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### Piedra Road resurfacing project set to begin in May

By Terri House Staff Writer

A Piedra Road resurfacing project is scheduled to begin in May, according to Acting Public Affairs Specialist Lorena Williams with the San Juan National Forest.

"A tentative start date will be scheduled for some time this May, weather dependent. The contractor hired for the work will have up to 30 days to complete all work," wrote Williams in a March 17 email to The SUN.

"The intent of the Piedra Road Resurfacing project is to provide aggregate to and reconstruct 11.6 miles of the Piedra Road (NFSR 631). The project will begin at the intersection with Jack's Pasture at milepost 8.13 and will terminate at the Williams Creek Road (NFSR 640)

■ See Piedra A8

# Curious about our watersheds and local rivers?

By Al Pfister

Upper San Juan Watershed Enhancement Partnership

As discussed in last week's SUN, the Upper San Juan Watershed Enhancement Partnership (WEP) has been working for approximately the past three years to assess the environmental (ecological), recreational and agricultural infrastructure needs of the Upper San Juan, Navajo, and Blanco Rivers.

After gathering preliminary input and direction from representatives of the agricultural, environmental, municipal and recreational communities, the WEP spent the past year gathering data on the issues and needs identified. This data will be used to direct the WEP's

Photo courtesy Barry Knott

Spring is in the air and more animals are out and about. This fox was spotted recently in the Alpha subdivision.

# State amends restrictions with new COVID dial

### ■ Mask mandate still in effect

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

■ See Curious A8

On Tuesday evening, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) released the state's COVID Dial 3.0, with the dial going into effect Wednesday.

The dial, among other things, makes it easier for counties to move into Level Green: Protect Our Neighbors (the least restrictive level) and removes or loosens several restrictions in Level Green and Level Blue: Caution, respectively.

The updated dial does not lift Colorado's current statewide mask mandate.

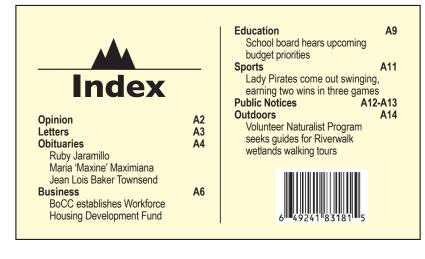
As of Wednesday morning, Archuleta County remained in Level Blue, and certified 5 Star businesses are permitted to operate under Level Blue protocols, according to information released by San Juan Basin Public Health.

A press release from the CDPHE notes that the change to the dial is coming as more Coloradans are eligible to be vaccinated and are choosing to do so.

"State officials expect that Dial 3.0 will remain in effect until mid-April, at which point the state plans to retire the dial and implement a new public health order that gives greater control over capacity restrictions to local public health agencies," the press release states.

"Coloradans have made great sacrifices to protect ourselves and our communities from COVID-19 over the past year," said Jill Hunsaker Ryan, executive director of the CDPHE. "While this is still a time for caution, these changes

■ See COVID A8





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Little Beaver poses for a photo with Goodman's Department Store owner Hayley Buckingham Tuesday during a meet and greet. The current Little Beaver, Dewayne Aloysuis, is the great-grandson of Troy Vicenti, who earned the role of the original Little Beaver in 1956.

# New town maintenance facility opens

#### Public open house scheduled for March 31 at 5 p.m.

By Andrea Phillips
Town of Pagosa Springs

The Town of Pagosa Springs is excited to announce the completion of a new maintenance facility this month. The campus was constructed on the same site as the previous buildings located at 550 Pirate Drive, at the corner of South 5th Street.

This project replaces an old Forest Service building and other donated outbuildings that served the town for decades. These buildings were demolished to make room for the new facility.

The new campus is large enough to house staff and store equipment and materials for several town departments, including the public works-utilities division, facilities maintenance division, streets division, and the Parks and Recreation parks maintenance division.

"The new building is a smart investment for the town," stated Town Manager Andrea Phillips. "It will help to properly store and protect the town's costly maintenance trucks and equipment and help lengthen their lifespan. The building also provides safer and more efficient workspaces for staff and is big enough for the town to grow and expand on the site as needed."

Although it was a recognized need for several years prior, focused work began on the project in 2017, when the town completed an assessment with Reynolds Ash + Associates. The old buildings were dilapidated, too small, inefficient and did not fit the

■ See Facility A8

### Funds approved for Aspen Springs playground

**By Clayton Chaney** Staff Writer

Aspen Springs will be getting a new playground facility this year at the county's Ute Drive Park.

At a regular meeting held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on March 16, the board voted to approve \$112,246.70 of funds from the county's Conservation Trust Fund to go toward a new playground facility in the Aspen Springs subdivision.

Commissioner Ron Maez proposed an additional \$5,000 of contingency to be included with the project's budget, which was approved, bringing the total funds allocated for the project to \$117,246.70.

The BoCC approved a proposal from a company, GameTime, for the purchase and installation of the playground equipment.

Maez also explained during the meeting that the county received funds granted from the Colorado Trust foundation for the project.

He noted that Colorado Trust will cover maintenance costs of the facility's equipment. However, Archuleta County will still be allowed to own the playground equipment.

According to the proposal submit-

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### **EDITORIAL**

### School board misses out on a lesson

On Nov. 14, 2019, The SUN urged ings — on Dec. 19, 2019, and Jan. 22, the Archuleta School District's (ASD) 2020 — related to the naming of super-Board of Education (BOE) to keep the hiring of its next superintendent a public process.

When a SUN reporter was denied access to public documents listing the qualifications and characteristics desired of the district's next superintendent, we wrote the following in our editorial that week:

You have pivotal work ahead of you in picking the CEO of one of the biggest businesses in this county and the best leader possible for this district. Please don't attempt to hide what you are doing from the public.

"We believe that transparency in the process of hiring the superintendent is necessary and in the best interests of the school district and the community. Meetings and conversations related to the recruitment and hiring process should be held in the view of the public.

"The denial of public access contradicts the district's claims of transparency. We implore the board to comply with the law.

"An effective and competent leader will not shy away from a public process and neither should the board."

On Jan. 22, 2020, the board held an executive session as part of a special meeting. There was no public vote by the board regarding hiring a superintendent.

Then, on Jan. 28, 2020, the board announced it had selected a new superintendent. Dr. Kym LeBlanc-Esparza was present to sign the contract.

According to then BOE President Brooks Lindner, the decision to choose LeBlanc-Esparza had been made at the special meeting of the BOE on Jan. 22, 2020, which only consisted of that closed-door executive session.

Colorado Revised Statute 22-32-108 regarding meetings of the BOE states that "all regular and special meetings of the board shall be open to the public," and while executive sessions are allowed, "the board shall not make final policy decisions while in executive session.'

On Feb. 17 of this year, Sixth Judicial District Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson ordered that the BOE turn over a portion of the recording from the Jan. 22, 2020, executive session.

The order was in response to a complaint filed on March 5, 2020, by attorney

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intendent finalists.

The same order denied the in-camera review of the December 2019 executive session, with the court agreeing that the board was allowed to decide upon finalists in executive session.

"However, a reading of the Colorado Open Records Act, together with the Colorado Open Meetings Act and CRS 22-32-108, leads to a different result as to the decision to choose the finalist who was ultimately selected to be offered the position of superintendent," the August 2020 order states.

The Court finds it difficult to find that the selection of a superintendent of schools is not a formal adoption of a policy decision or a formal action. The Court notes that school boards in the state of Colorado are specifically prohibited from making '... final policy decisions while in executive session,' the order states, citing a case in which the Colorado Supreme Court has held that a formal decision to not renew a teacher's contract is a final policy decision that must be made at a public meeting. "The decision as to who will lead a school district certainly has more policy implications for a school district than the decision to not renew the contract of an individual teacher."

In that executive session recording, current BOE President Bruce Dryburgh, who was not the president at the time of the recording, noted that they should not discuss what transpired.

"The first thing I wanted to say is all of us swear upon penalty of death we do not discuss what happens in this meeting because that would be really bad," he said.

The board members also discussed their intention of coming to a consensus and making a decision on a superintendent candidate and voting for a superintendent in that meeting.

After discussing the candidates, the board then ranked the candidates via On March 9, the BOE voted on a

settlement agreement with Roane in Dryburgh noted he "hated" the al-

most \$20,000 settlement and that the district did what others have done. He called it a "nuisance" lawsuit. "What we did is what every other

school district has done in the state of Matt Roane, who sought the in-camera Colorado and most other states going review of two executive session record-back as far as I've heard," Dryburgh

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complained.

He also claimed it was a stupid law and said it would be hard for other school districts to hire qualified superintendents.

Please note: Not all school districts in the state choose to break the law when selecting superintendents.

One board member suggested that Roane do some of the work "pro bono" and not make so much money off of it. We wonder how much work the school district's attorney does for ASD for free. Never did the board apologize for

breaking the law. Never did the board acknowledge that what it did was wrong. Instead, it was blamed on a flawed law, even though The SUN had implored the board more than once to follow the law.

The board discussed how ASD could have spent that \$20,000 settlement for computers and school supplies. They should have thought of that before they voted in executive session.

The BOE's actions are what cost the district \$20,000. Roane simply made them accountable for those actions.

It makes us wonder, if a student broke the law and tried to blame it on someone else, what would happen? What if a teacher broke the law? What if the superintendent broke the law?

Following the decision to settle, the district released a three-page statement noting, in part, "We did not know at the time that our actions would or could result in a claim that we had not followed the Colorado Open Meetings Law."

The statement concludes by noting that the board now better understands "the complexities of Open Meetings Law requirements.'

"We will certainly be more cautious in the future," it ends.

The board missed the whole lesson. They put the blame on the attorney who was fighting on behalf of the public's right to know. And they failed to apologize to the public for not educating themselves about the Colorado Open Meetings Law in the first place.

We held the BOE to the standard of following the law and they let us down.

As ASD's new superintendent, LeBlanc-Esparza has been a breath of fresh air. It is ironic how the BOE hired someone who is commendably open and transparent after the manner in which she was hired. She may not have been the board's first choice for the job, but she has demonstrated that she is an excellent choice.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

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#### **LEGACIES**

By Shari Pierce

### 100 years ago Taken from SUN files of

March 25, 1921

Archuleta county will be represented at the state spelling contest in Denver by Matilde Martinez, a sixth grade student of District 10, Arboles, she having correctly spelled 91 of the 100 words sent here by the state committee.

We find a number families are leaving next year unless the bonds are voted, who will stay here and educate their children if the new building is built. We find a number of others figuring on moving to town if the building is built. This means more homes, more people and more business. We also find a man in this community arranging to purchase a ranch if the bonds carry—otherwise not.

A shed or barn will be built near the new school building for the accommodation of the horses of those compelled to ride from the country to school.

Effective March 26th, hot mineral baths at Metropolitan Hotel; adults 25¢, children 15¢.

The Allison ball team was defeated by the ball team of Tiffany last Friday afternoon at the Tiffany diamond.

### 75 years ago Taken from SUN files of

March 29, 1946

A State Game and Fish Department truck released over 5,000 Loch Laven trout fingerlings in the San Juan River just above Pagosa Springs Wednesday noon. Another truckload of trout is ex-

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lynch entertained the basketball team of the Pagosa Springs High School at the Jackisch Drug Store last Thursday evening. Twelve boys enjoyed light refreshments and music.

Herbert Loucks reported this week that 321 voters are registered and qualified to cast a ballot in the coming city election, Tuesday, April 2. Loucks said that many voters failed to register, believing themselves to be already qualified.

One of the most successful school functions of the year last Friday night brought an attendance of more than 200 to the annual Fathers-Sons night in the school here. The event included games in which the parents and pupils joined, two boxing exhibition matches between the youngsters and refreshments.

#### 50 years ago Taken from SUN files of

March 25, 1971

Coach Lloyd Wright reported this week that there were 26 persons taking part in the town clean-up last Saturday. The group was evenly divided between the Letterman's Club from the high school and the Jaycees. The group worked several hours and hauled away 15 pickup loads of trash, cans, bottles, and litter of all types. The area cleaned was between the main street and Lewis Street from one end of town to the other. In addition the Town Park was cleared of various types of debris and litter. Jaycee members and members of the Letterman's Club performed this community service free of charge as a project to encourage townspeople to take a little pride in their homes and property.

Vandalism at the junior high school Saturday night of last week resulted in more than \$100 in damages, according to authorities. Six youths were involved and all are minors. Charges are to be pressed by the school district.

### 25 years ago Taken from SUN files of

March 28, 1996

The county now has \$43,750 in its Road Capital Improvement Fund thanks to receipts from the county-wide 2 percent sales tax that went into effect Jan. 1, 1996. The fund was established through a county-wide sales tax election that passed by two votes, 981-979, in the November 1994 general election. Besides imposing a 2 percent sales tax for a seven-year period, the ballot question specified that the county's 50-percent share of the resulting revenues be used to "provide construction and maintenance of county roads and acquisition of equipment for county roads." The county expects to collect \$716,000 from the tax during 1996.

The commissioners adopted the 1996 County Fire Prevention Plan. A major revision from previous years expands the "mutual response area" in which U.S. Forest Service responders become actively involved in fighting wildfires in the county. Rather than waiting until the fires are within a quarter mile of the national forest boundary, under the revised agreement, Forest Service personnel will offer assistance when the fire is one mile from the forest boundary.



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#### Toilet paper roll

Dear Editor: Just an Observation ...

As I was driving in to town the other day, doin' the usual scan for side traffic (animals etc.) and such, noticed an object, that, almost a year ago, could have had traffic in a major pile-up. One lone roll of TP, just a sittin' there, on the side of road, aaalll by itself. Garsh. No ma'am/ folks, I didn't stop. Just moseyed on as there were no signs of a wipeout, not even a skidmark, just the one item, all alone. A sur-

Things are lookin' up Pagosa. G. Eliason

**'Conspiracy** theory'

vivor,... on a role... Whew.

Dear Editor: I read the response letter from Maureen in the Sun dated March 11, and, of course, I couldn't let this response go without pointing out some basic issues. It saddens all true patriots to see how gullible so many Americans have become, and how they seem to avoid seeking any real data when someone says something that, to them, is "conspiracy" with only "vague, unspecified sources of information"

and offer "no concrete, specific

evidence" to back up the claims.

Well, it seems many Americans want evidence providing months of data in 500 words, and not have to make any payment toward educating themselves on the claims. I mean, does anyone really think they will have truth so spelled out in a 500 page letter that they can retire from having to do ANY actual study on the topics? Free speech is the foundation for exchanging ideas and proofs, but a single letter is not the "magic bullet" on any topic. Blindly accepting new information is foolishness, but so is blindly disregarding it.

Once again, I challenge all who agree with Maureen to be willing to meet publically, and to bring all evidence to counter what I wrote, and be willing to review countless documents, video evidence and pictures proving what I stated in that letter, and FAR more. Is that too hard to accept? Many Americans

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have become truth haters that do not like facts and evidence. Emotional thinking is far easier than rational and critical thinking, but deadly to freedom and truth.

Would anyone merely write a few sentences in their defense of a crime and expect to convince the jury that you are innocent without taking the time to research what is claimed, or to diligently gather data and evidence in your behalf? Alternate realities are what fake news and "mainstream" society promote that many Americans seem to buy into as reality when it is consistently proven wrong. The allegation of "fabricate truths" as Maureen claims, were not backed up by her, while I encouraged people to do their own research on the topics. Was that done by her, or anyone skeptical?

This isn't an issue of opinion. Statements on such things should be based on facts and data, not "it's a conspiracy theory and shouldn't be believed" and yet not having done one iota of actual research into the overwhelming data available on it all. Had that been done, Maureen would have another opinion today. Fake news has people so blinded by their non-stop propaganda and lies that this Republic is in grave danger.

Truth is not something one stumbles across on the mainstream highway. What lies there is mostly propaganda provided by shepherds of the people wanting them to digest a specific agenda without thinking at all. Truth lies outside that in most cases, especially when evil intent is behind herding the sheeple. Don't believe what anyone says blindly, but at least do the research to disprove it. When can we meet to consider factual evidence? Jeff Maehr

#### Hope

Dear Editor:

The year-long COVID lockdown has been a blessing for me. 3 of my 11 grandkids live right here in Pagosa and I've been locked down with them. For my unmarried sister who lives alone in Philadelphia, lockdown has been a living Hell.

Anti-vaxxers and COVID deniers rail on about the hazards of vaccines, the evils of masks and social distancing, perhaps wanting to join America's 534,000 COVID dead, people burned to dust in an oven, or buried 6-feet under. This whole last year has been a race to the creation of a vaccine that could stop this awful disease that has been our hope. Hope shining like the rising sun in the East. Previous generations suffering from pandemics of their own never had this hope, never saw an end to their suffering until the disease had killed enough people that it burned itself out. We are the lucky ones.

The chaos created by COVID has been immense. Every department of our hospital has been stretched to its limits, from the EMT to the business office straining to find additional funds to keep the hospital operating. Nursing personnel working 12hr shifts. The very nature of a hospital is to help and to serve people in danger and distress and to treat them with professional care and compassion. Due to COVID's infectiousness it created such overwhelming numbers of patients, our hospital was near breaking the breaking point. We even had to transport patients

### Thanks

#### Youth football

Pagosa Springs Youth Football would like to extend a sincere thanks to LPEA for their generous donation to our youth football teams. We are so grateful for their support as we work hard to bring youth sports to the children of Pagosa Springs.

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over the mountain to hospitals in Colorado Springs because we had run out of beds here in Pagosa. It didn't break because the people who staff our hospital would not let it break, whatever the cost to themselves.

Imagine coming home to your family after work at the hospital, after another man-breaking shift, wondering if you've brought COVID home to your family. The gripping tension of knowing that in serving others who have contracted this deadly illness, you may have just killed someone of your own. This kind of tension goes straight to the gut creating a knot that grows day by day. The hope of the creation of a vaccine was a tiny light in the darkness. Hope that COVID could be stopped.

So far, dozens of our hospital staff are the team that has vaccinated 5,400 of your friends and neighbors in this community-wide effort. Not one single shot has been wasted. We could vaccinate the entire county by the end of the month, if we could get the shots to do it. Hope helped get us get here.

In the waiting room, where staff watch, ready to treat any bad reactions to the shot that might arise, there was a very elderly man sitting in the back of the room, weeping.

Jason, the director of EMT services, walked over to the man to make sure he was alright. The old man looked up at him and through his tears he said, "Thank you. You just saved my life."

George Rohrbacher

#### Thin ice and ecosystem

Dear Editor:

I will try to write this in a positive way. We love our visitors, but please

Last week a group of 5 were walking on the river ice, running water underneath. Very dangerous. A few days ago another group was walking around the ponds around the conservation area where birds are nesting. Please stay on the Riverwalk trail. Yesterday another group was jumping on the Pinon Lake ice and throwing rocks to break the ice while on it.

Please stay off the ice and our delicate eco system.

Ginny Smiley



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### **Obituaries**

#### **Ruby Jaramillo**

Ruby Jaramillo joined her husband of 62 years in heaven on March 11, a very short time after he went to

heaven. Ruby was born in Grand Junction, Colo., on May 11, 1944, to Margaret Benevidez (Pagosa Springs) and Marcello Duran (Allison). She was raised



near the southern part of Archuleta County along the rivers between Trujillo and Juanita. She grew up with five brothers and three sisters.

Ruby worked hard for many years at the Pagosa Lodge. She took time off to help her daughter for a short time and then continued to work years at the Branding Iron BBQ, High Country Lodge and the last at the First Inn. She always took care of her family first no matter what. She was a hard, dedicated worker.

My mom and dad enjoyed driving to town and just spending time by the river, eating out for breakfast or taking drives to Dulce and Chama. They always loved going to the casino as my mom could spend hours there. A day never went by that I did not see or talk to my parents. I loved hearing all their stories and enjoyed all our laughs.

Ruby is preceded in death by her husband Joe Jaramillo, parents Margaret and Marcello, and brother Tony Hererra.

Ruby is survived by daughter Loretta (Nik) Paniagua, Maryann (Larry) Abetya, son Joseph (Cari) Jaramillo, nine grandkids and eight great-grandkids.

Services will be held for both my parents (Ruby and Joe) late spring or early summer to be laid to rest together.

In lieu of flowers, cards or donations may be sent to Loretta at P.O. Box 553, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

Mom ... You were the truest, dearest, more than a mother to me. I knew when we lost Dad, you felt alone after being together more than 62 years, and only God knows the inner strength you had.

You heard God's whisper, calling you home; I know you struggled to leave me, I saw how you fought with your illness. You loved me so much that you held on tight, until all your strength was gone, and you could no longer hold on. Finally, you gave your hand to God

To the world, you were one person, but to me you were the world! You didn't have much, but we had everything we needed. I value that the most. You thought us how to work hard, to love, to learn by our mistakes and to cherish what we have. The only thing you didn't teach me was to live without you both.

