the table. The first service is a more quiet, contemplative experience. The second service features music by soloist Robert Neel, and organ, piano and harp by Music Director Sarah Riehm.

"I have accompanied literally thousands of gifted soloists during my work in churches and musical theater across the country," said Riehm. "Robert ranks up there with the very best. I feel so fortunate to be able to work with him every week."

On Sunday, March 14, the church will celebrate the life and legacy of St. Patrick. Jim Dorian will greet people at the front door starting at 9:45 a.m. with tradi-



Robert Neel

tional Irish bagpipe music. Robert Neel will sing the stunning Irish Blessing song "Deep Peace." Riehm will also perform traditional Irish harp music, including "St. Patrick's Breastplate." Rector Lyn Burns will continue her Lenten sermons exploring our Christian identity in response to Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?"

If you are not ready for inperson worship yet, you can watch our 10 a.m. service on livestream at the church's website, www.stpatrickspagosa.org. Or, watch any service at any time via the church's YouTube channel; links are also available on the church website. If you have any questions about worship, educational or volunteer opportunities at St. Patrick's, please email stpatricksofficepagosa@ gmail.com. Stay tuned for news on our Earth Day celebration in April.

New Thought topic: 'Answering the Call of Divine Renewal'

By Lisa Burnson

New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

"When I let go of what I am, I become what I might be." — Lao Tzu.

All are welcome to join the New Thought Center for Inspirational Living this Sunday, March 7, at 10:30 a.m., for our presentation, "Answering The Call Of Divine Renewal: Letting Go of Our Old Self To Allow a Higher Self To Emerge." Our speaker will be Elaine Harding, Ph.D., author of "Be Authentic: Three Keys To Unlocking Your True Potential.'

Our sanctuary is sanitized and set up for social distancing.

We will have spirited live music.

Upcoming events

Band practice is every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. We welcome musicians and singers to join our band. Please text Bruce at 507-0739 to join or for band information.

Meditation Circle is temporarily discontinued while we revise the format.

Saturday, March 13, 5 to 8 p.m.: St. Patrick's Day

March 26 to 28: Heart Math virtual event.

Coming in March, dates to be determined: Prosperity Class and Intuition Class.

April 24: Earth Day Events. Time to be determined. Please call/text 309-6067 for information on coming events.

Library

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

About us

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Clue: Cold storage

8 9 В. **22 21**

Clue: Extra portions

15 5

Clue: Done quickly; in a

D. **12 22**

Clue: Frozen water

UUs to discuss the meaning of home

Bv Joan Ward

Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist (UU) Fellowship continues virtual services on the first and third Sundays of the month.

Please join us on this Sunday, March 7, at 10 a.m., as we gather to discuss the meaning of home. Home is the theme of the Guest at Your Table Program of the UU Service Committee (UUSC). The UUSC works around the world with grass roots organizations.

Four "guests" are highlighted who are addressing their right to home in a variety of ways. From the UUSC's website: "Adela Ramírez is from UUSC's partner organization Asociación Pop No'j (pronounced Pope-No). Pop No'j works to address root causes of migration in Guatemala and support people who are deported from Mexico or the United States to Guatemala."

Mark Stege (pronounced STAY-ghee) is a climate researcher who works with communities in the Marshall Islands to collect data on flood risks and groundwater quality. The UUSC states: "According to research, climate change will leave many homes in the Marshall Islands uninhabitable by 2050."

Chief Shirell ParfaitDardar is the leader of the Grand Caillou/Dulac Band of the Biloxi-Chitimacha-Choctaw Tribe in southern Louisiana. She works in conjunction with the Lowlander Center, an ecological justice organization in southern Louisiana. Her tribe is dealing with the effects of climate change on their homeland.

UUSC's partner Suja Karimuddin is one of the many Rohingya people forced to leave their homes in Burma. He co-founded an organization called Elom Empowerment to support Rohingya and other refugees in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Home and the loss of it or the threat of loss is the story of these people. Pauline Benetti, lay leader, will invite participants to dwell for a few moments on their own homes and imagine a threat to its loss; from that experience answers to the following questions will emerge for sharing, "What does home mean to me?" and "Has that meaning been altered by months of living with COVID precautions?"

The Pagosa UU Fellowship is collecting and sending monetary donations to the UUSC Guest at Your Table Program. How to donate is in the March newsletter on the Pagosa UU Fellowship website

Please participate with us through Zoom: https:// us02web.zoom.us/j/88284380641?pwd=ZnAycGppO UdZTVIJMIRYVGV6OVdQdz09; telephone: (346) 248-7799; meeting ID: 882 8438 0641; password: 059944.