You touched my heart in so many ways, Mom, your strength and smile even on dark days made me realize I had an angel beside me.

Please give Dad and Koda a big hug and kiss for me. I will always love you guys, cherish you and our memories.

Until we meet again, you will be forever in my heart!

#### Maria 'Maxine' Maximiana

Last of her generation, a lifelong resident of Arboles/Pagosa Springs and matriarch, Maria "Maxine"

Maximiana Ribera, 94, was granted her angel wings with family by her side on March 16 in Arvada, Colo., where she resided with her daughter, Josephine, for the last six-plus



years. Her final days were spent surrounded by family and friends that she had touched in some small way throughout her very memorable life.

Maxine was born July 12, 1926, to Ciria Baca and Miguel Antonio Gomez in Cabresto, N.M. She was the 12th child born of 15 children and one of only two daughters to live to adulthood. Growing up, she lived in Cabresto during the planting and harvesting season. Then, the family would reside in Rosa, N.M., during the winter months so that the children could attend school. The Rosa school went from first through eighth grades, so Maxine only had an eighth-grade education where she learned to read and write in English. With the help of a family friend, Don Tarango, she learned to read and write in Spanish. However, she was proficient in both languages, which she used to her advantage when playing

On April 9, 1947, she married Juan Mauricio Ribera in Rosa, N.M., and spent their honeymoon planting a garden for her mother. Together they had 12 children: six girls and six boys. She was content being a wife, mother and homemaker. They were the biggest supporters of their children obtaining a good

Maxine and Mauricio raised their children at their Carracas ranch, so their entertainment included swimming in the river, hiking up the mountains, playing outdoor games (red rover, marbles, jump rope) and riding horses, which she often participated in. Several of her grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends' children loved to spend time at the ranch and have great memories of their times spent

Maxine practiced a deep religious faith; whenever a family or Arabella Ribera and Josephine friend departed from her presence. her parting gift was to bless each one. She made each of her family members a rosary. She was a member of the Arboles Carmelitas Society since 1984 and served as president, secretary and treasurer. She was also an election judge for many years until her health did not allow her to.

She was an amazing seamstress. She began sewing as a youngster. Throughout the years, she sewed all her children's clothes, also costumes for her children and grandchildren. She began sewing quilts as a necessity, then later sewed beautifully designed quilts as a hobby, gifting the quilts to her immediate family. She also was very crafty and many other

family members and friends were recipients of various sewing and craft creations. She loved dancing and listening to all genres of music.

Her favorite pastime was to play Scrabble any chance she had a willing opponent. In the past 23 months, she played 481 games of Scrabble — most often skunking her opponents! She played her last Scrabble game on Feb 22 with her grandson, Keifer. She taught her children, grandchildren, greatchildren, friends and caregivers to play Scrabble, earning her the title of "Scrabble Queen." She also loved her Word Search books and completed many books during the last few years.

However, Maxine's greatest joy in life was her family. She loved spending time with them, whether it was cooking, playing games, singing, praying or just chatting. Holding babies and playing with young children were her biggest joy; she gave them her undivided attention as her face radiated with love. She was close to many nieces, nephews and friends, with many affectionately calling her "Tia," "Mom" or "Grama." Anyone who entered her house left being a loved member of her family. She often said, "I am always willing to help where help was needed (when I was in better health). As of my old age, I still try to help where and when I can."

Maxine was the last remaining aunt of her generation of the Ribera/ Rivera family. Until her passing, Maxine and her sister, Isidora, were the last two remaining sisters of the Gomez family.

Maxine was preceded in death by husband Mauricio; infant daughter MaryAnna; son Waldo Gomez; parents Ciria and Miguel Antonio Gomez; grandsons Gabriel Ribera and Roger Perue; son-in-law George Perue; daughter-in-law Maxine Albo; 10 brothers: Malaquias, Cristobal, Claudio, Manuel, Pedro, Miguel, Teodoro, Horacio; a half-sister Cornelia Martinez; two infant brothers both named Jose; two infant sisters: Julianita, Teresita; teen sister Elena; and five great-grandchildren.

Maxine is survived by: sister Isidora Silva, Grand Junction, Colo.; sons: Mauricio (Inez) Ribera, Corvallis, Ore.; Dan (Susan) Ribera, Glasgow, Ky.; Patrick Ribera, Bayfield, Colo.; Chris Ribera, Tiffany, Colo.; Val (Sandy) Ribera, Bloomfield, N.M.; daughters: Maxine (Larry) Sena, Layton, Utah; Ramona Perue, Laramie, Wyo.; Irene Ribera, Westminster, Colo.; Ribera, Arvada, Colo.; 28 grandchildren; 62 great-grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

"A limb has fallen from the family tree. I keep hearing a voice that says, 'grieve not for me.' Remember the best of times, the laughter, the song. The good life lived while I was strong. Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you. Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through. My mind is at ease. My soul is at rest, remembering how I truly was blessed. Continue traditions, no matter how small. Go on with your life, don't worry about falls. I miss you dearly, so keep up your chin. Until the day comes we're together

again." — author unknown.

Due to COVID-19, all venues are practicing social distancing and masks must be worn at all times.

Viewing for Maxine was held on March 22 in Lakewood, Colo. Vigil services were held on March 22 in Arvada, Colo.

A rosary service will be held March 25 at 4:30 p.m. at St. Peter and St. Rosa Church in Arboles,

A funeral service will be held March 26, at 10 a.m. at St. Peter and St. Rosa Church.

Seating is limited, so immediate family will be the only ones allowed in the church. There will be a limited number for overflow in the basement, where it will be broadcasted to. Contact Josephine to be put on the list, if you haven't already.

An FM broadcast will be available to those waiting in their vehicles to listen to the services at the St. Peter and St. Rosa Church in Arboles.

Interment will be at the St. Rosa Cemetery immediately following the funeral service.

Extended family and friends are encouraged to line Highway 151 by the church in Arboles and County Road 975 (the road to the cemetery) to honor our matriarch.

#### Jean Lois Baker Townsend

Jean Lois Baker Townsend, 90, of Pagosa Springs, Colo., passed away Friday, March 19, at Pine Ridge Extend-

Jean was born Feb. 21, 1931, to Ellsworth and Grace Baker at home on the family farm outside of Marshall, N.Y. Jean attended

ed Care Center.



high school at Houghton Academy in Houghton, N.Y., graduating in 1949. She attended business school in Hornell, N.Y.

Jean met the love of her life, Frank Townsend (who was her neighbor at the time), in Hornell and they married on July 11, 1953. The newlyweds moved to Corning N.Y., where Frank worked for the Erie Railroad and Jean was employed by Callahan and Hooey Insurance until her retirement.

Upon retirement, Jean and Frank moved to Mooresville, N.C. They were both very involved in their church, William's Chapel United Methodist Church, and enjoyed entertaining their many friends and gardening in their extremely large garden until Frank's passing, Nov. 21, 2001. After Frank's death, Jean enjoyed traveling and various bus tours with her church group and good friends.

In 2006, Jean moved to Pagosa Springs, Colo., to be with her son, Neal, and his family. She was involved in Pagosa Bible Church and loved hosting the Senior Bible Study in her home. She also enjoyed book club and gatherings with friends. She loved watching her grandchildren grow and participating in their lives.

Jean is survived by her son, Neal Townsend and wife Carolyn, of Pagosa Springs; her grandchildren, Anne Townsend and Barak Townsend, of Fort Worth, Texas; and her great-grandchildren, Gideon and Simeon Townsend, of Fort Worth, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service is planned for Thursday, March 25, at Pagosa Bible Church in Pagosa Springs, Colo. Interment will be a later date in Mooresville, N.C., beside her love, Frank.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Jean's name to Aspire Medical Services and Education, P.O. Box 5437, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 or on its website at www. aspirepagosa.org.

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The following meetings are subject to change

Thursday, March 25 Pagosa Springs Town Council work session. 5 p.m. See town website

for participation information.

#### Monday, March 29

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

**Dispatch Executive Management** 

#### Thursday, April 1

Tuesday, April 6

**Archuleta County Board of County** 

Commissioners work session.

**Board meeting**. 9:30a.m. Zoom meeting: https://us02web.zoom. us/j/7186713647, meeting ID: 718-671-3647.

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.

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

#### Thursday, April 8

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District regular board meeting. 5 p.m., 100 Lyn Ave.

#### Monday, April 12

Pagosa Peak Open School regular meeting. 5 p.m. Join Zoom meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9 656099136?pwd=Z3Job2R1eXl0SE 8rRzNpL0FucGpKZz09, meeting ID: 965 609 9136, passcode: 00001.

#### Tuesday, April 13

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

Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board meeting. 4 p.m. See town website for participation information.

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

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### Town police chief presents possible department reorganization to town council

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

A possible reorganization of the Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD) was presented to and discussed by the Pagosa Springs Town Council during a regular meeting on March 18.

According to PSPD Chief William Rockensock, the PSPD used to have a variety of sworn positions back in 2005; those positions included assistant chief and sergeant, among others, but in 2008-2010 a "significant downturn" in the economy occurred, leading to the assistant chief and sergeant positions being left vacant.

"Currently, we have a lieutenant's position and a corporal's position. My proposal is to actually take the lieutenant's position out, replace that with the assistant chief's position and take the corporal's position out and replace with that the sergeant's position," he said. "There is a lot of reasoning for this. For the assistant chief's position I think it's important for us considering we need to keep fostering growth within our employees. We need to look at having additional experience, education, for that position."

By increasing experience and education, the PSPD will see a decrease in liability, Rockensock added.

'That position will be eliminated over time as it will become an exempt position. Currently the lieutenant position is not exempt, so I do have a ton of overtime positions, or considerations," he said. "I am the only position within the police department that is exempt. Trying to manage overtime can be difficult."

The sergeant position is a very important

that, historically, the corporal position has just been a "field training position."

"Sergeant's position is much more important and has more experience. It has a more significant level of supervision for officers," he said. "I have to have somebody who has the ability and responsibility of supervising my line staff when I'm not there '

The sergeant position would help mentor and train officers on making critical decisions in the field so that the PSPD can "keep officers out of trouble," as well as teaching young officers the right way to do things, he added later.

Later in the meeting, Rockensock presented council with data showing that the PSPD took 6,304 of a total 13,332 calls for service in 2020.

The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) took 7,028 calls for service in 2020, with Rockensock noting that the PSPD took 47 percent of the total number of calls compared to the 53 percent of the ACSO.

Removing animal complaints, the PSPD took 49 percent of the calls, or 6,094 while the ACSO took 6,443 total calls for service, according to Rockensock's data.

"Pagosa Springs, the police department, is only responsible for about 4.8 miles of control area within the entire county. Town and residential is under 2,000 people. But if you look at the calls for service and what we actually have, we compare with the entire county. It's almost a 50-50 split for law enforcement services for the town," he said, adding that these position changes would allow for growth within the department.

Council member Shari Pierce commented

position as well, Rockensock explained, adding later in the meeting that she believed the PSPD was "terribly understaffed" and that she was supportive of the reorganization of the depart-

> Mayor Don Volger later raised concerns about how Rockensock would handle scheduling patrol shifts under the reorganization.

> 'The detective is scheduled for one patrol shift every week. The lieutenant is currently scheduled for one patrol shift every week. And how we would go about that with the new sergeant's position, it would primarily be a night supervisory position, have them out as much as possible with the officers at night so that they could lend a hand and make those critical task decisions that need to be made when a supervisor needs to be contacted," Rockensock said.

> Later in the meeting, Volger suggested that a decision not be made on this action item until town council's next meeting on April 6.

"I haven't compared job descriptions between the assistant chief and the lieutenant. Those are pretty standard job descriptions for the corporal and patrol sergeant. I would like to be able to do that and just see how those duties compare with each other is all," he said.

Pierce and council member Rory Burnett added that they were supportive of revisiting the reorganization of the PSPD at a later meeting so that Volger could do more research into

"I'll accept that responsibility. If we're not in a real time-sensitive crunch on this, it would help me," he said. "My primary goal with the police department is to support our staff."

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### LPEA allocates more than \$500,000 to support local communities

By Hillary Knox

La Plata Electric Association

The La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) Board of Directors allocated \$512,100 in unclaimed capital credits at its March meeting to support a variety of local organizations and initiatives.

"One of the best parts of being a nonprofit rural electric cooperative is how much we are able to invest in — and support — our local communities," said LPEA CEO Jessica

Matlock. "Under the leadership Foundation, which provides grants and guidance of our board, LPEA has reinvested roughly \$3 million in unclaimed capital credits in our community over the past 10 years and we look forward to investing more in the future.'

Funds were allocated as follows: • \$50,000 to the Community Foundation Serving Southwest Colorado (CERF) to support community recovery amidst the CO-

VID-19 pandemic. • \$60,000 to LPEA's Round Up to local nonprofits.

• \$102,100 to LPEA's annual scholarship programs, which provide funding for local high school seniors and GED graduates to continue their education.

• \$150,000 to LPEA's Innovative Projects Fund, which supports local initiatives like the recent procurement of an electric school bus for Durango School District 9-R.

• \$150,000 to LPEA's Rate Stabilization Fund, which was created

**Upper San Juan Health Service** District appoints Kate Alfred to board

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

On Tuesday evening, the Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors, which oversees Pagosa Springs Medical Center, voted to welcome Kate Alfred back onto the board

Alfred was appointed by the board to fill the vacancy created by the January resignation of Dr. King

Alfred previously served on the board from 2014-2020. She was appointed to fill a vacancy in 2014 and was elected to the board for a fouryear term in 2016.

Campbell's term was set to expire in May of 2022, with Alfred slated to serve the remainder of the term.

Alfred was one of five applicants

to apply for the position and four to be interviewed by the Board Ad Hoc Search Committee (Greg Schulte and Karin Daniels)

"The Board Ad Hoc Search Committee formally recommends Kate Alfred to fill the board vacancy created by the resignation of Dr. King Campbell," a report from the committee states. "On March 10, 2021, the Committee interviewed all four persons who both applied to fill the vacant seat and agreed to proceed with the interview process. The Committee asked each candidate a series of questions with each question being scored and weighted. Kate Alfred averaged the highest score. The Ad Hoc Search Committee feels that Kate Alfred will transition seamlessly into the vacant board seat. The Ad Hoc Search Committee thanks all

persons who expressed an interest in joining the USJHSD Board."

Schulte noted that one of the applicants withdrew their application a couple of days before the interviews.

The initial applicants were Alfred, Martin Rose, Mark Weiler, Christopher Envani and Rebecca Aucoin. Schulte told his fellow board

members that each interview question was weighted, with Alfred receiving the highest score. All four applicants interviewed

were very well-qualified, he suggested, and the scoring was fairly He also noted that four board

seats will be up for election in 2022. With that, the board voted 5-0 in favor of a resolution appointing

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> If you are a Vietnam Era veteran (This includes all who served, in any duty station worldwide, between 1955 and 1975), or a family member of one, please join us at the Tennyson Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive at 6 PM on Monday, March 29th, where you and your family will be honored. Doors open at 5 PM, come early for best seating. There is no charge for admission, and all are welcome!

Retired U.S. Army Colonel Albert Nahas, himself a Vietnam veteran, wrote in his book Warriors Remembered: "We had no expectations but to serve where duty called us. We asked for no reward except a nation's thanks."

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# Business



### BoCC establishes Workforce Housing Development Fund

By Clayton Chaney Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) has established a Workforce Housing Development Fund.

The BoCC voted to approve Resolution 2021-22 at its March 16 regular meeting.

The resolution states, "it is apparent from observation, public comment, and professional study that the stock of housing in the county is currently inadequate to meet public need, and in particular the need for housing for working individuals, families and others with incomes at or below the Area Median Income.'

Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado Executive Director Laura Lewis Marchino noted in a recent presentation to the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce on Feb. 18 that the average wage of a worker in Archuleta County for 2019 was \$36,660, while the average home price for the county in 2020 was \$410,000.

In the same presentation, she noted that a person would need to make at least \$75,994 to be able to qualify for a 30-year fixed mortgage loan to buy a house at that cost.

The adoption of the resolution comes after meetings and work sessions for the establish-

months of discussions between the BoCC and ment of workforce housing fund by the county. the public about what the county can do to help provide more affordable housing in the community.

Multiple residents and business owners in the county have voiced concerns about being able to hire workers who simply are not able to afford to live in Archuleta County.

The lack of affordable housing has been linked, by some, to the number of short-term rental (STR) properties in the county.

Many STR property owners, like Jason Danvir, in the county are second home owners with plans to one day live in Pagosa Springs full-time. He spoke at a previous BoCC meeting.

Danvir has stated that he would never consider turning his STR property into a long-term rental property because it would limit his availability of being able to visit the community and enjoy his property.

Danvir has also explained that maintaining his property as a STR is how he is able to afford it. Although Danvir agreed that there is a lack

of affordable housing in the community, he does not believe that the issue is directly related to

Danvir was an advocate at previous BoCC

He has spoken about how the county could earmark a portion of the STR permit fees re-

ceived to go toward a workforce housing fund, which is what Resolution 2021-22 established. The resolution states, "The County will create and maintain Committed Fund Balance Reserves within the General Fund of 50 [percent]

costs for Vacation Rental permits of all type." On March 2, the BoCC approved Resolution 2021-19, which raised nonowner-occupied STR permit fees from \$400 to \$700, with the intention that 50 percent of overage fees be earmarked for a workforce housing fund.

of the fees collected in excess of administration

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

With the approval of Resolution 2021-22, 50 percent of the overage fees received by the county "shall be administered by the Board and such funds may be used for utility connections and extensions or other workforce initiatives as approved by the Board."

None of the commissioners offered any comments or questions before voting to approve the resolution on March 16.

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### Community issues: Pick your interest and get involved

By Mary Jo Coulehan Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

In early 2020, the Chamber conducted a survey for the business community asking what the top three issues were that affected your business the most. Actually, four issues came to the surface: broadband, qualified work force, housing and community infrastructure (licensing, building, planning, signage). There are groups working on all of these issues. Of course, the solutions never come as fast as we want them. However, it also takes a village to execute change and that is where our residents and businesses come into play.

The planning and building of our community takes many people to give input on many different levels. There are several opportunities for our community to do so. Here are a couple of projects that the community is working on that you

can weigh in on.

Currently, the town is having an open comment period on the Land Use and Development Code (LUDC). It sounds technical, but it actually is about what our community looks and feels like. What do you want to see more or less of, what types of zoning should occur in different parts of town and standards for commercial and multifamily building, how do you protect your property rights while your neighbor's property rights are respected, and more. How about parking — that affects our business community. We all want to comment after the decisions have been made, but what about while the decisions are being made.

The town is also looking at a public arts program. What does that involve: more art along the Riverwalk, in our parks, murals? What about streetscape such as benches, trash cans and dumpster screening? Should it be professional artists, a mix of professional

and amateur artists, what about our youth? Both the LUDC update and the public arts program are asking for input. The best way to do this is through the town's new website, www.mypagosa.org. These and other projects are listed on the site. Interested parties can register on the site and then log in to the project they would like to comment on and give their suggestions.

Another topic near and dear to our hearts is water. We need it for our homes, for our businesses, for recreation, for agriculture. The Upper San Juan Watershed Enhancement Partnership will be holding a virtual public meeting on Wednesday, March 31, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. You can log onto the www. mypagosa.org website and click on the project link. You can also call into (253) 215-8782, meeting ID: 922 5511 4220, PC: 846881. After another mild winter, we need to be thinking about drought management, water usage, fire management and possible effects. Local leaders including Joe Crabb with the Colorado Division of Water Resources and Justin Ramsey with the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) will be presenting. PAWSD just adopted a new drought management plan. Do you know what that entails? There will also be modeling presentations by Cynthia Purcell with the San Juan Conservation District and Seth Mason with Lotic Hydrological. Join and share your feedback and see how we can turn these ideas into actions and projects.

There are important decisions that are being made in our community. Are you just sitting on the fence watching it happen and then commenting on how it affected your home or business after the plans have been drawn up? It takes a village to run a village. Don't sit on the sidelines. Let your voice and ideas be heard. Get engaged and be one of the voices that affects positive change in our community.

### **River Conditions**

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### County unemployment drops to 6.4 percent

By Clayton Chaney Staff Writer

Archuleta County's unemployment rate fell to 6.4 percent for the month of January after spiking to 7.7 percent for December 2020, a March 15 press release from the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment indicates.

Archuleta County's labor force for January was listed at 7,198, with 467 listed as unemployed.

According to the press release, Archuleta County's unemployment rate in January 2020 was 3.5 percent with a labor force of 6,678 and 236 listed as unemployed.

County-level unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

According to the press release, the state unemployment rate for January was listed at 6.6 percent, falling from 8.4 percent from December 2020.

The state unemployment rate for January 2020 was listed at 2.9 per-

The annual unemployment rate for Colorado was 7.3 percent in 2020, which has been revised from the previously published 7.1 percent.

Colorado's revised peak unemployment rate for 2020 was 12.1 percent, which was in April 2020.

The annual unemployment rate for the U.S. for 2020 was 8.1 percent, with a peak rate of 14.8 percent in

Colorado nonfarm payroll employment declined at annual rate of 5.2 percent in 2020. The U.S. annual payroll jobs growth rate in 2020 was -5.8 percent.

The press release states, "According to the survey of households, Colorado's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased in January to 6.6 percent from the revised December rate of 6.9 percent. The national unemployment rate dropped by four-tenths of a percentage point from December to 6.3 percent.'

According to the press release, 32,000 nonfarm payroll jobs were added in January across the state, for a total of 2,658,700 jobs.

Nonfarm payroll jobs measure the number of workers excluding

Private-sector payroll nonfarm jobs also increased by 28,400. Meanwhile, 3,600 government jobs were

According to the press release, Colorado has gained back 215,500

of the 375,800 nonfarm payroll jobs that were lost between February and

This translates into a job recovery rate of 57.3 percent, "which exceeds the U.S. rate of 55.8 percent."

Private-industry sectors with significant job gains in January

· Leisure and hospitality at about

• Professional and businesses

services at about 4,200. • Construction at about 1.000.

Financial activities at about

• Trade, transportation and utilities at about 1,200.

In regard to significant privatesector job losses, the press release states, "There were no significant over the month private sector job losses.'

Nonfarm payroll jobs in the state have decreased by 160,800 since January 2020, with 135,900 lost in the private sector and 24,900 lost in government.

Since January 2020, the largest private-sector job losses included: Leisure and hospitality at about 81,100.

• Education and health services

at about 16,300.

• Other services at about 8,400. Colorado's rate of job loss over the past year is listed at 5.7 percent, while the U.S. rate of job loss is listed at 6.3 percent, according to the press release.

The state's labor force grew by 6,700 in January, bringing the total labor force to 3,183,200.

According to the press release, the county with the highest unemployment rate is Huerfano County at 9.8 percent, followed by Pueblo County at 9.3 percent, Gilpin County at 8.1 percent, Fremont County at 8.1 percent and Las Animas County at

According to the press release, "Over the year, the average workweek for all Colorado employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased from 33.0 to 33.6 hours."

Meanwhile, "Average hourly earnings rose from \$30.73 to \$31.05, over a dollar and ten cents more than the national average hourly earnings of \$29.94."

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Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Calls for service over three weeks: 413.

March 1 — Drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, reckless driving, Bastille Drive.

March 2 - False reporting to authorities, violation of restraining order, stalking, domestic violence, harassment-repeated communications invaded, harassment by phone

or computer, Harman Park Drive. March 2 — Child abuse, Highland

Avenue. March 2 - Warrant arrest, Lofty

Court. March 2 — Warrant arrest, Lofty

Court. March 3 — Harassment-strikes/

shoves/kicks, Echo Lane. March 3 — Warrant arrest, Echo

March 3 - Owner operated or permitted operation of vehicle without liability insurance, driving under restraint alcohol/drug-related offense, disregarded stop sign at through highways. Vista Boulevard and U.S. 160.

March 4 — Driving under restraint alcohol/drug-related offense, vehicle with defective or no stop lights, Country Center Drive and North Pagosa Boulevard.

March 4 — Third-degree assault, domestic violence, violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, violation of restraining order, false reporting to authorities, Hilltop Drive.

March 4 - Warrant arrest, Meadows Drive and U.S. 160.

March 5 — Warrant arrest, Harman Park Drive.

March 5 — Warrant arrest, U.S. 160.

March 6 — Agency assist, U.S.

March 6 - Drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, drove vehicle without valid driver's license, Aspen Village Drive and U.S. 160.

March 6 - First-degree criminal trespass-theft from vehicle, criminal mischief, theft from vehicle, River Run Drive.

March 6 — Abandonment of motor vehicle, Lake Forest Circle and Woodsman Drive.

March 7 — Failed to display valid registration, drove vehicle without insurance, Pagosa Street and North

The Community Marijuana

Offset Impact Fund grants non-

profit application deadline has

By Mary Helminski

Archuleta County

been extended.

**By Tricia Winslow** 

6th Judicial District

via Zoom.

topics:

3rd Street.

March 8 — Violation of restraining order, North Pagosa Boulevard. March 9 — All other thefts, Easy

March 9 — Found property, County Road 975 and Colo. 151.

March 10 - Harassment-insults/ taunts/challenges, domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Country Meadows Place.

March 10 — Under investigation. March 10 — Identity theft-intent,

South Pagosa Boulevard. March 10 - Identity theft-uses

identity, Lake Forest Circle. March 12 — All other thefts, County

March 12 - Information only, County Road 982.

March 13 — Trespass warning, Cat Creek Overlook.

March 13 - Reckless driving, drove vehicle while under the influence, speeding-mph over not listed.

failed to drive in single lane, U.S. 160. March 14 - Agency assist, U.S.

March 14 — Harassment-strikes/ shoves/kicks, domestic violence, violation of restraining order, County Road 700.

March 14 - Warrant arrest, warrant arrest, County Road 700.

March 14 — Under investigation. March 15 - Agency assist, North Pagosa Boulevard.

March 16 — Harassment-strikes/ shoves/kicks, Navajo Trail Drive.

March 16 - Fourth-degree arsonmisdemeanor, San Marcial Place.

March 16 - Warrant arrest, Harman Park Drive.

March 17 — Third-degree assaultsimple assault, Bastille Drive.

March 17 - Third-degree assaultsimple assault, harassment-strikes/ shoves/kicks, harassment by phone or computer, Handicap Avenue.

March 17 — Child abuse-negligence, domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shove/kicks, menacingfelony-aggravated weapon, firstdegree burglary, third-degree assaultsimple assault, County Road 700.

March 17 — Warrant arrest, North Pagosa Boulevard.

March 19 - Warrant arrest, Harman park Drive.

March 19 - Information only, Badder Place.

March 19 - Identity theft-intent, Deer Trail.

March 19 — Failed to display valid registration, drove vehicle without insurance, drove vehicle without valid driver's license. East Golf Place.

for award funding from the Com-

munity Marijuana Offset Impact

Fund. Nonprofit organization's

programs that provide an alterna-

tive to marijuana use are eligible

The submission deadline has

March 19 — Forgery, North Pagosa Boulevard.

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March 19 — Owner operated or permitted operation of vehicle without liability insurance, expired license plates, drove vehicle without valid driver's license, Aspen Village Drive

and Parelli Way. March 20 - Information only, Oakridge Drive and River Run Drive. March 21 - Obstruction of tele-

phone or telegraph service, criminal mischief, third-degree assault-simple assault, harassment-strikes/shoves/ kicks, menacing-felony-aggravated weapon, domestic violence, Quien Sabe Street.

Pagosa Springs Police Department

Calls for service over four weeks:

Feb. 21 — Disorderly conduct, Eagle Drive.

Feb. 21 — Warrant arrest, Eagle Drive.

Feb. 22 — Harassment, Talisman

Feb. 23 — Trespass warning, Country Center Drive.

Feb. 23 - Drove vehicle when license suspended, San Juan Street. Feb. 23 — Hit and run, Aspen Village Drive.

Feb. 23 — Identity theft/computer crime, Eagle Drive.

Feb. 25 — Violation of restraining order, North 5th Street.

Feb. 26 - Information only, East Pagosa Street.

Feb. 27 - Failed to yield, disregarded traffic control device, driving under the influence, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Feb. 27 - Warrant arrest, East Pagosa Street.

Feb. 27 - Agency assist, South Pagosa Boulevard.

March 3 — Assault, Pagosa Street. March 3 — Possession while under the influence, unlawfully carrying a concealed weapon, Pagosa Street.

March 5 — Motor vehicle theft, South 6th Street March 5 — Warrant arrest, South 8th Street.

March 5 — Warrant arrest, Pagosa

March 5 - Warrant arrest, North 5th Street

March 6 — Criminal mischief, East Pagosa Street.

March 6 — Driving under the influence, U.S. 160.

March 7 — Information only, South 10th Street. March 7 - Harbored vicious ani-

mal, South 2nd Street. March 9 - Warrant arrest, Hot Springs Boulevard.

March 9 — Theft, Pagosa Street. March 11 - Warrant arrest, East

Pagosa Street. March 11 — Vehicular assault, driving under the influence, careless driving, no insurance in possession, North Pagosa Boulevard.

license suspended, South 8th Street. March 12 — Criminal mischief, Mesa Drive

March 12 - Drove vehicle when

March 13 — Warrant arrest, U.S.

March 14 — Agency assist, County Road 600.

March 16 - Assault, disorderly conduct, Talisman Drive.

March 19 - Theft, San Juan

March 20 - Identity theft, Lewis Street. March 20 — Information only, U.S.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge

Jeffrey R. Wilson March 15 — Adam Dale Allen.

assault-strangulation, three years probation, total fines and costs -\$2,303.50.

March 15 - Christian Michael Peterson, felony menacing-real/ simulated weapon, 14 days jail, two years probation, total fines and costs - \$1,713.50.

**Archuleta County Court: Judge** Justin P. Fay

Feb. 26 - Samuel Francia Batres, speeding 10 -19 over, total fines and costs - \$192.50.

Feb. 26 - Claudia A. Lopez, speeding 10-19 over, total fines and costs - \$198.50. Feb. 26 — Colby Thomas Ward,

speeding 5-9 over, total fines and costs - \$127.50. March 1 — Chase Lee Goodson, vehicular eluding, total fines and costs

March 3 — Robert R. Bretta Jr., registration-unregistered vehicle, total fines and costs - \$138.50.

\$428.50.

March 3 - Sam H. Graves, wildlifeviolation of rule/regulation, total fines and costs - \$221.50. March 3 — Michael T. Condon, seat

belt not used, total fines and costs -March 3 — Clayton Dean Wood,

turning improperly, total fines and costs - \$172.50. March 3 - David Paul Koffel, defective stop lamps/turn signals, total

fines and costs — \$132.50. March 3 — Evan J. Micak, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and

costs - \$263.50. March 3 — Kenneth L. Buchanan,

speeding 20-24 over limit, total fines and costs — \$344.50. March 3 — Courtney Tracey,

speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs - \$263.50. March 5 — Jennifer L. Breedlove, seat belt not used, total fines and

costs - \$98.50. March 11 — Jefferson Lloyd Weir, prohibited use of weapon-drunk with gun, disorderly conduct-display of real/simulated weapon, 18 months probation, 10 days jail, total fines and

costs - \$1,336.50. March 15 — Carlos Presiliano Silva, violation of protection ordercriminal, 18 months probation, total fines and costs - \$1,144.50.

March 17 - Caitlin C. Rodgers, license plates expired, total fines and costs - \$120.50.

March 17 - Jason A. Prescott, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs - \$263.50. March 17 - Christopher Kelly,

speeding 5-9 over limit, total fines and costs - \$192.50. March 17 - Timothy J. Burns, speeding 5-9 over limit, total fines and

costs - \$192.50. March 17 - Michael A. Malcom, driving while ability impaired, 24 hours community service, total fines and costs — \$861.06.

March 17 — Jeremy M. Hill, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs - \$210.50.

March 18 — James D. Burkes, stop sign-fail to stop, total fines and costs - \$107.50.

March 18 — Jeffrey Steven Tonso, controlled substance-unlawful use, 30 days jail, 24 hours community service, total fines and costs - \$569.50.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

March 8 — Anthony Francobandiero, speeding 5-9 over prima facie limit, one point off, total fines and

March 9 — Raelene Chapo, theft, total fines and costs - \$185.



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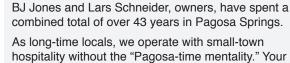
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to the Dial better reflect where we are in the pandemic today, and the balance we are trying to strike between disease suppression and economic hardship.'

The state further notes that Dial 3.0 metrics are further simplified and capacity limits are less restric-

The main changes in the dial, according to the CDPHE, are:

 The metrics for Level Green have changed, making it easier for counties to achieve Protect Our Neighbors status. Now, counties qualify for Protect Our Neighbors if they have up to 35 COVID-19 cases per 100,000 people — up from 15

• There is no longer a certification process for Level Green. Counties will be moved into Level Green once they maintain the appropriate metrics for at least one week.

 Most restrictions in Level Green are now removed. Bars and indoor events must still adhere to a 50 percent capacity limit or a 500-person cap, whichever is fewer.

• The metrics range for Level Blue is now 36-100 COVID-19 cases per 100,000 people.

• Bars can now open under Level Blue. The capacity limit is 25 percent capacity or 75 people, whichever is fewer.

• Outdoor events in levels Green and Blue no longer have statelevel capacity restrictions under the dial. Counties may choose to implement capacity restrictions on outdoor events at the local level.

 Retail, offices and noncritical manufacturing in Level Blue may now open to 75 percent capacity, up from 50 percent.

• There is no longer a state limit on personal gathering sizes. The state will follow the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) guidance on personal gatherings. The CDC still strongly recommends avoiding larger gatherings and crowds to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

• 5 Star restaurants and gyms in levels Blue and Yellow may operate at 100 percent capacity with 6 feet of distance between parties as a way to provide businesses with increased flexibility, while still limiting indoor mass gatherings. The state expects that maintaining a 6-foot distancing requirement will be a limiting factor for most indoor spaces.

• 5 Star-certified seated and unseated indoor events may operate at 50 percent capacity with a 500-person limit in Level Blue. 5 Star seated indoor events in Level Yellow may operate at 50 percent capacity with a 225-person limit and unseated indoor events in Level Yellow may operate at 50 percent capacity with a 175-person limit.

#### Mask mandate remains in effect

The updated dial does not change Colorado's current statewide mask mandate, according to the CDPHE.

The agency notes, "Separate from the dial changes, the current mask Executive Order expires April 3, and at that time, the Governor may choose to make modifications. The state released modified mask order components as part of the Dial 3.0 stakeholder engagement process. Feedback received as part of that process will be considered prior to April 3. COVID-19 still presents risks to healthy Coloradans, so everyone should continue to take precautions until the vaccine becomes widely available and used."

#### Officials urge continued following of precautions

While public health protocols are beginning to ease, SJBPH strongly urges all residents to continue following proven public health precautions, according to a Wednesday press release.

These, the agency notes, include wearing a mask when in public, getting tested if you have symptoms or believe you've been exposed, and getting a COVID-19

vaccine when eligible. "We've come a long way together since the beginning of the pandemic, but it's still too early to let our guard down, especially with variants circulating in the community," SJBPH Executive Director Liane Jollon is quoted as saying in the press release. "We have vaccinated just over one third of our community, including many of the most vulnerable and elderly of our friends and neighbors. We strongly urge all residents to get one of the

health officials are expecting to see jumps in cases, she pointed out. Colorado is also seeing evidence of more growth of the South African

variants of the disease.

eligible. It could save your life, or

the life of someone in our com-

noted that the state is not mov-

ing counties between dial levels

automatically and indicated that

Archuleta County is not currently

on a trajectory to reach Level

"Even with this new dial that

eases reaching Green, Archuleta

County is not currently headed in

that direction due to case counts,"

she said, noting that the county's

case rates are in or are headed to-

As of Wednesday, SJBPH data

indicated Archuleta County has

had a cumulative total of 735 con-

firmed cases of COVID-19 since

That figure includes 84 con-

As of Wednesday, Archuleta

Jollon also noted that mobility

County's one-week incidence rate

was 178.5 cases per 100,000 popu-

data from across the state showed

that mountain and destination

communities saw a lot of out-of-

state travel in the last couple weeks,

which can help spread cases and

out-of-state travel are where public

Counties that have had the most

firmed cases this month listed

ward Level Yellow.

March 23, 2020.

through Wednesday.

In a Wednesday interview, Jollon

munity."

Green.

variant, which is popping up in additional communities in Colorado. She noted that additional investigation and surveillance is being done to provide more information.

Also concerning to public health officials is an unexpected rise in hospitalizations, she added.

Jollon noted that there continues to be potential to overwhelm health care resources in the coming weeks and months.

"We could still really lose control with this," she said, urging continued precautions against spread of the virus.

#### Testing available

SJBPH suggests that testing 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.

Additional testing allows public health officials to sequence more samples and identify if COVID-19 variants are more widespread, the agency notes.

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

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 through its clinic. April 3 will be the last day drive-through testing for asymptomatic individuals will be offered. That testing is currently available Tuesdays, Thursday and Saturdays.

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### Interest in COVID vaccines increasing across state cine than we saw in the fall," she eligible on March 19.

**Bv Randi Pierce** 

Staff Writer

Archuleta County continues to be among the top counties in the state for administering COVID-19 vaccinations, and public health officials are seeing an increase in willingness by people to receive the

As of Wednesday, San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) reported that 33 percent, or 4,617 of 13,999 people in the county, had received at least one dose of vaccine, with 24 percent (3,299 people) considered fully vaccinated.

The organization further reported that 72 percent of the county's 70+ population has received at least one shot, with 67 percent considered fully vaccinated.

At a meeting of the Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors (which oversees Pagosa Springs Medical Center, or PSMC) on Tuesday evening, Chief Administrative Officer Ann Bruzzese told the board that vaccine distribution

locally is above the national average. But, she told the board, there is now a race between the vaccine and the variants of the virus that causes

On Wednesday, SJBPH Executive Director Liane Iollon issued a reminder than it takes a few weeks to reach full immunization after the second dose of the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines, and after the single-

shot Johnson and Johnson vaccine. "We should all be wearing our masks," she said, adding that we owe it to the 50 percent of people who are over 65 who have not been vaccinated and the 75 percent of the rest of the population that has not been.

Jollon also indicated that interest in vaccines is increasing.

"We are seeing a lot more interest across the state in getting the vacsaid, adding there's been a "tremendous growth" in interest in getting the vaccine as quickly as it becomes

Contributing to that, she indicated, is knowing people who have gotten the vaccine and been able to do things such as visit family.

She called it a "positive step forward" that the percentage of individuals saying they will receive the vaccine when available has steadily increased, and she noted SJBPH is "looking forward to being in the place where vaccine is offered to everybody.'

However, Jollon indicated that public health officials continue to be concerned over future vaccine allocations.

She noted that national production goals appear to be being met for the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, with a continuous increase of doses

But there is concern across the country that Johnson and Johnson may not meet production goals for the one-shot vaccine, Jollon indicated

Further, local health officials are unsure of what the local share of future state allocations will be, she explained, adding that because SJBPH received such a large portion of the state's initial allocation of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine, it hasn't received any since.

Part of the area's strategy so far, she added, has been to do the difficult things, like distribute the Pfizer, which comes with storage and other requirements that are more difficult to meet and that make that vaccine less appealing to request.

#### How do I get the vaccine?

Currently, eligibility groups 1A through 1B.4 are eligible to receive a vaccine.

The newest group, 1B.4, became

Phase 1B.4 includes: • People ages 50 and older.

· Student-facing higher educa-

tion employees. • Frontline essential workers in food/restaurant services, manufacturing, the U.S. Postal Service, public transit and specialized trans-

portation, public health, human services workers, direct care providers for Coloradans experiencing homeless and journalism.

• Faith leaders.

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 Adults who received a placebo during a COVID-19 vaccine clinical

• People 16-49 with one of the state's listed high-risk conditions. Gov. Jared Polis previously anticipated vaccine eligibility would open

to the general public by mid-April. Archuleta County has several enrolled vaccine providers. For information on vaccine eligibility groups and area vaccine providers, visit https://sjbpublichealth.org/ covid-19-vaccine/ and see below.

**PSMC:** To enroll with PSMC, visit https://pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org/vaccine to complete and submit registration forms.

Those who are unable to access the form online can call PSMC's vaccine line at 507-3995 and leave a message with: full name, date of birth, county of residence, phone number, email address and which group applies to you.

PSMC will call those on its list to set up vaccine appointments.

#### Pagosa Medical Group:

Those who are eligible can text Pagosa Medical Group at 372-0456 (preferred), call the same number or email info@pagosamedicalgroup.

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### safe and effective vaccines when

**■** Continued from front future activities in assisting the community to more efficiently meet future water needs in our warming and drying climate.

The San Juan Conservation District and Natural Resources Conservation Service worked with private landowners to identify improvements and efficiencies needed to more effectively use water resources. Lotic Hydrological collected data throughout the watersheds to identify ecological and recreational issues and needs. In addition to presenting

the aforementioned data, the Colorado Division of Water Resources will present on the administration of the use of our local waters and Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District will present on its drought management plan.

Critical to the WEP's ability to determine projects needed to address the various water user community needs is input from the community. Please carve out some time on March 31 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. to share your thoughts on the information collected thus far.

Please join our Zoom meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/9225511422 0?pwd=SHpGRDJ0c3NhMUFQcG hBZ291U1ZGUT09. Dial-in details for the meeting and additional details/reports associated with efforts to date can be found at: http://www.mountainstudies.org/ sanjuan/smp.