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

Religious Exploration classes have been temporarily canceled due to COVID-19. For more information about the fellowship, check the pagosauu.org website or email info@pagosauu.org.

Sunday devotionals offered by the Baha'i Faith

By Paulette Heber

Baha'i Community of Archuleta County

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

Zoom link: https://zoom.us/j/ 884668836?pwd=bkdEeVlaSWN0 bFRMdFhidXpzWjV5Zz09, call-in number: (669) 900-6833, meeting ID: 884 668 836.

A weekly theme is reflected in the prayers, music, poetry and selections from world religions and various sources. All are encouraged to contribute inspirational pieces. This Sunday, March 7, our theme is hope.

"Never loose thy trust in God. Be thou ever hopeful, for the bounties of God never cease to flow upon man. Man is under all conditions immersed in a sea of God's blessings. Therefore, be thou not hopeless under any circumstances, but rather be firm in thy hope." - Abdu'l-Baha.

The Baha'i Faith is an all-embracing world religion founded on the principle of unity. It recognizes humanity's spiritual nature and the innate nobility of every human soul. Among the teachings of the Baha'i Faith are the investigation of truth, the oneness of God, the oneness of mankind, justice, universal peace, the conformity between science and divine revelation, the equality of women and men, and the abandonment of racial, religious, worldly and political prejudices. It is in this spirit of community that we cordially invite you to our devotionals.

To learn more about the Baha'i Faith, please visit the official international website of the Baha'i Faith at www.bahai.org. Our local contact is archuletabahais@gmail.com.

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'Teach us to number our days aright ...

By Sharee Grazda

PREVIEW Columnist

My husband and I had met with the accountant days before. When she called to say our tax return was ready, I offered to pick it up.

Walking down the hall toward her office, I noticed her door was open. Oh, good, I thought, she doesn't have a client with her. I'll be able to get in, get out and be on my way in just a few minutes.

As I got closer to the door, I heard voices. There was a man and a woman in the office with her.

Disappointed, I sat down in a chair in the lobby to wait my turn — but not before I stood in the doorway for just a second, so they knew I was there. Maybe if they know I'm out here waiting, they'll hurry, I reasoned. I had places to go, things to do and people to see.

I got busy making notes about other errands for the day. Occasionally, I was distracted by the visiting woman's high, tinkling laugh and the man's deep, mellow voice. They seemed to complement each other. He seemed calm, levelheaded. She sounded lively, joyful and at ease.

Finishing my notes, I started thumbing through a magazine about estate planning — certainly not what I wanted to read and think about on my busy day. I tossed that aside and impatiently wondered if I should leave and take my chances later.

Then I heard what the couple were sharing with the accountant. They had spent the last month in Mexico for an unorthodox treatment of the woman's rapidly progressing cancer. Traditional measures had so far proved useless against the invading horde in her body. That woman has a terminal illness, I marveled. She sounded like someone who had the world by the tail, not someone who might leave it soon.

My interest was piqued and I strained to listen, willing my hearing sense to go around that doorway and into that room so I would not miss a word.

You don't know how to live until you're dying, the woman cheerfully continued. This has been the best thing that has ever happened to me

What? How could she say that? She sounded almost excited that she carried around in her body something that was trying to kill her. Had the cancer affected her mind as well?

Then the man joined the conversation. Together they explained how much their priorities had changed. No longer did they see money as a gauge of success, but as a means to fight for life and to share life with their children and other loved ones. No longer did they live every day like there were

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many more to follow, or put off until tomorrow what they could and should do today.

Instantly, a scripture popped into my head. From Psalm 90, a prayer of Moses, the man of God, verse 12: "Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."

On the heels of that came the lines of a hymn, "Make haste, O man, to live, for thou so soon must die; time hurries past thee like the breeze, how swift its moments fly!"

In reality, we are all "dying," getting closer to our demise every day, like that woman; perhaps we haven't had a medical professional tell us, haven't received the news to make us focus and prioritize.

My life could suddenly be turned upside down, as that woman's surely was, or worse — suddenly come to an end — too soon for me to do those things I thought I had time to do later.

Was I permanently changed from that moment on, always counting my blessings, always doing today what I should not put off until tomorrow, having all my priorities straight?

Of course not.

Sometimes I forget to "Make haste, to live ..." The time-consuming minutiae of daily life can slowly but surely ease out, to the point of eliminating entirely, the vital and priceless pursuit of living life to the fullest — as God and Jesus encourage us to live. If we do live for them, through them, with them, are we not also living to the fullest for ourselves — and for others?

Changes I have made I will not share; I do hope you will ask yourself if perhaps there are changes you would consider making.

I do things to keep a pleasant home, a balanced checkbook, a clean car; I walk, read, write letters, shop for groceries, cook. I nap. I pray.