If you have questions, please contact Al Pfister at westernwildscapes@gmail.com or Mandy Eskelson at mandy@mountainstudies.org. Hope to "see" you on March

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at milepost 22," she wrote. "Work includes reshaping the roadbed by reestablishing ditches and pulling the road width back in to a standard 22' width. Once the roadbed is prepared, commercially purchased aggregate consisting of CDOT Class 61"-minus roadbase material will be hauled, placed, and compacted to a 4" depth and a 22' width."

Williams noted that Piedra Road will remain open to public traffic during this contract.

Earlier this month, the USDA Forest Service announced the investment of \$285 million to fund Great American Outdoors Act projects in 2021 with approximately \$31.5 million will go to the Rocky Mountain Region to fund 90 projects, including the Piedra Road resurfacing project.

"This is a five-year program and similar dollar amounts are expected over the next five years. This significant influx of funding will be used to

address infrastructure and deferred maintenance needs, enhance economic benefits, and improve recreation and public access on national forests by leveraging National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Funds provided by Congress," states a press release from the agency.

The funds will be used to modernize recreation facilities, improve roadways, upgrade campgrounds, design and build new trails or rehabilitate existing trails, repair water systems, and update toilets.

"The Legacy Restoration Funds will allow us to address a backlog of maintenance projects across the region," said Tammy Angel, acting regional forester. "We are thrilled to be moving forward with much needed improvements to transportation infrastructure and recreation facilities and we are committed to accomplishing all of the funded projects.

The release notes that this year's

\$31.5 million investment is made possible by the newly created National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund, established in 2020 by the Great American Outdoors Act. These funds will allow the Forest Service's Rocky Mountain Region to implement more than 90 infrastructure improvement projects essential to the continued use and enjoyment of national forests lands.

'The projects will also serve as a catalyst for economic development and employment opportunities in rural communities. These new investments will strengthen shared stewardship of national forests and grasslands by expanding the Forest Service work with public and private partners," states the release.

For more information on these projects in the Rocky Mountain Region, visit the Rocky Mountain Region GAOA website at: https:// www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r2/ home/?cid=fseprd853127.

### Facility\_

**■** Continued from front town's growing needs.

The design process began in 2018 and continued through 2019 as staff worked with engineering consultants to review multiple site locations for buildability and cost. Ultimately, council determined that the current maintenance facility site was the best choice.

A groundbreaking took place in April 2020 and construction was complete by February 2021. Staff began moving into the new space in March. Exterior improvements and landscaping will be completed later this summer.

The project cost \$5.2 million and was completed on time and within budget. Value engineering, as well as staff performing some of the work, helped to save money on the project.

The town received grant funding from the Department of Local

Affairs (DOLA) to cover \$1 million in design and construction costs. Additional adjacent land was graciously donated by Archuleta School District 50 JT. Also, \$3 million was funded via a leasefinancing agreement known as a certificate of participation (COP), which the town will make payments toward annually. The remaining \$1.2 million will be paid from the town's capital fund.

#### Public open house and community tours

A public open house and ribbon cutting has been scheduled for March 31 at 5 p.m. at 550 Pirate Drive. The community is invited to attend and can take tours of the new facility.

#### Thank you, partners

This project was completed with significant support from town

council, town staff, DOLA and Archuleta School District. We also appreciate the neighbors in the area who attended public meetings, reviewed plans and gave their feedback on the project.

Multiple local and regional contractors also contributed to the success of the project.

### Playground

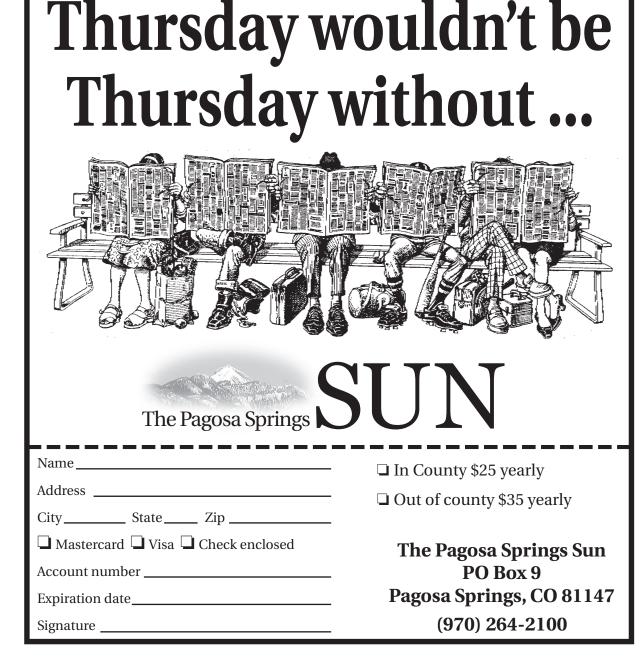
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ted by GameTime, the playground will be equipped with multiple slides, swings and climbing towers. County Commissioner Alvin

Schaaf commented, "I think it's important. We don't get the chance do a lot for the younger generation, so this is a great step in the right direction." Project start and completion dates

are still being determined.

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# Education

### School board hears upcoming budget priorities

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

At its meeting on March 9, the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education began its involvement with the budget process, hearing from Superintendent Dr. Kym LeBlanc-Esparza about budget priorities she and Finance Director Mike Hodgson set.

LeBlanc-Esparza began the presentation by presenting the district's mission: "The mission of Archuleta School District 50 Joint is to empower students and staff to achieve personal and academic successes in a safe and appropriate learning environment while providing them with the tools to effectively navigate the 21st century."

That was followed by the superintendent presenting what makes up ASD's budget, including that about 46 percent of the budget comes from local taxes, about 33 percent comes from the state equalization fund and about 17 percent comes from operating

LeBlanc-Esparza also noted the board sees some investment income, capital grants and other miscellaneous sources.

She pointed out that in 2020, the district's overall revenue was about \$19.5 million, which was a decrease of about \$761,000 from the previous year.

She also presented the state revenue forecast.

"What Mike and I both know is that we're not going to have accurate numbers from the state until after the March forecast," she said.

She noted that it is known that the remainder of the second round of COVID funding will carry over and an additional stimulus payment is anticipated.

That additional stimulus, she stated, will be targeted at air handling, post-pandemic learning needs and class size.

She further noted that the state of Colorado continues to implement the Budget Stabilization Factor despite Amendment 23.

Last year, she stated, \$1.115 million was withheld, bringing ASD's total to \$14,693,921.

The Budget Stabilization Factor, she explained, helps the state balance its budget.

LeBlanc-Esparza then outlined some of the district's accomplishments during the 2020-2021 school year before delving into goals for 2021-2022.

The overall goal for the upcom- \$700,000 difference, with current ing year, the presentation states, is to "Align the Archuleta School District budget to overall postpandemic student & staff needs as well as priorities identified within the listening tour."

"Big picture, it makes sense that we're gonna look at what are the needs of our students and our staff post-pandemic to make sure that we address any learning gaps that have occurred, mental health needs, social-emotional support, and make sure that it aligns with our mission and vision as a district," LeBlanc-Esparza said.

She noted that her proposal in looking at the upcoming budget is that it has to support progress toward those student needs, with the presentation stating:

"Provide Professional Development & teacher leadership compensation; teachers need adequate training and time to implement programming that supports student needs;

"Establish a data dashboard that will provide analysis tools necessary to design effective systems to eliminate achievement gaps. This tool will help us ensure all students are meeting growth and achievement expectations;

"Provide competitive, living wages to employee groups so we can recruit and retain quality staff;" LeBlanc-Esparza then asked the

board for its feedback. "These look really ... good," board member Bob Lynch said

before asking about capital needs. LeBlanc-Esparza indicated that some of the capital-related spend-

ing would bounce back. Other discussion touched upon how the district will help close gaps for social-emotional, mental health and academics, using real-world learning, and empowering teachers and staff to help solve problems

and find opportunities. LeBlanc-Esparza then presented on the 2021-2022 budget.

The June 2020 fund balance was \$9,408,878, LeBlanc-Esparza said, adding that, based on current projections, ASD anticipates a June 2021 fund balance of about \$9.27

"When we started out the year, if you'll remember, the original budget that we, Mike had proposed, looking at numbers that we had and impacted by enrollment and all the things that were COVIDrelated," she said, the district was going to be closer about \$600,000cash projects currently showing a difference of about \$150,000.

She then began focusing on budget assumptions, including that the district faces an increase in anticipated cost of about \$81,000 in employee contracts without a cost-of-living adjustment.

In 2021, the overall cost of salaries and benefits is about \$13 million, she noted.

The data dashboard would be about \$30,000 for two years, she added, though that could come out of COVID relief funding.

Later in the presentation, LeBlanc-Esparza suggested that enrollment in ASD is expected to be relatively flat, with the state estimating that ASD will have an enrollment of 1,701.5 next school year, which is an increase of 34.

"Enrollment in Archuleta School district is relatively flat, for now. However, we anticipate a larger than usual kinder class and are unsure of the impact of those that chose to be remote for the 2020-21 school year. As of mid-February, we had an additional 33 students over October count," the presentation

#### Pagosa Peak Open School quarterly reports

The budget priorities were one of several financial-related matters the board heard about on March 9. The board also heard about the

Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) quarterly reports. The charter school is required, Hodgson told the board, to provide

quarterly reports to the district. He noted the report for July through September was late and was only recently received by the district. It was included with the

agenda, but not discussed. The following report brought up concerns related to some anticipated revenues, Hodgson indicated, noting that if the charter school receives the revenues, they'll be OK, but if not, "they could be in a heap of trouble."

"Are we talking grant money?" BOE president Bruce Dryburgh asked?

"Donations, grants, yes ..." Hodgson replied.

"Do you have any problems with it other than assumptions that you probably would like to be a little more conservative, I would guess?" Dryburgh asked.

Hodgson noted that he is not aware of things such as how PPOS pays its employees - 12 months of the year, 10 months of the year or something else — meaning he's not sure if he's looking at half the year's payroll when looking at six months

of financial information. Lynch asked what the gap could

LeBlanc-Esparza noted that she could see them potentially being short \$150,000 or being fine depending on how much of their payroll has been expended so far.

"I would want to ask more questions," she said.

Later in the discussion, Dryburgh noted, "I feel very uncomfortable with the lack of timely financial information that we get."

LeBlanc-Esparza suggested that, based on her past experience, the board could issue PPOS correspondence related to the concerns and it could be recorded as an official concern that would need to be addressed.

Hodgson and Assistant Superintendent Laura Mijares noted it has been included in PPOS's annual report twice as a concern.

Hodgson added they have been late for three years. "How late are we talking?" Lynch

asked. The September report was more

than three months late, Hodgson

Dryburgh suggested communicating with PPOS in advance of its charter renewal, calling it "completely unacceptable" and asking that administrative staff put together a list of things not received on time for the board to consider.

#### Salary schedule

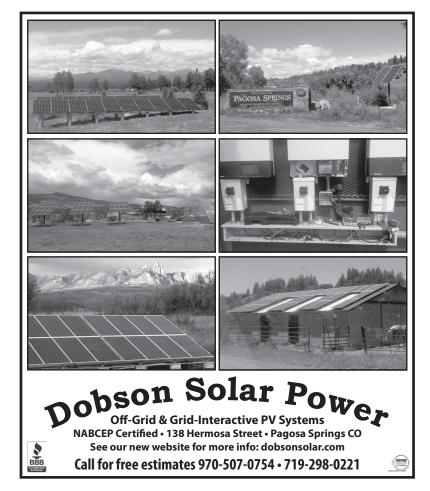
Later in the meeting, the board voted to amend the 2020-2021 salary schedules for the district.

Hodgson explained one change relates to the increase in minimum wage in Colorado, with student workers and "sit time" for bus drivers (sitting at an event after driving students there) being increased.

Then, he told the board, in June 2019, the board approved a stipend for career and technical education teachers, but no amount was set and it was never put into the salary schedule, so that was being included.

The amendment was approved unanimously.

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### **School district** receives clean audit

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

Archuleta School District received an unmodified, clean opinion on its 2020 audit, with that news coming at a March 9 work session of the Board of Education.

The independent auditors' report includes what auditor Kimberley Temple noted at the work session is a "good, clean opinion."

The report was presented by Temple and Jessica Bogner of Wall, Smith, Bateman Inc.

In presenting the financial statements to the board, Temple noted the numbers are now "somewhat stale" since the district is nine months into its new fiscal year.

The auditors drew attention to a pair of summaries included in the audit document that discuss

the district's finances, including financial highlights outlined by the district (see below) and the district's net position.

In noting the district's net position, Bogner pointed out the district's total net position of a negative \$7,926,767 as of June 30, is related to pension and other postemployment benefits, and is out of the district's control.

Later in the work session, Temple noted they had no findings related to the district's internal controls.

"So, this is a very nice, clean audit report, and we hope you're as pleased as we are that this is the result," Temple said.

Bogner, however, noted that the timing of obtaining audit materials was affected by "changes in personDON'T WAIT. VACCINATE. Phase 1B.4 Is Now Eligible.

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### Planning commission, consultants discuss town code update

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

Pagosa Springs Town Planning Commission members met with representatives from Logan Simpson to weigh in on their thoughts about the ongoing Land Use and Development Code (LUDC) rewrite during a work session on Tuesday.

The Pagosa Springs Town Council awarded the project of rewriting the town's LUDC to Logan and Simpson at a regular meeting on Nov. 19, 2020.

During the meeting, Logan Simpson Senior Planner Jennifer Gardner outlined that the firm is looking to assess what is working well or not working well with the existing code.

Specifically, Logan and Simpson is looking for feedback on various questions pertaining to the LUDC, specifically on whether or not there are sections or regulations that are hard to interpret or apply, or regulations that may create enforcement conflicts, among other things, Gardner explained.

'Typically, what we do is we look at different pieces of different codes," Gardner said. "We don't want to recreate the wheel more than anyone else does. We want to build from what you have and we want to build off of processes and regulations that are working really well in other communities.

What works in some communities won't necessarily work in other communities, Gardner added, noting that things will have to be tailored to Pagosa Springs.

Planning commission Chair Peter Hurley explained that, as a business owner, he experienced difficulty regarding a sign applica-

"If it takes this much to get a sign up, what's going on with the rest of it?" he asked. "We've come up with projects where we've come across some ambiguous section. For instance, public right of way needs to be in a private development. Well, does that really apply? How does that fit with what we're trying to do? Simply put, there are sections that aren't matching up within our current code.

The planning commission's goal is to have an efficient LUDC that it can work with and make it easy for all involved, Hurley added.

"It doesn't have enough pictures. Or any pictures, actually. I would like to see more diagrams, pictures, things that are easy to comprehend, rather than reading five paragraphs of something," planning commission member Anne-Marie Sukcik added.

A summary at the beginning of the LUDC, described by Sukcik as a "map," would also be beneficial to help guide readers of the LUDC.

"We only do enforcement on request from somebody who has a problem with something that has been done in the community. I think at this point, with the growth in our community, somehow we need to shore that up a little bit," planning commission member Peter Adams said.

Adams further explained that there are instances of code violations around town, but the planning commission cannot do much about it.

"At one point, we were telling people to shovel their walks and stuff like that, but that's the only time we only ever did any of that. I might be wrong on that, but right now we try to enforce the code on a comment from a neighbor or something like that," he said. "I don't know what we can do to stiffen that up a little bit, and I don't mean to be overbearing or stuff like that, but there's things that are happening, that are going on, that I think we need to take care of."

Planning commission member Jeff Posey explained that he had done some personal research and has asked community members about the LUDC's lighting code and, according to Posey, no one had a problem with the LUDC's lighting code "as long as everybody else has to live up to it."

"It seems unfair to require someone to live up to some kind of standard that we let everybody else get away with violating," he said.

Another thing that Posey added he would like to see in the revised version of the LUDC is making it a priority that new developments "look good."

"Arguably some of the ugliest buildings in town are government owned and we don't even slap fresh paint on it every so often. It's a double standard that I think hurts our ability to elevate code to something that I think applies to all of us, instead of only to the new people in town," Posey said.

The planning commission has struggled in the past with some portions of the code being vague, Planning Director James Dickhoff added later in the meeting.

Posey cited a section of the LUDC later in the meeting that dealt with parking and loading, which reads, "These standards shall apply when an existing structure or use is expanded or enlarged, or when there is a change in use."

Posey explained he was not sure what constituted a change in use, but added he believed a change in use should affect parking and loading.

"If it's a Baptist church that changes to a Methodist church, that's a change in use and religion, but it doesn't affect parking and loading," he explained.

Hurley added that the planning commission discussed not wanting parking as part of the LUDC.

"I don't know that I've understood a consensus on that. What we've talked about is in the downtown district, of course, where we have on-street parking options in a much smaller lot but not necessarily town-wide, where there are areas with much larger lots that can be accommodated," Dickhoff said.

According to Gardner, the town's LUDC is similar to other codes across the country in that parking requirements are based on the use of the parking.

"As we're talking about the downtown parking, we're looking at sort of a tailored parking standard and program for downtowns, but we could look at that for other zoned districts or areas," she said.

Posey later added that he objected to the town "thinking for the business developer and demanding what kind of parking they have to have."

"The move is towards public parking and to build out these sites so that they are very functional, busy, you're creating a lot of activity that attracts people," Dickhoff said. "Is that cost borne on the taxpayers to pay for those parking spaces? Or, are those businesses paying for a portion of the parking that their business dictates and needs?'

Later in the meeting, Gardner suggested that parking incentives could be put in place for businesses that install electric vehicle charging stations.

"I think it might be a good idea to somehow incentivize solar in a residential housing or maybe even a commercial. I don't think we're doing that to any extent whatsoever. I think it's time we consider that stuff," Adams added.

Planning commission member Mark Weiler added that he believed the biggest problem in the local community is workforce housing, adding that there is no "coherent plan" for workforce housing.

"I've only been here 20 years, and we've talked about it every year for 20 years. We've engaged consultants to the tune of hundreds of thousands of dollars and have gotten nowhere," he said. "Our Land Use and Development Code should be supportive, accommodating and vibrant for workforce housing."

The LUDC should have its complexities and rules for design removed and "allow the market to try and fix itself," Weiler added.

According to Weiler, the complexities within the LUDC make it very difficult to build workforce housing.

"You've had a variety of communities that have solved this problem. I think the only real value that a consultant brings is the breadth of the entire market," Weiler said.

Weiler also suggested that the LUDC itself be shortened in length. chris@pagosasun.com

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#### nel and work environment at the

district.'

Bogner noted that was due to a change in personnel in the finance office and COVID-19 and meant the district's audit was not completed and submitted to the state tor, which is at \$14.7 million. by March 1.

She suggested the district improve policies and procedures to ensure changes in personnel or work environment don't affect the accounting workflow.

"I think we can all attest to CO-VID-19 just threw us for a loop," she said, "and a lot of us were scrambling. But, more importantly, all our duties doubled, if not tripled, and it made it very difficult for all of us, but specifically Mike [Hodgson] and some of his staff."

She later emphasized they found no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies because of extra reconciling work done by Hodgson, but noted the district will receive a letter from the state related to the timing of the audit being submitted.

Temple noted that Hodgson took the time to make sure the reconciliation was complete and accurate and the work was appreciated, adding the district only missed the deadline by about a day, which won't affect anything for the

Bogner later noted the first year

#### with a new auditing firm is always the hardest and next year should be a smoother process.

Board president Bruce Dryburgh highlighted that the district has no control over pension funding and the state's budget stabilization fac-

"That's a whole bunch of money. We could build a half of the next school we need with that money, and that's a tragedy we're not able to do that," he said of the budget stabilization factor.

#### Financial highlights

Financial highlights as outlined by the district in the audit document include:

- "The General Fund experienced a \$539,134 operating surplus in FY2020 caused largely by reduced spending in the fourth quarter of the fiscal year related to the COVID pandemic. This was the third consecutive surplus for the District after five years of deficits."
- "The General Fund recorded a \$9,948,012 Fund Balance as of June 30, 2020. This amount is equal to 58.8% of the District's total General Fund expenditures and transfers for Fiscal Year 2020, a 2.2% increase compared to the previous year."
  - "The District had long-term

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debt at June 30, 2020 of \$1,622,765 including General Obligation Bonds, Capital Leases, Unamortized Bond Premiums, and Accrued Compensated Absences. This is \$934,780 less than the District's long-term debt at June 30, 2019. The District's General Obligation Bond was paid off in December 2020."

- Despite Amendment 23, the State of Colorado continues to implement the Budget Stabilization Factor (previously known as the Negative Factor) to balance the State's budget. With \$1,115,621 withheld in FY2020, the total withheld to-date equals \$14,693,921."
- "The District's total combined net position as of June 30, 2020 was (\$7,926,767) an improvement of \$2,671,060. This negative net position is a result of the District's implementation of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements 68 and 75 which requires all entities contributing to the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) to record their share of the state's net pension liability and the state's Health Care Trust Fund liability on the District's Statement of Net Position. Without the District's \$23,951,667 share of Colorado's pension liability and the \$1,177,732 share of the OPEB liabil-

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# Sports

### Volleyball



Chloe Bridges and Molly Graham work to block an Alamosa Mean Moose shot at the net. The Lady Pirates lost in four sets to Alamosa, but notched two straight wins following the opening loss. Pagosa will look to continue the momentum on Tuesday night at 6 p.m. in Cortez.

### Lady Pirates come out swinging, earning two wins in three games

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By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

Last week, the Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate volleyball team picked up two wins in three games, losing in four sets to a league foe and notching its first wins of the season against two regional foes.

#### Opening night

On March 18, Pagosa kicked off its regular season with a home matchup against the reigning Intermountain League (IML) champs, the Alamosa Mean Moose.

Pagosa came out strong in the first set, taking a 1-0 lead early and sailing to a 25-18 victory in the set.

However, the Mean Moose went on a three-set winning streak, winning by scores of 25-11, 25-23 and 25-17 to take the victory against

River Pitcher and Kori Lucero led the team in kills with seven each, while Lynelle Bartz and Molly Graham added six and five kills, respectively.

Chloe Bridges and Mackenzie Wedemever led the team with 14 serves apiece, while Graham added 13 and Lucero added another 10.

Wedemeyer notched the lone Lady Pirate block of the game.

Pagosa also committed 20 errors, compared to Alamosa's 24.

Lucero added 21 digs, while Bridges and Wedemeyer added 19

Bridges led the Lady Pirates in assists against Alamosa with 21.

#### Ignacio

On March 19, Pagosa was able

the 2A Ignacio Bobcats in three straight sets.

The Lady Pirates took the first set from the Bobcats by a score of 25-17 and followed up the first set with second and third set victories of 25-18 and 25-14.

Lucero led the team in kills with six. Pitcher and Graham added five each, and Wedemeyer added an additional four.

Pagosa committed just 12 errors, compared to Ignacio's 15.

The Lady Pirates finished with a combined 15 serving aces. Graham led the charge with six, while Pitcher and Bartz added three each.

Defensively, Bartz led the charge with two blocks and Wedemeyer added one.

Of the total 42 digs for the Lady Pirates, Lucero and Bridges finished with 10 each, a team high. Bridges again led the team in

assists with 18 against Ignacio.

#### **Taming the Tigers**

On Tuesday, the Lady Pirates were able to keep the momentum going, defeating the 2A Del Norte Tigers in three straight sets.

Pagosa finished with 39 total kills against the Tigers, with Graham leading the squad with 12.

Lucero added another eight kills, while Wedemeyer and Pitcher finished with seven each.

Pagosa finished with just 14 errors against Del Norte.

Of the 10 serving aces the Lady Pirates accumulated against the Tigers, Lucero finished with five while Bartz added another three. Pitcher and Graham added one

Pagosa stifled five Del Norte scoring opportunities, with Wedemeyer leading the way with three blocks.

Bridges, Pitcher and Lucero led the team in digs, all finishing in double digits. Bridges ended with 17, while Pitcher and Lucero added 12 and 10, respectively.

Coach Caitlin Forrest wrote in an email to The SUN that, through three games, she is very impressed with the play of Bridges, Pitcher and Wedemeyer.

Of Bridges, Forrest explained that she plays some "seriously tough" defense and distributes the ball purposefully.

Wedemeyer, Forrest added, jumps well and is a threat at the net. Forrest also highlighted Wedemeyer's defensive prowess that

keeps the ball in play.

"River surprised me the most with her offense. She mixed up her swing on just about every play with intensity and skill," Forrest wrote.

#### Test of the Panthers

Next up on the agenda for the Lady Pirates will be an IML battle on the road against the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers at 6 p.m. on March 30.

Last season, Cortez swept the season series against Pagosa, winning in three straight sets in both matchups.

"All in all I am very pleased with the camaraderie on our team, and the chemistry that has formed so quickly this season. Every one that steps on the court is all in and ready to deliver," Forrest wrote. "With a few small changes, I think we are a force to be reckoned with! Our league is tough this season, but I don't think

anyone can count PSHS out!" chris@pagosasun.com

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### Soccer

### Pirates win season opener in double overtime

**By Clayton Chaney** Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate boys' soccer team won its season opener last Saturday, March 18, defeating the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers 3-2 in double overtime.

"It was a classic come-frombehind victory, a real team effort," coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason said.

The Pirates fell behind early in the first half after the Panthers were able to sneak one past the Pirate goalie, Wyatt Zeigler.

Kurt-Mason explained that the Panthers were able to get behind the Pirates' defense for a one-on-one opportunity against Zeigler.

Although the Pirates fell behind 1-0 in the first half, Kurt-Mason explained that the Pirates were able to maintain possession of the ball for the majority of the half.

He noted that since it was the team's first competition together, it took some time for everyone to understand each others' style of play in order to create combination plays and chances on goal.

Kurt-Mason added, "It was awesome to see all of that coming to-

The Pirates had six shots on goal in the first half and still needed some time to work out a few knots in the second half as they fell behind 2-0.

Kurt-Mason mentioned how, after falling behind by two goals, the team "started playing harder" and players started to understand each other better.

"It was a real physical game with a lot of hard knocks," he added.

The Pirates were able to get on the scoreboard about halfway through the second half with a goal by Kelton Christians.

Kurt-Mason mentioned that the Pirates were able to take 16 shots on goal in the second half, adding that they controlled the ball for most of the period.

He mentioned the Pirates were "doing the right thing defensively" by not letting the Panthers play through the middle and they were able to move the ball up the field on

Kurt-Mason also highlighted that the Pirates controlled the mid-field

in the second half.

"It was just a really good, solid

team effort," he said. He went on to explain that the second half was coming to close and the Pirates were still down 2-1 when Kaylor Christians was able to tie the game with just a couple of

minutes left. Kelton Christians assisted Kaylor Christians on the goal with a cross that Kaylor Christians was able to hit "right to the back of the net" from about 20 yards out, as Kurt-Mason described.

He noted the team was ecstatic and ran off the bench in excitement.

The score was 2-2 at the end of regulation, sending the game into its first overtime period.

According to Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) rules, regular-season games that are tied at the end of regular time will play up to two overtime periods under the "Golden Goal" rule, meaning that the first team to score in overtime wins the game.

The first overtime period ended goalless and the Pirates held the Panthers to just one shot on goal in the period.

Kurt-Mason noted the Panthers seemed to be depleted of energy and the Pirates were able to dominate possession by keeping the ball in the Panthers' end of the field for majority

The Pirates' third goal came late into the second overtime period with another volley from Kaylor Christians that flew over the Panthers' goalie, Kurt-Mason described.

Kurt-Mason noted that it was starting to seem as if the game was going to end in a tie leading up to that moment.

With less than two minutes remaining, Jordan Heaton displayed some wonderful footwork and ball control skills, Kurt-Mason explained.

Heaton was able to get around a couple of Panther defenders on the left wing and generated the attack coming in from the left corner.

Heaton found some room in the Panther defense to get a cross into the Panthers' penalty area, where Kaylor Christians was waiting to send in his second goal of the game from another volley about 15 yards out from the goal.

The Pirates celebrated for a second time that night, running off the benches as they won the game in double overtime, Kurt-Mason explained.

"Everybody had a part in that win. They all worked together and it was a lot of fun; it got everybody off the bench," he said.

Zeigler faced 11 total shots on goal from the Panthers and made nine saves throughout the game.

Kurt-Mason also praised defender Ethan Mazur for his performance, noting, "He did well in the back."

He added that his guys "were happy to play" and they all have a "good level of confidence" after the

Kurt-Mason added that it was good to have fans at the game for

He went on to explain that morale in practice this week has been good and the guys "are having fun."

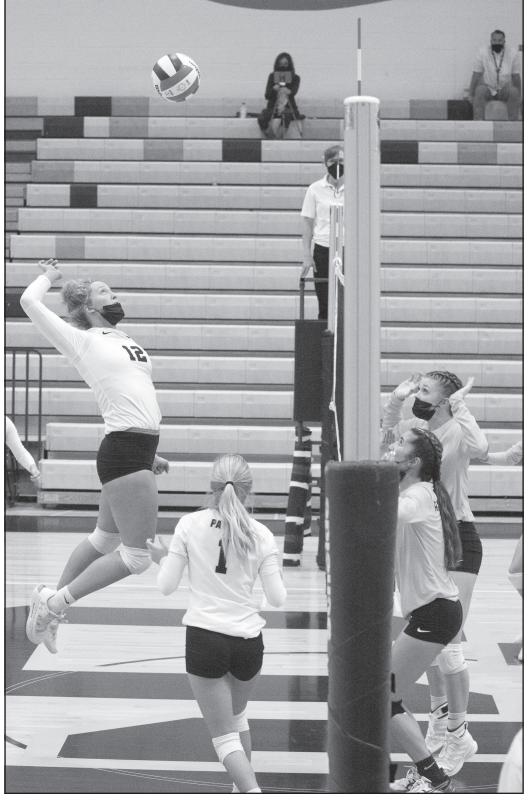
He explained that they will be working on understanding each others' style of play in order to have a better understanding of "how everyone fits together."

The Pirates will travel to Alamosa this Saturday, March 27, to take on

the Alamosa Mean Moose at 11 a.m. Both teams are currently unranked in CHSAA polls.

The Mean Moose have a record of 2-0 and are in first place in the 3A Southwest League. The Pirates are in second place in the league.

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### Colorado Department of Revenue extends income tax payment and filing deadline

Colorado Department of Revenue

The Colorado Department of Revenue announced that it will extend the individual income tax payment and filing deadline by 32 days to May 17, without penalties and interest, regardless of the amount owed. This extension will be similar to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) extension.

"This extension will help provide much-needed relief for every Coloradan who has felt the significant financial impacts of this global pandemic," said Gov. Jared Polis. "Though we can see the light at the end of the tunnel, we know that many Coloradans are still working to get back on their feet, and this

extra time to file is welcome relief." Individuals will have the option

The Pagosa Springs Middle School girls' basketball team finished the season undefeated, going 4-0 in league

to pay any 2020 income tax payments that would normally be due on April 15, by May 17, without penalty or interest. This extension applies to money owed by individual taxpayers only for the 2020 income tax year. The extension will not apply to estimated payments for the 2021 income tax year due from individuals and corporations on April 15. The extension also does not apply to returns and payments for other tax types and taxpayers, including income tax for C corporations, partnerships, S corporations

and fiduciaries, and severance tax. Individual taxpayers do not more information. need to file any forms or call the Colorado Department of Revenue to qualify for this automatic state tax payment relief. Individual taxpayers who need additional time

Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs Middle School

to file beyond the May 17 deadline are automatically granted a filing extension until Oct. 15, but that does not grant an extension of time to pay taxes due. Individual taxpayers should pay their state income tax due by May 17 to avoid interest

Individuals who received unemployment benefits in 2020 and already filed their federal return should continue to monitor guidance from the IRS with the recent passage of the American Rescue Plan.

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### **Public Notices**

Archuleta County, Colorado District Court 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 Plaintif 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 publicaclerk of the court.

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

This is an action to quiet 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

Court Address Archuleta County District Court PO Box 148 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Case No.:

DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, STATE OF

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

service of the Summons and Complaint was made

upon you outside of the State of Colorado, you are

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 proce

personam proceedings.
Date: February 25, 2021 ORTEN CAVANAGH HOLMES & HUNT, LLC By: /s/ Hal R. Kyles Hal R. Kyles, #23891

Randi Pierce

**Lady Pirate Molly Graham** rises up for

the kill during

against the

Moose on

Alamosa Mean

March 18. Graham finished

with five kills.

the season opener

Plaintiff's Address:
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 no **be used where service by publication is desired.**Published March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 2021 in *Th* 

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

Ptarmigan Property Owners Association, Inc.

Timeshare Trade Ins, LLC, et al

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 Decla ration 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 entere December 8, 2020, in the above entitled action, I an 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 hered

Timeshare Trade Ins, LLC

Evidence of Debt: 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.
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 pay ment of attorneys' fees and costs. Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651

700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
Association Assessments Due to: Ptarmigan Proper 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 Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Propert 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

as follows: failure to make payments for assessments

NOTICE 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 Numbe 2021-02\_ in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, se to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said rea 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

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RIGHTS IS ATTACHED HERETO.

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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 conducte 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

May 2021. Rich Valdez, Sheriff. Archuleta County, Colorado

By: /s/ Lorena Medina **EXHIBIT "A"** 

TIMESHARE TRADE INS LLC (C#178805842) Unit Unpaid Assessments: \$3,356.93 Interest: \$665.90

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,

Interest: \$428.42 Late Fees: \$75.00 Costs: \$322.03 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$4,479.03

Late Fees: \$50.00

In Ptarmigan Townhouses. All as tenants in commor 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 laration of Protective Covenants and Interval Owner ship for Ptarmigan Townhouses recorded as Reception Number 153557, as has been amended, supplement ed, and/or restated, all in the Office of the County Clerk Published March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 2021 in The

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Teal Landing Property Owners Association. Inc...

JRWFAM, LLC, et al

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

■ See Public Notices A13

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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 hereo Owner(s): JRWFAM, LLC

ANDREW C MARION MARILOUISE MARION ROBERT DUNN

MARIA S. L. CHINN. TRUSTEE OF THE MARIA S. L. CHINN LIVING TRUST LINDA D KOZIOL

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WILLIAM TAYLOR IV Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Condomini 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 Dec-Teal Landing 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. 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 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

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 Granton 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.

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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"

Teal Landing Condominiums Matter Amount
MARIA S. L. CHINN, TRUSTEE OF THE MARIA S. .. 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 ir Building Number(s) 14,

Unpaid Assessments: \$1,416.24 Costs: \$371.69 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 in terest 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

Costs: \$371.69

Attorney's Fees: \$1.000.00

Judgment Amount: \$2,151.09

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 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, ents: \$779.40

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 Declaration 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 Pagosa Springs SUN.

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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

AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM

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 Peregrine Townhouses, recorded on August 2, 1990, at Book 303, Page 104, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered 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 Owner(s):

Audrey Jandreau Samuel Lopez Emery G Anderson Loyce R Anderson

Joyce C Myers, Trustee of the JCPMO Love Trust, dated November 2, 2004

Charles Haggard Joann Ogle Paul T Haluza Elaine B Haluza Spence Willis Melissa Willis Marvin Bernstein Rhoda F Bernsteir Andrew C Marion 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. Carol Sue Kimbro Sue D Perkins Linda G Adkins Dan Sosa Jr Rita O Sosa Kathleen A Baer Gloria Maria Tucci

Jo Ann Bickle

Irene Spencer

Kathy Jo Birkline

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 there-in described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.

Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901 Association Assessments Due to: Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc.

Debtor(s) & Amount Due 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

payable.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE 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 per mitting 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 Pur

chase, 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, 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

Rich Valdez, Sheriff, Archuleta County, Colorado By: /s/ Lorena Medina Lorena Medina, Office Manager

EXHIBIT "A" Peregrine Townhouses 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 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 Total: \$2,267.89

JOYCE C MYERS TRUSTEE OF THE JCPMO LOVE TRUST, DATED NOVEMBER 2, 2004 (C#170807275) A 105,000 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple abso lute interest in Unit Numbers 7811-7812 in Building Number(s) 6,

Unpaid Assessments: \$822.14 Costs: \$219.92 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 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

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, Unpaid Assessments: \$986.62 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 abso lute interest in Unit Numbers 7833-7834 in Building Number(s) 17, Unpaid Assessments: \$822.14 Costs: \$219.92

Attornev's Fees: \$1,000.00

Costs: \$219.92

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 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, Unpaid Assessments: \$933.80

Costs: \$219.92 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$2,153.72

Costs: \$219.92

Total: \$2.211.54

MARVIN BERNSTEIN and RHODA 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

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

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 Total: \$1,996.14 SUF 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 Number(s) 31, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,047.97

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: \$1,553.08 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 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

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 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 Unpaid Assessments: \$1,589.54

Costs: \$219.92 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 Number 173556, as has been amended, supplemented, and/or restated, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado Published March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 2021 in The

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Bonnie Jean Nigh, Decea

Case No. 2021 PR 30002 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 July 11, 2021, or the claims may

Daniel L. Fiedler, Attorney at Law 190 Talisman Drive, Suite D-6 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

Published March 11, 18 and 25, 2021 in The Pagosa PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY THE

COUNTY OF ARCHULETA, COLORADO, BY TAX DEED. TO WIT: LOT 70-71, PAGOSA TRAILS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED SEPTEMBER 13, 1971 AT RECEPTION NUMBER 74885 IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO, AS KNOWN BY STREET ADDRESS 81

GILA DRIVE, PAGOSA SPRINGS, COLORADO 81147

 ASSESSORS SCHEDULE NUMBER 569930202021, ACCOUNT NUMBER R012423
WILL, ACCORDING TO LAW, BE OFFERED THROUGH PUBLIC AUCTION VIA ONLINE AUCTION HOUSE DAY OF MARCH, 2021 AND RUNNING FOR FOUR WEEKS TO THE HIGHEST AND BEST BIDDER. THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY BID THAT IS LESS THAN THE CURRENT ACTUAL VALUE FIXED BY THE COUNTY ASSESSOR.

Published March 18 and 25, 2021 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY THE

COUNTY OF ARCHULETA, COLORADO, BY TAX LOT 83, PAGOSA TRAILS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED SEPTEMBER 13, 1971 AT RECEPTION NUMBER 74885 IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER, ARCHULETA COUNTY. COLORADO, AS KNOWN BY STREET ADDRESS 20 LANCER COURT, PAGOSA SPRINGS, COLORADO 81147 - ASSESSORS SCHEDULE NUMBER WILL, ACCORDING TO LAW, BE OFFERED THROUGH PUBLIC AUCTION VIA ONLINE AUCTION HOUSE HTTPS://WWW.GOVDEALS.COM/ ARCHULETACOREALESTATE.COM. BEGINNING ON THE 19TH DAY OF MARCH, 2021 AND RUNNING FOR FOUR WEEKS TO THE HIGHEST AND BEST BIDDER. THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY BID THAT IS LESS THAN THE CURRENT ACTUAL VALUE FIXED BY THE COUNTY ASSESSOR.
Published March 18 and 25, 2021 in *The Pagosa* 

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INVITATION TO BID
Separate sealed BIDS for the 2021 Asphalt Maintenance **Project** will be received by Archuleta County, Colorado at the office of Davis Engineering Service, Inc. located at 188 South 8th Street, P.O. Box 1208, Pagosa Springs. Colorado 81147, until 2:00 P.M. local time on **April** 8, 2021, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The base project involves typical asphalt maintenance methods on Archuleta County roadways including and not limited to Capricho Circle, County Road 500, Hatcher Circle, Meadows Drive, Saturn Drive, South Pagosa Boulevard and North Pagosa Boulevard. The project includes removal of HMA, excavation, sub-grade preparation, sub-grade stabilization, HMA paving of full roadway widths, HMA full depth patching, milling and overlay, traffic control and other items typically associated with road construction. The Owner has a set budget with asphalt maintenance locations and quantities to be

adjusted for priority roadways.

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS and PLANS may be obtained on or after March 29, 2021, at the office of Davis Engineering Service, Inc. located at the address mentioned above, upon payment of \$30.00 for each set No refund will be made for returned copies. A mandatory pre-bid conference and inspection trip for prospective Bidders will be held at the office of Davis

Engineering Service, Inc. (phone number (970) 264-5055), located at the address mentioned above, at 2:00 P.M. local time on March 30, 2021. Date: March 18, 2021 Published March 18 and 25, 2021 in *The Pagosa* 

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District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Tel. 970.264.2400 Eagle's Loft Property 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 Declara-tion of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft Condominiums, recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County,

Colorado. Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered 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 hereof Owner(s): JENNIFER MICHELLE WABREK Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Individual and/or Inter val Ownership for Eagle's Loft Condominiums, recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, as amended and supplemented from timeto-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder

for Archuleta County, Colorado. Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Eagle's Loft Property Owners Association, Inc. Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of

attorneys' fees and costs.

Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901 Association Assessments Due to: Eagle's Loft Property Owners Association, Inc.

Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A" Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A" Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare erest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE

DECLARATION. The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and

payable.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST THEREFORE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on Friday, May 7, 2021, Sale Number: 2021-01 in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered

herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law. First Publication: March 4, 2021 Last Publication: April 1, 2021 Pagosa Sun

Name of Publication: 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. 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

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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 Phase IV of Eagle's Loft

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.

corder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado (the "Dec 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 deterr established by said Declaration for the above described real estate

132403, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Re-

Late Fees: \$25.00 Costs: \$247.77 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Published March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 2021 in *The* 

Unpaid Asmts: \$1,810.67

Interest: \$159.72

ARCHULETA COUNTY FEBRUARY 2021 PAYABLES

ADVANCE AUTO PARTS

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES

AMERICAN UNITED LIFE INS.