But often in the back of my mind as I do these things, all good, all necessary, there is a nagging sensation — a still, small voice perhaps.

Is this the best use of your time? What would you most regret leaving undone?

I have no way of knowing if the treatment in Mexico cured the woman, briefly postponed the inevitable, or was to no avail. She never mentioned God or Jesus, at least not in my hearing. Whether her attitude was influenced by her belief and trust in them, or whether she was just a very rational, thoughtful person who had come to accept her fate and was determined to handle it with dignity, who knows?

That woman and I never met, I never even saw her face. She could not know how she affected a stranger. She could not know how her words touched me that day—to this day.

May God encourage the musings of a fellow pilgrim to so move you — to "number your days aright ... to gain wisdom ... to make haste to live." To have no reason to regret.

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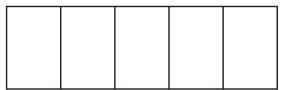
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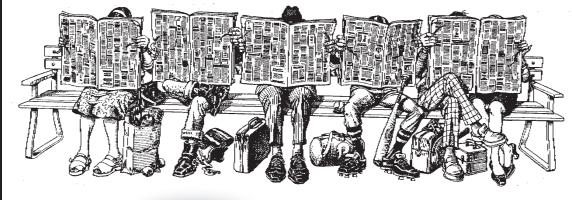
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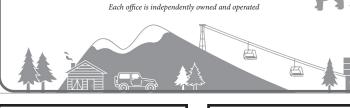
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Members of the 4-H Clothing Construction Project traveled to Farmington, N.M., to select their pattern and fabric for their 2021 project of the 4-H year. From left to right: AmberLynn Snarr, Veda Deitemeyer, Faith Lee, Emma Gantt, Reece Peterson, Adelyn Hittle, Chloe Gantt and Karaline Bassett. Ashlie Elliott could not attend the day. All 4-H projects have started and will culminate in project presentation at the Archuleta County Fair, which will be Aug. 5-8.

The avalanche in the Horseshoe Bowl

By Gregg Heid

PREVIEW Columnist

Five of us climbed into the back of the snowcat. It was mid-December 2018 and we had a good start to the snow season. The ride up to the Horseshoe Bowl across Knife Ridge on Wolf Creek's backside is steep — I'd hate to walk it. The driver dropped us off at the turnaround site at the top of the Bowl. Dominick, my son, and I stepped into our bindings as the other three skiers walked on up the ridge to ski the trees.

"Dad, you ski down by that big boulder and get a video when l come off over the top of you."

"I'll break trail, no one's been here this year. Looks like some nice powder." I pointed them downhill and made two turns before the mountain under my skis began to slide.

There was 12 inches of new snow on top of 2 feet of the early sugar snow we received in October. This steep slope made for perfect powder turns and avalanche conditions.

I rode it for a couple seconds, then it tackled me and pulled me down into the sliding snow. It was kinda fun at first, riding a moving slab, but when it pulled me under — not so much. Should I form an air pocket? How long would I be under? Five seconds seemed like an eternity. Would this be the end of my life?

The snow yanked off my skis and poles. Then the moving monster spit me out and the upper half of my body was on top of the snow. After a couple more body rolls, I freed my legs and rolled out of the monster's grip. The avalanche stopped.

Dominick watched the whole thing from on top of the ridge. He immediately boarded down to me, "Dad, that was the scariest time in my life. I thought you were a gonner."

I readjusted my helmet, "I'm still alive, thank God.

"Are you OK?"

The Writers' Circle

"My ankle is sore from my ski getting ripped off; other than that, I'm OK. Let's find my skis." I found my poles and one ski pretty quickly. We dug and dug for the other. "It's gotta be down below us." I trudged down the slope through deep snow up to my waist. Dominick boarded down below me.

A few minutes later, one of the other skiers, George Bodde, who was above us, showed up and asked if he could help. "I saw the whole thing from up on the ridge—you're a lucky man.'

"I know, God was watching over me today.'

'Not me," said Dominick. "I

'bout had a heart attack."

We dug for another 10 minutes. Two ski patrollers and an avalanche dog showed up.

Everything OK here? We see there was an avalanche."

'My dad was in it."

They took some information from me and helped look for the missing ski. A few minutes later, Bodde, who was 10 yards down from Dominick, yelled, "Found it. It's down here."

We dug it out with Dominick's snowboard and I carefully skied on down the mountain. Dominick followed to make sure I made it.

My eyes teared up when the lift operator at the bottom asked us, "Did you hear about the avalanche over on the Horseshoe Bowl?"

"I was the one in it."

"Really!"

"Yea, about 15 minutes ago."

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