ARCHULETA SCHOOL DISTRICT

ARCHULETA SCHOOL DISTRICT

ARCHULETA SENIORS, INC.

AT YOUR DISPOSAL AT&T MOBILITY

BI INCORPORATED

BANK OF COLORADO

BLACK HILLS ENERGY

BLUE 360 MEDIA, LLC.

BR PRINTERS, INC.

BRAD CLARKE

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CENTURYLINK

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CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS

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CIGNA HEALTH AND LIFE INS. CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY

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COLORADO DEPT. OF REVENUE

COLORADO LAW ENFORCEMENT

COLORADO ROCK & DIRT EXC.

COLOBADO SPECIALTY CONT.

COLORADO WEED MGT. ASSN.

CROSSFIRE AGGREGATE SVC.
DAVIS ENGINEERING SERVICE

DELTA DENTAL OF COLORADO

DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING

DURANGO MOTOR COMPANY

ELK MOUNTAIN TECHNOLOGY

FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY

FLYERS ENERGY LLC. FORCE SCIENCE INSTITUTE

FORREST CONST-BEARFOOT

FOUR STATES TIRE AND SVC.

FREDRICKZINK & ASSOCIATES

GEORGE T. SANDERS COMPANY

GIS - HIRERIGHT
GOLDEN EQUIPMENT COMPANY

HARMAN PARK OWNERS ASSOC

HUMANE SOCIETY OF PAGOSA

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION

INTERNATIONAL CITY MGMT.

INLAND TRUCK PARTS COMPANY

INLAND KENWORTH US INC.

HONNEN EQUIPMENT CO.

EVERBRIDGE, INC.

**G&I SANITATION** 

GRAFIX SHOPPE

JANIS L. SMITH

JAVA THE CUP

JASON HIBBERT -

JUST A LITTLE BIT. INC.

KELLY L. ROBERTSON

LA PLATA COLINTY DEPT

LA PLATA COUNTY SHERIFF

LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOC

LAW FIRM OF LISA WARD, LLC.

LEXISNEXIS RISK SOLUTIONS

MEDICAL AIR SERVICES ASSOC.

MITCHELL & COMPANY, LLC

MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC.

MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO

NEAL D. CHRISTENSEN, CPA

NM HUMAN SERVICES DEPT.

NUNN CONSTRUCTION, INC.

NORTHERN TOOL & EQUIPMENT

NEWEGG BUSINESS INC.

NICHOLS ELECTRIC, INC.

NOVUS AUTO GLASS

O'REILLY AUTO PARTS

PAGCO INCORPORATED

PAGOSA BREWING CO.

PINNACOL ASSURANCE

PTS OF AMERICA, LLC.

**REGION 9 EDD** 

ROXANNE LATTIN

SELPH'S PROPANE

SHERRY DALLAN

SAGE MOBILE EATERY

PAGOSA ROOTER

PAGOSA AREA WATER & SANIT.

PARTS PLUS OF NEW MEXICO

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PSYCHOLOGICAL RESOURCES

QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC.

**REYNOLDS ASH & ASSOCIATES** 

ROCKY MOUNTAIN RESERVE

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SUPPLY CO.

SALT LAKE WHOLESALE SPORTS

SHAMROCK FOODS COMPANY

SMOKEN MOE'S UNREAL BBQ

SOUTHERN COLORADO COMM.

SOUTHLAND MEDICAL CORP.

SOUTHWEST GASES, LTD.

STATE OF COLORADO (IDS)

SYNERGY CONSTRUCTION

TERRY'S ACE HARDWARE

THE NIGHTINGALE MOTEL

THE SIDWELL COMPANY

TONYA M. HAMILTON

UMB BANK, N.A.

VALUEWEST, INC.

**VERIZON WIRELESS** 

VIVIAL MEDIA LLC.

WELLS FARGO BANK

THE PONDEROSA LUMBER CO

THOMSON REUTERS - WEST

TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS

TURN KEY HEALTH CLINICS

TYLER BUSINESS FORMS

VAL'S VIP CLEANING LLC.

WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO

TRANSWEST TRUCK TRAILER RV

UNITED REPROGRAPHIC SUPPLY

VISIONARY COMMUNICATIONS

WEAVER CONSULTANTS GROUP

WESTERN PAPER DISTRIBUTORS

WESTERN TECHNOLOGIES INC.

WESTTEL INTERNATIONAL, LLC.

WELLS FARGO PURCHASE CARD

SOUTHWEST AG, INC.

SUTTON AUTOMOTIVE

SOURCE OFFICE & TECHNOLOGY

SOUTHWEST COLORADO COUNCIL

PROWERS COUNTY DEPARTMENT

PAGOSA MASSAGE AND BODYWKS

OFFICE DEPOT INC.

ORKIN, LLC.

NAVAJO TRAIL RENTAL CENTER

MOUNTAIN HOME SOUND

M7 BUSINESS SYSTEMS

LA PLATA FAMILY CENTERS

KNOWBE4, INC. KRISTY ARCHULETA

KUBL GROUP, LLC.

LABCORP

LEGAL SHIFLD

MARIBEL COBOS

MICHELE HELMINSKI

MOMENTUM 24-7 LLC.

GALLS, LLC.

GRAINGER

FLORIAN GALLEGOS

EMPLOYERS COUNCIL SERVICES

COOK'S CORRECTIONAL

CONSERVANCY OIL CO. OF DGO.

CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATION

COLORADO DOCUMENT SECURITY

CABE'S COLLISION AND CUSTOM

BOB'S LP GAS, INC. BOSS HOGGS OF PAGOSA

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# Outdoors





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Weminuche Audubon and Pagosa Wetland Partners are collaborating on the development of a Volunteer Naturalist Program to train volunteers to deliver guided eco-tours on the Riverwalk. A preliminary organizational meeting for the program is set for Saturday, April 3.

### Volunteer Naturalist Program seeks guides for Riverwalk wetlands walking tours

By Randy McCormick Weminuche Audubon Society and Pagosa Wetland Partners

The Pagosa Springs Volunteer Naturalist Program (VNP) is recruiting individuals to serve as guides for walking tours of our Riverwalk wetlands.

This new program, co-sponsored by the Weminuche Audubon Society and Pagosa Wetland Partners, is free and open to all. If you enjoy nature, spending time outdoors, meeting people from near and far, and being of service, then this opportunity is for you.

The objective of the VNP is to

have trained volunteer naturalists provide enjoyable Riverwalk tours that inform, enchant and inspire people to protect and preserve nature's bounty. In-depth previous knowledge about our wetlands is not required. We will offer comprehensive training to all volunteers. Our instructors are seasoned professionals with many years of experience in environmental education.

It is expected that tours for the public will last from one to two hours and will be scheduled in advance at specific times of the day. You will only be asked to lead tours on days and at times that suit you. One day per week would be perfect,

but we intend to be flexible.

The VNP training program will be provided in several sequential training sessions. Topics will include content related to our wetlands including: plants, animals, wetland ecology, geology, human history and more. In addition to these program content areas, the training will also include information about program delivery such as tour pacing, presentation skills, handling questions, managing children, use of optics, etc. You will be training at your own pace and will never be asked to lead tours until you feel confident and comfortable. This program is a lifelong learning opportunity and it should be enjoyable for both the visitor and the guide.

If this interests you, please consider attending a preliminary organizational meeting to be held on Saturday, April 3, at 10 a.m. at Yamaguchi Park, 684 S. 5th St. com. You may also call (239) 961-(directly opposite the high school 1977. Thank you for considering athletic fields). The meeting will this opportunity.

you'd like to explore.

In order for us to be adequately prepared, we ask that you send us an email indicating your interest in attending our organizational meeting. This gives us some idea how many folks to expect and if there is a need to cancel the meeting due to inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances, we will have a way to contact you. We are excited about the possibilities this program offers and look forward to seeing you there.

To register your interest in attending the meeting, or for more information, email Randy McCormick at pagosawetlands@gmail.

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### **BoCC** approves funds for Mesa Canyon boat ramp improvements

By Clayton Chaney Staff Writer

At a regular meeting held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on March 16, the BoCC approved \$10,000 for the Friends of the Upper San Juan to make boat ramp and parking improvements at the Mesa Canyon boat ramp.

The Mesa Canyon boat ramp is located along the San Juan River, approximately 12 miles south of Pagosa Springs on County Road

The funds will come from the county's Conservation Trust Fund.

The approved amount of \$10,000 includes \$6,000 in cash and \$4,000 of in-kind donations.

The county entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the Town of Pagosa Springs in August 2019, with the purpose of the agreement being for the town and the county to "acquire and improve a public, San Juan River take-out access location ('the Take-Out') downstream and south of the town for the benefit of the community," the agreement states.

According to the agreement, the town shall provide general maintenance to the area, and "may fulfill its maintenance responsibilities through agreement with the Friends of the Upper San Juan, or other organizations or individuals."

Pagosa Outside Adventures owner Tobi Rohwer was in attendance at the meeting and noted

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that his company typically takes up to 3,000 people per year on trips in the area.

He also noted, according to the Colorado River Outfitters Association, the area usually sees up to a total of 5,000 people per year.

Rohwer mentioned that, based on those stats, \$625,000 goes directly into the local economy. The BoCC voted unanimously

to approve the funds. clayton@pagosasun.com



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The TARA Community Center hosts the first Archuleta County Mountain Express Transit van service from Arboles/Allison/Tiffany to Pagosa Springs on March 9.

### Lower level of TARA Community Center to initiate partial reopening

By Susan Gibson TARA Food Pantry

The TARA Food Pantry will reopen to inside convenience shopping again on Saturday, March 27. The days of operation will also return to last year's Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to noon.

COVID restrictions will still be in place, with all required to wear a face covering while inside the building. There will be no more than four people permitted in the pantry at a time, including at least one food pantry worker. For those who cannot wait for their turn in the pantry, to-go boxes of dry

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goods will be prepared for take out.

The lower level of the TARA Community Center will also be available during the same days and times, with the library, historical section, and coffee and snack area open. A maximum of four people (other than workers) will be permitted in that area.

**Mountain Express** 

#### Transit now servicing **Arboles**

The TARA Community Center hosted, on Tuesday, March 9, the first Archuleta County MET (Mountain Express Transit) van service from Arboles/Allison/Tiffany to Pagosa Springs.

The rides are free for seniors, volunteer donations for veterans, and all others \$16 for the round trip. The next trip is planned for March 30 and will continue every other week on Tuesdays from the TARA parking lot. Walmart and the City Market shopping area are the current stops during the two hours in Pagosa Springs.

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# Mobile Food Pantry pilot project to run from April through June

By Rose Chavez

Archuleta Food System/Food Equity Coalition

The Mobile Food Pantry is a pilot program of the Food Pantry Network of the Archuleta Food System/Food Equity Coalition. This effort intends to expand the capacity of the existing food pantries to make food more accessible in underserved areas of the county to community members with limited access to food.

The goal of the Mobile Food Pantry is to bring food closer to those who can use it and who live in areas of the county that are harder to serve than others. For instance, many individuals experiencing food insecurity may not have transportation to get to one of the existing food pantries or be able to access the pantries during their normal business hours.

Through the Mobile Food Pantry, a supply of nonperishable food items will be distributed twice a month to four locations in the county. These include: Lower Blanco, pull off U.S. 84 onto County Road 335; parking lot of Aspen Springs Bar and Grill, 43 Buttercup Drive; parking lot of Hickory Ridge Apartments, 216 N. 8th St.; and parking lot of Lakeview Estates, 857 N. Pagosa Blvd.

The delivery intends to provide easier access to prepacked food boxes by clients. Folks will get a two-week box with items such as cereal, pasta, peanut butter and canned vegetables and beans. Fresh items may include apples, potatoes and onions.

The Mobile Food Pantry will run as a pilot effort from April to June. There is no need to register to pick up a box. It is first-come, first-served.

Community members need to simply show up with masks in place on the designated dates and times noted below. Since we are partnering with the Care and Share Food Bank, we are requesting names and the number of people in households. We will not be asking for address or contact information. For questions, please contact the Archuleta Food System/Food

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U.S. 160: Aspen Springs Bar and Grill parking lot, 43 Buttercup

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Uptown, Lakeview Estates parking lot, 857 N. Pagosa Blvd.: April 5 and 19, May 3 and 17, June 7 and 21, 5 to 6 p.m.

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### Understanding the season we are in

When I look back over the years, I wonder why I always seemed to be in such a hurry. My Sweet Al always says, "Betty, you ride off without the horse." Was God moving too slow based on what I wanted to experience or see in life?

For all the bumps and bruises I have known, I am sure God just shakes his head and says, "Will she ever learn?"

A scripture I read recently gave meaning I'd not considered before. "Your visitations of glory bless the earth, the rivers of God overflow and enrich it. You paint the wheat fields golden as you provide rich harvests." — Psalms 65:9 (TPT).

I wonder how many times I have not waited on the Lord and missed a reveal of color that only he could paint.

I have long known that I experience God's visitation and glory when I see the rain cause rivers to overflow the bank's edge. Then, as if set by a heavenly clock, new color emerges in nearby fields, announcing that a new season is upon us.

A friend who reminds me of myself called the other day. She had just finished an intense and all-consuming writer's workshop. Before she could even tell me how things concluded, she changed directions and wanted to tell me about another workshop she wanted to attend.

"Don't think about the next workshop," I said, "You haven't digested the last one. You need to flesh out what you've learned, applying it to your work, before proceeding to the next seminar or training endeavor."

It is interesting how my words to others have become a script that I need to follow myself.

Before the new of any season is ours, it requires a time of watering and nurturing. Eventually, the green wheat fields will turn golden as if touched by God's own hand. But, not before we take a deep breath and appreciate the process that takes us there. There is a moment that is ours to walk through, before we can know the fruitage it may yield.

We are at a point in the year where we are transitioning from



# Artist's Lane

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winter to spring. No matter how hard we try, we can't change or hurry the next season. Seen through the bare limbs of the forest, patches of mud bordered by snow. A new beginning emerges in the form of a tiny blade of grass.

This transition, a time of pause to reflect on God's revelation, is there for us to acknowledge before we proceed to where we want to go.

Looking back at a time when I taught art classes, my direction to my students then makes more sense to me now. Different seasons have different colors. You don't

paint a landscape Kelly green if you are creating an autumn morning on your canvas.

We are taught in the book of Ecclesiastes that God appoints all seasons, each with its own purpose and reason. We can't possibly know tomorrow or its potential until we experience the fullness of today.

What if we don't like where we find ourselves? Daniel from the Old Testament told us that bondage had to be accomplished before his people could know freedom.

"A time to plant; and a time to pluck what is planted ..." explains the parable of the tares. While there are some unwanted things that grow in the now, we have to let them live in their space before plucking them from view.

Jesus warns us not to pull them up but to leave the tares in the field with the wheat. To let them grow in order to save the good grain growing among. It seems so odd that we would want to hang on to something that doesn't belong, but that is the order of nature and the only way we can truly reap any benefit therein.

Final brushstroke: If we look around, we will see that an appointed season is for both the righteous and the unrighteous. I am reminded that God doesn't just bring growth to a single blade of grass, but rains on the open field. That way, we will truly know what his visitation produces, even if mixed within the mire and mud that surrounds it.

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#### Colorado Native Plant Society announces April lecture

By Amanda Kuenzi

Mountain Studies Institute

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In 1869, John Wesley Powell and his crew made the first documented descent of the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon. But was it really the first? Both the Navajo and Hopi have legends of people traveling through the canyon before Powell. Even more intriguing is that Lower Colorado River peoples have known how to raft the river for hundreds or even thousands of years using boats made out of common tule (schoenoplectus acutus), a surprisingly buoyant giant sedge that is found throughout the Colorado River basin.

But could a tule raft survive a descent through the Grand Canyon? That was the question we set out to answer on a raft trip through the canyon that launched from Lees Ferry last Dec. 30. We built a very simple raft from three 10-foot long bundles of tule, added a seat for comfort and then set off in the company of six inflatable rafts and a wooden dory for a 30-day float trip to Pearce Ferry, 280 river miles down river. The raft ran every mile and every rapid, and by the end of the trip was still as buoyant, structurally intact and as easy to paddle as the day it was launched. The trip proved that a tule reed raft was certainly robust and capable enough to have made the trip sometime

in the last several thousand years. This is the story of that trip.

Register in advance for this meeting at https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0qd-GtrzgtGdS\_Xt-S1yJwpPECpk5Z0qbQ5.

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Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. while you enjoy breakfast on us. The walk begins at 9 a.m. and then awards for best dressed team, top team fundraiser and top walker will be announced at 10 a.m.

Prizes will be based on how much each individual raises and will be announced soon.

Teams of seven or fewer can register now; promote your walk pages to family and friends and then virtually unite on May 15.

Individuals will be able to pick up their walk prizes and bags during the event.

To register, go to https://secure. ministrysync.com/ministrysync/ event/website/home/?e=21287.

More details will follow as the events become closer. If you are interested in being on our event committee, please contact Renee by calling 264-5963 or emailing development@aspirepagosa.org.

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Across the Nation, Americans are uniting to thank and honor Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice. This is the main focus of The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration—a national 50th anniversary commemoration, established under the secretary of defense, and launched by President Barack Obama in 2012. President Donald Trump made the date a

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County is hosting an event, in cooperation with the Daughters of the American Revolution, to recognize, to honor, and to "Welcome Home", all Vietnam Era Veterans. You need not be a Vietnam veteran to attend, everyone is welcome!

This event will include a special tribute to the families of three "Sons of Pagosa" who were killed in action in the Vietnam War. After the ceremonies,

### 50th Anniversary Vietnam War Commemoration

Archuleta County 'Veterans for Veterans' to honor all Vietnam Era Vets

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If you are a Vietnam Era veteran (This includes all who served, in any duty station worldwide, between 1955 and 1975), or a family member of one, please join us at the Tennyson Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive at 6 PM on Monday, March 29th, where you and your family will be honored. Doors open at 5 PM, come early for best seating. There is no charge for admission, and all are welcome!

Retired U.S. Army Colonel Albert Nahas, himself a Vietnam veteran, wrote in his book Warriors Remembered:

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### Curtains Up Pagosa welcomes new artistic director, announces changes

By Antonia Bussoli

Curtains Up Pagosa

Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP) is undergoing a lot of changes in this new year. With the recent resignation and relocation of Dale Johnson, long-time CUP artistic director, a new artistic director has stepped in to fill her shoes.

Dale Scrivener, a local teacher with Pagosa Family School and acting music director for the organization, has begun to create new plans for CUP.

Scrivener began his career with CUP in fall of 2018 as the rehearsal accompanist for its production of "Nutcracker The Musical." He then took over the role of music director after the resignation of Robert Neel for the CUP 2019 production of "Disney's Tarzan." Scrivener then shadowed Johnson over the fall of 2019 during their production of "Willy Wonka" to start training to take over as she began planning to retire.

Scrivener is looking forward to seeing where he and the board can take this organization. He hopes to continuously raise the level of performance, as well as increase the amount of community involvement. Having had the break with no shows in 2020, what better time for a transition of power? Scrivener and the board of directors are taking the time to restructure, reorganize and regain status in the community.

CUP has always strived to give



**Dale Scrivener** 

back to the community and that remains our ultimate focus, but we are going to do that by stepping in a new direction.

We are working together to focus on the quality of entertainment, as there is always room to grow and get better, as well as how we can promote local businesses, artists and other organizations to work more

closely together as a community.

We will continue to offer scholarships, but with a focus that the recipients have to contribute into giving back to the community as well. With the community slowly opening up, we are excited for the changes and ready to entertain Pagosa once again. Let's save the world one musical at a time.

### 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

Zoom link: https://zoom.us/j/ 884668836?pwd=bkdEeVlaSWN0 bFRMdFhidXpzWjV5Zz09, call-in number: (669) 900-683, 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 28, our theme

'They that are endued with sincerity and faithfulness should associate with all the peoples and kindreds of the earth with joy and radiance." — Baha'u'llah.

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

#### Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are at Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus:

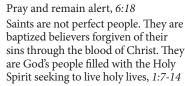
Ephesians 1:15 What is a saint? The word suggests an individual set apart for service. It also includes the idea of one who is holy. In Ephesians Paul describes Christians as saints and people who:

Are faithful in Christ, 1:1 Have faith in the Lord Jesus and a love for all saints, 1:15 Have an inheritance, 1:18

Are fellow citizens and God's household, 2:19

Serve to build up Christ's body, 5:3 Seek purity so that sexual immorality, impurity, and greed are not even mentioned among them, 6:18

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**Community United Methodist Church 434 Lewis Street** 



### Pagosa Catholic Community 2021 Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 1, Mass † 7:00 p.m. at JP II Good Friday, April 2 There will be no pilgrimage from IHM to JP II Stations of the Cross at JP II Prayer Garden † 4:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy at JP II † 5:00 p.m. Holy Saturday, April 3, Easter Vigil † 8:00 p.m. at JP II Easter Sunday, April 4, **One Mass Only** † 9:00 a.m. at JP II

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### **Holy Week and Easter Services**

Following are the HolyWeek and Easter services that were submitted to The PREVIEW.

#### **Community United Methodist Church**

• Easter Sunday, April 4: Services at 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Each service allows 50 people; you must register ahead of time. Go to www. cumcps.org to register.

#### John Paul II (JPII) and **Immaculate Heart of** Mary (IHM) Catholic churches

- Palm Sunday, March 28: Mass, JP II, 9 a.m. Mass, IHM, 11 a.m.
- Holy Thursday, April 1: Mass, JP II, 7 p.m.
- Good Friday, April 2: Stations of the Cross, JP II Prayer Garden, 4 p.m.

Good Friday Service, JP II, 5 p.m.

• Easter Vigil April 3: Blessing of the Food, JP II, noon.

Holy Saturday — Easter Vigil,

• Easter Sunday, April 4: Easter Mass, JP II, 9 a.m. Easter Mass, IHM, 11 a.m.

#### **New Thought Center for Inspirational Living**

• Easter Sunday Service, April 4: Easter Service, 10 a.m., 3505 W. U.S. 160, second floor. The speaker will be Dr. Elaine Harding, Ph.D. "The Intuitive flow of Spiritual Mastery."

#### **Open Door Church**

• Easter Sunday, April 4: Service, 10 a.m. Offering nursery and children's ministry. All are welcome.

Pagosa Bible Church

• Good Friday, April 2: Service with communion, 6 p.m.

• Easter Sunday, April 4: Easter Service, 9:30 a.m.

#### St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

• Palm Sunday, March 28: Holy Eucharist — Rite II without music, 8 a.m.

Procession, Holy Eucharist — Rite II with music, 10 a.m.

- Maundy Thursday, April 1: Holy Eucharist — Rite II, 5 p.m.
- Good Friday, April 2:

Good Friday Service, noon. Stations of the Cross on Zoom,

Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary, 5 p.m.

• Easter Sunday, April 4:

Holy Eucharist — Rite II with music, 8 a.m.

Holy Eucharist — Rite II with music, 10 a.m.

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#### New Thought Center returns to summer hours Institute have shown that the

By Lisa Burnson

New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

"Researchers at the Heart Math

heart possesses the equivalency of its own brain, which interacts and communicates with the head brain constantly, and the heart is doing most of the talking." — The HeartMath Institute.

This Sunday, March 28, there will be no regular Sunday service

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### A walking casualty of war

By Jan Davis

PREVIEW Columnist

Carl didn't want to enlist, but surrendered his freedom to choose when Uncle Sam called out his number in the lottery of 1969. With the turn of a drum, he became a soldier in the U.S. Army.

He left behind a young wife and 9-month-old daughter and boarded a cargo plane for Vietnam. Carl celebrated his 21st birthday in the jungles of Vietnam. Christmas soon followed. A helicopter dropped the military's idea of a feast, as he observed the holiday with comrades. Christmas cards from home hung precariously on a bush next to hand grenades. Care packages represented gifts from friends and family and laid under the so-called tree. This small brigade replaced family that Christmas.

In combat, Carl became accustomed to kill or be killed. A near-death experience left him with

### The Writers' Circle

shrapnel scars on his back from a landmine. The guy behind him lost both legs. He received a Medal of Commendation for sustained acts of heroism. When questioned why, his response was, "I saw them first."

His comrades carried Carl inside a medical tent as a high fever ravaged his body. He spent weeks in the infirmary in and out of consciousness. While his life hung in the balance, a young woman in Oklahoma wondered why the letters stopped.

Because of malaria, Carl finished his tour of duty in Saigon and fought a different enemy. One more subtle but as deadly as the Viet Cong. This adversary dragged him

into the depths of hell. Deeper than any foxhole, prescription drugs became his archenemy.

In his absence, the young wife learned to face reality. The responsibilities of home, work and an infant demanded she meet life head-on. Carl learned to escape the realities of war.

The pills offered a diversion from the nightmares. They provided a crutch to survive another day, another death and faded memories of home. The nightmares, flashbacks and self-inflicted guilt were buried deep in the crevices of his mind.

Carl did not come home in a body bag, but a walking casualty of war. A real part of him died in Vietnam. A husband and father perished, replaced by a stranger. Similar in outward appearance, but different in so many ways. His wounds were not physical and were hidden from the naked eye.

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### Center

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this event, please call/text 309-6067 or 510-0309.

Beginning this Sunday, the New Thought Center's weekly service will be held at 10 a.m.

Our sanctuary is sanitized and set up for social distancing.

#### **Upcoming events**

Meditation Circle is now every Monday at 6 p.m. (Please note the change in week day.)

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.

April 4, 10 a.m.: Easter Sunday service.

April 24: Earth Day events.

Please call/text 510-0309 or 309-6067 for information on upcoming 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

The New Thought Center promotes living a spiritually centered life, and promotes the philosophies of Centers for Spiritual Living and Agape Centers. New Thought

honors all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the divine.

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

New Thought events are held at 3505 W. U.S. 160, on the second floor of Best Western Lodge (elevator available).

Request prayer treatment or obtain information by joining us; emailing pagosacommunitynewthought@gmail.com; mailing P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or calling 309-6067. Find us on Facebook (Pagosa Community of New Thought) or YouTube (Pagosa New Thought Channel).





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### **Preview Calendar**

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

#### Thursday, March 18

Family Storytime. 10 a.m. Facebook Live. For all ages. Join us for great stories and plenty of reasons to get up and move. Storytime is a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Loaves and Fishes Free Community** Lunch. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. Serving pan-seared chicken arrabbiata with heavy cream over egg noodles to go at the front doors of the Parish Hall. In addition, frozen prepared meals, meat and other staples are available for those in need. Masks and social distancing are required.

English as a Second Language by Appointment. 5-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call 264-2209 or email for more information and to make an appointment.

**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

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They could not be treated with antibiotics, surgeries or bandages, but the pain was none the less real.

He repeatedly asked, "Why didn't I die in those jungles?" In the '70s, PTSD was unheard of. Unaided, he struggled alone. No support groups, counseling or treatment were available. His dependency on drugs and alcohol increased as he withdrew within the confines of his tortured mind.

Carl's death after years of torment offered the elusive freedom he fought so hard to protect. Separated from his buddies, he fought his personal battle and the victory was now his to celebrate.

Carl was my husband and this is written in honor of one man's struggle. Left undiagnosed and untreated, thousands of soldiers still suffer with PTSD. They elude a hero's death and die in quiet seclusion an unknown casualty of war.

"Oh Death, where is your sting? Oh Hades, where is your victory?' – I Corinthians 15:55 (NKJV).

I love you, but Jesus loves you

This column includes both fiction and nonfiction, and views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN. Submissions can be sent to editor@pagosasun.com.

#### Friday, March 19

Take and Make DIY: Mini Zen Garden. Facebook. Join us via Facebook as Brad will demonstrate how easy it is to create a mini Zen garden that can be displayed in your home or office. Inspired by traditional Japanese Zen gardens, these DIY gardens are made from sand, rocks and other simple materials. Zen gardens promote tranquility and provide a space for meditative rest. Supplies and instructions will be available to pick up a the library on March 19. Video tutorials will appear on Facebook and the library's website at https:// pagosalibrary.org/adult-diy/. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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.

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.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry. 4:30-6:30 p.m. Parish Hall, 445 Lewis St. Takeout only and masks required for pick up. Serving a meal of two

fish, french fries, coleslaw and hush puppies. Cost: \$12.

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association Open House. 6:30 p.m., Tennyson Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. To help community members learn about the exciting volunteer opportunities. There will be a host of CRIA volunteers on hand who are eager to introduce guests to the variety of roles that support this unique program, as well as the flexibility in level of commitment. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call 731-7133.

#### Saturday, March 20

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 22

Spring-Themed LEGO Contest. Submissions must be entered before 5 p.m. on Friday, March 26. Submission guidelines: Submit up to five photos of your creation. To ensure a blind judging, none of these photos may contain people. One photo must be a top view and one a front view. Email submissions to ruby@ pagosalibrary.org, or submit via Facebook Messenger. All submissions should include: name, age group and contact information. If you would like to submit and do not have a camera or computer, the library will assist you. Entries must be your own creation, not a LEGO kit, project found online, magazine, etc. Prizes

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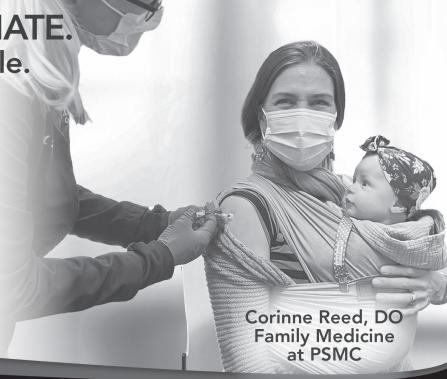
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#### Five things retirees will wish they had known sooner

By Krista Wignall

News and Experts

Many people planning for retirement anticipate those postworking years eagerly, ready to veg out after a life of toil. Others plan with greater anxiety, unsure whether they even have an identity without their jobs.

But it may be that retirement these days is far different from what either point of view envisions.

"We all have made decisions based on the information we had at the time, but later realized we would have planned differently if we knew then what we know now," said Patti Hart, co-author with her husband, Milledge, of "The Resolutionist: Welcome to the Anti-Retirement Movement." "That's definitely true when it comes to planning for retirement."

The Harts don't even think of themselves as retirees, but as "resolutionists," constantly challenging themselves to improve.

"I'm busier now than I've ever been," Milledge Hart said. "I'm using this time to be a better me than I could when my days were structured and my time was spoken for."

With that said, the Harts share five things future retirees may wish they had known sooner:

• Retirement isn't what it used to

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will be awarded for each of five age categories: preschool, ages 5-7. ages 8-11, ages 12-17, adult 18 and up. One prize will also be awarded for the Judges' Choice and for the entry that best fits the theme. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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/xrvcsre-kay. Call Brad at 264-2209 for

be. Most people's vision of retirement is built on what the people around them did, but that vision is outdated.

"Many of us watched our parents or grandparents settle into a quiet, nondescript life," Milledge Hart said. "We've seen the stereotypical portrayal of aging and irrelevant 'retirees' on TV shows and in the movies.

But many retirees today are much more vibrant than those stereotypes and have no intention of sitting quietly on a front porch while the world passes them by.

• People have more time in this phase of life than previous generations. Anyone who expects retirement to be a few short years tacked on to the end of their working life could be in for an awakening. In actuality, this period could last 20 to 30 years or more. The average 65-year-old man can expect to live another 18 years and the average 65-year-old woman nearly 21 more years, according to the Social Security Administration. And those, remember, are averages.

'Some people could spend more years in their postcareer life than they did building their career," Patti Hart said. "Knowing and understanding what that means will help you plan better."

• It's important to constantly prepare for the next phase. The Harts acknowledge they should have been planning earlier than they did. Instead, time slipped by.

"The horizon is closer than it looks," Milledge Hart said.

So, when should you get serious about planning for those postcareer years?

'Right now would be a good

time," he said. "But definitely, the sooner the better."

• Retirees need to redefine their metrics. The Harts say it's important for people to redefine how they measure success in this phase of life because it's different from how they likely measured success in their career days.

'The goals are likely to be more qualitative than quantitative," Patti Hart said. "For example, one of our metrics one year was to enhance our celebrations. We found that many holidays and special events were filled with unnecessary stress and were too materially focused. We decided to eliminate eventdriven gift giving."

That simple change, she said, improved their lives substantially.

• Being a resolutionist is fun. If someone had told the Harts when they were in their 30s that their "retirement" years would be filled with so much fun, laughter and fulfillment, they would have been skeptical.

"We laugh more now than we've laughed at any other stage in our life," Milledge Hart said. "This phase is instilled with so much adventure and it's a feeling that comes from within rather than the happiness of achieving a certain stock price."

"I wish I had known sooner that I could say goodbye to the corporate world and still be interesting and relevant," Patti Hart said. "I wish I had known that retirement is yours to define. I successfully defined my role in the business world, but it didn't dawn on me that I could also reinvent retirement. I don't know why. It seems perfectly obvious now."

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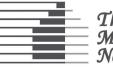


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# Updating everything

**By Daris Howard** 

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My wife, Donna, and I are hoping to build a new home. As we get older, we realize that our house with its myriad of stairs will not be sufficient for us. We have purchased some land and have started the impossible task of getting building permits, moving our current house contents into storage, and the millions of other jobs associated with building and selling.

As we wait for engineering and permits, we have started the arduous task of getting our home ready to sell. This has required multiple trips to the hardware store as we plaster, paint, and fix up anything that might be amiss in our home. On one of these trips, I ran into Barbara, a good friend I hadn't seen for a long time.

I have known Barbara and her husband for many years. Her husband passed away some time ago. Barbara had been a homemaker and had probably always felt her husband would be there to provide for their family. But his death left her with the challenge of making a living and dealing with many decisions in life. I had to admit that it surprised me to see her at the hardware store. The items a person would purchase there didn't seem like something that would interest her.

"So, what brings you here?" I asked.

"I'm replacing some cupboards, and I needed some knobs for the new ones," she replied.

That sounded reasonable for her. A new knob was one thing; a major repair was another.

"How about you?" she asked.

"I just replaced and patched some drywall, and the trim on the wall was old and worn out," I replied, holding up a piece of wood. "I hope to get some new trim to match the old so the repaired section will match the rest of the wall. If I can't match it, I might have to replace all of it in that room. It seems fixing a house is a neverending project, with one thing leading to another."

Barbara nodded. "I totally understand that. What got you start-

"We're preparing our house to put it on the market," I replied.

'Sounds like where I was after my husband died," Barbara said. "I decided there were a lot of things wrong with my house. I decided to sell it and buy a new one. But in reviewing the sales opportunities with a real estate agent, he told me I could get a lot more money if I updated and fixed some things first. So I set about doing that, then continued fixing more.

"Did you do the repairs yourself?" I asked.

She shrugged. "A lot of them. But if I couldn't figure out how to do it on my own with the help of YouTube, I hired someone. I just about remodeled the entire house. It took nearly a year before the real estate agent and I felt it was ready to sell."

I was amazed at her initiative. "So, these new knobs are for your new house?"

Barbara shook her head. "No. You may remember that a few years ago we purchased some apartment complexes as an investment. When I finished with all the work on my own house, I realized those apartments needed new makeovers. I am about halfway through that job, and these knobs are for one of the apartments."

By this point, I was almost speechless. Not only had she taken on redoing her own house, but she was also now renovating the apartments.

"Donna and I are hoping to build a new home, and we'd love to see yours," I said. "Where do you live?'

"Don't you remember where I live?" she replied. "You've been there a hundred times."

"But I thought you bought a new house," I said.

Barbara laughed. "Heck, no. After I got everything done on mine, I realized my house was what I was  $looking \, for \, in \, my \, new \, one, \, so \, I \, just$ kept it.



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#### Tuesday, March 23

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 peersupported group focused on healing from trauma, abuse or violence. Email us with any questions at contactus@riseaboveviolence.org.

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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.

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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.

#### Thursday, March 25

Family Storytime. 10 a.m. Facebook Live. For all ages. Join us for great stories and plenty of reasons to get up and move. Storytime is a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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#### Friday, March 26

Literary Ladies Book Club. 10:15 a.m.- noon. Zoom. They will be discussing "The Banker's Wife" by Christine Alger. Registration is not required. Contact the library if you have any questions about accessing a Zoom meeting or if you need a copy of the book. Contact Marilyn by email bakestroud@aol.com if you have any questions about the book club. The Zoom Meeting ID: 859 2949 6860, the passcode: 81147. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry. 4:30-6:30 p.m. Parish Hall, 445 Lewis St. Takeout only and masks required for pick up. Serving a meal of two fish, french fries, coleslaw and hush puppies. Cost: \$12.

Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs: Connect with Sacred Light and Sound. 7 p.m., Zoom. Go to Meetup.com, find Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs, Colorado click on the Zoom link provided.

#### Saturday, March 27

LEGO Challenge. 10 a.m. Facebook. Break out your LEGO bricks and join the challenge. A new challenge will be presented each month. 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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Archuleta County at 507-3005 or

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# Crossing the divide

By Cheryl Wilkinson

PREVIEW Columnist

We are a divided world, one in which the young seem to outstrip the old on technology, yet miss the grounding experiences that make those who are on the older side of the spectrum feel more secure when the world goes through its ups and downs.

The pandemic has, of course, deepened the divide between generations in many cases. Some families have consolidated into multigenerational homes during the past year, some because of financial pressures or health care needs. Others have become farther apart, communicating only through remote platforms and phone calls due to distance or the need to remain isolated against the virus. For those younger, they can be missing the assurance and confidence that older adults can bring to the conversation. For those older, they can be missing the interactions with their children and grandchildren.

Overall, according to Karl Pillemer, a gerontologist at Cornell University, "People 70 and older are happier than others, have higher life satisfaction, a better ability to regulate their emotions and to focus on the positive, whatever happens. They have developed an understanding that happiness ... is something that happens in spite of the outer conditions of life, and not because of them."

Pillemer spearheaded the Cornell Crisis Advice Project, where adults 60 and better are communicating with younger community members to help these less experienced generations better deal with the chaos that the pandemic has wrought on our lives. Other organizations in the U.S. and elsewhere are working to bring the generations together. If you're interested in learning more about bringing generations together to tell their stories and revitalize lives through greater intergenerational interactions, you can visit: https:// encore.org/.

You can go to our website to learn about ASI programs here in Pagosa Springs, find resources for wellness and aging, and make

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takeout and Meals on Wheels reservations from The Community Café at: http://www.psseniors.org/.

#### VITA tax preparation

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

VITA will be preparing 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. If you need to speak to a staff member, please call 264-2167.

### The Community Café menu

Thursday, March 25 — Italian wedding soup, roasted zucchini, onions and tomatoes, focaccia bread with butter, milk and salad.

Friday, March 26 — Mediterranean tuna sandwich, broccoli salad, milk, salad and peach cobbler.

Monday, March 29 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, focaccia bread with butter, milk and salad.

Tuesday, March 30 — Ham and cheese wrap, hummus with baby carrots, milk, salad and Rice Krispie treat.

Wednesday, March 31 — Chicken curry salad sandwich, broccoli salad, milk, salad and Key lime pie.

Thursday, April 1 — Spinach quiche, cauliflower mashed, milk, salad and strawberry shortcake.

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.

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Cameron Peak Fire, near Red Feather Lakes, Arapahoe and Roosevelt National Forest, Colorado, 2020.

### We can act now to fight wildfires

By Harrison Raine PREVIEW Columnist

For the 2021 fire season, the writing is on the wall. The West, despite a few days of intense winter, is far drier than it was leading up to last year's record-breaking fires.

As a hotshot crew member, the reality of what's to come fills me with two distinct thoughts: money and dread. With my financial stability tied to overtime pay, I know that my pockets will be full when I am laid off next winter. But the unrelenting fires that stand between now and then make me nervous.

I also know that I am not alone. Across the West, people in homes and communities are filled with anxiety as they look at dry timber and brown hillsides that are usually white this time of year. For them, when the air fills with smoke, there won't be any fire paychecks, just a prolonged sense of uncertainty.

Drought levels often serve as a good indicator of the fires to come, and things are far worse now than they were in the buildup to 2020. Rich Tinker, an author of the U.S. Drought Monitor at the Climate Prediction Center, told me, "In 2020, the highest we got to anywhere, was a D2 — Severe Drought. Now we are looking at D3  $\,$ – D4 — Extreme and Exceptional Drought across much of the West and almost all of the southwest."

When Nick Nauslar, a fire meteorologist at the National Interagency Fire Center, talks about the fire season to come, he's particularly

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blunt: "The deck is stacked against us. I fully expect a busier season than normal across the southwest."

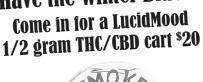
For Tinker and Nauslar, the areas of concern primarily encompass the Four Corners states of Utah, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona. When you put together light snowpack, dry fuels and high temperatures, every wildland firefighter knows what that means.

In my time as wildland firefight-

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### **Bird of the Week**



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This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the canvasback.

North America's largest diving duck can be found on open waters in our area during winter months. The male canvasback's bright white body, sandwiched between his black chest and rear, make this bird stand out within a group of distant ducks. His neck, head and eyes are red. Females are paler-colored, brownish versions. Both sexes display a characteristic stout neck and gracefully sloping forehead that blends to a large bill.

These birds forage both night and day, diving to depths from 7 to 30 feet to feed on the roots and seeds of submerged plants. During winter, the buds and stems of aquatic wild celery are a preferred food and impart a distinct flavor to this game bird.

The introduction of refrigeration in the late 19th century allowed tasty canvasbacks to be hunted commercially for consumption in upscale restaurants and led to population declines. Fortunately, later protections of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act prevented extinction of this species.

Most canvasbacks breed in the prairie pothole region, one of the richest wetland systems on earth and critically important to nesting waterfowl, shorebirds and grassland birds. This area of grasslands and shallow wetlands covers parts of five central states and three Canadian provinces. Many of these small wetland areas have been negatively impacted by changes in land use, drought, pollution and climate change.

In dry years when wetland breeding areas disappear, canvasback hens delay or skip nesting. The loss of wetlands, the elimination of wild celery caused by water pollution and the ingestion of lead shot are all threats to the survival of these beautiful birds.

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er, the question I get asked again and again is whether I am ever scared. The answer to this question is "yes," but not in the life-or-death sense in which it's asked.

There are far more constant threats than the flames themselves. Smoke, for one. Carbon emissions, for another.

I think I'm worried most by the knowledge that damage from these wildfires affects the health of millions of people, and that the large wildfires of today are ensuring even bigger ones in the future. Everyone should be concerned about this reality, not just those of us on the fire line.

Wildfires and their management are known by some researchers as a "wicked problem," where no optimal solution exists. For decades, forest managers were convinced that suppressing all fires was the answer. But we've known for a while now how misplaced those beliefs were, even as many agencies cling to that failed strategy of a century ago.

Jerry Williams, former fire and ■ See Writers on next page





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### Great Decisions Durango to hold fifth discussion on Zoom March 30

**Great Decisions** 

On Tuesday, March 30, at 11:45 a.m., Great Decisions Durango's fifth discussion using Zoom will be "Persian Gulf Security Issues."

Moderator Curt Johnson will

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aviation director for the U.S. Forest Service, puts it best about our stubborn wrongheadedness: "Every year we set a new record, we invest more in (fire) suppression, invest less in mitigation and wonder why we're not getting on top of it."

If someone who directed the largest wildland firefighting force in the world makes this statement, it's probably time to try something else.

What we need are policies and programs that address wildfires in ways beyond just putting fires out. This spring, Colorado showed that it's willing to learn from last season's pain when Gov. Jared Polis and state legislators from both sides of the aisle released a series of bills aimed at wildfire mitigation, not only wildfire suppression.

These bills are exciting for several reasons such as: allocation of millions for forest health projects and grants for communities and individual homeowners to carry out their own hazard-reduction projects. Also there is an attempt to seek out incentives for markets to address fuel mitigation through biomass energy.

The millions the state spends now on restoring forests and hardening homes pale in comparison to the costs of firefighting and rebuilding homes. Every dollar spent on prevention saves \$17 in suppression costs, according to a report commissioned by former Utah Gov. Gary R. Herbert.

There is also a bill to allow former inmates with firefighting experience to seek future employment with the state, which will help ensure a consistent workforce.

I hope the federal government is taking notes.

Harrison Raine is a contributor to Writers on the Range, writersontherange.org, a nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. He started fighting wildfires in 2016 and lives in Colorado.

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present background materials and a film by the Foreign Policy Association, and lead participants in a discussion of the issues.

The public is invited to attend this free 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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#### **ACROSS**

- 1 Said, as a farewell
- 5 Selling point
- **10** Greek cheese
- 14 Onassis et al.
- 15 Close call
- 16 State positively
- 17 Catchall abbr.
- **18** Persistent badgering
- 20 Popular pasta
- 22 Second point in tennis
- 23 Eyeball benders
- 24 Diagnostic test
- 25 Gold miner's water trough
- 27 Major staff changes
- 31 Not windy
- 32 Selected
- **33** A Bobbsey twin
- 34 Mosque V.I.P.
- **35** Emergency signal
- 36 Overfill
- 37 Toothed wheel
- 38 At attention
- **39** Adorable one
- **40** Like some reactions
- 42 One in the red
- **43** Need a bath badly
- 44 Kind of ray
- **45** Send with an email
- 48 Small bit of matter
- **51** 1964 Elvis movie
- **53** Sound of impact
- **54** Adjust, as a piano
- **55** Audacity
- **56** Advance
- **57** Military award
- 58 Went out with
- **59** Apt to snap

#### **DOWN**

Next to

- 1 Pebbles' pal, when doubled
- 2 "Tosca" tune

- 3 Talk out of
- **4** Reality avoidance
- **5** Like sailors on leave
- 6 Hardly sufficient
- **7** Wrapped garment
- **8** Victorian, for one
- 9 Legal precedent
- **10** Feast or
- 11 "...happily \_\_\_ after"
- 12 Campsite sight
- **13** Pretentious
- 19 Burger go-with
- 21 Marathon, e.g.
- 24 Out of funds
- 25 "Lip" or "slap" follower
- **26** Tart fruit
- 27 Crude dwelling
- 28 Single
- 29 Place for a barbecue
- **30** Contemptuous look
- 32 Court employee

- **35** Plenty of leeway
- 36 Foreign-film feature

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- 38 Tape deck button
- 39 Small change
- 41 Pencil part
- **42** Made a sudden move
- **44** Purplish-pink shade

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- 45 Crafts partner
- 46 Talk up
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- 48 Dessert wine
- **49** Air bag?
- 50 Small whirlpool
- 52 Actress Arthur

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### A conqueror over anxiety

By Royce King

PREVIEW Columnist

As the pandemic continues to affect our daily lives, we grow weary. Stop in City Market long enough and you'll hear that stated in conversations up and down the aisles. Yet, our faith in Jesus tells us we will conquer this.

Romans 8:37 tells us, "yet in all these things we are more than conquerors." Again, God uses a phrase equivalent to an adjective. You are more than. Beloved, we often walk around feeling less than in our daily life. Please, please, please, hear me. When you walk around feeling less than, not enough, you are not walking in your identity in Christ.

He calls you a victorious conqueror. More than a conqueror. I can't comprehend that, can you? When I imagine a soldier walking away after winning the war, I can see him proclaiming, "I'm a conqueror." But, how do you proclaim, "I'm more than a conqueror."

In all things — what things does Jesus speak of that we can conquer? Looking back to verses 35-36, He tells us. Tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness or peril are some of the circumstances of life we claim victory over. In today's vernacular, that might equate to something like this: Tribulation means the cause of great suffering. What about the mother who doesn't know where her child is? As a mother, that would cause me great suffering.

Distress refers to extreme anxiety or pain. Studies show around 275 million people suffer from anxiety. Some tout it as the "biggest mental health crisis." Wow. Why are we not claiming victory over the things that cause us anxiety? Jesus, **A** Matter of Faith

Wow. Why are we not claiming victory over the things that cause us anxiety?

the good shepherd, has called us a conqueror over anxiety.

How many of us are the targets of hostility? How many go hungry and naked? How many of us put ourselves in immediate danger in the form of domestic violence, drug abuse, drinking and driving, and other perilous activities?

God says, "My child, you are more than a conqueror over these things. Claim who you are in me."

Excerpt taken from "Unwrapping Your Worth in Christ: Relishing Moments With God."

This column includes both fiction and nonfiction, and views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN. Submissions can be sent to editor@pagosasun.com.

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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### Library books available via Meals on Wheels

PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Please help us pass the word that your library is in a special partnership with Archuleta Seniors Inc., the nonprofit organization that runs the Senior Center and oversees the Meals on Wheels routes for delivery both in town and out of town.

As meals go out to homebound clients, they can be accompanied by a special library bag containing print books, audiobooks and DVDs specially selected to match each person's individual tastes. The personalized selection is based on a questionnaire the recipients complete. If you or someone you know would like this service, please contact the Senior Center at 264-2167 to receive the introductory information pamphlet and preference questionnaire.

We'd love to have the word passed on to others who are not aware of this service," said Meg Wempe, library director, "and we'd love to see increased usage. Having books delivered to homebound people's homes is an especially valuable treat during COVID times. As well, if there are other avenues to help homebound people receive library resources, we are interested in discussing possibilities. Please reach out to me directly if you have suggestions or thoughts.'

#### **Expanded hours** and other changes

Here's a summary of our of current operations under COVID Level Blue:

- 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.
- 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.
- Meeting rooms can now be used by up to five people.

#### Other COVID-related operations:

- 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.

### Library News

- 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 Wempe. "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.'

#### **Literary Ladies tomorrow**

This free book club meets on the fourth Friday of every month from 10:15 a.m. to noon via Zoom. Tomorrow, Friday, March 26, the ladies will discuss "The Banker's Wife" by Christine Alger. Pick up a copy at your library. The Zoom meeting ID for this event is 859 2949 6860 and the passcode is 81147. No registration is required.

#### **LEGO** contest deadline tomorrow

Submissions must be turned in by tomorrow, March 26, for this month's free all-ages LEGO contest. Winners will be announced this Saturday, March 27, at 12:15 p.m. with prizes for different age groups. Entries must be built ahead of time and they must be of your own creation, not a LEGO kit or from another source. Details and instructions are outlined on the youth calendar available at your library.

#### LEGO challenge Saturday

Join us on March 27 at 10 a.m. for a free all-ages LEGO challenge via an image posted on Facebook and the library website. Use your own pieces to create something that will fit the challenge. If you don't have LEGOs, we have a few grab bags available at the library.

#### **New all-ages** writing challenge

On March 22, we posted 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.

#### **New 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 March 25-April 11 theme is creative thinking. 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 crafts 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 re-

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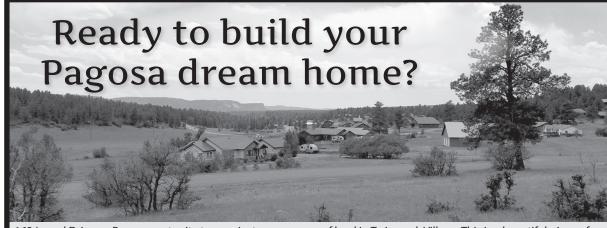
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### Children's programs on Facebook

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 on Fridays between noon and 3 p.m., where Mark helps with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Contact the library to schedule your appointment.

#### **Activities calendars**

To be sure you don't miss any of the free activities available to you and your family at your library, we encourage you to pick up a copy of the events calendar each month. There are two versions — youth and adults.

#### Large print

"Dark Sky" by C.J. Box is a Joe Pickett adventure. "Egg Shooters" by Laura Childs is a Cackleberry Club mystery. "Fast Ice" by Clive Cussler is a NUMA Files adventure. "The Lost Apothecary" by Sarah Penner is a murder mystery set in London. "Calder Brand" by Janet Dailey is book one in a new western series. "The Kaiser's Web" by Steve Berry is book 16 in the Cotton Malone series set in Germany in 1945.

#### Nonfiction

"Automotive Heating and Air Conditioning" is a Haynes Techbook manual.

### Mysteries, suspense and thrillers

"Still Life" by Val McDermid features cold case detective Karen Pirie.

#### Other novels

"Detransition Baby" by Torrey Peters features three transgender women whose lives collide after an unexpected pregnancy. "Black Sun" by Rebecca Roanhorse is book one of the new Between Earth and Sky trilogy. "Braced for Love" by Mary Connealy is book one of a new Brothers in Arms series set on a Wyoming ranch.

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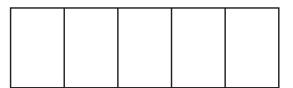
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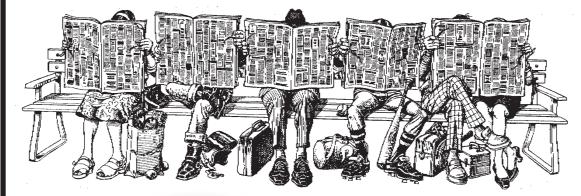
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### Potato orders being taken now

By Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

Certified potato seed is being sold through the Extension office.

We are offering: Sangre — red skin, white flesh; vista gold — yellow skin, yellow/white flesh; purple majesty — purple skin, purple flesh; mountain rose — red skin, pink flesh; fingerlings — purple/yellow skin, white flesh; and masquerade — multicolored skin, white flesh.

The cost of the seed potatoes is \$1 per pound. The orders will be taken through May 1 and will be ready to pick up on May 7 and May 10.

When picking up your orders, you will go in the east door of the Extension building and go to the Exhibit Hall. Everyone's orders will be laid out on the tables with your names and an envelope for you to leave your money in. There will be extra potatoes for you to purchase if you would like to just weigh them out and change the pounds indicated on your envelope and add the extra money. Please bring the exact change. And, please remember physical distancing if others are in the room while you are there.

We will take your orders by phone, email or online order system; please order by May 1. Phone: 264-5931, ext 0; email: tschaaf@archuletacounty.org; online order: https://archuleta.extension.colostate.edu/seed-potatoes/.

Yellow potatoes such as vista gold are small size, round shape, have light tan to golden skin and yellow to golden flesh. They have a slightly waxy, velvety and moist texture. Yellows are subtly sweet, rich and buttery and with a medium sugar content, making them great for grilling, roasting, mashing and salads.

Red-skinned potatoes like the mountain rose have a firm, smooth, moist and creamy texture. The flavor is subtly sweet and well suited for salads, soups and stews because slices and chunks maintain their shape during cooking and mixing. They are also excellent baking potatoes.

The purple majesty is an earthy, buttery taste. They are good roasted, but also to use in potato salads, soups, mashed or fried. The size is

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not typically large, although few will get russet-sized, but more like the size of a tennis ball or plum and smaller. This makes them great for roasting and sliced.

The masquerade potatoes offer a creamy and buttery flavor when cooked, but the bi-colored thin skin has a golden yellow base and is covered in dominant spots of purple and violet, which make this a fun potato to grow.

Colorado's San Luis Valley is the second largest fresh potato growing region in the U.S. for good reason. Situated at an elevation of 7,600 feet, nestled between the Sangre de Cristo and San Juan Mountains, the valley enjoys mild temperatures and 350 days of sunshine a year. Part of an ancient lake bed, the fertile soil has been enriched by a unique mix of mineral deposits and is further enhanced by abundant annual snow melt. That is why more than 150 potato growing families have made the San Luis Valley their home for generations.

The best seed available is certified seed produced under carefully controlled isolation, disease control and storage. Buy certified seed every year because home-produced planting stock can become infected with disease in a single season. Infestation with diseases can result in a high-yielding crop the year before producing poor yields and low-quality tubers the following year.

### Colorado potato fun

- Colorado is the second largest fresh potato growing region in the entire United States.
- There are more than 70 unique varieties of Colorado potatoes.
- Many Colorado potatoes are grown in the San Luis Valley, which is the largest alpine valley on earth.
- A total of 50,000 to 65,000 acres of potatoes are planted in Colorado each year. That's around 78 square miles, or enough to cover all of Washington, D.C. (68 square miles)

in potato fields, and then some.

- Potatoes have been farmed in Colorado since 1875. In that year, Ulysses S. Grant was president, and the very first recorded hockey game and Kentucky Derby happened.
- The estimated value of Colorado potatoes produced in 2014 was \$214,802,000. That's a stack of money that's over 14 miles high. That's more than two times as high as Mount Everest.
- An average of 7.5 million pounds of potatoes are produced in Colorado every day. That's equivalent to 300 school buses (average school bus weighing 25,000 pounds). That's approximately 2.3 billion pounds of potatoes every year, or 92,000 school buses.

#### **CPR** and first aid classes

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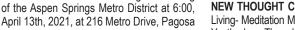
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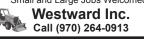




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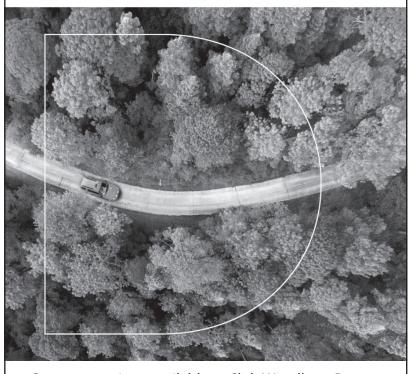
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**PART-TIME SERVER NEEDED.** Must be flexible. Please apply in person with Kevin at The Buck Stops Here Market & Eatery.

VISITOR CENTER SEASONAL STAFF. Passionate about Pagosa Springs? The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking to hire seasonal staff to work at the Visitor Center starting in May and continuing to October. Compensation ranges from \$13 to \$15 per hour dependent upon experience. Hours will be approximately 10 to 15 hours per week with the position covering one weekend shift. For more information or to apply, please go to the Town's Job Opportunities page at www.pagosasprings.co.gov.

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KIDS KAMP STAFF. The Town of Pagosa Springs is recruiting staff for our summer Kids Kamp Program. We will be accepting applications for Lead Counselors and Counselor positions with compensation at \$13 to \$17 per hour dependent upon experience and position. For more information or to apply, please go to the Town's Job Opportunities page at www. pagosasprings.co.gov.

DELIVERY/ WAREHOUSE/ HELPER. PER-FORMS delivery warehouse and installation functions. Scheduled hours are Monday through Friday with weekends off. Experience preferred. Must be reliable and pass background check. Apply in person at Sears, 2800 Cornerstone

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#### **HELP WANTED**

ROOT HOUSE COFFEE + SHOP is looking for experienced bakers to assist in the kitchen starting as soon as possible. Full-time/part-time positions available, come have fun with us! We only hire rock stars. Contact Meredith at meredith@roothouseco.com for more information.

PAGOSA THERAPEUTICS AND GREEN-HOUSE PAGOSA are looking for happy, enthusiastic people to join our budding business. We are willing to train the right candidate if you're committed to being a part of this continually growing industry. Please send a copy of your resume to employment@iandiinc.net along with a copy of your Colorado M.E.D. Badge.

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COLORADO DREAM HOMES is hiring Full-Time Siding Install Support Crew. We are currently seeking up to 2 siding install assistants for full time work (40+ hours a week). Responsibilities include assisting crew leads in installing LP products, natural wood and vinyl siding products. We are willing to train but must be comfortable working off of ladders/ scaffolding and be proficient with basic power tools. Pay dependent on experience. Paid time off benefits for employees. Please fill out an application at our office at 2283 Eagle Drive or send resumes/inquiries to coloradodreamhomesinc@gmail.com.

MULTICULTURAL ADVOCATE. Rise Above Violence is hiring a Spanish speaker interested in supporting victims of domestic and sexual violence. We are looking for someone who is good at building relationships, empathetic, and a desire to support our community. No experience necessary, high school diploma required. Spanish speaking required, it is a part-time position. Salary range is \$21,216-\$25,584 dependent on experience at 24 hours a week. Send resumes to Claudia@riseaboveviolence.org.

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LOCAL GENERAL CONTRACTOR is hiring carpenters for a framing job. Hourly pay is \$19-\$24 DOE. Duties will include framing walls, roof trusses, floors, and installing windows. Please call Kevin at (970)731-0996 or (505)470-4926.

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FULL TIME-HANDY PERSON/ Repair Person. Please fill out application with Pagosa Cattle Company, 452 Pagosa Street, Ste. 2A, Pagosa Springs, (970)264-5000.

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**ELITE RECYCLING & DISPOSAL LLC** is seeking to hire a full- or part-time driver in Pagosa Springs, CO. Class A or B CDL preferred, but will consider non-CDL applicant. This position requires driving on all types of road conditions, cart delivery, container repair, and some heavy lifting. The full-time position is eligible for a sign on bonus of \$1,000 to be paid after one year of accident-free employment with Elite. Elite offers competitive pay based on experience. Please email qualifications and experience to jobs@ elite-recycling.com.

**COLORADO DREAM HOMES INC** is hiring for a full-time office assistant. Seeking a personable, detail-oriented self-starter who would like to be part of a team. Responsibilities include answering phones, purchasing, assisting the office manager and filing. The position INCLUDES PAID TIME OFF. Send resumes to coloradodreamhomesinc@gmail.com or you can visit our office at 2283 Eagle Dr. to pick up application. Any question please call (970)731-3071.

OFFICE HELP NEEDED FOR busy office. Call Laura, Team Pagosa at (970)946-9281.

DESIGN A SIGN HIRING. Sign shop experience preferred but not a must. Apply in person Monday-Friday, 57 Majestic Dr. (970)731-3327.

PONDEROSA LUMBER IS SEEKING a yard associate. Lumber experience is a plus but not necessary. Duties include helping customers in the vard, loading/unloading trucks and providing inventory support. We offer competitive wages based on experience and a benefit package that includes Holiday Pay, Paid Time Off, 401(k) and Medical/ Dental insurance for full-time employees. Please apply in person at 2435 Eagle Dr. in Pagosa Springs.

PARK MAINTENANCE WORKER I. The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking to hire a Park Maintenance Worker I to work in the Parks and Recreation Department. This is a full-time position and eligible for benefits. Apply online under Job Opportunities on the Town's website at www.pagosasprings.co.gov.

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HIRING OFFICE MANAGER/ RECEPTIONIST for Pagosa Springs Chiropractic: Part Time: 25-30 hours per week. Looking for: Exemplary customer service, computer literacy, office experience, extreme organization, very sociable, motivated individual. Email resume to: pagosaspringschiropractic@gmail.com

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